

Translation of La Lettre Jèrriaise for Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Hello everyone. It's François who has the pleasure of presenting the Lettre today, Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

For the last three weeks, we have heard nothing other than about the war in Ukraine and the terrible sufferings that this country is having to endure. It is terrible that we can do so little in order to lessen the situation so that we could help to improve their lot against those who are attacking them. There is no doubt that the Ukrainians are being so brave against the wrong that is being done to their country by the Russians, but what destruction and damage that they are doing to this beautiful country! I well remember that when we were occupied by the Germans, most of the soldiers were courteous. It would appear that the Russians have no mercy for the ordinary civilian members of the country and that they are even firing on moving vehicles and cars trying to flee from the war. Like many of us, I hadn't thought it possible that we would ever see a war again in our lifetime. What a disaster! But, on a lighter note, how are you all? Now that Covid is starting to diminish a little, we have more time to see our family and friends. This week, for me, it is a real joy to be able to see and meet my daughter, Hélène, for the first time in three years due to the pandemic! She arrived late Wednesday afternoon and it was a real pleasure to welcome her at the Airport and to take her to meet her brother, Charlie, where she will be staying for the week. And then, on Thursday, we went to Colleen's at La Grève de Lecq for a veritable feast of seafood and the sunshine by the sea. We are so fortunate to live on this beautiful little island of Jersey surrounded by the sea.

Now, two announcements. Next week, we have the Eisteddfod at St. Ouen's Parish and I have been told to arrive in good time, because there are many entries for the afternoon! It is on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> March and the doors will be opening before two o'clock. And also, I have been asked to remind you that the Annual Dinner of the Assemblée is on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at the Hotel Ambassadeur, 12.30pm for 1pm. The price of the Dinner is £25 and if you wish to attend please phone Maureen or Winston Le Brun on 739341. That's all for now. I hope to see you at either the Eisteddfod or the Annual Dinner. Bye for now and enjoy your week.