

Caribbean National Heroes and Independence Celebrations in Northern Ireland

30 October 2010

Glengormley, NORTHERN IRELAND: Caribbean Nationals, invited guests and dignitaries gathered to commemorate Jamaican National Heroes Day and St. Vincent and the Grenadines 31st Independence Day at Glengormley Integrated Primary School.

The evening featured a historical presentation on Jamaica's National Heroes (Paul Bogle, George William Gordon, Nanny, Samuel Sharpe, Sir Alexander Bustamante, Norman Manley and Marcus Garvey) by Paul Brown; a tribute to the late Barbadian Prime Minister - Hon. David Thompson by Philip Robinson; and a Vincentian Independence address, including St. Vincent and the Grenadines Paramount National Hero - Callinago Chief Joseph Chatoyer by Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland.



L to R:

Shannon-George McKee, Grace McArevey with Baby Faith Brown, Ruth Brown, Paul C. Brown, Philip Robinson, Omal Elliott, Tyrone McKee, Clover Watts-Kerr, Joshua-James McKee, Dr Christopher Stange - Hon. Consul of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland, Andrea Baker, Raquel McKee

Andrea Baker was the Master of Ceremonies and Caribbean folk songs and poetry were performed by Clover Watts-Kerr, Raquel McKee and Paul Browne with a banquet of food, beverages and sweets from the various Caribbean countries.

The event was organised to mobilise the Caribbean Diaspora in Northern Ireland as it has grown considerably in the past years with discussion of the intention of forming a West Indies Association in Northern Ireland (WIANI), to cater for, better link, and represent our community in Northern Ireland.

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