

MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 9th April 2013



Jersey Museum is 'Hatched, Matched and Dispatched'

Jersey Heritage is celebrating the official launch today of a new exhibition at Jersey Museum & Art Gallery, which gives insight into the lives of Islanders, their customs and traditions. Kindly sponsored by Credit Suisse, the exhibition invites visitors to explore a unique collection of items, textiles and images illustrating Islanders' journeys from life to death, and how these traditions have changed over the past 175 years.

Just one of the many new events and exhibitions taking place at Jersey Heritage for 2013, Hatched Matched and Dispatched brings together a selection of beautiful and inspiring garments from the textile collections of Jersey Heritage, including Christening robes and cloaks, examples of wedding outfits worn by the people of Jersey in the mid-19th Century to present day, as well as elaborately embroidered mourning clothes – some of which have never been seen by the public.

The exhibition's curator, Val Nelson, is looking forward showing the public what brilliant things Jersey Heritage has to offer; "It is wonderful to have the opportunity to bring some of Jersey Heritage's beautiful textile collection out of the store and put them on display. Using family history information from the Jersey Archive and photographs from the Société Jersiaise photographic archives, we have been able to tell the fascinating story of the clothes and the people who wore them."

Many of the garments on display tell fascinating stories, having been passed down through the family for future generations to use. The earliest piece on display is from 1834, while the most modern clothes were worn for a civil partnership that took place only last year. The collection shows Islanders and visitors alike how life and fashion has changed over the years. For example, it was common for boys aged six and under in the Victorian era to wear dresses before moving on to more masculine breeches!

Roy McGregor, Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse in the Channel Islands commented “Globally, Credit Suisse has a strong association with the arts and we are looking forward to extending this link to Jersey. We hope that islanders and visitors will enjoy the opportunity to view the collection and wish the team at Jersey Heritage every success with the exhibition.”

The exhibition will be on display until 31st December 2013 and is free to access for Jersey Heritage members. With membership starting from only 85p a month*, locals are being reminded that Jersey Heritage offers a different experience every day of the season. Non-member admission to Jersey Museum & Art Gallery starts at £4.90. For further information please visit the Jersey Heritage website www.JerseyHeritage.org -ENDS-

NOTES TO EDITORS

Media Call:

Members of the media are invited to the private launch of the Hatched, Matched and Dispatched exhibition, which is taking place at **Jersey Museum & Art Gallery on Tuesday 9th April at 6pm**. The exhibition will be opened by Lady Gene McColl who will be accompanied by the Lieutenant-Governor General Sir John McColl. Please contact Amy@orchid.je if you would like to attend.

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