

# The Antigua and Barbuda High Commission Official Newsletter



**“Each Endeavouring all Achieving”**



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## National Honourees receive awards

For the more than 100 relatives and friends gathered under a flamboyant tree at Government House, to witness the investiture of 21 honourees, it was a signature moment.

Governor General Dame Louise Lake-Tack, decked in her official whites, and accompanied by her Deputy, Sir Eustace Francis, presided over the official ceremony.



**Sir Rupert Philo**

The award ceremony was the culmination of formalities began last year when the awardees were named on Independence Day.

Under the admiring gazes of family and friends, the honourees knelt in front of the Queen’s representative, were touched on both shoulders with the knighting sword and arose with their new titles.

Herald, Valerie Richards Burton, named the honourees which included three divisions; The Most Distinguished Order of the Nation, The Most Illustrious Order of Merit and The

Most Precious Order of Princely Heritage. The awards were established under National Honours Act of 1998.

“I think it is a very big honour and when you achieve something like this, you have to feel good,” Sir Eric Burton of Barbuda said in an interview with OBSERVER Media.

Burton, who was knighted for his service in politics, agriculture and the fishing industry, said he does not stand on ceremony, but recited the refrain of a song to express his emotions: “The good things you do, you don’t get credit. If you make a mistake nobody forget it’, but I think the well thinking



**Sir Eric Burton**

people look and see what you have done and because of that, I feel I was well honoured.”

This was indeed a fitting quote, as it was penned by Rupert “King Swallow” Philo, who was knighted alongside Sir Burton. “It was great; it’s good, lovely, a good feeling. I never dreamt of it, but it did happen,” Sir Rupert said after the ceremo-

ny, where he was honoured for his service to the arts in the form of Calypso.

“It happened and I am honoured to be amongst the knights.”

Sir Eric and Sir Rupert were the only awardees to be inducted as Knight Commanders of the Most Distinguished Order of the Nation.

Dr Philmore Benjamin and Paul Deeth Esquire were installed as Commanders of the Most Illustrious Order of Merit-CM. Vincent Edwards Esquire, Johnson G Harris Esquire, Joseph Hunte Esquire, Maisie Southwell, Nora David, Gwendolyn King-Richardson, Tyrone Mason Esquire, William A Lee Esquire, Ephraim L Gomes, Esquire and Camella Philip-Hodge were inducted as Officers of the Most Illustrious Order of Merit-OM.

Dr Patrick Thomas is now a Member of the Most Illustrious Order of Merit-MM.

Clarence E Edwards Esquire, Ivor Davis Esquire, and Ivan Scott Esquire, Egbert Joseph Esquire, Samuel Gordon Esquire and Sylvester Browne Esquire are Officers of the Most Precious Order of Princely Heritage-OH.

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20th July 2012

# High Commissioner's Message

## 'Reflections'



*His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG  
High Commissioner to the Court of St James's*

In my last message, I focused on Antigua and Barbuda's performance since Independence in 1981. While doing that however, I could not help but reflect on several key events taking place around me and the hectic plans being put in place to commemorate two significant milestones in the national lives of two of our Caribbean Neighbours.

The first event referred to above is the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, our reigning Monarch and the Head of State of Antigua and Barbuda. HRH Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne in 1952 following the death of her father, King George VI. The young monarch had to return to the UK to assume her duties and pledge her full support to promoting the unity of the Commonwealth of Nations which has now grown from its humble beginnings to an organisation of 54 Member States.

The programme to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the Realms had been long in the planning with High Commissioners in London. There were regular meetings with Palace Officials to ensure that an appropriate and fitting celebration of this special event included programmes across the Commonwealth and not just in the UK.

When one reflects on such a life of dedication one cannot but be impressed, nay perhaps I should say humbled by the conviction which prompted such devotion to her life-long promise. The dedication was not the only thing we can reflect on and show admiration for. During the last 60 years Her Majesty also recognised and accepted many changes which kept the Monarchy in step with the evolving society and endeared her to her subjects over which she held sway.

