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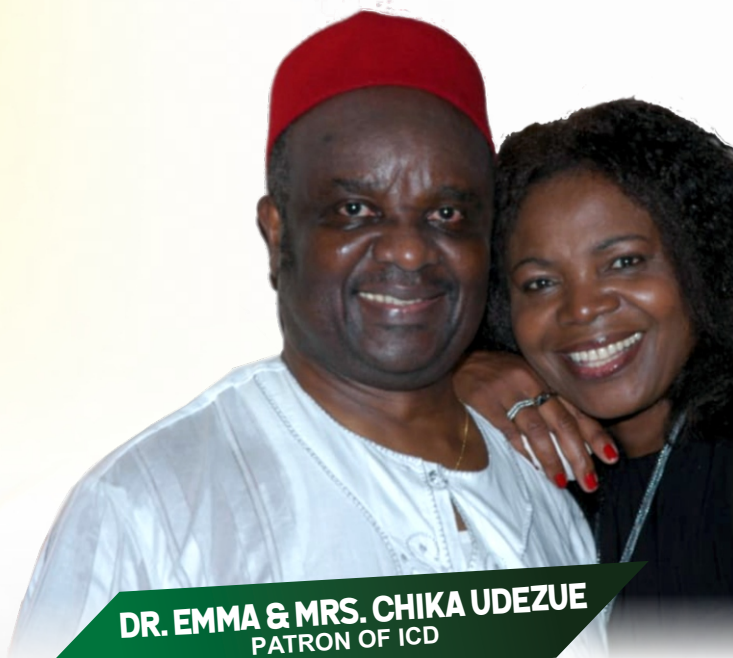


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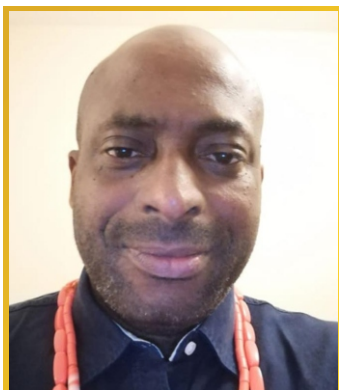
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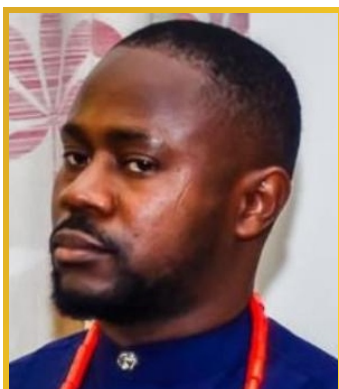
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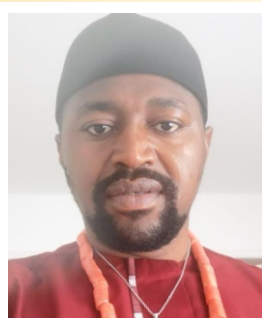
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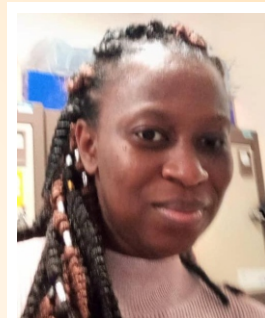
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NEW YAM FESTIVAL AT GLANCE

The New yam festival is an annual event celebrated by the Igbo tribe of Nigeria all over the globe. The festival is usually celebrated at the beginning of the harvest season usually in the month of August. Indigenously, it is known as “emume iri ji ohuru”. The new yam festival marks the beginning of the first harvest and eating of new yam. The yam festival is being held to thank God for giving the people a bumper harvest every year.

Yams are the first crops to be harvested and are therefore the most important in Igbo land. Igbo people are agrarian by nature and so yam is an important element of their culture. The word, Iriji means eating yam. The new yam signifies the fruitful end to a work year and the beginning of a new one. In some places, the festival lasts a whole day while in others, the festival extends up until a week. The festival is a celebration of the importance of yam in the socio-cultural lives of the people of the community. It was described as the crowning ceremony of the year. The new yam is evidence of a good life with accomplishments.

In some communities, the new yam is passed down the social scale — from adults to teenagers and children. The prominent meals of the day were Roasted yam slices with red oil and yam porridge. The festival features the different kinds of dance troupes including the Royal Dance, Igba-ndi Eze Dance, Masquerade Parade and other forms of cultural Dances. Music is also performed at the festival. The women and the men parade their traditional outfits. The festival was so important to Igbo people that people named their children Njoku, Nwanjoku or Mmaji, which means the beauty of yams or Nwaji, child of yams. Long Live Igbo Community in Dorset.





