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**Gearing Up 4 Gorillas**  
presents the 2010

**'Gorilla Gala'**

It is with great pleasure that I enclose details of the 'Gorilla Gala 2010' to be held at the Carrington House Hotel, Bournemouth, Dorset on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The event has been rescheduled from October last year. Please find enclosed the details of the 'Gorilla Gala' evening, together with a booking form.

G4G trustees will welcome you to a colourful Congolese style evening of music and dance. Kasai Masai is an exceptional band whose rhythmic, lively music is the very essence of Congolese culture:

*"...Kasai Masai successfully marry a respect for vintage grooves with an overwhelming urge to move the dance floor. This is the sound of the old and the new, of the countryside and the city, from deep in the heart of Africa..."* Nige Tassell - Reading Womad Festival

The one and only Mungo Jerry will perform a myriad of memorable hits to ensure no-one is left seated before a special finale to remember.....! Lead man, Ray Dorset, celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in showbiz this year, with his memorable hit, 'In the Summertime' being released in May 1970.

With his long experience of great ape conservation and intimate knowledge of the world of the mountain gorilla, in particular, G4G is honoured to have Ian Redmond OBE, presenting the after dinner address. Ian is Chief Consultant with GRASP, the UNEP/ UNESCO Great Apes Survival Project & was Ambassador for the UN Year of the Gorilla 2009.

There will be a live link up with Virunga National Park ranger Diddy Mwanaki, from eastern DR Congo during the evening, a wide range of great raffle prizes and a selection of auction items to suit all pockets. 'Gearing Up 4 Gorillas' (G4G) raises awareness, funds and equipment to support the rangers who risk their lives daily, to protect the mountain gorillas in Virunga.

The urgent priority for fund raising on May 8th, is to complete the construction of the Senkwekwe Centre, the first ever facility for orphan mountain gorillas. Please see the reverse of the Gala details for further information of this unique project. Each Gala ticket purchased includes the adoption of one of the orphan mountain gorillas, Ndakasi or Ndeze, for 2010-11. Your adoption certificate will be sent to you along with your ticket(s). Guests will also receive four editions of our G-Bulletin. In addition, all 'table for 10' bookings will be promoted as generous event sponsors on the night.

If you would like to offer an auction or raffle item or would like to sponsor the evening further, for additional benefits, please do call Linda Nunn on 01725 553149 / 07801 531205 or email [linda@g4g.co.uk](mailto:linda@g4g.co.uk) for an informal discussion.

A list of auction items will be sent to you during April and I will contact you as the evening approaches, to ensure any queries you have are answered, or any additional assistance needed, is catered for.

I look forward to hearing from you,  
Yours sincerely,

Linda Nunn  
Chair, on behalf of G4G trustees