In 1992 the Queen offered to start paying Income and Capital Gains Tax. Her official residences were opened to the public. It is my belief these single acts alongside her new approach to public engagements drew her closer to citizens all across the world. These "walk outs", now the standard adopted by many members of the Royal Family, evidenced the resurgence of support and appreciation for her family and silenced many voices calling for radical change to her status.

No wonder there was so much public support for the programmes celebrating her Diamond Jubilee. The Pageant on the Thames, when nearly 1.2 million persons braved the weather to line the banks of the Thames River to see 1000 flotilla vessels and the Service at St Paul's Cathedral along with the Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace, the balcony appearance, the flypast and the Feu de Joie – well you had to be there to feel the joy and pride.

The concert with its host of world famous performers and the messages of greeting and congratulation read by Prince Charles, the crowd sending get well cheers to Prince Phillip who was at the time in hospital and finally the lighting display on Buckingham Palace. Extremely well done!! I reflect on the Queen's historical visit to Northern Ireland and her meeting with Sinn Fein's Mr McGuinness. It is my belief also that these motivating and uplifting celebrations buoyed many of the crowd who pushed the UK team to perform at their best at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

The celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee were not limited to the UK. Members of the Royal Family spread out across the Realms to take part in various celebrations. In Antigua and Barbuda the Earl and the Countess of Wessex represented the Queen. They arrived on the 6<sup>th</sup> March aboard the Motor Yacht Leander and spent two glorious days during which there were the usual inspection of the Guard of Honour, tour of Nelson's Dockyard Museum, courtesy visits to Mount St John Medical Centre (children's ward), Princess Margaret School, The St John's Cathedral, two lunches and a State Dinner. Similar programmes, as in the UK, took place in Antigua and Barbuda - the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon, Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving and the Recognition of 50 worthy Antiguan and Barbudan citizens with the Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Immediately following the event in Antigua and Barbuda, the Governor General Dame Louise Lake –Tack GCMG DCN DstJ travelled to the UK in acceptance of the invitation from the Palace to be part of the celebrations here. The Governor General and Mrs Roberts and I were present at the Thames Diamond Jubilee River Pageant, the service at St Paul's Cathedral and the Concert at Buckingham Palace.

We were all in a celebratory mood, but we recognised that other celebrations of a similar historical significance were yet to come. Two Caribbean countries, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago opened their year-long celebrations with Jamaica 50 UK at "Jamaica House" at the O2 and Trinidad and Tobago's Cultural Village at the Tricycle Theatre on Kilburn High Road in London.

"On behalf of the staff of the High Commission here in the UK and Antigua and Barbudan community it gives me great pleasure to extend to both of our Country's neighbours hearty congratulations on the achievements of 50 years as a Sovereign Nation. It is indeed an honour to be able to share in their joy and sense of pride and I extend on behalf of all Antigua and Barbuda citizens, friends of Antigua and Barbuda the staff and the family of the High Commissioner best wishes for the future. May the blessing of the Almighty we serve, unite and preserve us all now and in the future".

I end this message with the best of moods having reflected on the many positives I have been privileged to enjoy over the past months.

**His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG**

*High Commissioner*

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## Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Antigua and Barbuda was represented at Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations by Her Excellency Dame Louise Lake-Tack, GCMG, DStJ, Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda, His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner and Mrs Pauline Roberts, spouse of His Excellency. Below is the Official Programme of Events



### The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - The Central Weekend

Saturday 2nd June 2012 to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The Central Weekend to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee culminated in a Ceremonial Day which included a service at St Paul's and a balcony appearance at Buckingham Palace

#### Saturday 2nd June, 2012

The Queen attended the Epsom Derby

#### Sunday 3 June, 2012

*The Big Jubilee Lunch:* Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people were encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

*The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant:* This event took place on the Thames and consisted of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh travelled in the Royal Barge which formed the centrepiece of the flotilla.

