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Anglo American Group of Provence

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Letter from the Board - June 2023

This is our last newsletter of the year and as you will see, there is no slowing down before the summer with lots of great activities. The main event of the month is our Garden Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Sunday 11th June at the Moulin de l'Arc in Trets. All you need to do is pay the nominal amount of 10 euros per member and come along with your Coronation outfit and hat! Full details can be found in this newsletter. Please sign up early to help with the organisation.

We have a new monthly activity starting this month - Gilles Dreyfus is starting up a Chess Club. Whether you are a beginner or a chess master, please do give it a go. Thank you for your initiative and time, Gilles. All other monthly activities will be taking place before taking a well-earned break during July and August. Please show your support.

Cheryl Wright, our Social Events Coordinator, has decided to step down from this position so we are actively looking for her replacement. Please contact either Cheryl, myself or any member of the Board for further details.

We are also looking for members to help out with the managing of the website and the electronic distribution of the Newsletter (see article from Tim Williams in the May newsletter).

The Board 2022/2023 :

President : Christine WEST, Vice President and Small Groups Coordinator : Jane STORR, Treasurer : Kathleen-Carmel KING, Secretary : Brigitte PONSARD, Newsletter Editor : Michel PARISOT, Social Events Coordinator : Cheryl WRIGHT, Membership Secretary : Elizabeth GOERGEN, New Member Welcome and Special Projects : Elaine BLANC, PR and Website : Jane WILLIAMS,

Associate Members 2022/2023

Library : Sue BOUTIER, Newsletter : Sharon LIGHTOWLERS, Social Events : Caitriona MACKLIN, Marseille : Brigitte KRAUS, Support : Catherine BOURDONCLE.

Please remember we are a volunteer group and cannot function without the generosity of our members giving us their time, energy and skills.

As you are aware, each year the AAGP makes a charity donation to a cause or causes usually close to members' hearts. This year, the Board decided to split the 300 euro budgeted amount equally between La Ligue Contre Le Cancer and the Association Fibroses Pulmonaires France as sadly we have lost members to both these diseases.

It's coming up to that time of year for renewing your membership. Our annual renewal subscription will be 45 euros. Please don't forget to complete and return your confirmation of civil liability insurance. All details in this newsletter.

Looking further ahead, our AGM and Welcome Party will be held on Friday 29th September. Full details will be in your September newsletter.

We would like to wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable summer in Provence or further afield and we look forward to you all joining us again in September.

Best wishes

Chris West (President) on behalf of the Board.

Board Vacancy

To comply with the AAGP rules and statutes, here are the details of the board vacancies in 2023/2024:

Social Events Coordinator:

Our current Social Events Coordinator, Cheryl Wright, has decided to step down from her position and we are now looking for her replacement. Please contact Cheryl, Chris or any Board Member for more details.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time again to start thinking about the dues for 2023-24

Family dues are €45 per family, to be paid by September 14th.

Please send the signed renewal form along with your cheque.

If you are going to be away around then you can send it now. We will not cash the cheque until August.

Bank transfer: only after 1st August please. AAGP RIB can be found on our website.

Please note that there is a bank charge of €20 to add for any transfers made using a non € account.

The September newsletter mailing will be mid-August so I would appreciate it if you would let me know before then if you are not rejoining or have any change of address. Likewise, if you want to have the newsletter online rather than a paper copy.

In the meantime, have a good summer.

Lish Goergen (Membership Secretary)



AAGP 2023-2024 Family Dues Renewal

**Please fill in, sign, and return this form with your cheques,
made out to AAGP for €40, BEFORE September 14th**

A reinstatement charge of €10 will be charged for any dues received after this date

Send to:

Mme Elizabeth Goergen, Beaulieu, Chemin de la Treille, Impasse des Pinets
13790 Peynier

BANK TRANSFER; PLEASE NOT BEFORE 1ST AUGUST,

You can find our AAGP RIB on our website

N.B. there is an additional €20 bank chargepayment from non euro
accounts.

**I/We the undersigned confirm that I/we have personal civil liability insurance
valid in France (required for membership)**

**I/We accept that our details will be held on the AAGP members list data base for the duration
of the membership and distributed to MEMBERS ONLY in our Directory**

NAME _____

Please note any new or changed information
for the directory on this form

New Information for the Directory if any

Address _____

Tel No _____ Port _____

Email _____

Dependent children under 21yrs to add to List (name and year of birth)

What's on in June 2023

Important : All activities will be organised to comply with the health regulations applicable on the day. Participants are required to comply with the regulations at all times.

Cancellation policy for paid events: Any cancellation **after** the specified deadline date will **NOT** be reimbursed unless a suitable replacement has been found.

1 - Thursday 12:15

LUNCH IN AIX (falafel/shawarma)

Venue : Tita, 11 rue des Bernardines (two blocks north of the Rotonde), 13100 Aix-en-Provence



Laid-back Israeli restaurant offering falafel, hummus, and shawarmas.

I will try to reserve a large table in the courtyard at the back of the restaurant.

<https://www.titaaix.fr/>

Please reserve your spot with me by Tuesday, May 30th, preferably on the AAGP Facebook page (see Events section).

