

Hugo Gunning

1933 – 2017, died of septicaemia

John Daines writes “I remember seeing him first in Hartree House, in a lift in 1962 or 1963. Immaculately dressed, he worked on Lector but not an engineer, probably testing. He subsequently worked with and for me as part of the Commissioning Operators team in Minerva Road. In early 1968 he came to Winsford for a few weeks to help with testing System 4/50’s.

Sometime in autumn 1964 he said one day, “if you want to make some money, Jay Trump will win the Grand National”; and it did. Hugo was a keen follower of the Turf. There is an article about Hugo on page 13 of

[https://issuu.com/tthclondon/docs/london_mission_sep - oct 2007](https://issuu.com/tthclondon/docs/london_mission_sep_-_oct_2007)

and some super videos at

<http://www.red5599.com/Dancehall%202010/hugo.htm>

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THE LATE HUGO GUNNING (1933 – 2017)

Submitted by daughter, BEVERLEY GUNNING

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music and he formed his own steel band called Hugo and the Huguenotes bringing his Trinbagonian heritage to life. They played at many prestigious functions and were renowned particularly on the horse racing circuit playing at Lingford, Windsor and Newmarket as after races entertainment.

The running of the Hugo and the Huguenotes EBF Maiden Stakes that was run at Newmarket Racecourse in July 2005 was a tribute race to Hugo and was awarded to him for his contribution to the Racecourse over 28 years. There was no entertainment at the Newmarket Racecourse before the advent of Hugo’s Steelband which was played between races.

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Hugo was instrumental in getting the Trinidad and Tobago Tourist Board to provide tourism information and products for the various races that were held on the Trinidad and Tobago Race day at Pronte fract. He was greatly interested in making contacts for businessmen who wanted to have their products promoted on the day through sponsorship of prizes or advertisements at the Park. He assisted Mr. Gunhill, Managing Director, Secretary and Clerk of the Course in organizing the Race Day for more than 15

years. He also helped with the organizing of coaches to take Trinidad and Tobago nationals to attend the Race on a yearly basis.

Hugo was also involved in workshops in Caribbean culture in schools and as a direct result of his work at Newmarket Racecourse the Dame Bradbury School in Saffron Walden held their first Trinidad and Tobago Day in 2007.

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Andrea Gunning