

Dear Rugbeians

We are delighted to invite you to

An evening with Sir Alastair Cook and Graham Gooch OBE,

hosted by comedian Terry Alderton

Saturday 2nd October 2021

6.30pm Drinks, OBS

7.30pm Four-course dinner with wine, TSR

12.30am Carriages

Dress: Black-tie

The evening will commence at 6.30pm with drinks in OBS hosted by Sir Alastair Cook and Graham Gooch, after which we will head over to the TSR for a four-course dinner. After dinner, Graham Gooch will interview Sir Alastair Cook on his life and career and there will be comedy from Terry Alderton, a silent and live auction and, later on in the evening, dancing.

All of this is in aid of the Bradby Club and Rugby Cricket Club.

The Bradby Club was set up in 1919, by two masters from Rugby School – Reverend Canon Bonhote and G.F. Bradby - who apparently caught some local boys stealing apples from Bradby's garden. In its early days the club met at Rugby School until Bradby left some land at the bottom of his garden that eventually became home to the present building. It is now a busy youth club that offers a range of activities and services to local boys and girls, including Open-Access Youth Sessions, ASCENT health and well-being project, Relationships and sexual health advice, Boxing and a number of other sporting and recreational opportunities. Youth Workers at the club work with young people around a wide range of issues such as, Anti-social Behaviour, Gangs, Knife Crime, Exploitation, Drugs and Alcohol etc – supporting them through issues and barriers that enable them the opportunity to achieve to their full potential. All of this is paid for from charitable grants and donations. Rugby School remains committed to supporting an institute it founded over 100 years ago. To learn more please visit: <http://www.bradby.org.uk/>

Rugby Cricket Club is a community sports club that believe that access to sport is hugely important to young people. The opportunity to explore different skills, work in teams and commit to a group and community brings huge benefits and opportunities for children that unfortunately our schools are not always resourced to help with, or which parents are either unable or unaware of to provide access to. They have launched outreach programmes going into the local community to give as many children as possible the opportunity to try cricket: launching a girls section, an academy and going into schools at no charge to schools to remove any barriers to children playing. Money raised from this event will therefore also go towards equipment to help children have a facility that they can use to practice, provide coaching hours being delivered in the community and the further development of girls and boys cricket so that they can generate that first spark of interest in sport that can so positively help shape young people's development and opportunity.

Tickets

Ticket prices are £150 per person, or you can purchase a table for 10 for £1,400.

We are also incredibly excited to offer you the opportunity to sit with either Graham Gooch or Sir Alastair Cook. If you would like to place a sealed bid for one of these two tables, then the starting price is £2,500 which will accommodate Graham or Sir Alastair plus 10 guests. The closing date for bids is Friday 10th September after which the highest two bidders will be notified that they have won. *Please see instructions below.*

To book a table please email: bradbydinner@rugbyschool.net, with the following information:

Standard ticket/ table:

1. Number of tickets required;
2. Names of guests;
3. Main contact name, email and mobile number.
4. If you are not booking a whole table please let us know the House and year of your child(ren) so that we can try to sit you with parents/Rugbeians from your old House/ year.

We will then reply with confirmation of your booking and bank details. Please make payment within 24 hours so as to secure your tickets/table.

Table hosted by Graham or Cook:

1. Amount you would like to bid
2. Whether you would like to specifically sit with Gooch or Cook
3. Confirmation as to whether, should you not be one of the two winning bidders, you would still like a standard table.

Once we have received your bid and assuming your answer to point 3 is yes, we will reply with confirmation of your booking and our bank details and ask you to pay for a standard table, £1,400, so as to confirm your place. Should you then win a hosted table we will email you on Monday 12th September to confirm and ask you to pay the difference, between your bid and the £1,400 you have already paid, within 24 hours.

If you have said that you would only like a table if you win the silent bid then you will receive confirmation of your bid. On Monday 12th September we will then email you again to let you know as to whether or not you have won a table. If you have won we will ask for payment to be made within 24 hours so as to secure your table.

This is a wonderful opportunity to help continue with the philanthropic work that Rugby School takes part in, and support children who would like to access opportunities they couldn't without your help. Whether you would like to organise a group of friends to book a table together (the event is open to all not just Rugby School parents and Rugbeians), or sit and get to know other parents from School we very much hope that you come along and enjoy a fun evening with us.

If you are not able to attend but would like to support, please see below a link to the just giving page. The goal is to raise £40K so that these amazing clubs can continue with their philanthropic work.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bradbyclub-rugbycricket>

We look forward to hearing from you.

With warm wishes

Brenda Green

Brenda Green

Mindy Dhanda

Mindy Dhanda

Nick Tester

Nick Tester

Vicky Henderson

Vicky Henderson

E: Bradbydinner@rugbyschool.net

Join us on Facebook, [click here](#) or scan the below QR code:

