



## Headlines From the Hall

4 June 2018

Dear Merchant Taylor

A quick roundup of the two big recent events, and some essential dates for your diary. June is a very busy time for us Merchant Taylors; there's a lot to do!

### NEON BALL – 24th May

This isn't another begging email, you'll be relieved to hear, but a hearty thank you to everyone who took part in last week's fundraising Neon Ball in aid of For Jimmy. Whether you donated auction or raffle prizes, volunteered your time, made a donation, worked at or came along last Thursday night wearing something eye-watering – we, and the charity, are hugely grateful for all your support.

Watched by friends, family and trustees of For Jimmy, our talented auctioneer, Andrew Cox, squeezed every last penny out of our supportive guests, who also gave generously to the raffle and silent auction before dancing in to the small hours; helped in no small way by the moreish Hendrick's Gin cocktails. DJs, magicians, opera singers, a briefcase of cash and some clever lighting made this a standout evening in the Hall's repertoire.



Our total donation to the charity's cause is coming in around a-not-to-be-sniffed-at £35,000.

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### WALKING FOR JIMMY - 26th May

Despite staying up half the night ushering people out of the fountain after the Neon Ball, two days later the Master and Mistress somehow managed to propel themselves across 14 bridges and nearly 15 miles on the For Jimmy walk, raising another £1300 for the cause. Thanks to some

diligent training over the last few weeks, putting us all to shame first thing of a morning, they took it all in their stride. In total 297 people walked the route, including a number of our proficient Merchant Taylors - raising over £35, 000.



In July the next Master will be choosing another charity for our wholehearted support, but working with For Jimmy has been particularly emotive and inciting. We have built relationships with Jimmy's parents and family, worked alongside the charity's warm staff, and come to know Jimmy's smiling face very well. While their cause is enduringly sad and brutal, it has been a joy to work with them and we wish them every success in their fight.

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### **CITY DRINKS – 5th June 2018 6-9pm**

It's time for another of our socials for all Apprentices and Freemen tomorrow evening. Come join the crowd for an informal drink after work to put the world to rights with your fellow Merchant Taylors over an olive or two. Let us know [HERE](#) if you would like to come along and we'll allocate you a cocktail stick.

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### **ELECTION SERVICE AND BARBECUE SUPPER - 19th June 2018**

Join us for our annual Election Service at St Michael's Cornhill on 19th June 2018 at 6.30pm and then our lovely summer barbecue in the garden here at the Hall. Let us know [HERE](#) if you wish to come along with family, apprentices or indeed a guest or two.

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### **LIVERY DINNER – 3rd July 2018**

The second of this year's dinners for the Livery is on the very near horizon. Book [HERE](#) to secure your place at an unrivalled three-course dinner with fine wines and entertainment.

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