

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**Longueville Manor heritage buried for next 40 years**

A special ceremony to help commemorate Longueville Manor's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary is taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010, where staff and friends of the leading Channel Island establishment will witness a time capsule being buried in the grounds of the hotel.

The time capsule, which will contain a selection of memorabilia that reflects Longueville Manor's unique heritage from the last sixty years, is a joint initiative between the hotel and Year Two pupils from St Saviour's primary school as part of their ongoing relationship.

Amongst the items included from Longueville Manor will be a personalised video message from owner, Malcolm Lewis. The video will reflect his personal memories of the hotel (which has been in his family since it opened in 1949), the many successes and challenges along the way and his hopes for the Longueville Manor's future.

Some of the items included on behalf of the St Saviour school pupils include a selection of hand drawn sketches of the hotel, an imaginative story about the ghost that is thought to live in the tower at Longueville Manor and diary accounts and pictures from some of the activities the children have experienced since the association began in 2006.

The capsule is planned to be reopened in forty years time, to mark the hotel's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2050, by members of staff at Longueville Manor and St Saviour school pupils at the time.

Malcolm Lewis says: "The future of Longueville Manor is in our hands and it is vital that we try to maintain the deep history and heritage associated with the hotel for many years to come. The time capsule is designed to educate our next generation about what Longueville Manor has achieved over the last 60 years and the special memories held by our friends, family and visitors. We have worked very closely with St Saviour's School for the past four years and we thought a time capsule was a perfect initiative to work on together to allow the children, who are the future, to become part of our history."

Kate Sugden, Head Teacher at St Saviours School, says: "We have been keen at the school to get involved with Longueville Manor's special 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and are delighted to help support such a great project."

"The children have had a great time choosing items to go into the capsule and are hoping that they might be able to attend when the time capsule is dug up! The task has meant they have also had the chance to reflect on all of the wonderful experiences and lessons they have learned as a result of our close relationship with the hotel. The time capsule will serve to further strengthen the connection between the school and Longueville Manor for many years to come." **-ENDS-**

#### **Media Invite:**

The media are invited to the burial ceremony at Longueville Manor on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 11.00am. Malcolm Lewis and Kate Sugden will be both available for interviews.

To confirm your attendance at the ceremony, or to arrange interviews, please contact Zara or Sam at Orchid Communications on 888992 or email [zara@orchid.je](mailto:zara@orchid.je)

#### **Notes to Editors**

##### **Time Capsule contents include:**

- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Longueville Manor magazine
- Primary Colours DVD
- DVD of message from Malcolm Lewis
- Staff and hotel photos
- Hotel brochure
- Relais and Châteaux guide
- Menu and wine list from the hotel's restaurant and bar
- Woodland Walk brochure
- Longueville Manor bill
- In house list and function sheet
- Key Ring/Pen/Pencil/LM Slippers from inside the bedrooms
- Light bulb and mobile phone
- What's On brochure
- JEP
- Eat Jersey magazine from month of burial
- First Day Cover Stamps
- Money - £1/£5/£20/£50
- Selection of work from St Saviour's School pupils, including pictures and stories