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Jersey Family History Forum returns to 'Who do you think you Are?' Live at Olympia

This weekend, 22-24 February, the Jersey Family History Forum will once again be manning a stand at the largest family history event in the world, *Who do you think you Are? Live* at Olympia, London. The Family History Forum will be passing on information about tracing ancestors in the Island and encouraging people with links to Jersey to visit our beautiful Island.

Who do you think you Are? Live brings together over 160 exhibitors from across the country including major players in the family history industry such as Ancestry.com to smaller local family history organisations. This year, the Jersey Family History Forum has been able to attend thanks to sponsorship from Education, Sport and Culture.

The Jersey Family History Forum is a partnership between Jersey Heritage, the Channel Islands Family History Society, the Société Jersiaise, Jersey Library, the Superintendent Registrar and the Parish of St Helier. Representatives from Jersey Archive, the Channel Islands Family History Society, the Société Jersiaise, Jersey Library and the Superintendent Registrar shall be manning the stand for the duration of the show.

The Family History Forum has attended the show for the past two years and has received a significant number of enquiries from individuals with Jersey ancestry.

The Jersey Family History Forum attendance at the show has been organised by Jersey Heritage.

Senior Archivist, Stuart Nicolle said, "In 2012 over half of new readers registered at the Jersey Archive were non-Jersey based so there is a significant interest in local genealogy from abroad. The *Who do you think you Are? Fair* allows us to make people aware of the resources available in the Island and encourage them to visit and find out more."

He went on to say, "At the event last year we were inundated with people interested in how to conduct research and wanting to know more about visiting the Island. It is a great opportunity to promote the Island and our local family history providers."

"The Jersey Family History Forum has been in place together for 10 years and is a fantastic example of heritage organisations working together in partnership. We are looking forward to jointly promoting the services we provide and telling the stories of Jersey to a wider audience."

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