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COMPANY PRIMARY STUDENT TOPS **JULY 2011**

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FRIENDSHIP PRIMARY EXCELS IN NATIONAL GRADE 6 ASSESSMENT FOR BUXTON



2011

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Late last month, the results of the 2011 National Grade 6 Assessment, which replaced the Secondary Schools Entrance Exams, were released, and they showed a respectable performance by students attending schools in Buxton-Friendship.

Avery Phill of Company Road Primary (Methodist) earned the top student title with his score of 516 points. His is the highest for all three primary schools in the village. He will be attending Bishops' High School in Georgetown. Also from Company Primary, Yuon Armstrong gained a place at President's College, located at Golden Grove, while Althea Charles, Kenduce Cooper, Roshaun Graham and Messiah Mussenden will attend Annandale Secondary. The Headteacher is Ms. Marilyn Wills (Lisa).

Friendship Primary (Roman) School emerged as the best performing primary school in the village. Seventeen of its students qualified for Grade A secondary schools while an-



Company Road Primary School student, Avery Phill, who got the highest score (516) for schools in Buxton-Friendship. He will move on to Bishops' High School in September.

other fifteen secured places at Bladen Hall Multilateral School.

Heading the list of outstanding achievers there is Tashana Hiles. She will attend St. Stanislaus College in Georgetown from September. Tahj McKenzie and Dexter Yaw will attend St. Rose's High, while Tamara Fiffee goes on to St. Joseph High. Atalya Lawrence, Jumaane Marcus and Christol Thompson will all attend President's College. Ten more will go on to Annandale Secondary.

The Headmistress of Friendship Primary School is Ms. Leslie Luke.

For Buxton Primary (Missionary), Teyana Harry emerged as the top student. She gained a place at St. Joseph High School. Another student, Shania Goodman, will be attending Annandale Secondary.

The top score achieved nationwide was 537, while the maximum attainable was 551.

More details of each school's results and their graduation exercises are reported on the pages 2-4.



FRIENDSHIP PRIMARY SCHOOL (ROMAN)

<u>Student</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1. Tashana Hiles	508	St. Stanislaus College	Terrence & Dawn Hiles
2. Dexter Yaw	507	St. Rose's High School	Dexter & Yonette Yaw
3. Tahj McKenzie	505	St. Rose's High School	Patrick & Shemlyn McKenzie
4. Tamara Fiffie	501	St. Joseph High School	Glaston Fiffie & Phiona Jeffrey
5. Christol Thompson	494	President's College	Carlyn Thompson
6. Atalya Lawrence	492	President's College	Vaughn Lawrence & Aurta Benn
7. Jumanne Marcus	492	President's College	Lancelot Marcus & Judy Gibson
8. Olivia Amsterdam	482	Annandale Secondary	Joseph Amsterdam & Abina Howard
9. Lynese Goodridge	475	Annandale Secondary	R. Goodridge & Natasha McDonald
10. Annaleiseia Tanner	474	Annandale Secondary	Andrew Tanner & Angela Gordon
11. Melisa Sandy	473	Annandale Secondary	Palesa Henry
12. Latwana Victorine	468	Annandale Secondary	Mark Victorine & Shevon Gordon
13. Niesha Gaime	466	Annandale Secondary	Samantha Vasconcellos
14. Timothy Elias	464	Annandale Secondary	Kwame Elias
15. Owen Jeffrey	464	Annandale Secondary	Patrick Jeffrey & Shondell Harry
16. Adam Campbell	463	Annandale Secondary	Winston Campbell & Karen Phillips
17. Courtney Lewis	454	Annandale Secondary	Osa Lewis

*****Fifteen more students qualified to attend Bladen Hall Multilateral School
 Grade 6 Teacher: Ms. Shemlyn Stephen / Headmistress: Ms. Leslie Luke



Ms. Leslie Luke, Headmistress, delivering her report at the school's Graduation Exercises on 6th July, 2011



Top Achievers (at left)

Front Row: Atalya Lawrence, Tashana Hiles (top student), Narsha Gaime, Jumaane Marcus, Adam Campbell, Timothy Elias.

Back Row: Dexter Yaw, Lynese Goodridge, Annal-erseia Tanner, Tajh McKenzie



In picture above, Tamara Fiffie, one of the 70 graduating students, receiving her certificate from retired principal, Ms. May Hamer.



Top student, Tashana Hiles is seen here with Head Mistress Leslie Luke. She will be attending St. Stanislaus College in Georgetown.



Christol Thompson, who secured a place at President's College, poses with her mother, Carlyn Thompson, on Graduation Day.



Students performing a Ballroom Dance

COMPANY ROAD PRIMARY (METHODIST)



<u>Student</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1. Avery Phill	516	Bishops' High School	Andrew Phill & Carla Hope
2. Yuon Armstrong	491	President's College	Damiana Armstrong
3. Roshaun Graham	481	Annandale Secondary	Rhonda Isaacs
4. Kenduce Cooper	478	Annandale Secondary	Judith Cooper
5. Messiah Mussenden	471	Annandale Secondary	Kester Mussenden
6. Althea Charles	457	Annandale Secondary	Claudia Charles

Teachers: Mr. Collis Nicholson (Grade 5) / Ms. Noelia Austin (Grade 6) / Headmistress: Ms. Marilyn Wills

Class of 2011



Members of the Graduating Class of 2011



Valedictorian Avery Phill receiving his certificate from former Education Officer, Ms. Hazel Answick. Avery secured 516, which is the top score for schools in the village. He will be attending Bishops' High School in Georgetown from September.



Guest speaker, Ms. Hazel Answick, delivering the keynote address. She is also an alumna of the school. Seated at the head table are chairpersons Nehemiah Thorne and Yulita Baird (2010 graduates).



Grade 5 students performing a dance routine at the Graduation Exercises held on 10th July.

BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL (MISSIONARY)

<u>Student</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Secondary School</u>	<u>Parents</u>
1. Teyana Harry	499	St. Joseph High School	Treyon Harry & Paulette Haynes-Harry
2. Shania Goodman	459	Annandale Secondary	Ingrid Beckles
3. Onica Paul	425	Bladen Hall Multilateral	C. Hossanah

Teacher: Ms. Marcia Harris (Grades 5 & 6)

Graduation 2011



Some graduates of the Class of 2011 pose with their certificates. Seated in the middle is Headmistress Marcia Harris.

