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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting: June 21, 2024

Time: 10.30 a.m.

at:

Frutties

Planète Charmilles

Assignment: Nature

Leader: Rose

The meeting took place at Frutties, Planète Charmilles as the Reading Room of the Library was not available. In attendance were **Françoise** (Leader), **Marlene** (Secretary), **Rose**, and **Carolyn**. Apologies were received from **Zinat**.



Business:

Carolyn reported difficulty in accessing the Library website and our links. Rose investigated and found normal service had been restored. **Carole** tendered her resignation due to conflicting commitments. We then proceeded to read our **Childhood Memories**.

Readings:

Rose described her walk home from junior school in a 'pea-

souper', a thick fog common to London and other large UK towns before the Clean Air Act of 1959 and the advent of smokeless fuel for coal fires in houses.

Françoise began by asking why we attached so much importance to childhood memories. She went on to describe her unconventional family, including her nephew and playmate Marc, two months younger than her, and their adventures in the French countryside.

Carolyn's piece began with a quotation from Phyllis Rashad: 'Before a child speaks, it sings, Before they write, they paint. As soon as they stand, they dance. Art is the basis of human expression.' She went on to recall her childhood in Beirut before the war destroyed the Lebanese infrastructure.

Marlene's piece, entitled '*Birthday Preparations*', described how she and her sisters helped their mother prepare a cake in post-war South Africa with flour that was strictly rationed and therefore could not be wasted, using a wooden sieve with a handle that had to be turned. Each sister wanted to be the first to turn the handle.

A lively discussion followed each submission.



Future Dates & Assignments

The following dates, topics and leaders have been chosen for 2024:

- Jul 19** Paranormal - Marlene
- Aug 16:** Pets and Other Animals
- Zinat
- Sept 20:** Seasons - Marlene
- Oct 18:** Open -
- Nov 15:** Paintings - Françoise
- December:** No Meeting

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