

Summer arrived in all its glory, and it was a joy to meet as planned at Frutties, Planet Charmilles to share our writing on the month's optional assignment.

Due to the strict requirements lifted attendance was **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zinat**.

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.



## **Business:**

**Rose** confirmed that the Library has relaxed the restrictions and the main entrance is now available to all. Though masks remain mandatory.

The Library's opening hours for returns and lending: 12:30 to 16:00. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:30 to 13:00 remain in place.

A small number of books are for sale inside the Library.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our pieces on 'New Beginnings'.

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Marlene began with a very cynical view on the topic of New?'. 'What's In her view whatever began as new, has already turned into something old. With our experiences during COVID our way of life, travel, shop, banking, and many other habits altered, though became normal once we began to adapt the changes. So, she asked: 'Really what is new?'

Zinat mentioned how some friends travelled to various countries to experience something new, but in the end, they couldn't distinguish between Marrakesh, Rabat, and Algeria. In Morocco, Greece, Moscow, and Aden they even found a Mac Donald's and from photos of each place the new could not be remembered.

**Rose** on the other hand looked at the fast rate of change, entitling her piece: 'That's Progress'. She quoted Anthony Newley: 'stop the world, we want to get off' and mentioned when at a restaurant being handed an I-Pad instead of a printed menu. She remarked on the fact that now 90% of people are glued to their cell phones, wondering whether humans of tomorrow will be born with it as an appendage.



## 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 **2022**:

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Jun 17 Natural Disasters - Rose Jul 15 Transitions – Marlene Aug 19 Lost and Found – Rose Sept 16 Ghost Stories – Marlene Oct 21 Autumn – Rose Nov 18 Year's End - Marlene December no meeting