Buxton Primary School



(Originally Buxton Congregational School and also known as Missionary School)



Headmistress Marcia Harris handing over certificate to 2011 top student, Teyana Harry. Teyana scored 499 marks in this year's National Grade 6 Assessment, and will attend St. Joseph High School in Georgetown from September.



Mrs. Paulette Haynes-Harry, the proud mother of top student Teyana Harry. She is also a teacher at Buxton Primary School.

CENTRE SCHOOL REUNION

In an atmosphere closely reminiscent of their younger school years, scores of alumni of the former Buxton Government Secondary School renewed old friendships at a Reunion Barbeque, held on July 2, 2011, in Queens, New York.

The school which was popularly known as “Centre School”, got that name from the building in which it was housed—Buxton Community Centre. In 1975, the

school was discontinued and students were absorbed into the new Bladen Hall Multilateral School, located in the neighbouring village.

The event which was organized by Eulene Bernard-Fraser, Errol Cockfield, Vashti Thomas-Cockfield, Dr. Wilbert Hope and Rupert Sampson, attracted “old” students who hailed from Plaisance to Ann’s Grove, ECD.



Above, a section of the participants at the (former) Buxton Government Secondary School Reunion Barbeque held in Queens, New York on July 2, 2011. Standing in the centre of this Mboya Wood photo is Eulene (Carlene) Bernard-Fraser dressed in the school’s uniform colours of gray, white and pink. She is one of the organizers. At right (in cream jersey) is Dr. Wilbert Hope (Yattie), while at left is Vashti Thomas-Cockfield,, her face partly hidden by a hanging flower basket.



In picture above can be seen Cheryl Ainsworth-Martin (at left) and, at right, Carol Glasgow-Forsythe giving the thumb up. Organizer Rupert Sampson standing next to Cheryl.



Alumna Verna Carter-Sam (in red top) and friends

2ND FIRST-VILLAGE INDABA AT VICTORIA

The Conference Leadership & Planning Committee of the Victoria Reconstruction Trust will convene the 2nd First-Village Indaba on Thursday, 4th August, 2011, starting at 10:30 a.m.

The Conference will be held at Victoria Kindergarten School, North Middle

Walk Road under the theme: “Village Conditions: Causes, Consequences and Cures”, and will review the progress and challenges experienced since the last Conference as well as chart the course to be pursued in the next twelve months. Presentations and discus-

sions will focus on issues that include target marketing; revival and restructuring of the coconut industry; preparation of the female population for new and emerging economic roles; opportunities in embracing low carbon development strategy; and education through sports.

The Indaba will be preceded by the launch of an environmental project on 30th July, a pre-dawn Open Air Village Prayer Vigil on 1st August, an Education Achievement Awards Ceremony, and the conferment of the Victoria Civic Award.

ENJOYING OUR HERITAGE--MBOYA WOOD

Greetings to my fellow villagers at home and in the Diaspora!

As president of last year's Buxton 170th Anniversary Committee, I am humbled by the progressive development that is demonstrated through the various projects, both in terms of infrastructure and scholarship, that are taking place in our hometown, the twin villages of Buxton and Friendship.

It is with great pride and passion that I hasten to encourage fellow villagers to savor this acquired feeling of euphoria and use it to propel our younger generation into developing that most treasured sense of self worth and independence. Let us interpret this physical transformation of our village as a significant part of the Village Movement that our ancestors dared to perpetuate, and which eventually led to the birth and subsequent purchase of New Orange Nassau. It is our destiny, yes, that this generation, has set its goal on restoring Buxton-Friendship to the glorious days of yore. This is a shared responsibility. There are times in our lives when adversity evokes valor. This just happens to be one of those times when my inspiration embraced a passion for indulgence. The olive branch was offered. In return we received a warm embrace and today the proof is in the pudding. The fruits of our labour have blossomed for all to see. The spirits of the ancestors that we evoked during our celebrations have responded in kind, and catapulted into a tsunami of torrential reclamation that is manifested in some of the most desirable and now historical infrastructural developments and historical visits, as recently evident by Guyana and West Indies Cricket Great, Lance Gibbs and current

members of the team. It is important to observe, and for me to point out, the fact that our cherished youngsters in the village have been energized by this bold and uplifting display. Their once daunted spirits of defeat that had clouded their enthusiasm for almost a decade has evaporated. That void is now imbued with a renewed sense of vigor that bellows a clarinet call and a passionate hunger for success. People everywhere in the village, as well as villagers who have returned on vacation after many years abroad, are overwhelmed by this cascade of boastful facelift that now envelops the expanded Buxton-Friendship community.

This year the committees have set into motion another dynamic programme to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the purchase of Plantation Friendship. Similarly, as was done during the preparations for the historical Buxton Purchase, our painstaking researchers have been steadfast at work, chronicling historical data that eluded us for decades.

Buxton-Friendship Heritage Group extends warm felicitations to all those whose vision and creative instincts propelled them into acting independently, collectively and, on occasions, in noncompliance with what some considered unconventional approaches in engaging assistance, for their efforts which have yielded tremendous and desirable dividends.

With the advent of Buxton Pride Steel Orchestra, it is envisaged that our celebrations will be more grandiose. The rehabilitation of the Community Health Center and Village Hall and the construction of the new Practical Instruction Centre, located aback, and Tipperary Hall have added to the reclamation of some of our community's most renowned edifices.



Special thanks to Buxton Response Committee which shouldered the responsibility of setting the groundwork that led to the successful programme of activities during the celebrations in July—August, 2010. Great Job!

Special thanks, also, to President Bharat Jagdeo and his Community Development advisor, Mr. Odinga Lumumba, a son of our village. Their sterling contributions have helped in stimulating the surge and the acquired sense of accomplishment.

I wish to extend a hearty welcome to a long and overdue renewed friendship that was restored with our brothers and sisters of Belladrum Village, West Coast Berbice. For our fellow villagers who missed the opportunity to go on the trip to Berbice last August, you missed a Welcome Ceremony that was most heartwarming. It encompassed all of the traditional virtues that accompany a traditional ancestral African welcome ceremony. To these folks, I say “*Karibu na asante sana*” – welcome and thank you very much! I wish to urge everyone who may be available to join us in our revisit to Belladrum during this year's Heritage Week celebrations.

