

Spring Newsletter, 2019. La Section de la Langue Jèrriaise.

During 2019, the Jèrriais Section meetings will continue to concentrate on improving language skills, both verbal and written, in a variety of ways, using games and writing short stories and descriptions of events, based on subjects and material supplied by Geraint Jennings of L' Office du Jèrriais.

We are learning to use various verbs and their tenses and to widen our vocabulary, so our grammar and spelling will be improved. In addition, we will read out our translations to improve our spoken Jèrriais, and if we are able, we shall learn some conjugations of verbs which don't follow the standard forms! Other activities during our meetings will include continuing to practice our Gold Certificate - winning Eisteddfod poetry contribution 'Deux mots adrèchis spécialement ès auteurs' by Elie, which we hope to deliver at La Fête Normande to be held in Normandie during June. We will also read several other pieces in order to choose and practice a piece to compete in the Autumn Eisteddfod.

As well, we shall continue to attend meetings of the Jèrriais Advisory Group (JAG), comprising the teachers and representatives of all Jèrriais organisations to promote the learning and speaking of Jèrriais, chaired by Dr. Lesley Stagg.

We also hope that the Executive will agree to our Chairman's proposal to include the newly proposed L'Académie du Jèrriais as one of the SJ Sections. If so, we hope to participate in the discussion of its staffing and agenda, with the invaluable help of two of our members, François Le Maistre, a fluent native speaker, and Geraint Jennings, a highly qualified and talented linguist. In preparation for this year's Eisteddfod competition, we shall begin to read various poems and to rehearse the chosen poem from March onwards.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00 pm in the Arthur Maurant Room at the Société headquarters in Pier Road, and beginners are always welcome.

John Clarke (Président).

Ralph Nichols (Ségrétaihe).