EVENT SCHEDULE

1. Introduction of MC
2. Introduction of dignitaries
3. Opening prayer
4. Chairman Opening remarks
5. Presentation of Kolanut
6. Cultural Dance 1. (Women)
7. Presentation & blessing
of the new yam
8. Dance 2. (Young people)
9. Cultural Dance 3. (Men)
10. Refreshment
11. Masquerade Performance
12. 2nd Cultural Dance Women.
13. Vote of thanks
14. Closing prayer
15. Dance, Dance, Dance

Felicitation

The family of Joseph and Bibiana Anyanwu is wishing the Igbo Community in Dorset a Happy New Yam Festival. Take Joy in the bountiful harvest and May God bless you this new season with with happiness and prosperity.





Goodwill Message

Miss Stephanie Ogbuji.
Adaigbo in Dorset wish to Congratulate the
members of Igbo Community in Dorset for the

2023 NEW YAM FESTIVAL



Goodwill Message



***The Agwagah family in the South Coast rejoices
with the Igbo Community in Dorset on its 2023
annual New Yam Festival. Wishing you a very
happy and successful event.***

**Anthony and Emmanuella Agwagah
(Nwachinawaluji 1 na Abagana)**

PHOTO GALLERY



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Congratulatory *Message*

The family of Kennedy (Onwa na Dorset) and Princess Nwando Onyeagwalam rejoices with the Igbo community in Dorset and wishing them a very successful and bountiful harvest as they celebrate their New yam festival. May the Almighty God bless the Igbo tribe and bound us together in U n i t y . Congratulations to ICD.



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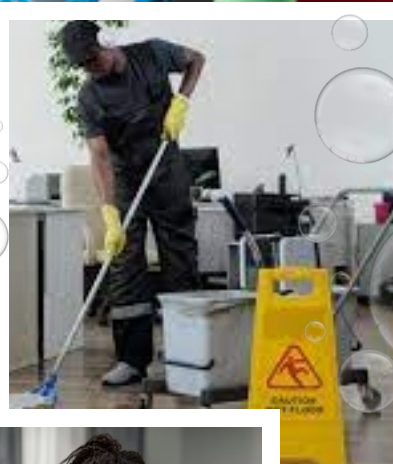
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Goodwill Message

On behalf of the Ezeh family, we would like to extend our warmest greetings to the Igbo Community in Dorset on the occasion of the 2023 Annual New Yam Festival. May this year's celebration be filled with joy, happiness, and prosperity. We wish you all the best as you come together to honor this important tradition, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our community in the years to come.



Felicitation

*The ogunoh family rejoices with the
entire igbo community in Dorset on its*

2023 ANNUAL NEW YAM FESTIVAL

Wishing you a very happy and successful event





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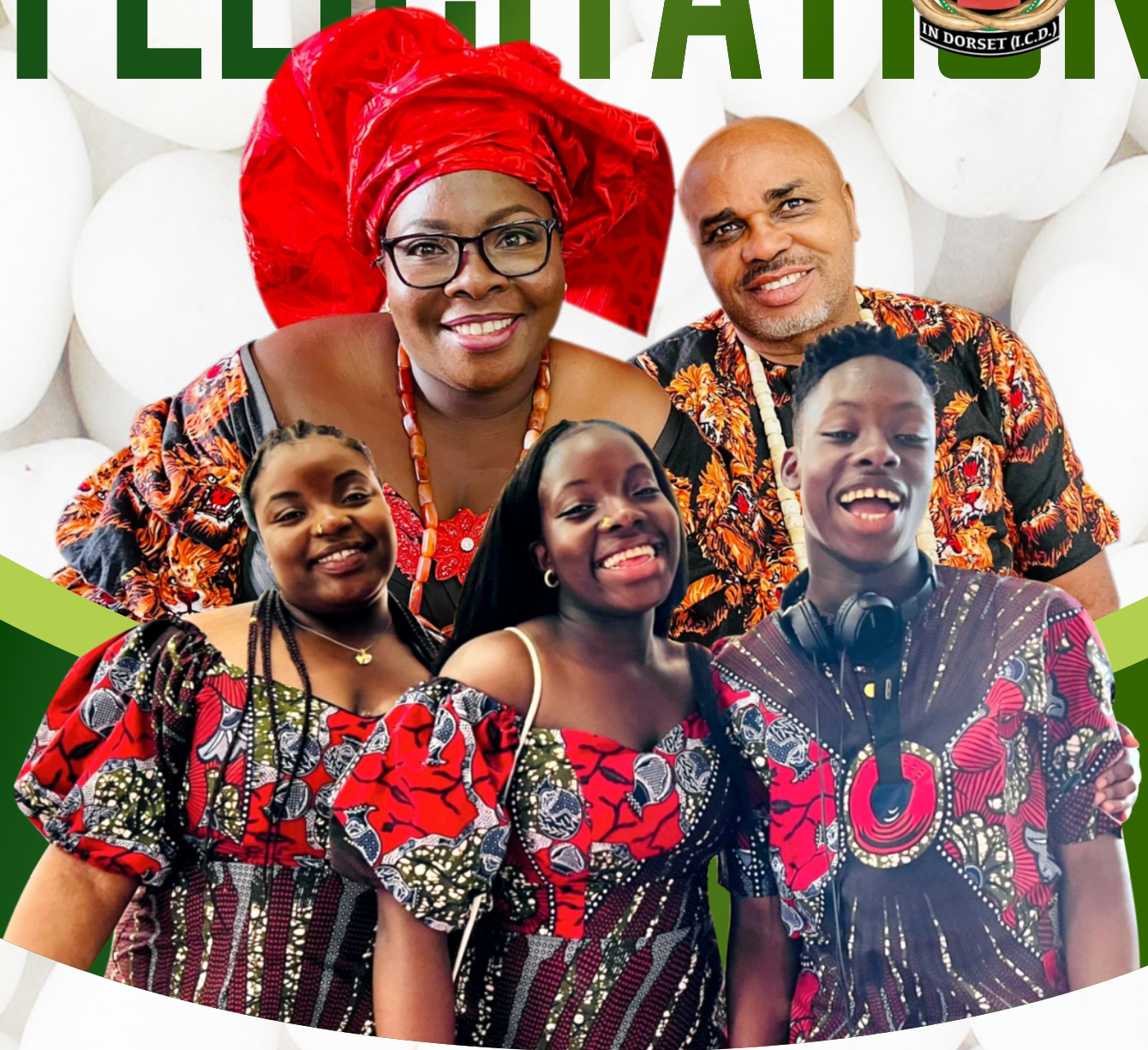
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FELICITATION