Enjoy our Heritage!

Asante Sana!
Mboya Wood, President
Buxton-Friendship Heritage Group

A WARM WELCOME TO HERITAGE WEEK 2011

The Buxton-Friendship Restoration Committee is pleased to be associated with the activities to celebrate Buxton-Friendship Heritage Week, from 24th July to 1st August, 2011. The Committee has pledged to support any project which seeks to promote development in Buxton-Friendship and stands ready to work with any organization, group or individual that shares a similar interest.

We are all cognisant of the innate capacity of our villagers to confront environmental vulnerabilities. We have all witnessed their resilience under the most difficult conditions and their recovery should not be taken for granted. Hence the need for continuous support to return our birth place to its premier status among villages. While the Restoration Committee will be receptive to developmental proposals, our economic limitations must be considered and feasible proposals must be presented alongside realistic execution strategies.

Education/Training is a cherished value among members of our group and remains an area in which we feel most comfortable; however, we recognize the need for economic investment and other forms of development. Thus, groups that can assist the members of the Buxton-Friendship community with investment prospects may come forward and be assured that we will assist with implementation.

Organizing for change is not an easy task; hence, differences are likely to exist. However, we must all accept that all of us aspire for the best for our beloved

village, even if we choose different pathways to arrive at the same place.

Our history is already set in stone, so, how could we use it to carve out a future that every villager can be proud? What are the lessons and virtues that our ancestors left behind? Strength, cooperation, self-reliance, thrift, independence, education and respect are only some of the virtues which form the pillars upon which our lives are built.

As we come together to celebrate the 170th year of the Purchase of Friendship, let us not lose sight of our rebuilding thrust, of our support that must continue such that the next generation can inherit a legacy that is three times richer than what our fore-parents left us.

To our people of Friendship, Congratulations on your 170th Anniversary! Please spend some

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time to reflect and challenge yourselves to be always progressive in your thoughts and actions.

On behalf of the members of the Buxton-Friendship Restoration Committee, I extend a very warm welcome to all our overseas villagers and friends and promise that our week of activities will be educational and entertaining. The week's programme, which commences on Sunday, 24th July, 2011 with a church service and an African Extravaganza, also integrates activities to celebrate this International Year for People of African Descent.

Come have a good time back home!

Barbara Thomas-Holder
President



*Front Row (L>R): Andy Neptune, Shurcina Hope-Hinds, Monica Adams-Williams, Barbara Thomas-Holder, Vanessa Phillips
Back Row (L>R): Oleta Alleyne, Yvette Herod, Beryl Dundas, Leslie Luke, Lester Andries, Ras. Jerry Hope, Rollo Younge*

MESSAGE FROM REGION 4 CHAIRMAN



Clement A. Corlette
REGIONAL CHAIRMAN
Region 4
Demerara/Mahaica

“The people of Buxton/Friendship have made an important contribution to the evolution of all aspects of Political, Local Government, and the Cultural Fabric of the descendants of Africans, East Indians and others. You have built a legacy of pride for your Community, Guyana and the Village Movement in the wider Caribbean.”

Your Community Buxton/Friendship emerged at a time when the Colony of the then British Guiana was undergoing an irreversible, transformation from plantation servitude and chattel slavery to Community-based Governance by the people for the people.

Buxton/Friendship emerged out of what was known as Plantation Nieuw Oranje Nassau. The initial proprietors of approximately 128 purchasers in 1840 were subsequently increased thereafter. Buxton has always been an example of decisiveness. This was evident at the time of the unfolding of the Village Movement where in 1842 a petition was made to seek subdivision of lots to formally resolve issues of land-ownership.

At the time of the early development of Coastal Village Communities,

Buxton/Friendship made a substantial contribution to what has now emerged as a Local Government System, whereby local persons of due recognition for ability of leadership were asked to serve as representatives in the capacity of Overseer, Elective Commissioners and Chairman of Council.

Under its Local Village Management System, at the time, Buxton/Friendship successfully developed a Local Village Economy of good standing that prevailed for several years much to the benefit of its people and assistance to others.

Against the backdrop of your history, it would be fair to say that Buxton/Friendship Community is in great need of a revisit of itself.

The Community spirit of togetherness need to be once again emulated/re-enacted; whereas, the pas-

sage of 171 years would have witnessed evolutionary changes nationwide. Buxton and its people would be expected to position for the benefit from opportunities in respect of education, new economic order, industrialization, social and cultural development.

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You have built a legacy of pride for your Community, Guyana and the Village Movement in the wider Caribbean.

Long live the people of Buxton/Friendship!

Clement A. Corlette,
 Regional Chairman
 Region 4: Demerara/
 Mahaica

MESSAGE FROM N.D.C. CHAIRMAN



Randolph Blair
Chairman,
Buxton—Foulis NDC

Fellow Buxtonians,

This year, as we celebrate the 170th Anniversary of the Purchase of Plantation Friendship, we must pay homage to our ancestors who worked assiduously to build these twin villages of Buxton-Friendship we inherited.

Inspired by their journey, it is our duty to continue the work they started and realize a Village beyond their dreams.

This is a period of renewed resolve; this is an occasion to pledge our service to the Village of our birth, and to rededicate

ourselves to the prosperity of our Premier Village.

On behalf of the N.D.C., Happy 170th Anniversary of Plantation Friendship!

Randolph Blair,
 Chairman,
 Buxton-Foulis N.D.C.

HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS CALENDAR

DAY & DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE / PARTICULARS
Sunday 24 July	8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	CHURCH SERVICE—St. Augustine’s Anglican Church AFRICAN CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA	Friendship, ECD Company Road
Monday 25 July	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	CHILDREN’S DAY CAMP COMMUNITY SYMPOSIUM	Buxton Secondary School Friendship Primary School
Tuesday 26 July	6:00 p.m.	HEALTHCARE OUTREACH (Screening & Counseling) EDUTAINMENT	Friendship Primary School
Wednesday 27 July	9:00 a.m.	MUSEUM TOUR—African Heritage Museum & National Museum (Georgetown) / National Heritage Museum (WCD)	
Thursday 28 July	3:00 p.m.	TEA PARTY FOR SENIOR VILLAGERS	Friendship Primary School
Friday 29 July	5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	GROUNDING WITH THE FAMILY CULTURE JAM (DANCE)	Friendship Primary School Ball Ground
Saturday 30 July	6:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	PRAYER BREAKFAST COMMUNITY CONCERT (\$500-Adult/\$300 Child)	Ambassadors for Christ Church Friendship Primary School
Sunday 31 July	1:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	EMANCIPATION CHURCH SERVICE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CAMP FIRE & MIDNIGHT LIBATION	Friendship Primary School Company Primary/Market Sq.
Monday 1 August	12:00 noon	EMANCIPATION FEAST & DRUMMING	Friendship Primary School



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HERITAGE WEEK

A TIME FOR SOLIDARITY

In the wake of a successful “Bush Cook” our focus shifts to the next major activity on the Buxton-Friendship calendar – the “Heritage Week”. The week of July 24, 2011 through August 1, 2011 is packed with activities aimed to inform, educate, enlighten, unite, socialize and entertain. Prominent among the planned activities is the famous and much celebrated Emancipation Day. Emancipation celebrations in Buxton were planned and executed by the pre-eminent “First of August Movement”.

It is the First of August Movement, which was born in Buxton, in 1969, that successfully advocated for the change of day in Guyana’s annual observance of Emancipation, from the first Monday of August to the first day of August. Chattel slavery was abolished on 1st August, 1834; full emancipation was achieved on 1st August, 1838. In the past, the first Monday of August was dubbed August Monday, and the event was celebrated as “Freedom Day”.

The word Emancipation was not linked with this important event. The First of August Movement petitioned the government of the day during the dec-

ades of the 1960’s and 1970’s until 1st August was legislated as the official day in Guyana for the observation and celebration of Emancipation, and the event has since been called Emancipation Day. This is a important piece of history of which every Buxtonian must always wear like a badge of honour. Incidentally, this year, the 1st day of August will fall on the first Monday of August.

This year as we celebrate Emancipation Day in the context of the International Year for People of African Descent, we must be mindful of the African perception of existence–“**the African Cosmology.**” The African Cosmology speaks of a connection among the dead, the living, and the unborn. This tripartite culture link comprises our ancestors, the current generation, and the coming generation. The connection means that the current generation must thank our ancestors for the world that they left for us. We, in time, have an obligation to improve the world in order to pass it on to the succeeding generation.

The type of world that we should leave for the succeeding generation must reflect a 21st Century Buxton-Friendship community. Our community

currently stands at the cross-hairs of a great and accelerated development. **Buxton-Friendship has all the resources it needs for its development.** Never in the history of our community has there been such a reservoir of skills, expertise, and talent of human resources at home and in the diaspora for its general development.

The development of our community stands on the shoulders of two previous movements carried out by our ancestors: “**Resistance and Revolt**”. Our ancestors resisted and revolted against enslavement in order to improve the world that they left for us. We have a right to resist and revolt against all critics and skeptics, and pool our resources to establish a state-of-the-art twenty-first Century Buxton-Friendship community to pass on to our succeeding generation.

Finally, as we seek to establish the 21st Century Buxton-Friendship community, we must debate the type of world we plan to pass on to our children. Is it a world of gun and drug culture? A world of continuing abuse of our women and children? A world of ignorance and mediocrity? A world in which our youths occupy more prison cells than

by *Rennie Parris*



classrooms? A world of poverty and economic disempowerment? A world of thieves and prostitutes? A world where we continue to empower our neighbouring communities economically, at the expense of our own community's economic progress? It is expected that some of these questions will form the discussions of Buxtonians at home and in the diaspora. In addition, it is hoped that more Buxtonians will be inspired to join the developmental thrust of the community. Special commendations must be given to CIMBUX, BESAC, COTAB, BA-FUKA, The Restoration Committee, The Heritage Group, Buxtonians4Life, the many individuals, families and other groups that make significant contributions to the development of the Buxton-Friendship community.

Buckle up, prepare for, and become involved in the planned events for Heritage Week 2011!

COMMUNITY STALWART-YVETTE HEROD

Literally hundreds have passed through the club and have gone on to make something good of their lives – and Herod is justly proud. For the record, she can easily name them. It is exactly the reason she thought of the idea to set up the club some 15 years ago – to serve as an escape for youths who would have otherwise had nothing to do, and would end up, at best, “idling.” Her interest in developing the community’s youth springs from her own strong, well-rounded background in music, community involvement and education. And it is all grounded in a village which was once highly regarded as a cradle for academic high achievers. The Buxton community, which has since merged with Friendship village, was classified as a haven for criminals during one of the most violent periods in Guyana’s history, after five dangerous men escaped from the country’s main jail in February 2002. The Army would move in to “take over” the village, and it was gunfire “day and night” as Herod remembers it. However, amidst that prolonged period of turmoil, she kept the Toucan II Multi-Purpose Club going, and indeed, her long involvement in community development activities would lead to her become one of the facilitators of peace talks to restore order

in the community. Indeed, the club’s facilities would also be used to assist other members of community when one of the worst floods in recent history would engulf the coastland. For Herod, the club has achieved much and she aspires to see it play a greater role in helping the community’s youth.

EARLY LIFE

She was born Yvette Veronica Alison Herod, to parents George and Sybil Herod, just over 60 years ago at Friendship. Her father was a porkknocker who would often head out to the interior to seek gold and diamonds. But George was also an avid farmer. So, no matter where he went, he would set up a farm and it came in handy for periods when heavy rainfall did not allow seeking for precious minerals. Sybil, meantime, took care of the children, and also tended a garden. A thrifty woman, Sybil also got involved in craft making as part of the Buxton Women’s Institute. It was one of many such institutes in the village geared at providing a means of livelihood for women and girls. Yvette was one of 12 children born to George and Sybil. She grew up in disciplined surroundings, where children were expected to be respectful to their elders as almost a matter of ritual.

Something else that also seemed a ritual was for

KAIETEUR NEWS’ SPECIAL PERSON

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Yvette Veronica Alison Herod as she plays the piano

young people to gainfully occupy their time. There were all manner of clubs, groups and institutes that one could join – and you had to.

