

School Radio starts in the Grenadines

Saturday is a day for sleeping lateright? How about catching up onone's favourite T.V show? Not forthe dedicated bunch of about 30young persons who descendedupon the small patch of shoreline outside Jeff Gregg's Shop inPaget Farm Bequia. Their missionwas to transform the area from a neighbourhood dumping groundinto a healthy, more aestheticallypleasing beach. This effort was a part of the International CoastalClean-up Day activities on the15th of September 2007.

Members of the Bequia Community High School Sandwatchgroup, the R.I.P.L.E.S groupand the Paget Farm 4H club werethe main volunteers, although a few well-wishing passers-bypitched in later. After four and a half hours of back-breaking work,165 bags of garbage were collected,whilst larger items such as parts ofmachines and building materialswere lifted directly into a truck. Most of the garbage related to shorelineand recreational activities, of which943 were food wrappers and containersand 805 plastic bottles. The534 oil/ lube bottles collected arealso a cause for concern.It is hoped that the efforts of thisteam would have been greatly appreciatedby the community and thatthey have inspired the community to show greater commitment to keepingthe area clean.

The Bequia Community High School created history on 2nd October2007 when it became the first secondary school in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to officially launch itsown radio station, "RadioBequiaAnglican Community High School".Operating on frequency 89.0fm, the station which is run by the students of the school, has been creating a stir on the Northern Grenadine Island.

Other activities Sandwatchgroup was involved in:

- * Scuba diving training for students and teachers
- * Reef check with Kim fromBarbados.
- * In-house training with Mr.Herman Belmar former coordinator of Sandwatch.

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Cleaning the Jeff Gregg drain