The family of Mr Obinna and Perpetua Nwokenaka congratulate Igbo Community in Dorset on their New Yam Festival. We pray that ICD has come to stay and shall continue to prosper, they will continue go places with God on their side.

Congratulations.

GOODWILL MESSAGE



The family of
Mr and Mrs ARINZE JOSEPH OKEKE (Ebubedike)
rejoices with the Igbo Community in Dorset, as
she celebrates her **2023 New yam festival**. We
wish the entire community success, more
blessings, and a happy celebration.

FELICITATION



On behalf of my Family,
We sincerely join the
Igbo Community
Dorset in celebration for this
year new yam Festival in line
with our cultures , traditions
and heritage. Our prayers,
May we eat abundantly. May
our Yam banks be filled with
prosperity
Iseee isee



**HON. CHIEF / MRS
ENYINNAYA CHUKWU**
(Ike-ena-ebubemba 1 of Abiriba)

GOODWILL MESSAGE



Dear Mom and Dad,

I hope this message finds you in the best of health and spirits. Today, I have the honor and privilege to publicly express my deepest admiration and appreciation for both of you in this esteemed magazine. As I take this opportunity to felicitate you, I want the world to know just how truly special you are to me and countless others whose lives you have touched.

Mom, you have been the epitome of strength, love, and selflessness. Your unwavering support, boundless affection, and nurturing nature have been the pillars that have guided me throughout my life. Your sacrifices and dedication have shaped me into the person I am today, and I am forever grateful for your unwavering presence.

Dad, you have been my role model, my mentor, and my inspiration. Your wisdom, resilience, focus, and determination have taught me invaluable life lessons. Your unwavering belief in my abilities has instilled in me the confidence to chase my dreams fearlessly. Your guidance and unwavering presence have been a beacon of light in every step of my journey.

Together, you both have created an environment filled with love, laughter, and endless support. Your unwavering commitment to each other and to our family has been a shining example of true partnership and love. Your love and care have extended beyond our immediate family, touching the lives of our relatives, friends, and community members.

Through your incredible parenting, you have instilled in me the values of compassion, integrity, resilience, and gratitude. Your unwavering belief in my abilities has given me the strength to overcome challenges and pursue my dreams.

Today, as I publicly honor you, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your unconditional love, sacrifices, and guidance. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of my achievements, and I am forever indebted to you both.

Mom and Dad, this felicitation is a testament to the remarkable individuals you are and the incredible impact you have had on my life and the lives of so many others. Your love and guidance have been the greatest gift anyone could ask for, and I am eternally blessed to call you my parents.

May this magazine publication serve as a small token of my appreciation, but know that my love for you both extends far beyond these words. I am immensely proud to be your son/daughter, and I am grateful for every moment we have shared together.

With all my love, admiration, and respect,
Engr. B.C. Madu and family.



CHIEF PROF. B.C. MADU
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