

MBG News – Feb 2020



Marlborough Brandt Group
Linking people for a fairer world

Dear friends,

13th Annual MBG Quiz – Thursday 19th March at St. John's, Marlborough, 6:45pm start, 6:15 doors open.

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 [[mbg.org](http://www.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.

This year we will be fundraising for the 2020 St. John's Summer Trip. Students will be spending three weeks in Gunjur over the summer most likely working in the Gunjur Medical Centre which supports the whole local community.

Fourth St. James's Place project trip to Gunjur.

Three groups of 10 employees and financial advisors travelled to Gunjur for a week each to work on a community project and stay with local families. These trips partnered with WasteAid who are working with MBG long term partners TARUD to tackle waste plastic and prevent it entering the oceans in this coastal country. Based on an idea by students from Pewsey Vale school, through an MBG 2015 entrepreneurs project with VIBE, to melt plastic into floor and roof tiles, WasteAid has secured DFID funding to run a two year pilot in Gunjur. Our groups were working with village volunteers and professionals to build a larger set of buildings on the edge of the village to increase capacity to support the whole Western District of The Gambia. If successful, the hope is to take this approach across Africa as a way of reducing plastic burning and ocean plastics.

Thank you also to those in the group who have made donations to MBG in support of TARUD, the medical centre and Disability Africa.

Find out more here: [[mbg.org](http://www.mbg.org)] <https://www.mbg.org/12-linking/234-sjp-2019> [[mbg.org](http://www.mbg.org)]

Here is a stage by stage photo of one of the factory buildings from start to finish.



Did you see....

The BBC had a recent article on driving in The Gambia. For those of you who have been, this short article may bring back some memories...

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-50835529> [bbc.com]



New Gambia charity support

We are pleased to say we have supported a new charity partner in the far SE of Gunjur village in Madina Kunkunding. The Time For Change Foundation (charity no. 1183618) is based around a group of musicians looking to support education and poverty relief through culture, sport and music. MBG has supported them to turn the area well into a bore hole with water tank, pump with solar panels and stand pipes to make water much more readily available.

The group are also supporting a community bakery, café and gardens linked to the recycling centre WasteAid is working on. The work is lead by Michael Evans and Babucarr E Camara. The photo below shows the eco-tiles from the WasteAid project being used in the community café and culture building.



2020 AGM

Look out for details of the AGM in the new future. We will distribute physical and digital copies of the annual report for it.

Until next time

Get you quiz teams together and we will see you on the 19th March.

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

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