

# TOBAGO'S HERITAGE ON DISPLAY

**W**ant to take a walk through history? That's what the Scarborough Library Facility is asking residents and visitors to do with its Tobago Folk Museum.

The museum contains artefacts and information that present a picture of how Tobagonians lived in the past, the foods they ate, and their cultural practices

and traditions. Head coordinator of the museum Sherwin Cunningham said the display touches on farine making, homemade ice cream, and even the old way of communication.

"You know, now everybody has a cell phone, every little child," Cunningham said. "Back then we had two tin cups on a string, long miles, and we used to

talk and communicate like that."

Mr. Small believes this exhibit will help preserve the island's culture, and will demonstrate how far Tobago has come.

"It's a mode of cultural transmission the young can get those traditional beliefs, culture of Tobagonians," Cunningham said. "If we don't have these sorts of artefacts, you realise the culture will go."



**TOBAGO TRADITION:** THA Chief Secretary Orville London takes a turn at parching farine at the Tobago Folk Museum yesterday (July 26, 2016) at the Scarborough Library Facility.

## TOBAGO CONSULTATIONS ON MARRIAGE ACT SET FOR FRIDAY

**T**obago has the opportunity to be a part of the discussions about changing the age of marriage.

On Friday (July 29), the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs is hosting a public consultation on the issue at the Magdalena Grand Beach and Golf Resort for teenagers and adults.

Currently, on religious grounds, girls can be married as young as 12, and boys, 14.

Recently, there has been significant public outcry over the issue. Now, the Marriage Act of Trinidad and Tobago is being reviewed to determine the most suitable age for marriage. Tobagonians are being asked to come out and have their say on this issue.

## CALDER HALL WANTS CLOSER TIES WITH POLICE

**A** closer connection between Calder Hall residents and the police will make a community policing more effective.

That's the view of resident Shawn Stewart, who says although the police are doing their best to protect and serve Tobago, there is a disconnect with the community. He wants this to change.

"With regards to community policing, I don't think it's a 100 per cent working," Stewart said during last week's police town meeting in the district.

"It's too disconnected. I think the police officers need to be a bit more in touch with the people of the community."

Acting Inspector Turner said the police are working to build closer ties with the communities in Trinidad and Tobago.

"We have station council once a month," the officer said, and we try to meet with as much people from the community as possible...Now that you are interested, I'm glad to have you on board."

Turner also said better communication between the police and residents will create closer ties between the police and the public.