Yvette grew up hearing of the legend about Buxton people stopping a train. But she is quick to add some clarification, as told by village elders, that it was the women of the nearby village of Friendship who organized the protest, and others from Buxton then joined in. The story goes back to 1862 when villagers, armed with varying weapons – such as cutlasses and axes – laid on the railway tracks to stop a locomotive. The intention was to petition the governor, who was on the train,

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WHEN YVETTE HEROD TALKS ABOUT THE TOUCAN II MULTI-PURPOSE CLUB BEING A SANCTUARY FOR “HUNDREDS” OF CHILDREN FROM THE TWIN VILLAGES OF BUXTON/ FRIENDSHIP AND OTHER NEARBY COMMUNITIES, SHE IS NOT EXAGGERATING.

COMMUNITY STALWART

(Continued from page 11)

to abolish a repressive tax that was imposed on the properties of several villagers. The story is held up as the one that has given Buxton the face of courage, and Yvette was ever cognizant of that. She was proud to be part of such a village.

In her time, Buxton was regarded as the educational capital of Guyana, with three secondary schools – Buxton Government, County High School and Smith’s College. After her early schooling – attending Ms McKinnon’s Nursery and St Anthony RC (now Friendship Primary) – Yvette was enrolled at the County High School, which was founded in 1956 by Sydney Evanson King, more familiarly known today as Eusi Kwayana, one of the most respected village leaders in Buxton, and who was also the school’s principal.

As a young girl, after school, Yvette could not be seen idling. Indeed, it was the case with most if not all of the community’s youth. There were too many activities for them not to get involved in any. Apart from helping with the family’s garden, Yvette got involved in sewing, but one day her mother asked her if she would like to get involved in music. Yvette was very

interested. Over time, she took lessons at various music lessons held in the village and developed a love for classical and folk music, as well as the singing of national songs. She also learnt to play the piano. But besides music lessons after school, music was also taught in school. She remembers that at the St Anthony’s RC, the principal, Fred Seaforth, would get the teachers to remove all the “screens” or teaching boards, so he could have the attention of the entire school when he taught music on Friday afternoons. The teachers would stand guard to make sure that all the children were involved.

After high school, Yvette continued with music classes, and benefited from the tutelage of the iconic Edith Pieters, the Music Coordinator at the Ministry of Education. Yvette would join the Cyril Potter College of Education and graduated as a trained teacher in the nursery programme. She would then go on to teach between 1977 until retirement in September 2005. She eventually became the acting Head Teacher of the Friendship Nursery School. During her teaching career, she was one of the persons roped in by Pieters to serve as a regional music coordinator, to facilitate vibrant music programmes in schools across the country. Part of the responsibility

included coordinating music festivals. While she enjoys singing, Yvette finds more joy in conducting choirs. She has transferred her love for music to her children. Two of her three daughters, Abidemi and Asha, get involved in music from time to time.

CREATING A SANCTUARY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Yvette grew up as someone who was also deeply involved in cultural activities, and so ever since she was a teen she was involved in the First of August Movement for the celebration of African Emancipation. It was just after the celebrations of 1996 that she pitched the idea to Eusi Kwayana of doing “something” for the young people of the village. “When I was young, you had to be involved in doing something productive; that was the way of the village,” Yvette recounts. As a result, she wanted to create the same opportunities for young people of today. Another village leader who she pitched the idea to was Kwame Apata. He asked her what she really intended to do, and when she mentioned more than one activity, he asked her if she meant a “multi-purpose centre.” And that is how the club got its name. The numeral “II” was added to its name to make a distinction, since there was a “Club Toucan” a few decades ago in Buxton.

The club has a uniform of gold shirt and navy blue skirt/trousers, a theme song and a motto; “Together we build, together we share, we are one.” Any activity for the benefit of youths is welcomed into the curriculum. The club started functioning from the home of Apata, who is a Buxtonian, but lived overseas. Apata willingly offered a small cottage at the front of his yard at Friendship for the organization to conduct meetings, after uttering the words, “you have your work cut out for you.” Club meetings are held every week. The membership grew very rapidly and members were forced to move to the bottom of a bigger house owned by the same resident in the same yard. Approximately six months after, the club was offered another meeting place at the Seaforth’s residence at 51 Middle Walk, Buxton, where it operated for approximately two years, but could not continue since the building needed repairs. Timely approval was granted by the Chairman and Councilors of the Buxton Foulis NDC for the use of the Village Hall in 2002, so the club operated there until it finally relocated to the Buxton/Friendship Primary School in 2003. There, it occupies two classrooms with the approval of the Education Ministry up until present.

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YVETTE HEROD

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Toucan II has grown tremendously over the years and continues to give back to the Buxton/Friendship community where it operates. Youths are offered a secure place where they can take advantage of all the services offered. The club currently has hundreds of members on roll, and regular attendance of over 150, whose ages range from six to adult. Members come from Buxton/Friendship and other surrounding communities such as Annandale, Strathspey/Vigilance and Melanie. Activities on the Clubs' curriculum include; academic studies, public speaking, basic skills, and reading – skills training sessions which help to strengthen and enhance the youth's abilities. Short courses in craft (tie dying, cookery, knitting, hand-made toys and ornaments), karate, and majorette training are provided. In addition, there is drama, poetry, debating, educational tours, community volunteering, and developmental projects, such as painting of pedestrian signs, fencing and maintenance of the village.

The club has also got involved in fencing the African Emancipation Monument, coordinating summer day camp programmes, the mounting of road signs, physical education classes, clean up campaigns, church

visits, as well as visiting the sick and those who are shut in. Not surprisingly, the club offers classes in music and fine arts, playing of musical instruments, dancing and sponsoring of club members to pageants. Members can only participate in these programmes if they are part of the literacy programme which is taught by volunteers in a room that doubles as a small library.

Over the years, the club successfully managed to make meaningful contributions to various parts of Guyana through its hard work and dedication. It is used as a community-based organization to execute programmes/projects and has worked with Ministries such as the Ministry of Youth Culture and Sport, The National School of Dance, Ministry of Labour and Human Services and the Ministry of Education, to help to execute their programmes. Some organizations include the First of August Movement, the African Cultural and Development Association (ACDA) and the Neighbourhood Democratic Council. The club assisted ACDA and the NDC to execute a United Nations Development Programme chicken project where 40 farmers were given 10 chickens each, feed for seven weeks, and a chicken pen. It also assisted to execute a special two-week camp held by the

Toucan II multi-purpose club in collaboration with the Guyana Defence Force in the troubled times (2002-2004) for 100 youths living in the community at the club's headquarters. An IDB representative made contact with members of the club and as a result the club facilitated the training of 12 youths from three communities (Buxton, Agricola and Albouystown) in leadership skills to help at-risk young males and females. A six-month training programme was also held by the club in which there were courses such as HIV/Aids life cycle management and counseling, entrepreneurship and leadership, for 87 Buxtonians. Toucan II offers computer literacy classes weekly to parents, teachers and students using computers donated by various organizations.

The Club has a unique structure if compared to the typical youth clubs. It has an Executive body as well as a Board of Elders who are tasked with the overall functioning of the organization. The Body of Elders oversees the club's day to day functions in collaboration with its executive and offers advice when necessary. Many are of the opinion that this is the reason for its many years of existence.

Toucan II is a not-for-profit organization and executes its mandate by way of donations from

public/community spirited individuals or other agencies and fundraisers. The Club's most recent undertaking is a Youth and Community centre. This project which commenced approximately two (4) years ago is currently on hold because of lack of financial resources.

POSITIVE IMPACT

It is Yvette's desire that the Club could attract funds from government and/or the business community to complete construction. For all these years she has worked with the Club without any material gain, but she sees the satisfaction from making a difference in the lives of the community's youth far outweighing anything she could have done. "The club is a sanctuary for young people," Yvette says. "We are training youth not only to be gainfully occupied but also to become future leaders and examples to their peers and others." That was Yvette's goal when she first thought of setting up the club, and that remains its driving force to this day. "If I can help in some small way to have a positive impact on a child's life, to make them 'somebody' then that is enough reward for any hard work I might have put in."

QB: THE REBIRTH OF A VILLAGE

Time really flies when you are having fun! This August would be one year since the organizing committee of the 170th Anniversary Celebration of the Purchase of Buxton and the Buxton Response Committee launched the mission to improve the lives of Buxtonians. The genius behind this initiative was simply to create an idyllic condition to facilitate progress and prosperity. Like most Buxtonians, I strongly believe that social and economic development is the key to restoring the dignity and pride of Buxtonians. It is always a fallacy that writing or speaking superfluously about dignity and pride would bring dignity and pride to folks who are

struggling to survive.

Yes, it was just one year ago since I opined that engaging the government was constructive, and was a common-sense approach to progress in Buxton. Subsequently, I encouraged Buxtonians to embrace objective reality and to reject empty vitriolic rhetoric. This kind of rhetoric only inflames and divides, it does not solve problems. By engaging the government, members of the committees were able to make demands and agitate for changes. The fact that Buxtonians were sick and tired of the noise mandated that a new approach, through collective action, was imperative.

The completion of Tipperary Hall represents that action, both literally and symbolically. The rebuilding of Tipperary Hall is the rebuilding of Buxton. It is the rebirth of a village that was recently labeled a no-village, a ghetto, and a crime haven, by some. By all account, prior to the advent of this movement, Buxton was surely a disaster. But, slowly, Buxton is becoming the joy it once was. There has been progress upon progress. Children are playing and parents are picking up the pieces. Oh, what a new day! The old saying that "success breeds success" now holds true in Buxton.

Credit must be given to

this new group of social activists who made these positive actions possible. You are the true paragon of progress. Your big hearts and steadfastness have given Buxtonians hope. You had the vision that if the right conditions are entertained, Buxtonians can do wonders. You were right. Once and for all, you were able to stop the Pro-sophobias and Pro-crastinators from controlling the narrative. Never again would Buxtonians be used as political pawns. Never again would Buxton be shut out of the process. You were darn right not to allow politics to stand in the way of what is right. You sensibly recognized that if Buxtonians did not take what rightfully belongs to them, another village or someone else would have it.

It must be said, from the get go, the mission of this group of Buxtonians was to lift Buxton out of the abyss. This group of Buxtonians had no interest in playing political roulette with the lives of Buxtonians. It started with a simple celebration to honor the spirited efforts of our ancestors who purchased Buxton. From there, things happened quickly. Despite the vile effort by some to diminish the significance of such a celebration, a passion for progressive change ignited, and a movement was born. It

By Dr. C. Quintin Bacchus

was a defining moment for Buxton. The vast majority of Buxtonians were elated. But, there were a few who could not handle the change - the new paradigm shift, and so they lashed out. With no legitimacy to deny the goals and efforts of the new movement, these prima donnas concocted the most flimsy and phony arguments. They evoked politics with every opportunity, when the real issue was to lift Buxton out of the quagmire it found itself in as a result of the same dumb politics. They said Buxtonians were "sell-outs", "beggars", and "greedy" because they respectfully engaged their government, but they couldn't stop the needed progress. It was clear by then; these people had lacked the big-picture thinking. No timid, narrow-minded and negative thinking would have gotten a completed Tipperary Hall.

The vocal naysayers are now in silence as a finished Tipperary Hall stares at them. The deep truth is: you always do disservice to your village when you put politics ahead of people.

The completion of Tipperary Hall is the greatest testament that action speaks louder than the words of some politicians.

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WELCOMED RESTORATION OF TIPPERARY

Standing tall and proud is the new Tipperary Hall. Construction of the two-storey building, which was carried out by Buxtonian contractor, Ivelaw Graham (Pluck), was completed much less than one year after President Jagdeo's government committed GY\$52.1 million/US\$260,000 to rebuild the landmark structure.

Mr. Odinga Lumumba (Cheero), Community Development Advisor to the President, was most instrumental in securing the aid and for this project.

Mr. Graham is expected to officially complete his work on the building by the end of July. The upper storey will house an auditorium, while the lower storey is



The original Tipperary Society Hall, Buxton



earmarked to include a library and a computer lab.

The original Tipperary Society Hall was reportedly constructed more than 80 years ago. It fell into disrepair and eventually collapsed several years ago. With only a few stumps of the pillars serving as reminders of the once eminent

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REMEMBERING CEDRIC E. DUMMETT



Cedric E. Dummett

Sunrise: 28 May, 1933

Sunset: 4 July, 2011

Cedric Emmanuel Dummett, also known as “Siddie” to his friends and “Daddy Siddie” to his family, was born on 28th May, 1933 in Buxton. He was the elder of two sons born to William Dummett and Gladys Chester (both now deceased). His brother, Rudolph “Baba” Dummett predeceased him.

