

FRIENDS of the Commonwealth

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Dear friends,

A warm welcome to all our Friends from around the Commonwealth. We are all glad to have you as part of our growing network and look forward to sharing what the Commonwealth has to offer.

Over the past months a lot has happened across all regions of the Commonwealth, and with Friends of the Commonwealth in particular. In this newsletter we bring you up to date with recent events and have a preview at what 2010 has in store.

Friends News

[FUN-draising](#)



Caribbean Connection was the party of 2009.

The mini-carnival held at Marlborough House was to raise money for St Jude Hospital in St Lucia. See the fantastic costumes and find out how much was raised.

["In the Commonwealth, cricket is an invisible bond"](#)

The Rt. Hon Sir John Major KG, CH spoke at a dinner celebrating cricket in the Commonwealth. He was joined by Test Match cricketers from various Commonwealth nations.

Friends raised £8000 for charity – see who will benefit, and read Sir John Major's speech.

[Going, going, green](#)

With its indigenous fruit tree giveaways - Friends Trinidad and Tobago is "Greening the



Commonwealth” – encouraging Commonwealth people to do their bit for the environment and fight against climate change.

Get involved! [Get in touch](#) with [The Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women](#) (the lead country partner for Friends Trinidad and Tobago) to do your bit.

[Are you a CSO/NGO in Uganda?](#)

The Commonwealth People’s Association of Uganda invites you to take part in the 1st Civil Society Fair (Uganda NGO Expo 2010). It’s a platform to showcase NGO activities, network, share experiences and build partnerships among NGOs, the private sector, development partners, government agencies and departments and the beneficiaries.

Did you know...

[2010 Commonwealth Writers' Prize](#)

is now open for entry for both aspiring and established authors.

The annual prize encourages and rewards new Commonwealth fiction; and ensures that works of merit reach a wider audience outside their country of origin.

[If you are a filmmaker from within the Commonwealth](#)

and under the age of 30 - or think you have what it takes to be a filmmaker – then you have until 1 March 2010 to enter the Vision Awards.

You could even receive £1000 to produce your film, and prize money of up to £2500.

[The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan](#)

has set up an [Endowment Fund](#), which supports scholarships hosted by low and middle income Commonwealth Countries.

[The Commonwealth Countries League Education Fund](#)

enables bright girls in need to fulfill their potential and continue their secondary education in their own Commonwealth country – nearly 3000 girls have already been supported this way.

[How to make a donation.](#)

The year ahead

[Commonwealth Day](#) 8 March 2010



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY
COMMONWEALTH DAY 8 MARCH 2010

The Commonwealth theme for 2010, '[Science, Technology and Society](#)' focuses on the importance of science and technology to the quality of life of all Commonwealth citizens.

Numerous events and activities around Science, Technology and Society will be taking place around the Commonwealth during March 2010.

[Football World Cup 2010](#) South Africa
11 June - 11 July 2010

Look out for the Friends Football Competition in the next e-update.

[XIX Commonwealth Games](#) New Delhi, India
3 - 14 October 2010

[How many medals has your country won?](#)

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