

PRESS RELEASE
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Mourant Ozannes invests in young heritage sleuths

Young Jersey heritage buffs and culture vultures are receiving the latest edition of the Jersey Heritage My History Scrapbook this week, as excitement mounts towards the start of this year's jam-packed season of activities and events.

For the third consecutive year the *My History Scrapbook* is being funded by Mourant Ozannes, but for 2013 the initiative is being evolved to cater for a broader age group of Island children.

The *My History Scrapbook* is full of quests, games and fun facts to help youngsters engage with the Island's rich and varied heritage and culture, through the use of unique characters developed especially for Jersey Heritage. As well as supporting classroom learning, children can take their Scrapbooks along to the series of eight Discovery Days, also supported by Mourant Ozannes, where the information is brought to vivid life through living history characters and activities designed to help young Islanders understand more about our past and present. Themes this year include Discover Ice Age Jersey, Discover Ocean Adventures and Discover Swords and Soldiers.

More than 3,000 My History Scrapbooks are being delivered to Reception and Key Stage One primary school pupils this week. To help Jersey Heritage manage this enormous logistical task, staff at Mourant Ozannes have volunteered to help out by undertaking the deliveries so that all Island four to seven years olds receive their copy before they break for the Easter Holidays.

Helen Otterwell, Family Events Coordinator at Jersey Heritage said: 'The My History Scrapbook and Discovery Days is one of our most successful initiatives, helping young Islanders engage with our heritage and build an understanding of how we have evolved over the centuries. We are really happy to be working with Mourant Ozannes again this year: their support has been vital to the success and continuity of the concept.'

Daniel Birtwistle, Jersey Managing Partner of Mourant Ozannes added: “This is a fantastic education initiative, which goes from strength to strength. The *My History Scrapbook* is such a great way to explore Jersey’s interesting heritage sites. The whole team at Mourant Ozannes is getting behind the initiative again this year and we are very proud to be associated with it.”

New for 2013 is a heritage annual also supported by Mourant Ozannes, which is being developed by the Education Team at Jersey Heritage. This exciting publication will be in the *bande desinee* style similar to the Tintin books and is aimed at the slightly older Key Stage Three pupils aged 8 - 11 years old (Years Three – Six). More than 4,000 annuals will be produced ready for the summer term and coinciding with the launch of an online education portal to assist with further learning.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

There are eight Discovery Days in association with Mourant Ozannes scheduled for 2013:

Design & Drawing	6-7 April	Jersey Museum
Swords & Soldiers	11-12 May	Elizabeth Castle
Ice Age	8-9 June	La Hougue Bie
Medieval Madness	6-7 July	Mont Orgueil Castle
Dinosaurs	3-4 August	La Hougue Bie
Castles & Catapults	7-8 September	Mont Orgueil Castle
Victorian Voices	5-6 October	Jersey Museum
Ocean Adventures	2-3 November	Maritime Museum

PHOTO

The Photograph attached shows Helen Otterwell of Jersey heritage and Alan Blackwood of Mourant Ozannes preparing the first batch of My History Scrapbooks for delivery