

Press Release

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It's a Pirate's Life for Islanders of All Ages

Jersey Heritage will be hosting two pirate themed events next week, as they introduce a new event specifically for adults, providing a fascinating insight into the facts and fiction behind piracy.

As well as the popular half-term children's event which sees pirates take over the Maritime Museum from Wednesday 29 May to Sunday 2 June, Jersey Heritage has extended the piracy theme to an additional lecture for adults on Thursday 30 May, as part of its series of Jersey Muse events.

Pirates! Maritime Museum - Wednesday 29 May to Sunday 2 June - 10am to 4pm

This half term, pirates will once again be taking over at the Maritime Museum for five days of swashbuckling fun. The popular annual event invites budding buccaneers of all ages to meet the 'real' maritime pirates, Calico Jack and Anne Bonney, as they show off their sword fighting skills and hear exciting tales of hidden treasure and seafaring adventure. Fancy dress, eye patches, parrots and other pirate attire is encouraged, as children join in games and crafts, and discover the difference between a pirate and a privateer. Never fear, Captain Jack Sparrow will be returning again to the Maritime Museum and will be providing plenty of entertainment for all ages. Admission is free for Jersey Heritage members and children under 6 years old. Non-members admission £8.40 adults, £7.40 seniors, £5.25 6-16 and £24.55 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children).

Pirates - Fact or Fiction? Jersey Archive - Thursday 30 May – 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Islanders are invited to uncover the history of piracy in the seventeenth and early-eighteenth centuries, with particular attention to the pirates from the West Country of England, at this lecture by historian & author, Ed Fox. This intriguing lecture highlights the activities of important

pirates and their role in the international history of piracy. Ed will also explore the roles of pirates' wives, women in port towns, female victims, and their part in pirate society. Advance bookings are essential and can be made by visiting the Jersey Heritage website or following the eventbrite link <http://jerseypirates.eventbrite.com/#>: Jersey Heritage members go free, non-members £5 per person.

Helen Otterwell, Family Events Coordinator said: 'This is the fifth consecutive year that Captain Sparrow and his companions will join forces with Jersey Heritage to host this unforgettable pirate experience. The Jersey Heritage education team works hard to offer families exciting ways to engage with the Island's heritage sites, so whether half term brings sunshine or drizzle, there's guaranteed fun for all the family.'

She continued 'Ed Fox has been helping with the children's pirate event for a number of years and given his incredible accreditation in, and knowledge of, the subject matter, we thought this a wonderful opportunity to open up the experience to include our older members as well. At Jersey Heritage we are always looking to facilitate ways in which people can engage with and enjoy the Island's heritage, which is exactly what the Jersey Muse events are all about. It's set to be an extremely interesting evening for all who attend.'

Membership is available from as little as 85p a month*. For full details on membership and other Jersey Heritage event and activities please visit www.jerseyheritage.org. -ENDS-

NOTES TO EDITORS

About Ed Fox

Ed Fox is an historian and author, specialising in British and Atlantic maritime history, with particular expertise in piracy and maritime crime, colonial history, privateering, and technological history, of the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries.

Ed received his M.A. in maritime history from the University of Exeter and is currently working on his PhD. As well as having published books and articles, Ed has contributed as an advisor and 'talking head' to numerous television productions and regularly lectures on various topics.

Ed lives in Devon with his wife and two children, is an accomplished musician with a keen interest in English traditional music, grows his own vegetables, and spends more time working on his ex-Admiralty 27' Montague whaler than he does sailing her.

For further information, a photo opportunity with the pirates or to arrange an interview please contact Summer Parkin, Orchid T: 888995 E: summer@orchid.je

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