#### Monday 4 June, 2012

*BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace:* A host of famous faces came together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee against the backdrop of Buckingham Palace..

*The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons:* A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

#### Tuesday 5 June, 2012

On Tuesday 5 June, the Diamond Jubilee weekend culminated with a day of celebrations in central London, including a service at St Paul's Cathedral followed by two receptions, a lunch at Westminster Hall, a Carriage Procession to Buckingham Palace and finally a Balcony appearance, Flypast, and Feu de Joie.

## Below are some photographs taken during The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant



See above Left to Right: Reception at Lancaster House, London: Governor Generals: Sir Patrick Linton Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, Jamaica, Her Excellency Dame Louise Lake-Tack, GCMG, Antigua and Barbuda and Her Excellency Dame Pearlette Louisy, GCMG, St Lucia. Also pictured above: His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner and Mr Geoffrey Tack, son of Her Excellency Dame Louise Lake-Tack



Her Excellency Dame Louise Lake-Tack, GCMG, Governor-General aboard the Barge at The Thames Jubilee Pageant



His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner on Barge at Pageant



Antigua and Barbuda's flag flying on Flotilla during Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant



Mrs Pauline Roberts, wife of His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, on Barge at Pageant

### Antigua and Barbuda Nationals sing on 'Jubilant Choir'

Antonio Joseph, Keith Coates and Ulston Richards, all members of the Antigua and Barbuda National Association Choir, took part in the 'Thames River Pageant Flotilla' on 3<sup>rd</sup> of June as part of 'The Jubilant Commonwealth Choir' specially brought together for the occasion of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee. The choir consisted of representatives of the fifty-three strong commonwealth under the direction of Mary King and Orlando Gough and organised by Janet Waugh of 'Home Live art'.

Keith Coates described the day 'as an experience that he will always treas-



Seen above: Keith Coates (left), Antonio Joseph (middle) and Ulston Richards (right) of the ABNA Choir

ure, it was an enjoyable day and a pleasure to mix with so many different nationalities'.

Ulston Richards Choirmaster of the ABNA Choir described the day as 'cold and wet but it was still a joy to be able to sing as part of the choir

and to know that the organisers themselves thoroughly enjoyed it and agreed to stay in touch with everyone'.

Members of the choir were required to learn all their words by memory which included Gaelic tongue twisters. Despite the typical British weather the Choir performed well and continued singing with the knowledge that they were representing their fellow country men and women.

Mr Ulston Richards is Choirmaster ABNA Choir, and Membership Secretary, Mr Keith Coates, Additional Officer Antigua and Barbuda Association London (ABNA) and Mr Antonio Joseph, an Intern at Antigua and Barbuda High Commission London.

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## Sir Vivian Richards, talks to UK press about his love for Antigua and Barbuda

hero such as Sir Vivian Richards over, presented the ideal platform for us to gain media attention and promote Antigua and Barbuda, and

spent viewing cricket matches from treetops outside the Antigua Recreation Grounds.



Seen above from left to right: Mr Hilary Modeste, Director of Tourism UK/Europe, His Excellency Dr Carl Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner to the Court of St James's UK, Sir Vivian Richards, Antigua and Barbuda Sports Ambassador and Mr Andrew Preston, Journalist, Mail on Sunday

The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, recently gave members of the British press, a once in a lifetime opportunity, to breakfast with West Indies cricketing legend, Sir Vivian Richards.

Hilary Modeste UK and Europe Director of Tourism said "Our June press breakfast was perfectly timed to coincide with the West Indies Tour of England.

Cricket is currently foremost in the minds of the British sporting public and having a well-respected sporting

cricket in the destination."

The Antigua and Barbuda cricketing icon spent the early hours of the morning addressing questions from a select audience of thirteen journalists. The journalists, represented media houses such as the Daily Telegraph, Destination of the World News, Mail on Sunday, Men's Health as well as the British Guild of Travel Writers.

