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It’s hotting up for Burns Night



There's a canny Caledonian feel in the air as the CSPA's annual celebration of all things Scottish approaches on **Saturday January 27** with its **10th annual Burns Night Supper**. So slip on your dancing shoes and jazz up your party outfit with a flash of tartan for an evening of haggis, poetry and the odd wee dram or two, or three . . . Festivities kick off at **7pm in the Queens Hall Theatre** with a champagne reception followed by a three-course feast and a traditional Caledonian ceilidh guaranteed to bring out the Celt in all of us. There's still time to snap up tickets at £30 per head, which you can **[book here](#)**, but you'll have to hurry as bookings close this Friday.

And a little business too . . .

It's also the time of year when we mix business with pleasure as the supper is preceded by the **CSPA's Annual General Meeting**. Early birds are welcome to the **Queen's Hall** at **6.30pm** to find out how the CSPA spends your money, and you can enjoy a free glass of vino (or something softer) to hear a brief update and reports.

Get your Cranbrook Quincentenary Ball tickets



These go on sale on **January 30**, so snap up your chance to attend Cranbrook School's landmark **500th Anniversary Ball**, planned for **June 30, 2018**, which promises to be one of the most spectacular celebrations in years. Tickets are priced at £80 per person and for this, guests will be treated to an evening of good food, fine wines and engaging entertainment designed to ensure this ultimate birthday party goes with a bang.

*We are still looking for prizes for the silent and live auctions – signed memorabilia, cases of wine, theatre or sporting tickets, weekend breaks, artworks etc. Smaller prizes are also required for our balloon raffle.

If you can help, please send details to cspaballauction@gmail.com and remember that anyone who makes a donation by January 31 will be entered into a draw to win two free Ball tickets

A springtime conundrum



Quiz Night

It's time to start genning up for our annual contest of general knowledge and quick wit that is the **CSPA Quiz Night**. The final date has yet to be confirmed, but is likely to be late March/April. More details to follow on the [CSPA website](#)

A brolly good result

Cranbrook School's towels, umbrellas, mugs and numerous other special **500th Anniversary goods** are in safe hands thanks to **Hannah Robb** and **Lara Williamson** who have kindly volunteered to become our merchandise maestros, ensuring the product range is promoted and sold as widely as possible at school and CSPA events.



Start your New Year with a spending spree – and help Cranbrook School

Calling all New Year bargain-hunters . . . remember to shop via **[The Giving Machine](#)** so you can raise money for the school at the same time, whether you are snapping up discounted deals, booking your summer holidays or even airport parking. It's money for nothing. **Download The Giving Machine app [here](#) to make it even easier.**

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STOP PRESS:

Can you help to organise CSPA helpers?

We have a list of parents who have generously offered to lend a hand to the CSPA on an ad hoc basis, but we now need **volunteer co-ordinators** who can allocate them to specific events. This would involve emailing potential helpers on the list and arranging cover for occasions such as parents' evenings, social events and other such occasions on behalf of the school and the CSPA.

We hope this system will open the door to parents who are happy to help on a one-off basis, but may not have the time to commit to anything more long-term – though this approach relies on having **volunteer co-ordinators** to organise them.

So if you want to become a volunteer co-ordinator or add your name to the list of helpers, please contact CSPA chair Henrietta King.