He received his primary

education from then St. Anthony’s RC School at Friendship. On leaving school, he joined Bookers Sugar Estates, Ltd. as a cane harvester at Skeldon and La Bonne Intention estates. Due to his excellent work ethic and strong leadership, he was promoted to Conveyor Operator, in 1960, at Bookers Sugar Export Company, which later became Demerara Sugar Terminal, Ltd., a subsidiary of Guyana Sugar Corporation (Guysuco). His tenure at Guysuco lasted until 1996 when he retired.

In 1996, Mr. Dummett migrated to the United States of America, taking up residence in the State of New Jersey. For the next eleven years, he worked at Vanderhoof Bus Company, Ltd. in West Orange, New Jersey.

After three years of courtship, Cedric tied the knot in 1957 with Patricia Edwards (Patsy Dummett). Their union produced five children—Berneta, Donna, Everette

(deceased), Cedric Emmanuel, Jr. (deceased), and Andre.

He subsequently married Monica Robinson, and with her, he fathered two more children—Symenda and Cedric Oswald (deceased).

According to his children, Daddy Siddie greatly valued education and, like most parents of his generation, he made many sacrifices to ensure that his children acquired a good one. He was also described as a generous donor to his church, family and friends.

As an avid fan of Cricket, he enjoyed watching Test Match highlights and 20/20 international games, and this took up much of his spare time. Unsurprisingly, he would become an armchair expert of the game. “Lara can’t bat like Gary Sobers,” he would exclaim. “Sobers would make rings around him.” One would not win over him in such an argument. His only concession might be “You

have a point.”

He was blessed with a friendly attitude. To him, everyone was his friend. He will also be fondly remembered for his friendly discussions and keen sense of humour. He delighted in recounting stories of dancing with the top musical bands of yesteryear, Tom Charles’ Syncopators and Al Seales’ Washboards, at the renowned Tipperary Hall and Ebony Hall in Buxton. He was such a good bebop dancer that he earned the nickname “Bop Pele” around the village.

Daddy Siddie lived with a clear goal and the courage to succeed. In addition to his wife and surviving children, Mr. Dummett leaves to mourn his Sister, Claudette Dummett; Grandchildren—Ama, Nyasha, Ayanna, Oronde and Chisara London, Latoya Selby, Stacy, Jamal, Chelsea and Akil Dummett, and Shaquan; Son-in-law, Remington London; Nephew William Dummett and others.

TEACHER MARTIN’S SEA BURIAL

In keeping with his wishes, the ashes of the recently-departed “Teacher Martin” Stephenson were scattered around the Company Koker outlet at Buxton-Friendship seashore on 3rd July, 2011. This followed a day of sports, which included Cricket and Football matches, and a religious ceremony, presided over by Archbishop Cecil Mercurius. Buxton Pride Steel Orchestra provided the music. The event was held at the Buxton Ball Ground and also attended by relatives and close friends of the former teacher, attorney-at-law, and beloved son of the village. He died on 20th January, 2011 in Georgetown.



Archbishop Mercurius presiding over the ceremony before Teacher Martin’s ashes remains were scattered at sea.



Above, one of Teacher Martin’s many proteges and longtime friend, Wilfred Lee. He flew in from New York and, with Mercurius, scattered the ashes at sea.

THE LIFE & MEMORY OF WINIFRED SAM

Heaven welcomed its newest angel, Winifred Veronica James-Sam on July 13, 2011. She succumbed to a one-year journey with cancer at her New York residence, alongside her two sons, Damion and Dwight.

Winifred was born on August 1st, 1948 to Walter and Angelina “Rose” James, both now deceased, at Friendship Village, Guyana, South America. Immediately, she was given the nickname “Tiney”, symbolic of her premature birth. Yet “Tiney” would not be synonymous with her vocation. Instead, it became a household name among the many lives she graced since her early days in primary school.

As the news of Winifred’s passing spread throughout the community, her schoolmate Joy reflected on her gift of knowledge. Millicent remembers studying while her younger sister, Winifred, was simply gifted. Winifred obtained her primary education at St. Augustine’s Anglican School. She then attended County High School for her secondary education, and where she completed a General Certificate of Education with Advanced Levels. She began employment as a teacher with her Alma Mater, County High, in 1965. One of her students there, Eustace McDonald, would later become her Pastor in the US. After receiving a Diploma in Public Management, she embarked on a path in public governance at the Geology &

Mines Commission followed by the Guyana Forestry Commission. Her most extensive employment began in 1981 with Guyana Forestry Commission, where she was elevated to Administrative Manager, before retiring in the Year 2000.

Winifred courted and fell in love with Keith “Archie” Sam of Buxton Village. On January 7th, 1984, they were married at Trinity Methodist Church, Georgetown, Guyana. Winifred and Keith fulfilled 27 years of marriage built on a foundation of love and communion until her death parted them. Keith would often refer to Winifred as “the boss”. Their union brought forth Damion and Dwight Sam. She was a devoted mother to her sons. She taught them the importance of education, individual independence and, primarily, the value of family. As the member of a large family, Winifred cared for many of her nieces and nephews whose parents needed assistance for various reasons.

Her qualities were extended beyond the boundaries of her family. While all of her siblings were overseas, Winifred became a viable and active participant of service in her community. She was very involved with the Friendship Methodist Church in her hometown. Children in the village would often assist her with Saturday chores and receive hot meals, school books and any other necessities. She also studied Home Economics

at Carnegie School of Home Economics in Georgetown, which inspired creativity. Winifred diversified the animal husbandry business offered by the James family and entered newer product mar-

kets. Like her mom, “Rose”, the James-Sam home also remained a resource in the community for those who needed to bake bread, refrigerate their meat, and even for emotional support. Her nieces and nephews remember the superwoman she was: a professional suit by day, farmer and mother in the evening and weekends. Winifred was asked to be a Godparent to more than 20 children in Buxton, Guyana. Most naturally, many, including friends of Damion and Dwight, her nieces, nephews, godchildren, and even elders of the community, began to call her “Aunty Tiney”.

