



CRICKET

Montegonians to honour Walsh

By Conroy Walker

AMBASSADOR-at-large, cricketer Courtney Walsh, will be honoured for his outstanding achievements in the sport at a special dinner to be held at the lavish Half Moon Hotel on Friday.

The former Jamaica and West Indies captain rewrote the history books last year when he broke Kapil Dev's world record of 434 Test victims against Zimbabwe at Sabina Park.

Walsh ended his illustrious career with a

record 519 wickets. He is the first bowler in history to have crossed the 500-wicket barrier in Tests.

"Montegonians are extremely proud of Walsh's achievement as West Indians and moreso as Jamaicans. We thought it deserving to come together to demonstrate our appreciation through this gesture," said Pauline Erskine, who heads an interim non-funded committee that organised the event.

Other members of the group are: Metty Scarlett-Jones, Pat Samuels, Vandyke

McKenzie, Owen Brown, Gordon Brown and Merline Stephenson.

The idea of the dinner, Pauline Erskine said, evolved when Walsh broke the world record against Zimbabwe at Sabina Park. However, due to his hectic schedule, he was almost always unavailable.

The committee was further inspired to recognise the fast bowler's achievement when he captured South Africa's Jacques Kallis' wicket to become the lone member of the 500 wicket club.

Proceeds from the dinner will be shared between Courtney Walsh Charity and the St James Youth cricket development.

The evening gets underway with a cocktail reception hosted by Grace, Kennedy with vintage musician, Paul Hurlock, providing entertainment — which will also include international recording star, AJ Brown, and local pieces from the JCDC.

Highlight of the evening will be an edited video presentation by well-known sports journalist, Curtis Myrie, highlighting Walsh's career.

The event, to be staged



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under the patronage of the Custos of St James, Clarence Nelson and Mrs Nelson, is endorsed by the St James Parish Council and will be attended by mayor Hugh Solomon and his deputy, Gerard Mitchell.

Junior minister in the Ministry of Sports and Tourism, Wykham McNeil, will represent the government.

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