

LIBRARY IN ENGLISH



Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting January 15, 2021
at 10:30

at:

Temporary lieu: Frutties Planet Charmilles
The L.I.E. premises
3, rue de Monthoux
Assignment: Book Review
Leader: Rose

Due to the lockdown, our scheduled meeting in November was moved to the first available date after the restrictions were lifted, and Frutties again open for our meeting. We completed the required form for tracking COVID-19, practiced sanitary requirements, and social distancing before settling down to our meeting. The Reading Room of the Library is not yet available as the Library is closed on Fridays. Until further notice the meetings will be held at Frutties.

Those in attendance were and **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Zinat** and **Elizabeth**.



Business:

Rose confirmed that for now the Library's opening hours will be from 1 to 4pm. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for returns and lending. According to a Federal decision, all Libraries must temporarily close on Sundays. All visitors should use the side entrance, wear masks, and use hand sanitiser.

The November Booksale has been postponed though books will be on sale.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our selected pieces.

Reading:

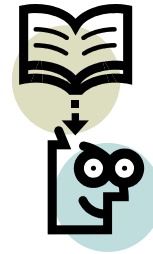
Marlene began with two poems. 'Sparkle' dealt with the crispness in the air after summer's heat, broken by sirens: a reminder of the virus. 'Autumn Carpet' represented memories, which to the eye seemed dead, but in fact created a base to build on, and a promise of things to come.

Zinat read 'A New Life'. With a very authoritative husband, Mrs H was very reserved, never accepted an invitation unless he left on travels: then she became chatty and dressed colourfully. Though, as soon as he came back, she again withdrew into her shell. When he retired he moved to his native city. Mrs H found a suitor and left for Australia leaving her grim husband to fend for himself.

Elizabeth related the life of a padded brocade Aristocratic Piano Stool. It began its life on the 1st floor of Kirkbank House, with Lord Arnot, a keen pianist. After many years, the house was sold, and the stool sent to a schoolmaster who enjoyed playing. The daughter, Anna, was also a piano student. When the Master retired to Scotland, the stool went with. Years later Anna moved to Switzerland. She took the stool with her, where as before, it enjoyed the admiration of many, and especially the cat who enjoyed the padded seat.

Rose's piece, 'Exposure', told the story of Anne Jones Luton who met Pearl, a fashionably dressed blonde, who complained about

filthy tablecloths at the restaurant where she worked. The boss fired Anne on the spot. On leaving, Pearl stopped her, handing over a business card. Later Anne called Pearl. Ten years later, the mousy waitress, now a well-dressed, confident person, had taken over her mentor's business. Except, she had burnt her fingers and lost everything. The suicide of Pearl made Anne realise that, through her own actions, she had brought on her own misery, ending up with nothing.



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 **2021**:

- Jan 15:** Book Review - Rose
- Feb 19:** Saying Goodbye - Zinat
- Mar 19:** Ghosts - Marlene
- Apr 16:** Recipe - Elizabeth
- May 21:** Secrets & Lies - Rose
- Jun 18:** A Pet's Life - Elizabeth
- Jul 16:** Open - Marlene
- Aug 20:** Holiday - Zinat
- Sep 17:** Fears - Marlene
- Oct 15:** Ebb & Flow of Life - Rose
- Nov 20:** Humour - Marlene
- Dec:** No meeting

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