



Welcome

Salaam Alaikum to all MBG members and friends. A quick update to you all and seasons greetings.

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2018 Summer Trip student report – Friday 8th February

We are delighted by the success of the 2018 summer trip. Please join us at **7pm at St. John's Academy THIS FRIDAY**, Marlborough, SN8 4AX.

The evening will last about 90 minutes and is a chance to hear from the students about their experience and find out who won the traditional MBG v Gunjur Football match. There will be some snacks and drinks on the night.

They arrived in Gunjur on the 17th July for a three week stay as the 16th MBG Summer Group. They lived in the Gunjur Multi-purpose Community Centre in the middle of the village. This is the old MBG pre-school building.

Their project was to build a new fence around the old Marlborough Garden, a 200mx150m area of land that has become overgrown with mango trees. The group will reference the area to protect it from animals so that the village can then begin to clear the land for use. The site will hold 200 allotments to allow women to grow food for their families and to sell.



Annual MBG Quiz March Thursday 5th April at St. John's, Marlborough, 6:45pm start.

As usual, a chance to be both bamboozled and delighted at solving the questions. The glorious trophy and a bottle of Champaign to the winning team.

As usual the quiz fundraises to support MBG Summer Group projects. We are in the process of recruiting for the 2020 trip at the moment.

Pull together your quiz team of 4-6 people be ready to start the quiz at **6:45pm**. There will be a cheese and pate platter for each team and a bar is available.

It's £10 for adults and £5 for students. You can pay on the night or go to our home page and you can pay via PayPal (www.mbg.org). If you are coming along please drop us an email to help us have enough food for everyone – info@mbg.org.

There is plenty of parking at the academy, the postcode is SN8 4AX. We will be finishing at around 9:30pm to close the school at 10pm.

Two adult groups from St. James's Place volunteer in Gunjur during November.

Two groups from St. James's Place travelled to Gunjur in November to follow up on the project work by the 2018 Summer Group.

Each group of 10 people, with two Venture Force leaders, spent a week living in Gunjur building a store and crop-preparation unit at the revitalised Marlborough Garden.

The group also spent two days living with a local Gunjurian family spread out around the village. Participants were aged 20 to 65 but all were active on the project working in 33 degrees heat.

The company aims to send three groups to Gunjur in 2019 to continue hands on volunteering in Gunjur in addition to the grant money provided to TARUD and Disability Africa.



Until next time

Get you quiz teams together and we will see you on the 28th March.

As always, you can reach us at info@mbg.org.

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