## CRISPE CHARITY STORY

## THE SCHOOL - Part 1

The Crispe Charity was founded by Mistress Anna Gertruy Crispe of Quex Park, in her will of 1707. In it she left the 47 acre Crispe Farm to the Churchwardens & Overseers of the village, who were to become its Trustees. The income from letting the farm was to be used for three main purposes and one smaller one. The first aim was to fund an "able Dame or Schoolmaster" to teach 12 children (to include both boys and girls). Its second purpose was to provide funds to apprentice local poor children to masters in the village, so that they could learn to make a decent living. The third aim was to provide 5 poor widows with a coat and shoes "that they may appear at Divine Service decently apparelled on Christmas Day". The last purpose was for a lady (Ellen Window, in the first instance) to keep the monuments in Quex Chapel clean and tidy.



Anna Gertruy Crispe c. 1650 - 1708 as she appears on her monument in Quex Chapel.