

PRESS RELEASE

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'What's Your Street Story' Returns for 2013

This Saturday 19th January, sees the launch of **What's Your Street Story** 2013, sponsored by local law firm Appleby for the sixth consecutive year. This popular programme of historical open days and talks invites the public to discover the stories of the streets on which they live, their historical culture and ancestry. From this month, Jersey Archive will be open every third Saturday of the month, from 9am-1pm.

The launch of this year's programme offers free introductory behind-the-scenes tours, giving members of the public the chance to understand how Archive staff work to preserve and care for some of Jersey's most precious historical documents. The tours, which must be booked in advance, offer the rare opportunity to visit the strong rooms, cataloguing rooms and the conservation lab, as well as see some of the valuable documents cared for by Jersey Archive.

Following the introductory tours, the programme of local Street Stories will begin on Saturday 16th February, with the return of the popular 2010 instalment which looked into the history of L'Etacq. The series will then continue to reveal more information about different areas of the Island, specifically requested by members of the public.

Stuart Nicolle, Senior Archivist, said, "We're delighted that Appleby have agreed to sponsor the What's Your Street's Story programme for the sixth successive year. Thanks to their support this wonderful programme can continue to encourage Islanders to discover more about their local communities and the stories their streets have to tell. At the end of 2013 we asked members of the public if there were any areas that they would like us to look into. We were delighted with the response and put together the programme as a result of those suggestions."

He went on to say, "This is our sixth year of *What's your Story?* and the talks and open Saturdays are more popular than ever. Even if readers are not interested in the talks they can take advantage of the Archive being open by coming in and researching their family or house history."

Members of the public are also invited to come forward if they have information about an area that is due to be studied. "In the past we have been very lucky that people have come forward with stories and photographs about the particular areas that we are examining. We are always happy to receive information and although we may not be able to use it all in the talk it always adds to our understanding of the areas being researched."

2013 What's Your Street Story programme

Tours this Saturday take place at 10am, 11am and 12pm. Places are limited so booking is advisable, by calling the Jersey Archive Reception on 833300 or emailing archives@jerseyheritage.org. Every other month talks will take place at 10am.

The full 2013 programme is as follows:

- 19th January – Tours of Jersey Archive
- 16th February – L'Etacq – one of the most popular talks of 2010
- 16th March – Gorey Village
- 20th April – Pier Road
- 18th May – St Mary's Village
- 15th June – Colomberie
- 20th July – Westmount
- 17th August – Green Island and Samarès
- 21st September – Noirmont and Portelet
- 19th October – St Peter's Valley
- 16th November – Clairvale, Clearview and Columbus Streets
- 21st December – Highlights of Jersey Film Archive

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Notes to Editors:

Jersey Archive, which is operated on behalf of the States by Jersey Heritage, actively promotes opportunities for Islanders to discover more about their history and the 'What's Your Street Story' project has been made possible through the partnership with Appleby.

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