



## Headlines From the Hall

13 June 2018

Dear Merchant Taylor

There's an awful lot happening in the rich and varied world of the Merchant Taylors.

### From the Master

"Thank you to all of you who donated £5 (and the many who donated more) in response to my rally cry last week. We have raised another £2500 in aid of [For Jimmy](#)."

*(Note from editor: I understand the Master's For Giving page is actually still open. If you'd like to make a last minute donation please donate your fiver [here](#) - thank you!)*

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### Safari

Alas, our intrepid explorers who bid on this prize at the Neon Ball are now no longer able to take it up, and are open to all offers.

To remind you, this is a five night safari with Nomad Tanzania, [www.nomad-tanzania.com](http://www.nomad-tanzania.com), in the Ruaha National Park and the Selous Game Reserve, followed by four nights in the Baraza Resort and Spa Hotel, recently voted the number one luxury hotel in Tanzania on Trip Advisor, [www.baraza-zanzibar.com](http://www.baraza-zanzibar.com).

If you were one of the other bidders on the night, or if you're inspired to take this nine days' adventure, then why not make them an offer? Please get in touch with Georgina Annett on [gannett@merchant-taylors.co.uk](mailto:gannett@merchant-taylors.co.uk) or on 020 7450 4452.

The prize is valid until 30<sup>th</sup> June next year, but not for travel in the months of July, August, September, the festive season/new year or Easter.

This is where you where you could be!



### MTCCC vs Skinners Cricket Match - 10th June

On Sunday the cricket team notched up a good win against our arch-rivals, The Skinners, at their 'home' ground – Tonbridge School.

We batted first, with Sam Hunter-Jones and Mark Benbow opening and storming their way to the maximum 50 runs, followed by Tom Woods, Anthony Chambers, Theo Hunter-Jones, William Ross (Wk), Jonty Graham, Graham Armstrong (c), David Graham and Andrew Cunningham - a strong team that produced a final total of 212.

Armstrong and Laurie Flaux opened the bowling for us, supported by some good fielding to keep the run rate low. Their opening batsmen were tough to dislodge, and David took the force of a ball on his wrist which forced him to retire, but Jonty's hat trick drained the Skinners' momentum - and the final wicket fell at 176.



It was a fabulous day of cricket, played in good spirit and very well hosted by the Skinners. Definitely one for families/WAGS/Company members to join next time.

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### The Bells, the Bells!

Cast in 1878, the 12 bells hanging in the north west tower of St Paul's Cathedral form the second largest ring of bells in the world. Each one was donated by a Livery Company, and ours is number eight.

After 140 years of near constant use, the bells and their frames were showing significant signs of wear. In partnership with the Livery companies, the City of London and other supporters, the bells have now been decanted for the first time - given their age and size this was somewhat undiscovered country, and there were significant unforeseen challenges involved.

The bells are being restored by John Taylor & Co, the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where they were originally made 140 years ago. They will be returned in time to ring on Armistice Day and for another good hundred years after that.



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### Concert at St Michael's Cornhill - Tuesday 3rd July

The pupils of Merchant Taylors' School are giving a Chamber Concert at St Michael's Cornhill on Tuesday 3rd July from 6-7pm. The concert will be mainly vocal, although there will be solo organ items, together with some instrumental chamber ensembles. All are very welcome.

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