

With only a few days away from March 21<sup>st</sup> and the official beginning of spring we met in the Reading Room of the Library for our Writers' Workshop meeting.

Those in attendance were **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Zinat** and **Maureen Wittig** as a new member.

We received apologies from Mary.



## **Business:**

**Rose** updated us on the good news that **Mary**, now installed in a new apartment, is on the mend. She looks forward in joining us as soon as she has regained her strength.

**Rose** advised that she would be absent from our next meeting as she will be leaving for Israel the end of March until the end of April. She also reminded us of the Library's Spring Book Sales scheduled for 28-30 April 2017.

With no further business to discuss we proceeded to reading our different impressions of the optional assignment, **Looking Back.** 

## **Reading:**

**Zinat** began by looking back at all the mementoes we tend to hang onto in order to keep the past alive. We often hungrily analyse every aspect of the past. She recalled Mrs Khan who spoke of memories which included **Zinat's** childhood that she had no recollection of.

**Marlene** followed with the image of life stretching out behind us like a rope. Each event we experienced, good or bad, is represented by a knot in that rope. She finished with asking how we looked at each event and our choice of which we allow to overshadow, or outshine, our present attitude.

**Rose** brought a story of Gran telling her grandchildren that she had a thespian experience in her earlier life. The young ones could not believe that she was on stage in the play *Educating Rita* with their grandfather.

**Maureen** read a piece on family memories. How, when we go back to a place which we found large and exciting proves to be small and disappointing in adulthood.



## Future Dates & Assignments:

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below, before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for 2017:

Dates and assignments planned for **2017:** 

April 21: Open
May 19: Food of the World - TBA
June 16: Book Review - Rose
July 21: Fear - Mary.
Aug 18: Age - Marlene
Sept 15: Open
Oct 20: Habits - Marlene
Nov 17: Dialogue: 4 Characters
Dec: No Meeting

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