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## Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting August 16 2024

at 10:30

at:

Lieu: Frutties

Planet Charmilles, Charmilles.

Assignment: Pets & Other Animals

Leader: Zinat

The coolness at Frutties was welcome with the summer heat where we met for our meeting as the Reading Room of the Library is not available to us at present.

Those in attendance were and **Rose**, (leader) **Marlene** (secretary) **Françoise** and **Zinat**. Apologies were received from **Carolyn**.



### Business:

The Library's Summer one day Book Sale continues Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July and August 17<sup>th</sup> outdoors if weather permits.

Due to the absence of various members during September it has been decided that the meeting be moved to **DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**. Therefore, there will be no meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The topic would remain as 'Seasons'.

As there was no further business to attend to, we proceeded to reading our optional assignment 'Paranormal'.

### Reading:

**Zinat's** piece told us about various experiences which were strange. One was in India where her grandfather kept on hearing constant bathing from the vacant upstairs apartment. Here in Switzerland, her brother had hordes hurrying up and down stairs with people popping in and out through walls. Zinat herself

kept on losing things only to find them in strange places a year later.

**Rose** shared the sense of *déjà vu* in 'Paranormal Thoughts'. That feeling of knowing someone whom you have never met before, or a place where you feel you belong, which the Scots call *uncanny*, can't logically be explained. She mentioned two ladies visiting the gardens of Versailles seeing a woman playing with two children. The latter suddenly disappeared. Was it Marie-Antoinette?

**Marlene** read an essay 'The Unreal Real' including a personal experience of ghostly fingers trying to strangle her. The supernatural influences many people and is present in all countries, but notorious in Britain where she had her visitation. She asks if you have ever felt a cold unexplained touch, heard a sound or smelled something which do not have any explanation? Many sightings have been documented and corroborated, even domestic pets react to these visitations.

**Françoise's** 'Miss Mary' made us sit up, as a prank by a colleague turned out to be a real ghostly event. Mary who lost her fiancé and twin brother on the same day in an accident, visited a colleague in their Elizabethan home. Coincidentally, her hosts inherited the house from their great aunt also called Mary, who

had a similar history of losing both her twin and fiancé on the same day during the war. When their visitor left, the hosts laughed about the prank. Then suddenly, all the framed family photos, crystal, and bottle of wine cracked. At the same time from upstairs, their daughter cried out that a strange old lady was in her room.

### **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 2024:

For **2024**: the following dates, topics and leaders were chosen:

Aug 16: Pets & Other Animals -  
Zinat

**Sep 20: MOVED TO DECEMBER**

Oct 18: Open

Nov 15: Paintings – Françoise

Dec 15: Seasons - Carolyn

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