

## WILLIAMS PRAISES ROXBOROUGH POLICE YOUTH CLUB

Acting Commissioner of Police Stephen Williams showered praises on Roxborough Youth Club on Sunday (May 25) during its 25th anniversary celebrations, describing it as a model for other organisations to follow.

The Trinidad and Tobago top cop said: “From a policing perspective we concentrate on areas with the highest number of crimes and we speak about Scarborough, Old Grange, Crown Point.

“I am sure the (club’s) work with young people, 25 years of investment, would have seen young persons being shaped and sent in the right direction.”

Collis Hazel, who founded the club, recounted some of the changes at the organisation.

“After 25 years of triumph and consistent meaningful activity that has impacted the lives and livelihood of 22 per cent of the population, the Roxborough Police Youth Club must justifiably be proud,” Hazel said.

“In fact, this organisation can now be perceived as not only a Police Youth Club but rather (as having) an organisation status—as an entrepreneur, a skills bank, an icon among services organisations in the country, and even the region.”

## EARLY START TO TOBAGO HERITAGE FESTIVAL



Dancers relive the 1876 Belmanna Riots during a stage production at the Cyd Gray Complex, Roxborough, part of the 2014 Tobago Heritage Festival celebrations. The 2015 edition of the annual event commences this Thursday (May 28).

For the 28th year running, the Tobago Heritage Festival will showcase the colour, talent and creativity for which this island is known. This is the third and final year the event will be hosted under the

Community Treasures trilogy, themed “Recognition”.

This year, the festival will highlight some of the pioneers of Tobago’s culture. Activities begin on Thursday (May 28) at Fort King George, and will feature

four historical landmarks: the Powder Magazine and Bell Tank, the Old Administrative Building, the Lighthouse and the Museum from 10 a.m.

Thursday’s celebrations will continue in the evening from 5 p.m., with a Night Market and Craft Fair planned and the viewing of the movie 1677. Patrons will be treated to a guided tour and entertainment. On Friday (May 29), celebrations shift

to the Market Square Car Park in Scarborough, with a food fair that begins at 11 a.m.

James Park will also host a reel dance event from 4 p.m. on Friday, which will be followed by a street parade along Main and Carriington Streets to Wilson Road. The parade will then head to the Market Square Car Park for a stream of cultural performances.

## LOCAL GROUPS FOR UNDP KNOWLEDGE FAIR

Five local environmental groups will be part of the United Nations Development Programme’s Knowledge Fair in Trinidad on Thursday and Friday (May 28-29).

The groups are the Parlatuvier Village Council, Environment Tobago, the South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA), the North East Sea Turtles (NEST) organisation and the Environmental Research Institute Char-

lotteville (ERIC). The groups are being funded by the United Nations’ Global Environment Facility (GEF) Programme. Former chairperson of the GEF steering committee Grace Talma said the fund will assist communities in developing and implementing projects that support environmental sustainability.

Talma added: “We are ensuring that (the environmental groups in the region) come together to

share and showcase what they’ve been doing, as well as network with other key people in the particular area of environment protection.

“Some would be lecturers, some would be best practices who have carried out a number of projects, not only locally but regionally and they can get into workshops and learn a lot from the rest of the world.”