Rather than focus on the cricket being played, Richards, who is also an Antigua and Barbuda sports tourism ambassador, engaged the journalists with tales of his childhood

He shared stories of playing cricket on his favourite beach, made mention of his top hang-out spots and eating places in Antigua, and spoke of the country's national dishes. Following the two-hour breakfast question and answer, Richards interacted with some of the journalists on a one-on-one interview basis, and autographed Antigua and Barbuda branded cricket bats.

The cricketing icon later appeared on cricket show "Cricket AM". Cricket AM airs every Saturday on Sky Sports. The Sky Sports network appeals to mostly an ABC audience and has a monthly reach of 1 million individuals. In a ten-minute televised interview airing at peak time, Richards, spoke about his love for Antigua and Barbuda, as well as his impressions of the current cricket test match.

Viewers tuning in, shared their thoughts of the interview via Twitter, with one viewer tweeting, "Sir Vivian Richards on Cricket AM...the best of the best. #MasterBlaster." Other viewers shared the same sentiment tweeting "Sir Viv on Cricket Am, a cricket god and legend and genesis all in one!!" and "Great show today Viv was an absolute legend!"

Richards appearance on the show, was promoted weeks before the event, with promos on the Sky sports website also giving mention to Antigua and Barbuda as a destination.

8th June 2012  
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July 28th to August 7th

## Congratulations to Justin Thomas

From a young age Justin Thomas wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father (Andrew Thomas) in becoming a Fire Fighter as the courageous, hardworking and benevolent attitude of Fire Fighters inspired him and heightened his desire to serve and be a great benefit to his communities. Despite this love for Fire Fighting, Justin was well aware of the strict criteria needed to join the London Fire Brigade and, as a result, wanted to further his education to back up and strengthen his ambitions further.

He attended college for three years studying Business Studies before venturing on to study Accounting and Finance at De Montfort University in Leicester where he gained a degree as well as numerous life-skills through his new found independence. After studying Justin was keen to work, whether it was related to what he had been studying or not and after a series of odd jobs, including interior and exterior decorating and gardening. Three months after leaving University Justin applied for the position of Receptionist and Administration Assistant at the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission. Justin was overwhelmed to secure this position not to mention his families delight. Where he was taken under the

wing of the team who showed him outstanding qualities which kept him grounded at all times, educating him to be able to network with people of all levels. Justin worked at the High Commission for 2 years before deciding to follow his dream of becoming a Fire Fighter.

After successfully completing a series of varied tasks and interviews as part of the London Fire Brigade application process, Justin became one step closer to his dream and began 17 weeks of intense, strenuous but enjoyable training.



*Justin Thomas in fire fighting uniform*

Over these 17 weeks he became trained in First Aid, all forms of Fire Safety and working as a team, as well as, forming great friendships with his peers and a greater appreciation for Emergency Services and all that they do. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012, Justin became an official Fire Fighter, a day which was celebrated by many of his family and friends who came to see his Passing-Out Ceremony at South-

wark Training Centre (where he had completed the large majority of his training). The Ceremony was followed by a drill, where the newly qualified Fire-fighters showed spectators a small part of what they had learnt in a mock fire, which was greatly entertaining and gave family and friends an insight into what Justin would now be doing as a Fire Fighter and, also, how much he had learnt.

After a well-deserved week off, Justin started his first shift at Homerton Fire Station and loved every moment of becoming more familiar with his new “home” and “family” and soon realised there was still a lot to be learnt about his new career which couldn’t be taught at training school.

