

**Bailiff's speech for the launch of
'The Queen' portrait exhibition
at Mont Orgueil**

Thursday 24th May 2012

1. I had the honour of presenting the Hologram of Her Majesty to the National Portrait Gallery on Monday. It was a splendid occasion and extremely well attended. It is a wonderful exhibition with a variety of portraits of Her Majesty of differing types from throughout Her reign. The hologram has pride of place. It is the first portrait which you see when you enter the exhibition and the Lightness of Being is the last one you see as you leave.
2. It is very fitting that Jersey should have made this gift. Together with the other Channel Islands, Jersey is the oldest dependency of the Crown and it is therefore most fitting that the gift should be made in honour of Her Majesty's 60 years of unstinting and dedicated service to the British people.
3. I commend the vision of those who originally commissioned the hologram. It was very good for the Island that it was able to make this gift to the National Portrait Gallery on Monday in front of a distinguished audience and it was equally helpful for Senator Ozouf to be able to present a version to Abu Dhabi during his recent trip there. It is also marvellous that the exhibition is being held in this wonderful castle. It has formed an important part of Jersey's history and has played a role in defending the Island against periodic invasions by the French. Jersey's tourism is nowadays very much related to our culture and our heritage and many people come to see places such as this, Elizabeth Castle, the War Tunnels, Hamptonne and so many other places as well as our museums.

4. I am delighted that the artist, Chris Levine is able to be with us today. He, together with the holographer, Rob Munday created this wonderful image. What is on show today are some of the images which were taken as part of the creation of Equanimity and the Lightness of Being. Over ten thousand images were taken altogether over two sittings with Her Majesty. I have no doubt that visitors will find this of great interest. I commend Jersey Heritage for putting together this exhibition and have great pleasure in declaring it open.