

Press Release

Monday 9th September 2013

Ice Age Talks, Behind the Scene Tours & a Dolmen Bus – just a few adventures to be had with Jersey Heritage during the Heritage Festival 2013

Once again, Jersey Heritage is delighted to be part of Jersey Tourism's Heritage Festival, the annual celebration which sees Jersey Heritage, the National Trust, Société Jersiaise and the Channel Island Occupation Society, join forces to offer exciting tours, events and activities which bring to life and illustrate the Island's history and culture.

Jersey Heritage staff have been busy organising a variety of different activities for the festival, which launches this Saturday 7 – 15 2013 September. Full details on the festival can be found on the Jersey Tourism website :www.jersey.com.

Real Treasures: A 'Behind the Scenes' Jersey Heritage Tour 8th, 11th & 13th September 10:30 – 12:00 | Location confirmed upon booking | Admission is FREE - booking essential 448877

This rare opportunity to go behind the scenes invites you to discover an eclectic mix of historical artefacts, including a mammoth skull found at La Cotte de St Brelade, the contents of the 19th century chemist, a German search light used during the WW2 Occupation and a boneshaker bicycle.

A Stitch in Time: The Occupation Tapestry with Wayne Audrain 9th, 11th & 13th September 14:30 – 15:00 | Occupation Tapestry Gallery, Maritime Museum | Price £4.20

Visit the award winning Occupation Tapestry in the company of its designer, Wayne Audrain. Made by the people of Jersey to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Island's liberation, the twelve panels of this richly coloured tapestry tell the story of life in Jersey during the Second World War.

All Change: Victorian Jersey brought to life 9th September 18:30 – 20:00 | Jersey Museum & Art Gallery | Admission is FREE - booking essential 448877

In the company of Louise Downie, Curator of Art at Jersey Heritage, get an insight into this year's special exhibition, All Change Victorian Jersey, kindly sponsored by Le Gallais, which explores how the people, landscape and way of life in Jersey changed during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837 to 1901).

An Ice Age Trail with Dr Matt Pope and Olga Finch 10th September 10:00 – 16:00 | Location confirmed upon booking | Admission £25, £20 Jersey Heritage Members | Booking essential 448877

There is perhaps no landscape in the region which combines such a concentration of archaeological sites, natural features and vistas which tell our planet's Ice Age story so clearly, as Jersey. On today's trail, tour the earliest sites of Human occupation in the Island

and then visit the archaeology laboratory and store in the company of Dr Matt Pope, Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of Archaeology at University College London, and Curator of Archaeology at Jersey Heritage, Olga Finch.

Hatched, Matched and Dispatched, a Life's Journey

12th September 10:00 – 11:30 | Jersey Museum & Art Gallery | Admission is FREE - booking essential 448877

Kindly sponsored by Credit Suisse, this year's exhibition in the John de Veulle Gallery at the Jersey Museum brings together star items from Jersey Heritage's textile and costume collection, records from the Jersey Archive and images from the Société Jersiaise photographic archive. Come and hear all about the christening robes, wedding and mourning outfits and the stories they have to tell.

Fête des Dolmens

14th September 09:30 – 17.15 | Various locations, bus leaves from La Hougue Bie | Admission £25, £20 Jersey Heritage Members | Limited availability (42 places) Booking essential 633300

Jersey Heritage invites you to delve into the Island's history, get on board the "Dolmen bus" and take part in the Fete des Dolmens. This daylong tour will explore the Island's megalithic monuments. A special bus will leave La Hougue Bie for a day trip back in time 6,000 years to the days of the dolmen builders. Many of these prehistoric sites were acquired and excavated by the Societe Jersiaise in the early 20th century and are now open for the public to enjoy. Your bus leaves from La Hougue Bie.

Open Boats

15th September 12:00 – 16:00 | New North Quay | Admission is FREE

The boats of the Maritime Museum's Historic fleet will be moored at the top of the Old Harbour by the Steam Clock for the day. Volunteers from the boat shop will be on hand to talk about them

- Fiona – c1860 fishing cutter and veteran of the evacuation of St Malo
- Diana - c 1890 veteran of the evacuation of St Malo
- Diana - c 1890 work boat built by Allix of Havre des Pas
- Florence and Jesse – 1913 matched Hamble one design day boats
- Circassian II –2006 replica 1870 La Rocque fishing boat

High tide is about 15:30, so come down in the afternoon to see the boats at their best.

Jersey's Place in the Pre-history of the First People - An Evening Lecture.

15th September 19:30 | The Jersey Arts Centre | Admission£5.00 per person Booking essential 700444

For the culmination of the Hidden Treasures week, Clive Gamble, a professor of Southampton University and Trustee of the British Museum, will give a fascinating talk about Jersey's place in the pre-history of the first people. Professor Gamble has led research projects and published widely on the archaeology of human origins, including pioneering research into the social life of our earliest ancestors and, in particular, the timing of global colonisation.–ENDS–

For information on the events and activities organised by Jersey Heritage, please visit www.jerseyheritage.org

Notes to editors

Fête des Dolmens Itinerary

Depart from La Hougue Bie Museum, promptly at 9.30am.

Le Couperon, St Martin (No. 4*)
Arrival time approximately 9.50 am

La Pouquelaye de Faldouet, St Martin (No. 5*)
Arrival time approximately 11.00 am

Mont Ubé, St Clement (No.8*)
Arrival time approximately 12 midday

Ville-ès-Nouaux, St Helier (No. 9*)
Arrival time approximately 1.00pm
Lunch stop with shop and toilets nearby.

La Sergenté, St Brelade (No.11*)
Arrival time approximately 2.00 pm

Broken & Little Menhir, The Ossuary, St Brelade (No.12*)
Arrival time approximately 3.00 pm

Les Monts Grantez, St Ouen (No.1*)
Arrival time approximately 4.00 pm

Return to La Hougue Bie Museum by approximately 5.15pm

* 'Where to Find the Dolmens of Jersey' leaflet.