

“The harmonisation of Afrikans in the Diaspora and continental Afrika is a complex one given the 400 years and more of slavery and colonial exploitation. We have been taught that Afrika is a primitive, backward and uncivilised etc by the Western world and we should have nothing to do with it. While on the continent the Afrikans have been told that we are the sons and daughters of slaves and are less than they are! This divide and rule concept practice has been very effective because it has become institutionalised in the church, government, the judiciary, Militia, the education, social and economic systems of the western so called new world of which we are all victims. The transatlantic slave trade remains man’s greatest inhumanity to man in human history. The disturbed spirits of the ancestors are watching us and assisting us in our restoration and restitution”.

Quote from a paper submitted by Tony Cheeseman to a reparations conference in Accra Ghana 2006

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# **Commemorating Tony Cheeseman on Emancipation Day**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2010

5.00pm to 10.00 pm

**Newham African Caribbean Resource Centre,  
627 - 633 Barking Road, E13 9EZ**



**CHARLES ANTHONY CHEESEMAN**

**17<sup>th</sup> November 1944 – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009**

“The events that transpired five thousand years ago; five years ago or five minutes ago, have determined what will happen five minutes from now. All history is a current event.”

Dr John Henrick Clarke

# FOREWORD

Our Brother and Friend Tony Cheeseman passed one year ago on the day when many former British colonies in the Caribbean celebrate Emancipation Day. In March 2010, the Newham Association of Prostate Awareness (APA) formed a sub committee to commemorate his life. This is the second of three events planned by the committee. The first was held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and focused on health and heritage concluding with the inaugural Tony Cheeseman lecture delivered by Bro Cecil Gutzmore. The third event is planned for November 2010 and will promote women's health and family wellbeing. It will honour two of our outstanding community workers the late Valerie Forde and Betty Carter. The event will also launch stage 1 of "The Resilience of African Caribbean Communities in Newham" exhibition.

As we remember Tony on Emancipation Day it is important to remind our selves why. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 Trinidad and Tobago became the first country in the world to declare a national holiday to commemorate the abolition of slavery. The abolition of slavery came about from the Emancipation Bill which was presented in the British Parliament by Thomas Buxton in 1833 and the Act came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1834. On that day throughout the British Caribbean, enslaved Africans felt they would be free to do as they pleased. However, that was not to be, as amidst the joy and celebration the news came that full freedom would not be granted immediately, but that ex-slaves would be apprenticed to their former master for a minimum of four (4) years. Thus a period of 'apprenticeship' was put in place to bridge the gap between slavery and complete freedom. Tony Cheeseman would ask the question are we free and echo the words of Bob Marley "we still need to free ourselves from mental slavery." He would also quote the great Marcus Mosiah Garvey to remind us that unity is strength and if we don't organise, we will perish.

It is right that we celebrate Tony's life for the contribution he made to African people worldwide and to recognise his work in Newham.

May his memory live on.

APA Tony Cheeseman commemorative sub committee

# PROGRAMME

- 5.00- 5.30pm Reception
- 5.30pm Welcome by Ronald Reid Chair of APA  
Introduction to MCs Rosemary Jones & Lew Boyce  
Libation led by Sis Oskala  
Drumming by Muma 'Di' Camari & family  
Performance by Young & Gifted choir  
John McAnuff "Macemas EP launch of Jumiekan Langwij in London"
- Tributes**  
Guest Speaker – Bro Trevor Hakim
- 7pm - 7.15pm Break
- 7.15pm Panologist Aubrey Brian & musical friends  
Roy Hayde – Poetry  
Nailah Cumberbatch - Poetry  
Special Tribute from Trevor Murrell  
Paul Obinna's - History Timeline tribute  
Vote of thanks by Winston Pinder  
Redemption Song
- 9.30 pm REFRESHMENTS
- Entertainment by Nyleez disco