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## Writers' Workshop



**Next Meeting: May 21, 2010**

at

**The L.I.E. premises  
3, rue de Monthoux**

**Assignment: Familiar Faces  
Leader: Peter**

The meeting took place on April 16 at the L.I.E. premises chaired by **Rose**.

Present were: **Bill, Rose, Marlene, Mary, Jill** and **Sara**. Apologies were received from: **Peter, and Emily**.



**Business:** In the absence of Peter, Bill acted as secretary and took notes for Peter's issue of the report. Chairperson: Rose.

The guidelines for the next meeting in May are attached to this report.

Marlene brought the following workshops to our attention for possible interest:

Weekend Writing Workshop, "Looking Out, Looking In," April 29-May 2 at Samoens in haute Savoie. See [www.wordmeadow.com](http://www.wordmeadow.com)

The Paris Writers Workshop, June 27-July 2, with Matt Thorne, John Baxter, Alice Notley, and Geneva Writers' Group tutor Mimi Schwartz.

visit [www.pariswritersworkshop.org](http://www.pariswritersworkshop.org), or email [pariswritersworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:pariswritersworkshop@yahoo.com)

And please don't forget the amazing **LIE Spring book sale** next 23-24 April!

Then, taking our courage in our collective hands we moved on to readings and on the topic “**Ghosts**” with **Rose** leading the discussion.



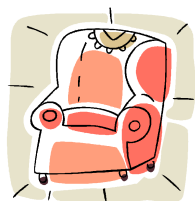
**Marlene** led with *Ghost in Sion Apartment*, a chilling account based on a true occurrence.



**Mary** read *Midnight Minutes*, an ingenious and amusing story based on an AGM of a ghost syndicate.

**Bill** opted for *Ghost Writers from the Sky*, a story set in an office environment.

**Rose** finished us off with *Coming to Terms*, a Stephen King -like story in a chilling domestic setting (your note taker has since regarded his hitherto comfy armchair with nervous suspicion).



Off-topic, **Jill** provided an interesting exercise in dialogue: *Another Christmas*.

**Sara** read several Haikus including some of which were Buddhist influenced, which led to a fruitful and appreciative discussion by the participants.



I am grateful for this text from Bill.  
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