

Newsletter : Farakunku Lodges The Gambia November 2018

Welcome to our 11<sup>th</sup> Season of operation with our staff who are all looking forward to meeting you over the next few Winter/Spring months.

Sporting their new season's uniforms and with Moses on the far left, here is the team (L>R)



Back row: Foday (groundsman), Modou (cook), Lassana (cook), Alex (groundsman) Alpha (night watchman), Babucarr (driver) Front row: Rockhy (cleaner), Kaddyjatou (house keeper)

Moses and I had a lovely time in UK over the Summer/Autumn and are now back to meet guests and to look after your needs. There was the usual flurry of activity as soon as we arrived back in Gambia with all the outside tradesmen plus our staff working hard to prepare the grounds and buildings, with some repairs (inevitable after the rains) as well as a complete re-painting inside and out.

We suffered from a bee invasion (the aggressive African kind) which held things up and our carpenter's team suffered multiple stings when they disturbed a nest during roof repair work. All have recovered after speedy antihistamine treatment. The last coat of paint was being applied to our entrance gates as our first guests arrived with Moses from the airport...and since then it has been good to welcome repeat and new guests alike.

I have set up my studio again and have already run a one-day workshop with a guest who enjoyed marbling and card design.



We look forward to greeting you soon and hope you are all in good health.

Our best wishes... Heather and Moses