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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting March 17, 2023

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Post-Truth Age

Leader: Zinat

In sunny February weather we were happy to meet at Frutties, Planet Charmilles, as the Reading Room in the Library was not available to us. We ordered our tea and settled down in comfort for our meeting. Our meetings will be held at Frutties until further notice.

In attendance was **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Françoise** and **Zinat**.



Business:

Rose advised that the Library would be closed for this coming week, from the 20th to 24th of February for building works.

Various enquiries to join the group have been received and replies were sent out to all those interested. We hope they will be able to attend in March.

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

Reading:

Zinat kicked off our reading by presenting her travels which was mainly made through reading. The joys of being next to the sea, in the desert or in the mountains took her via England to Mesopotamia. Rudyard Kipling

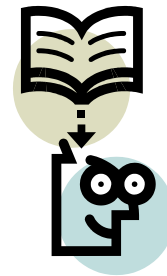
brought her adventure and the 'South Sea Travels' of Somerset Maugham brought various personalities into her home. Now with fast living and Easy Jet, travel has changed and turned into fast and short travels.

Rose read her piece entitled 'The Trip'. For Janet and Tim's trip to Switzerland, Janet insisted on making a list of what they needed to reduce luggage to one suitcase for both. She gave their travel documents to Tim, though he brought up the places they wanted to visit, and eventually they decided to take a suitcase each. Although with all the planning Tim felt like a schoolboy again with his mother arranging everything.

Françoise submitted a very descriptive rendering of her 2014 visit to volcanic Iceland and the abundance which came from it. Her trip to Istanbul, Turkey, and its history. The Topkapi, Aghia Sophia and the small island of Sedef seduced her. She will treasure the memories all her life.

Marlene recounted her travel with her niece to Egypt from the Aswan Dam, Philae Temple, Ramses II's Abu Simbel, Kom-Ombo and Edfu. Thereafter, they went to Luxor by boat sailing on the Nile to begin the new day with a hot air balloon ride over the valley of the Kings and Queens, watching the sunrise. In Cairo they spent an hour in the

King's chamber of the great pyramid. Dandara, Abydos, Memphis and Saqqara were their other stops. The voyage ended with a visit to St Catherine's monastery and snorkelling in the red sea before returning home.



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 **2023**:

Secretary: Marlene Jeanrenaud

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| Mar 17 | Post-Truth Age – Zinat |
| Apr 21 | Imaginary Towns –
Françoise |
| May 19 | My Epithet – Marlene |
| Jun 16 | Age, a state of mind –
Zinat |
| Jul 21 | Crossing Boundaries -
Françoise |
| Aug 18 | The Roads not taken –
Marlene |
| Sep 15 | A Biography –
Françoise |
| Oct 20 | A Children's Story -
Marlene |
| Nov 17 | A Book Review - Rose |