



# THE VIVIAN COX SOCIETY



“ THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE THAT HAS EVER REALLY BEEN HOME TO ME, AND THAT IS CRANLEIGH, IN SURREY. NEARLY ALL THE EARLIEST MOMENTS OF REAL DELIGHT IN MY LIFE HAPPENED THERE... WHERE I LIVED IN A STATE OF DELIRIOUS EXCITEMENT FROM THE DAY I ARRIVED AT THE AGE OF NINE AT THE JUNIOR SCHOOL TILL THE DAY I LEFT TEN YEARS LATER.... ”

– VIVIAN COX, OC, SEVEN CHRISTMASSES

# YOUR GIFT IS OUR FUTURE

For those who recognise the huge beneficial impact that Cranleigh has had on their lives, and in many cases the lives of their children too, bequeathing a legacy to the School can be viewed as an ideal way of acknowledging this influence and ensuring that future generations of Cranleighans have similar opportunities.

Cranleigh School does not benefit from any form of endowment fund, and since the founding committee raised the original £3,500 in 1863 to build the School, we have relied on visionary donors to safeguard Cranleigh's position as a leading independent boarding school.

A legacy is one of the simplest ways to give, and allows you to support Cranleigh in a way in which you may not be able to do during your lifetime. Once your family and friends have been provided for, you might wish to consider a gift in your will to Cranleigh School. Not only will such a gift help Cranleigh, it is also tax-effective, since gifts to charity are excluded from Inheritance Tax. This can reduce the amount of tax paid by your estate.

Every donation, no matter how large or small, helps to ensure that Cranleigh's future development continues in the same visionary vein as its past, so maintaining our position as one of the UK's leading independent schools. You can choose to donate a specific sum, a share of your estate, or other assets, such as stocks and shares.



# VIVIAN COX (1915-2009)

PREP HOUSE AND 1&4 SOUTH, 1925-34

“ Vivian Cox was an exceptional all-rounder, missing out on a rugby Blue for Cambridge because of a knee injury (he switched to hockey and secured his Blue) as well as four England caps, in that sport. His was a truly remarkable life. In the Royal Navy, he got to know Churchill and set up a map room for Roosevelt in the White House; while in Washington, he met Walt Disney in a bar. He entertained King George VI on HMS Duke of York in 1942, and after time in Normandy he was on hand to witness the Japanese surrender in 1945. From 1946 to 1967 he worked as a successful film producer, mixing with most of the stars of the period – his name-dropping was legendary. He was also one of the early pioneers of TV cooking, producing a series where he motored around France in his MGB. From 1967 to 1975 he taught at Cranleigh, and on retiring ran the Mermaid Theatre. From 1982 he retired, for good, to Cranleigh, living in accommodation on the Lovers that he built, and which he later donated to the School. He also generously backed the Vivian Cox Theatre in 1991 and was an active supporter in all things Old Cranleighan. In 2001, aged 85, he accompanied the OC Cricket Club on an often gruelling tour of Kenya. When he died in 2009, aged 93, his ashes were scattered on the South Field. ”

MARTIN WILLIAMSON, CRANLEIGH:  
THE FIRST 150 YEARS, 2016

It is entirely fitting that Cranleigh's legacy society bears the name of one of our foremost and much loved benefactors. If anyone's blood was tinged with the blue and gold of Cranleigh School, it was surely Vivian Cox's. For many years, Vivian was an active President of the Old Cranleighan Society and a member of the School Council.

Vivian was a considerable benefactor to Cranleigh, most famously with his gift of the Vivian Cox Theatre which was opened by Sir John Mills in 1991. He gave significantly to the Old Cranleighan Sports Club at Thames Ditton and also quietly assisted with the fees of a number of promising youngsters. In addition, Vivian also generously chose to leave a substantial legacy to Cranleigh in his will.



“ A TRUE LEGEND, HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BUT HIS MEMORY WILL LIVE ON THROUGH HIS LEGACY ”



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If you make a gift to Cranleigh in your will, and do not wish your gift to remain anonymous, you will become a member of the Vivian Cox Society so that we can recognise the generosity of our legators. The Society will provide the opportunity for you to interact with kindred spirits, for whom the long-term future of Cranleigh remains a unifying priority.



Members of the Vivian Cox Society will receive an annual invitation to a lunch hosted by the Headmaster and also personal invitations to other events – wonderful opportunities to return to Cranleigh, to catch up with friends and to be among the first to hear news about the School and our plans for the future.

If you are comfortable doing so, please let us know if you are leaving a gift to Cranleigh in your will. Your pledge is not legally binding and will be treated in confidence.

We encourage you to seek legal advice in making or amending your will.

## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Taking the decision to remember Cranleigh School in your will is personal. Any information shared with the School will be treated as confidential. Our full privacy policy may be viewed on our website.

Thank you for remembering Cranleigh School in your will.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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THE VIVIAN COX THEATRE

THIS THEATRE, BUILT WITH  
THE AID OF THE  
CRANLEIGH SCHOOL 1990 APPEAL  
AND THE SPECIAL GENEROSITY OF

VIVIAN COX OC,  
WAS OPENED BY  
SIR JOHN MILLS, CBE  
ON 25th MAY 1991