After just over a month of being a Fire Fighter, Justin remains enthusiastic and knows that his hard work and perseverance has ultimately paid off as he absolutely loves his new occupation and is extremely proud to be able to say he reached his childhood dream of becoming a Fire Fighter. **(written by Andrea Thomas Justin's sister)**

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***His Excellency the High Commissioner Dr Carl Roberts, CMG, Mrs Pauline Roberts and staff at the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission congratulate Justin on his achievement and wish him continued success. His parents Dawn and Andrew must be very proud.***

## Antiguan is Mayor of Luton, UK



Antiguan born, Councillor Sydney Knight, took up duties as Mayor of Luton, in the United Kingdom, on May 15th 2012, twelve days after his 69th birthday. The ceremony for his investiture took place on May 23rd. Knight, who grew up in Antigua, is the son of the late Felix and

Ethelinda Knight, who last resided in Otto's. He left Antigua in 1966, in his mid twenties, for London, where his maternal grandmother lived.

Before leaving, he was a tailor at Lord's Tailor Shop, and also worked at the General Post Office. He continued his education in London, while working there for British Rails, and his articulate nature and leadership qualities soon made him a shop steward. In 1991, he became Councillor Syd Knight, winning a seat on the Local Government Council in Sundon Park, Luton, as a British Labour Party Member, and served as an executive member of that council until 2003, when he lost his seat. Eight

years later, in the last election, he regained his seat, capturing the largest number of votes cast for any candidate. He was on his way to the mayor's seat, and now he sits in it. Councillor Mayor Syd Knight is the second of six siblings, the youngest two of whom, retired school teacher Alice Knight, and prominent physician, Dr James Knight, reside in Antigua. He is married to Rose Knight, originally from St Kitts, and has three children and three grandchildren. Respect and congratulations to Councillor Knight in becoming Mayor of Luton, United Kingdom. It is an accomplishment for which he deserves. 25th June 2012



## Antigua and Barbuda participated in the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics

### National Olympic Team Announced



The National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Antigua and Barbuda has formally announced the team that will represent the country at the Summer Olympic Games in London, England which runs from July 27 to August 12.

Chef de Mission Neville Fenton will head the delegation. Fenton comes with a wealth of experience. He presently heads the Antigua and Barbuda Rifle Association and also holds the position of NOC treasurer.

He is amongst the few persons on island over the past eight years that developed the experience to serve in such capacity.

He first served as Chef de Mission at the 2007 Pan American Games in Brazil, and 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India.

He will be assisted by NOC executive member and president of Antigua and Barbuda Tennis Association, Cordell Williams, who will serve in the capacity of administrative assistant.

The management of the Olympics team is complemented with the expertise of a team doctor, president of the Sports Medicine Association, president of National Anti-Doping Agency and board member of the Regional Anti-Doping Agency, Dr Philmore Benjamin.

Five athletes will represent the country in two disciplines - athletics and swimming. Antigua and Barbuda's best opportunity at the Games may come from Daniel "Bakka" Bailey. He will represent his nation in the Games' flagship event, the 100 metres. Although no official decision has been made, Bailey could most likely be Antigua and Barbuda's flag bearer during the opening ceremony.

Brendon Christian will represent at his third Games as he qualified for the 200 metres. The former Pan American champion was also considered to be the flag bearer, but the consideration was thrown out after the US-based athlete stuck to his philosophy of attending the Games only a few days before his event.

The country's 200m specialist is confident that he will have a great performance at the Games. US-based Afia Charles will compete at her first Olympics in the 400 metres track event. The daughter of Antigua and Barbuda's former track & field star, Repurta Charles, represented our nation at the Carifta level where she won bronze for our nation.

Charles was awarded the opportunity through the IOC Universality Places, utilizing the unqualified female spot in athletics. The young University of Central Florida athlete is expected to travel with the team and participate in the opening ceremony.

Calvin Greenaway is the manager of the athletics team. He is expected to manage the athletes, register the athletes in their events, execute their final training programme, and attend the London Olympics IAAF technical meetings.

Karin Clashing is one of two athletes who will compete in swimming. She represented the nation in 2011 at the 14th World Championships in Shanghai, China. This made her eligible and

awarded her a Universality Place at the London Olympics.

