

February newsletter

Hello from all at Farakunku Lodges

We hope the weather in UK has not been too depressing or harmful to property or health. With constant sunshine and rain-free days here in Gambia from November to May, it is such a relief from the gloom of a northern winter.

Everything here is going well and the guests have sent in some fantastic reviews, for which we are very grateful. We have begun to take bookings for the next season 2016/7, now that the winter flight schedules are available.

Relax at our nearby beach with lunch at the one local beach restaurant



It was a shock to receive the very sad news about one of our previous guests, Joy Sherwood, who died suddenly at the end of January. We all remember her vivacity and love of Gambia and Farakunku...she and Andy have been coming for three successive annual holidays with us and were planning another next month. We will all miss her, and savour our happy memories of Joy.

The Farakunku Foundation has been supported by many new guests and has also benefited from an injection of money from a UK business contact for a one-off project. This has enabled us to arrange to support the local Community Nursery School with food supplies for school lunches and to assist with a teacher's salary. A large box of school supplies has accumulated from guests' donations so that will also be given to the school.

Our birding guests have achieved great scores of species seen, with the record so far being 270 in a 2 week stay (including 2 days up-river). So there's the challenge...can anyone beat that?!

Fishing trips on the River Gambia have proved very successful and enjoyable. With lunch at Lamin lodge or a picnic lunch on board, it makes for a relaxing and productive day out. Guests always return with a bucket of fish which we grill here for them.



Moses has been busy installing a solar operated water system at the orange farm, with a high water tower, mini-reservoirs, pipe work and solar panels all costing lots but making it far easier for our gardeners, who were trying to water over a thousand trees with hand drawn buckets of water from the 3 wells.

We reduce our rates for the whole of April for the last month of the tourist season...a lovely month for a holiday here ...and we would love to see you. Do get in touch if you are able to fit in an end of winter trip as a tonic and treat. Charter flights continue to come until the end of April.

Wishing you well...Heather and Moses

