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## It's not too late to donate – or to start bidding



**Calling Cranbrook School parents: our landmark 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball** may be sold out, but even if you're not one of the 300 attendees, you can still help to ensure the event goes with a bang. There's time to donate any high-value items for the auction, which will be the evening's main fund-raiser, but if you fancy splashing out instead why not **start bidding** for the three fabulous prizes already on the CSPA website? All monies raised will go towards refurbishment work in the Queen's Hall Theatre. For those of you preparing to attend this event of the year – and the last 500 years – the black-tie theme, with a touch of gold, promises to make it a glittering occasion.

*To donate, please contact [Michael Cogswell](#)*



### Say cheers to 500 years with Cranbrook School beers

*What better way to celebrate our school's Quincentennial than by toasting it with specially-brewed 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ales that come in a delightful gift pack for £22 complete with a commemorative glass? Just the ticket to quench a summer thirst – or buy as a gift to quench someone else's! Alternatively, snap up one of the smart silk red ties for £25 or burgundy leather-bonded drinks coasters for £3 each or £5 for two – the must-have adornment for any self-respecting coffee table!*

**Order through the CSPA website or via the [Second-Hand Uniform Shop](#).**

*We still have available to buy online branded products with the old Cranbrook school logo at **reduced prices**. **Follow the link** to snap 'em up while the stocks last!*

## A question of time



*Six teams racked their brains over five centuries of history at this year's **CSPA Quiz Night** which took on a Quincentenary theme to mark Cranbrook School's special anniversary. **New quizmaster Andrew Rose** kept the questions rolling, aided by **Rob Miller who is bowing out** after occupying the hot-seat for the last four years. **Thanks to Marina Kim** for providing the oriental/Mediterranean-themed buffet that kept quiz contenders well fed and contributed to the **£350 raised** from the evening.*

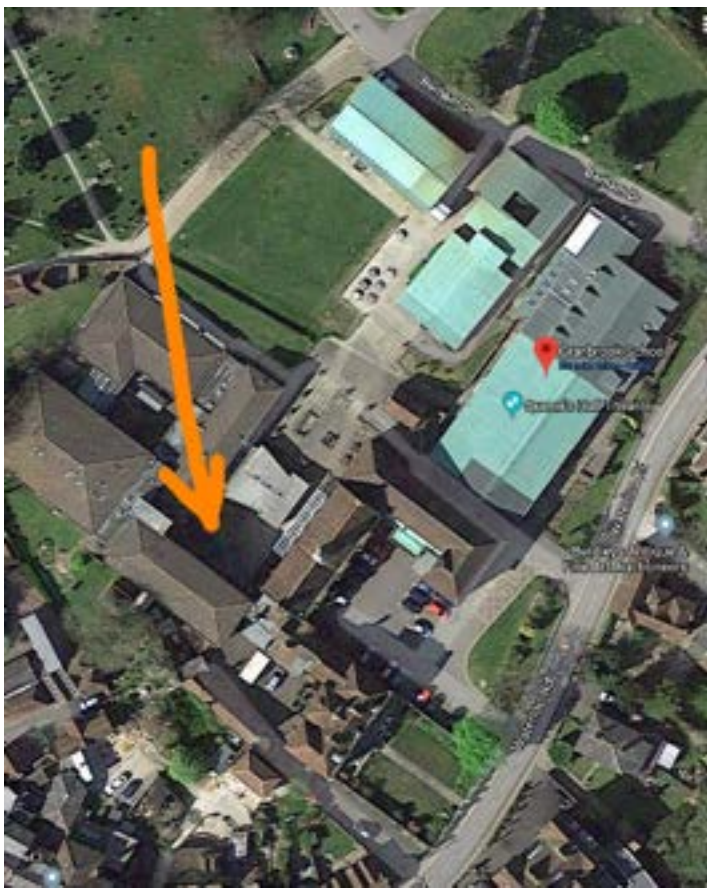
*\*The CSPA's annual general meeting held beforehand saw the election of new treasurer **Lorraine Cannell**, and new executive committee members **Michael Cogswell**, **Georgina Stephenson** and **Alison Ward**.*

## Get ready to celebrate



**Cranbrook School is marking its 500th birthday in style with a week-long celebration at the end of June. Don't miss the Quincentenary Extravaganza, which kicks off festivities on Saturday June 23 with a host of events at Scott Field, along with a tennis festival, and mini-pageant outside the Vestry Hall. The following week sees a programme of activities throughout the school. More details [here](#).**

## It's time for a facelift



*It's all change for the area outside the school's DT block, which is being spruced up and turned into an al fresco chill-out zone with the help of a £10,000 grant from the CSPA. Initial work has already started; debris has been cleared and the shed removed. Now there are plans to use its base as a sun terrace, while a water fountain and outdoor furniture are set to be added as well. Watch this space!*



**Also donated by the CSPA:** Cranbrook School's history over the last five centuries can now be traced on a colourful timeline mural that runs along the wall by the biology classrooms between B1 and B2. [More images](#) on the website.

## Sweet taste of success



**Webster Girls were the worthy winners of this year's Cranbrook School Bake Off** with a showstopping creation that beat off strong competition from the **Year 7** and **Crowden** teams. Having been briefed to design a centrepiece celebration cake to mark this weekend's royal wedding, Webster Girls made iced flowers and icing figures of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, while Crowden opted for a fruity Union Jack theme and Y7 decorated their creation imaginatively with strawberries and wild foliage. Rather fittingly, the finalists were presented with Mary Berry baking books, **funded by the CSPA**, to hone their impressive talents even further.

## Teach us all a lesson . . .

**. . . by joining our Education Support Team and helping to develop Cranbrook School's extra-curricular activities.**

We are looking for parent volunteers who can assist and co-ordinate the programme of informative events that we organise for pupils and parents each year. From the annual Careers Fair to our successful series of expert-led talks, the Team plays a vital role in enhancing the school's offering and providing extra opportunities for students. If you really want to get involved and help make a difference, **contact Susan May** or come along to the next meeting on **Tuesday June 12 at 7.45pm in the Montgomery Room at Cranbrook's George Hotel**.



### STOP PRESS:

#### Can you start our Quincentenary Ball rolling?

We're looking for volunteers to help set the scene for the CSPA's social event of the year by preparing the marquee on **Saturday June 30** in advance of the evening's festivities. If anyone can pitch in between 9am-3pm on the day, even if only for part of that time, we would be grateful for any assistance with organising tables and setting up decorations.

We also need willing helpers the following morning, from 10am onwards, to assist with the clear-up operation.

**Please contact CSPA chair [Henrietta](#) if you can lend a hand – even if only for an hour or two.**