Clashing will compete in the 50 metres freestyle event. On July 17, FINA informed the NOC of the approval of the Olympic Solidarity Scholarship holder, Orel Jeffery, to compete at the Games.

Jeffery received a Universality Place in the Additional Places category and will compete in the 50 metres freestyle.

He also competed at the 14th World Championships in Shanghai and was submitted along with Clashing for approval to compete at the London Games. Due to the numbers allocated to FINA in the Olympic village, FINA only granted one spot. However, after FINA completed issuing spots to their member nations, additional spots became available.

Edith Clashing will serve as team manager of the swimmers. The Antigua and Barbuda contingent will also comprise NOC President Senator EP "Chet" Greene and Secretary General Cliff Williams, both of whom accepted the usual special invitation to attend the Games as part of the Olympic Family. The Olympic Family comprises mostly presidents and secretaries general.

Senator Winston Williams will also be in attendance. The IOC recognizes the minister of sports as well as the head of government as the two government representatives to attend the Games.

Joel Rayne, who is also an executive member of the NOC, will also be in London representing local media. The team is expected to leave Antigua on Tuesday, July 24.

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19th July 2012



## "Reg" Cornelius, Uncle Reg, Godfather Reg"

It is with profound sadness that we received news of the death of Mr Lawrence Sylvester Cornelius fondly also known as "Reg". The Funeral of Reg Cornelius (a.k.a Lord Hawk of Antigua and Barbuda) took place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012 1.30pm at St. James the Great Church, Lower Clapton, London E5 8EG, Internment: City of London Cemetery, Aldersbrook Road, London E12 5DQ

May his Soul Rest in Peace. His Excellency Dr Carl B W Roberts, CMG, High Commissioner, Mrs Pauline Roberts, spouse and the staff at the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission extend their deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

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### "A Tribute to "Reg" by Dawn Thomas

Lawrence Sylvester Cornelius

Sunrise 21<sup>st</sup> January 1937 - Sunset 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012

*In 20 days' time 46 years ago England beat Germany in the world Cup - 46 years ago I met Uncle Reg for the first time. After listening to the match with Daddy on the radio they came to North Middlesex Hospital to visit me and Mummy.*

*My Godfather, Uncle Reg made a big impression on me over the years. He was always at our family events and spent most of his weekends with Daddy and others having a good long drinking session talking about cricket and back home stories - the smallest person in the room but the biggest vocals you can imagine.*

*Uncle Reg used to give me a little shot of Cherry B from a thimble glass when no one was looking and if he got caught he would say the glass slip.*

*Years ago we went to Somerset to watch Cricket and on the journey down Mummy had made some 'fry' dumplings. By the time we arrived they were finished. Uncle Reg ate the lot and turned and said "A Na me a Darn". (Dawn)*

*Uncle Reg kept a watchful eye on me even in my adult years. My first day at Primary school someone stole my Blue Anorak. When he was told the news he wanted to deal with the Culprit himself!*

*Through my college days he would say you are now entering into Adult hood. he day I got married to Andrew he said "my duty as a Godfather is now over go and enjoy your life".*

*He was a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend*

*Uncle Reg enjoyed his life, you will never be forgotten and truly missed.*

**45th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving**  
**Antigua and Barbuda National Association London (ABNA)**  
**Sunday 24th June 2012**

On Sunday 24th June 2012, Antigua and Barbuda National Association London (ABNA) celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Association was founded. There were musical renditions of poems, passage of scriptures were read and reflections from several members on what the Association meant, especially as a national in a foreign country (UK). The service was attended by His Excellency the High Commissioner Dr Carl Roberts, CMG, Mrs Pauline Roberts, spouse of His Excellency, Mrs Althea Vanderpoole Banahene, Minister-Counsellor, Antigua and Barbuda High Commission and Miss Cherrie Osborne, Marketing and Administration Manager, Antigua and Barbuda the Tourism Authority.

