



Positively part of our local community

The finance industry in Jersey continues to make a very positive contribution to Island life.

A great deal of hard work goes on behind the scenes, from community projects and charitable initiatives to sponsorship and environmental programmes. Here is just a selection of updates on recent community projects and news of some coming up in the next few months.

Jersey Finance is a non-profit organisation formed in 2001 to represent and promote Jersey as an international finance centre of excellence. For further information, please visit our newly designed website at www.jerseyfinance.je.

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CHARITY Swimming to success

The Lions Club Swimathon, which RBC Wealth Management has sponsored for the past seven years, raised an amazing £110,219 at this year's event.

Each year, RBC Wealth Management gives an additional boost to the total funds raised by Islanders with a donation for every lap swum. The funds raised will benefit charitable groups as diverse as youth clubs, health associations and an animal charity. They will receive the donations at Government House next month.



RBC Wealth Management swimmers with their mascot, Leo the Lion

SPORT Junior tennis

ABN AMRO has committed to continuing its successful, long-term partnership with Les Mielles Tennis Club. The bank has supported the club for more than seven years and sponsors its growing junior programme.

Head coach, Joel Camp, manages ABN AMRO's unique primary school outreach programme, delivering free tennis lessons to children in four local primary schools. In 2012, more than 250 children participated. This year, thanks to increased funding from ABN AMRO, it is expected that the programme will reach even more players.

EDUCATION Heritage books

Mourant Ozannes has renewed and extended its support for Jersey Heritage, ensuring that even more youngsters learn about our history and culture in a fun and educational way.

The award-winning 'My History Scrapbook' is back for all entry-level pupils in Key Stage 1 and a new Heritage 'annual' has been developed for 7 - 11 year olds. Both books are backed up by a new education microsite at www.jerseyheritage.org.

HERITAGE New exhibition

A Credit Suisse-sponsored exhibition at Jersey Museum is giving visitors the chance to explore a unique collection of items, textiles and images, some of which have never been seen by the public.

'Hatched, Matched and Dispatched' brings together a selection of garments from the textile collections of Jersey Heritage, including christening robes and cloaks and examples of wedding outfits and mourning clothes worn by Islanders in the mid-19th Century to the present day.



Some exhibits from 'Hatched, Matched and Dispatched'

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CHARITY Steep rise in new accounts

Community Savings offers account facilities and budgeting support to those who might otherwise struggle to access such services.

Figures show that the number of new accounts opened and emergency funding requests made since the start of this year has more than doubled on the previous two year's average for the same period. The current demand for the charity's services is thought to be a direct consequence of the recession and last year's tenth anniversary awareness raising campaign. Continuing focus is being placed on promoting the charity's services to reach Islanders who might benefit. For further information, please contact Melanie Cavey at melanie@communitysavings.org.je.

CHARITY Brighter Futures

Hawksford is continuing its support of Brighter Futures, allowing the independent charity to continue its important work in Jersey.

As part of this ongoing commitment, Hawksford has teamed up with the Grand Jersey to deliver some fun activities for the youngsters of the Inbetweenies Afterschool Club and the Fathers' Club. Most recently, the children of the Inbetweenies Club, who are aged between five and seven, learnt how to cook affordable and healthy meals with Grand Jersey's Head Chef, Richard Allen.



Budding young chefs ready to get stuck in

DURRELL Blog competition

Supported by NatWest, Durrell launched a unique collaboration with the students of Grainville School in March, which resulted in an 'X Factor' style competition.

The Year 8 students used the latest technology to further their knowledge of four different conservation projects from all over the world. Over a two-week period the students contacted the conservationists via a blog to ask them questions about their projects, the species involved and the daily tasks each conservationist undertakes. Lance Woolaver and the ploughshare tortoise, Madagascar's unique but very rare tortoise, proved most popular with the students and he won £500 for the project.

CHARITY Fun and games

Staff at Aztec Group raised over £500 for Comic Relief.

The day started with the marketing team cooking bacon rolls for donations and was followed by a cake sale and some fun games. Staff paid to have their faces painted and manicures were also available. Donations of over £200 were made to see Paul Millar, Senior Financial Reporting Manager, painted as The Grinch.

SPORT 'We Are Tennis'

BNP Paribas, in partnership with the Caesarean Tennis Club, has once again embarked in a joint venture to provide a mini tennis programme for local primary schools.

The BNP Paribas 'We Are Tennis' 2013 Primary Schools Programme will see 21 local primary schools participating, with over 800 children receiving professional tennis coaching. It will culminate in a tournament in July, when players will be able to test the new skills they have developed and compete against the other schools.

EDUCATION Study packs

Rawlinson & Hunter are supporting Haute Vallée School for the second year running, providing study packs for Year 11 children.

135 packs including writing pads, pens, pencils, a revision guide and an exam regulation pencil case were presented to the Head Boy and Head Girl in the recent Leavers' Assembly.

ENVIRONMENT Beach clean

Last month, Nedbank Private Wealth joined up with Le Rocquier School and Jersey Aquatic Discovery for a beach clean at Le Hocq Slip.

An enthusiastic crowd of over sixty took time out of their busy weekends to learn more about the area and clear it of litter. During the course of the afternoon the volunteers managed to fill two industrial-sized wheelie bins with rubbish that had been washed up on the shore. Nedbank Private Wealth has made Jersey Aquatic Discovery one of its staff-nominated charities in 2013, which means that the organisation will be supporting this worthwhile cause throughout the year.



Volunteers display some of the items collected during the beach clean

CHARITY Helping children

DCG employees have kick-started their efforts to raise over £20,000 for the third consecutive year for their annual nominated charity, having selected Help a Jersey Child for 2013.

At Easter, staff held a sponsored Yellow Day in the office, with staff wearing a selection of brightly coloured clothing. During the year, they will organise initiatives including walks, raffles, quiz nights, social events and supermarket bag packs. Help a Jersey Child supports individuals and groups of disadvantaged children and young people in Jersey, and works with groups and charities to support specific local projects.

EDUCATION Reading buddies

KPMG Jersey is continuing to support Springfield Primary School through the 'Reading for Schools' project.

Each week of term, up to 4 members of staff, known by the pupils as 'KPMG buddies', volunteer during their Wednesday lunch hours to assist a number of pupils with their reading. KPMG is particularly focussed on helping to support the school's literacy programme, working alongside the pupils and staff to deliver a scheme that enables children to further develop their reading skills.



Headteacher Sam Cooper and Andrew Quinn, Executive Director of KPMG Channel Islands Ltd, with some keen readers from Springfield Primary School

CHARITY Prize draw

Members of the Jersey Bankers Association raised over £3,500 for the Stroke Association at their Biennial Dinner recently.

The money was raised through a prize draw at the dinner, which took place at Hotel L'Horizon. A number of banks donated some generous prizes, including an iPad, two return flights to Paris and two tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show, plus flights and hotel accommodation.

DID YOU KNOW?

The finance industry contributes almost £300 million a year in taxes - more than the entire budget needed for Education, Health and Social Services put together