Following the death of her father, Winifred migrated to the United States, in Year 2000, to increase the amount of opportunities in education that were available to her sons. The transition did not alter her commitment to service and education. Winifred became an active member of BESAC, INC—Buxtonians for Social and Cultural Advancement of the Community. She was also a Board Member of the Zephyr Family Organization, dedicated to bridging relations between the older and younger genera-



tions of the family. She served the New York State Office of Court Administration for 11 years, and became prayer buddy to co-worker Valerie until her death.

Over time, she continued to take several enrichment courses, such as Computer Software and Cake Decorating. Again, she was known as “Aunty Tiney”, enticing the taste buds of anyone with her famous black-, fruit-, and sponge cake. She enjoyed cooking for every family occasion. She was also a very proud grandmother of Jeremiah. Of the many things to be said about Winifred, her family and others could attest to her ability to joke, laugh and smile, ever since she was a young child and even throughout her illness. Winifred was a charismatic Guyanese woman among the queen of queens.

Winifred is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Sarah; grandson, Jeremiah; siblings: Winston, Millicent, Wesley, Walter, jr. (Lloyd), Lensworth (Mikey), Pauline (Faye); numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR PLAYERS

Twelve senior members of Buxton Pride Steel Orchestra were selected for an intermediate training class at the Culture Ministry's headquarters located at Main & Quamina Streets in Georgetown. The programme, which has been sponsored by Republic Bank, aims to prepare these players to become trainers. According to Rollo Younge, manager of the Buxton steel orchestra, "Within the next year or so, Buxton can have its own trainer and will not have to depend on Georgetown for help. This has been a problem dating

back to the 50's."

The group, however, is appealing for financial help to assist with the cost of chartered transportation, which is costing them about GY\$10,000 (US\$50) a week.

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Some senior members of Buxton Pride Steel Orchestra who are taking an intermediate class at the Ministry of Culture in, Georgetown to become trainers.

Front Row: Evrol McPherson, Daniel Daly, Dexter Slowe, Denver McCaddy

Back Row: Derk Simon, Alexandria Clarke, Danette McCurchin, Vickesh Leroy, Ruth Abrams and Oneal Slowe.

NEW 4-LANE HIGHWAY THROUGH BUXTON

TO significantly reduce the traffic build-up along the East Coast corridor, Cabinet has approved the design for the preparatory work for the four-lane extension from Better Hope to Golden Grove, Head of the Presidential Secretariat Dr. Roger Luncheon told media opera-

tives yesterday during a post-Cabinet briefing. "The design reflected work by the Works Services group for the segment that extends from Better Hope to Buxton. Based on Cabinet's approval of the Better Hope to Buxton segment, approval was also given for public tendering for the lots which are from

Better Hope to Montrose and from Montrose to LBI," Dr. Luncheon said. The contract will be made available shortly on the e-procure website for tendering. The initial phase of work, which will cost the government approximately \$500M, will see works being undertaken from Plaisance/Better Hope,

eastward to Golden Grove, East Coast Demerara. The HPS added that the works will significantly reduce the traffic build-up along the coast, and will be contracted using public funds and overseen by the Ministry of Public Works.

Source: Guyana Chronicle 9 June, 2011

CHECK BLOOD PRESSURE & FLY TO GT FOR FREE

The Queen's College of Guyana Alumni Association in New York will be holding a free Blood Pressure Screening Clinic on Saturday, August 6, 2011, in memory of Buxtonian Sholto

Fox, who attended QC and was a recipient of the Buxton Scholarship.

Sholto collapsed and died suddenly on October 6, 2010 as a result of high blood pressure. He was 56 years old at the time.

Everyone who undergoes the screening will also get a chance to win a pair of round-trip Caribbean Airlines tickets for travel between New York and Guyana. Other attractive prizes include a treadmill, free 6-

month Gym membership and \$10 GT&T phone cards.

The event will be held at Rose Garden, 4224 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203, from 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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For more information, please contact

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In memory of Buxton Scholarship recipient and Queen's College alumnus, Orville Sholto Fox, born August 6, 1954, who died suddenly on October 6, 2010, as a result of massive complications caused by high blood pressure

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DAY & DATE	EVENT	VENUE	DETAILS	ORGANIZER(S)	CONTACT
July 24-August 1	Heritage Week Festival	Buxton-Friendship Guyana	Published on Page 9	Buxton Restoration Committee & Heritage Group	592-220-3411 592-274-0052 592-639-9035
July 30, 2011 Saturday	Caribana Dance	Toronto E. Masonic Temple 15 Chisholm Ave N of Danforth Ave W of Main St CANADA	Ticket: \$20	COTAB	905-791-3412 416-431-0273 416-752-4562 416-636-2961
August 6, 2011 Saturday 10:00 — 4:00	Sholto Fox Memorial Health Fair	ROSE GARDEN 4224 Church Ave Brooklyn, NY 11203, USA	FREE Blood Pressure Screening	QC Alumni Association	Lorna Campbell 718-342-0040
6 th August, 2011 Saturday 9:00 p.m.— 3:00 a.m.	Patronal Party & Emancipation Celebration	OASIS ACADEMY Shirley Road, London, England CR9 7A1	£ 10 (Ticket) <i>More at Door</i>	BAFUKA (Buxton & Friendship UK Association)	See Flyer on Previous Page
August 14, 2011 Sunday 1:00 — 7:00 p.m.	Family Fun Day	Green Meadows Park, Fligo Ave, Hyattsville, MD	Fun & Games start at 4:00 p.m.	CIMBUX, Inc.	240-508-6388 240-381-5190 240-601-3892
September 2, 2011 Friday	Pre-Labor Day Dance	Nazareth Hall Brooklyn, NY USA	De Untouchables DJ Cracker Jack \$25 (Ticket) More at Door	BESAC, INC.	718-843-3690 347-228-6939 917-648-8383 718-284-0911
9 th October, 2011 Sunday	FOOD FAYRE (2:00—7:00 p.m.) DANCE (7:00 — 10:00 p.m.)	St. Augustine's Church Hall Broadway Road Tooting SW17 London, England	£ 3 (Adult) Children Free Music by GT Promotion	BAFUKA (Buxton & Friendship UK Association)	

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