Below is a piece entitled 'Looking Back over 45 years' written by Mrs Dawn Thomas, currently ABNA's Youth Officer who, at the service, reflected on her memories of the Association through her own eyes as a child. . . . .

**Looking back over 45  
years**  
(Mrs Dawn Thomas)

*“I miss the characters of Ishmael, Barthley, Randolph and Undeen these were people among others who I grew up with and called Uncle and Auntie along with most of you here today. Many vibrant characters who were members of the Association have either returned back to the sunny islands of Antigua and Barbuda or have passed on to meet our maker.*

*We have all travelled on many coach trips with the Association, the general meeting points of Clapton Pond, Bakers Arms and Princess Alice. I had never seen so many corn beef sandwiches, Fried Chicken, and of course my all-time favourite Fried Dumplings, Johnny Cakes to some.*

*It was customary to wait for at least an hour if you knew that families were on their way, as we never wanted to leave anyone behind. This is when people would be kissing their teeth (chupsing in other words through vexation).*

*But as soon as the doors were closed everyone would be laughing and smiling.*

*Our infamous fun days were the equivalent of the beach picnic back home.*

*Now this is an event when women*

*would turn out in their large brimmed straw hats and pretty floral dresses, Picnic hampers and Ice Coolers, Children and grandchildren straggling behind and waving to friends ahead. Everyone would try their best to congregate under the big tree....*

*Now here comes the Antigua Cavaliers – the Cricketers in their gleaming whites. The bowler rubbing that gleaming shiny red ball, against his crease of his white trousers.*

*Mr Ronald Joseph and Mr Gilbert Barthley standing behind the stumps umpiring, to be honest I was never really sure if they knew what they were doing. Cricket, Lovely Cricket.*

*But you knew the day would end with roars of laughter and bruises from the great game of Tug of War where all ages would participate.*

*We move onto the Annual Dances which started at the Lyceum Hall in Central London Lyrex Dresses, immaculate pressed hair with curls, and kitten heels for the women, Sharp well fitted suits and long pointed shoes and of course their felt hats for the men. Dancing to the Music of the Lord Kitchener, Mighty Sparrow and fellow Calypsonians of the Caribbean.*

*Our Independence Services led by the Association Choir, true dedicated sing-*

*ers still with us today, but remembering the characters of Vernie, Lola, Jean, Ishmael and Earl. So many years of sheer dedication, from the Church Committee, what springs to mind the most is Mrs Manner's glorious hats which everyone admired.*

*Last but not least our Impromptu Concerts and that says it all good and bad jokes ones you never understood. Christmas Hymns sung, off beat, in time, untimed but no matter what guaranteed interruptions from Reg Cornelius and Fayne from the Back of the hall with the President in the front trying hard to keep everything in order.*

*But you and I know that the best thing of all was when dishes of Ducana, Saltfish, Choba, Rum cake, glasses of Sorrell and Ginger beer would be passed around the hall, **you could always smell it but never saw it “Mr Cavalier Rum.”***

*There is no doubt in my mind along with the current Executive members with us today, that what I have just read to you makes us unique, this is what makes us come together. We are all here today proud to be associated with the Antigua and Barbuda National Association London 45 years of serving the local communities”.*

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## Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mourns

"It is with profound sadness that we received news of the death of Mr John R Anjo III of the John and Francis Anjo Group of Companies.

In 1965, Mr Anjo served as the 7th President of the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd. He was well respected and shrewd businessman. His kindness and compassion extended to many persons from all walks of life. We will always remember his place of business on High Street, serving the many customers seeking fine quality fishing tackle and snorkelling gear, cigarettes, watches, gift items toiletries, and of course friendly insurance service. His quiet demeanour and professionalism are qualities which still influence the staff of the Anjo Group of Companies.

May the Soul of John R Anjo III, rest in peace. The Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the President Officers and Members extends its deepest sympathy to his family".

### Rupert Scotland the Cricket Legend Passes



Cricket legend Rupert Scotland has died following a long bout with illness.

