

The meeting was chaired by **Rose** who also acted as secretary during **Marlene**'s trip to Canada. Also present were **Zinat**, **Nancy** and **Eva**. Apologies were received from **Marlene**.



Business: Rose reported that flyers and posters have been placed in the Library to publicise the Workshop.

There being no further business to discuss, members' contributions were put forward. The topic 'It's a Small World' proved to be more difficult than expected.

Nancy's contribution. an introduction entitled Patterns: Bird Tears, tells of the finding of an injured bird by her two daughters Catherine and Anna, then aged seven and five, and their attempts to take care of it. Anna goes for help to the caretaker next door. The bird recovers and flies away. Anna is heartbroken because she did not have a turn at stroking it and it was her idea to go for help.

Zinat's story, *Chance*, recounts her brother's resemblance to the inhabitants of Cordoba while on a stopover there when he was a teenager, and his uncanny experience of being called to prayer by a mysterious old woman.

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Rose's piece. entitled *What a Surprise!*, relates a meeting between two friends after a long interval and a chapter of coincidences, not all pleasant, that link them together again.

Eva's contribution tells of a meeting between two old ladies, Sophie and Ada, and their reminiscences about their families and activities over lunch after meeting at a writers' workshop. Ada's daughter has problems with the idea of getting married, having broken off two long-terms relationships, but the third attempt proves to be the right one.

A lively discussion followed each submission.



Future Dates & Assignments

Please note the optional assignments and dates, with leaders:

June 15: What If? – Zinat July 20 A Personality – Marlene August 17: Crossing Boundaries – Rose September 21: Open October 19: A Play – Marlene November 16: Nature - Zinat

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