

FRUITFUL SCOTLAND*Celebrating Scotland's Fruit Trees***Scotland in bud**WWW.COMMONWEALTHORCHARD.COM

FRUIT FOR THOUGHT

Welcome to the newsletter celebrating the resurgence of fruit growing and the interest in Scottish varieties old and new.

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF
THE COMMONWEALTH
ORCHARD

Years highlights**Fruitful Tour of Scotland****30th Dec 2008****Planting in East End of Glasgow with Playbusters**

It feels a while since we launched the Commonwealth Orchard, with Frank McAveety MSP helping East End kids planting.

6th Jan 2009**Edinburgh Launch**

We planted a school orchard at Ferryhill Primary in North Edinburgh with Robin Harper MSP. Over the year we have done two more plantings and there are now 28 trees planted there.

2nd June 2009**Castlemilk Stables, Glasgow**

Prince Charles helped Castlemilk pupils to plant a Commonwealth Orchard apple tree (A James Grieve) in the new orchard

21th Oct 2009**Gorilla Fruitering, Glasgow Botanic, Kibble Palace -10-4pm**

We celebrated apple day this year by going and picking lots of surplus apples and using them at an apple day at the Kibble Palace.

To share news of what's fruitful in your area - 0778 606 3918

john@commonwealthorchard.com**A YEAR IN A FRUITFUL SCOTLAND**

It's an interesting time to be writing this on the 30th Dec - a year to the day after we launched the Commonwealth Orchard in Baird Park in the East End of Glasgow.



It's been a magical cold spell - and the buds of the apple trees are tightly closed and holding tight. But it's worth remembering that we are past the shortest day now. Spring is not far away.

It's worth reflecting on this bud phase. The trees look dead and it's hard to see the potential. The buds getting ready to burst. The fact is that everything of value starts small and needs to be nurtured and protected.



A present for the future. If you have yet to plant a Commonwealth fruit tree, make this your New Year Resolution. It's not hard to do... and there are instructions on how to plant a fruit tree on our website... www.commonwealthorchard.com

And this is the time to be planting - in the winter while the trees are dormant.



It's a time to reflect on smallness. The Commonwealth Orchard is a small organisation. Deliberately so. We have no staff and no great overheads. We are about helping communities across Scotland and beyond to create a Fruitful Scotland. Planting, picking, sharing and enjoying what grows here.