The former St George's Cup Match star died on June 7 at age 74, a family member confirmed.

Scotland was born in Antigua and eventually moved to Bermuda in the late 1950s.

Throughout his sparkling career Scotland dazzled fans with his brilliant strokeplay as a top order batsman and expert fielding either in the covers or in the slips for both club and country.

During the 1974 Cup Match classic at Somerset Cricket Club, Scotland and Lee Raynor produced a record and unbroken 229-run, sixth-wicket stand that has yet to be bettered.

Scotland remained unbeaten on 120 while Raynor carried his bat for 100

runs in the drawn match.

"Something like that only happens every so often and it was just a pleasure to bat with him," Raynor recalled.

"Batting with him made the game real easy, he put you in a different zone." After hanging up his cricket gear, Scotland earned the distinction of being the first manager appointed to a local World Cup qualifying squad.

The late cricketer is the father of former St George's and Western Stars cricketer, cricket commentator and businessman Cleon Scotland. *(Bermuda Royal Gazette)*

11th June 2012  
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## REMINDER NOTICE

**PLEASE APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A NEW CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA MACHINE READABLE PASSPORT.**

**APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HIGH COMMISSION BY TELEPHONING 020 7258 0070 OR DOWNLOADED FROM WEBSITE: [www.antigua-barbuda.com](http://www.antigua-barbuda.com)**



New Style Caribbean Community Antigua and Barbuda Passport

## Antigua and Barbuda at 2012 World Expo Korea



2012's World Expo was in full swing, and millions of visitors were being exposed to the twin island state, many for the first time.

Expo 2012, under the theme the living ocean and coast, sought to be an opportunity for the international community to clearly understand the role of the ocean and coast as well as the challenges facing humanity caused by reckless development along coastal areas and the indiscriminate use of marine resources.

Commissioner of Section of Antigua and Barbuda, Ms Madeline Blackman comments that "through the support of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and that of the Republic of Korea, that thus far, the public's response to the country's representation has been admirable. She further commented that "through participation, Antigua and Barbuda has favourably positioned itself to potentially attract opportunities for business and investments interests, and conservation assistance. Antigua and Barbuda's

participation will raise awareness of its profile as a ship registry jurisdiction especially since South Korea is reputed to be one of the largest ship building nations in the world. We also intend to share with the people of the world our culture and way of life, especially during our planned Regional Day, when CARICOM participating countries will come together to produce a combined regional day for visiting CARICOM countries' dignitaries, Korean dignitaries and EXPO goers."

To ensure maximum exposure, the Expo Organizing Committee conducted a short Korean language training course for representatives of various countries. This training in basic Korean has been beneficial in allowing for some measure of communication with the large number of Korean speaking visitors.

The World Expo 2012 runs from May 12 to August 12, 2012. Patrons overseas are able to engage in the cyber expo experience by visiting <http://eng.expo2012.kr>

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### Internship Programme Antigua and Barbuda High Commission

The High Commission for Antigua and Barbuda is offering two internship positions for students of Antigua and Barbuda origin who wish to achieve an understanding of the functions and role of the High Commission in the UK and to develop their own knowledge and skills in the processes specific to the High

Commission (that is passport, visa, international relations, administrative). The programme is suitable to a student currently enrolled in a first degree programme or equivalent and is available initially for a three-month period (during term time) and involves some research on issues affecting Antigua and Barbuda, any news items that may be of relevance to the work of the High Commission, research articles for the bi-monthly newsletter for items that may be of interest to our nationals in the UK,, handle general enquiries about Antigua and Barbuda and assist in building a database of nationals in the UK .

Internship programmes are not paid positions. Assistance with the cost of travel for those interns based in London will be covered by the High Commission. Should you wish to apply please send a covering letter with a CV to His Excellency The High Commissioner expressing your interest and your area of study and provide an idea of what you wish to achieve during your term as an intern at the High Commission.

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