Valerie Belon

07 49 75 93 49

2 - Friday 14:30

AFTERNOON TEA

Venue : La Buvette du Lac - Parc Borely, ave. du Parc Borély, 13008 Marseille

Bus n° 19 - arrêt Parc Borély

<https://www.buvettedulac.fr/>

[https://www.facebook.com/
profile.php?
id=100042166523831](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100042166523831)

Please let me know if you are coming by Friday, 26th May.

bibik@free.fr

Brigitte



4 - Sunday 10:30 PETANQUE

Venue : Boulodrome de Puyricard

The Boulodrome is at the exit from the village towards the Route de Seuil.

Gilles will be in charge of the group, but please answer by e-mail to Deanna if you are attending.

No previous skills required.

Deanna

06 76 39 15 52

deannalittell@gmail.com



Gilles 06 75 59 82 43

Calling All Chess Players - New Group Start-Up

5 - Monday 14:00 to 17:00

CHESS CLUB

Venue : AAGP Library Pont de l'Arc

Come & join. All levels welcome, bring your chessboard.



Please let Gilles know if you are attending.

gilles.dreyfus@gmail.com

06 75 59 82 43

Looking forward to meeting the 1st Monday of the month 14.00 - 17.00.

Gilles

8 Thursday 10:30

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Venue : chez Marilyn Campbell, 22 rte de Peynier, D57, Puylobier

One More Croissant for the Road by Felicity Cloake

Presented by: Mary Falconnier

This month brings us along the roads of France in search of culinary perfection. Like the stages in the Tour de France, each



of the writer's 21 stages of this bicycle expedition concludes with our food taster's newfound knowledge to create a definitive recipe for each dish. To understand a language, one must understand the culture and in France, to understand the culture is to understand the food. Part travelogue, part food memoir, we begin our summer with light-hearted new adventures on the road and at the table.

Join us for continuing food conversations after the discussion and bring a picnic lunch.

Please let Kathleen and Marilyn know if you are coming by Tuesday, June 6th.

Kathleen Lambert 04 42 21 08 07 kathleenlambert10@gmail.com
Marilyn Campbell 04 42 66 37 56 marilynjcampbell@yahoo.com

Kathleen Lambert

8 - Thursday 14:00

BOWLING

**Venue : Bowling Le Bras d'Or, 23
bd. Charrier, Aix-en-Provence**

Join us for some fun bowling. No prior skills required.

We usually play two games. (10 euros including shoes).

Please email me or call 24 hours before.

Gilles Dreyfus

06 75 59 82 43

gilles.dreyfus@gmail.com



9 - Friday 12:30

GOURMET LUNCH

Location to be announced in the Foodie email around May 26th. We look forward to seeing you all, to share a wonderful lunch and camaraderie!

Mary Lou McHugh and Bob Keltz

11 - Sunday 12:30

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Venue : Le Moulin de l'Arc, 1604 route de Rousset, 13530 TRETS



It's happening!!! After the bad news that we were unable to use the Parc de la Glacière for the AAGP Annual Picnic this year, we now have good news. We will be holding our event – a Royal Garden Party for the Coronation, no less - in the extensive grounds behind the Moulin de l'Arc (the venue for Burns Night).

Not only that, but the Moulin will be providing a selection of delicious aperitif finger food which we can enjoy with a glass of a quintessential British summer drink: Pimm's Number 1. This will be followed by a mega barbecue with vegetables and fries. And dessert! Plus wine.



So, dress for the occasion, and to encourage you, there will be a “best hat” competition for those who wish to participate.

The Moulin will provide recyclable plates and cutlery, but we will need to bring our own picnic tables and chairs or rugs so that we can choose where we would like to sit in the shade of the trees. We can drive and park very close to where we will be.



There will be a small contribution towards the meal of 10 euros per member, non-members will pay the full cost of 40 euros pp.

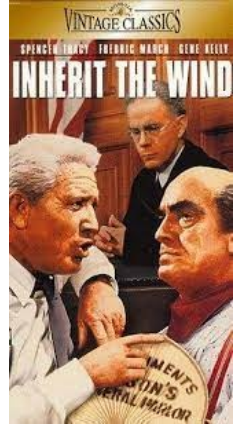
Please reserve your place by email to me as soon as possible and definitely before 3rd June. I will then send details of how to make your payment. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Cheryl Wright
cherylwrightfr@gmail.com

11 - Monday 14:00

CINÉ CLUB

Venue: Chez Deanna & Gilles
18 Allée Rosaki
Route de Puyricard (D114A)
06 76 39 15 52



Inherit the Wind is a 1960 American film based on the 1955 play of the same name written by Jerome Laurence & Robert Edwin Lee. The film, directed by Stanley Kramer, stars two-time Best-Actor Oscar winners Spencer Tracy & Fredric March in this thrilling re-creation of one of the most titanic courtroom battles of the 20th Century.

The controversial subject of evolution versus creation causes two polar opposites to engage in one explosive battle of beliefs.

Attorney Henry Drummond (Tracy) faces off against fundamentalist Matthew Harrison Brady (March) in a small Tennessee town where a teacher has been brought to trial for teaching Darwinism, against the state law. This film is about what came to be known as the Scopes Monkey Trial. Gene Kelly, in a rare, critically acclaimed dramatic role, plays an influential journalist of the Baltimore Herald who has persuaded Henry Drummond, one of America's most controversial legal minds, to represent Cates, the teacher.

Matthew Brady, a noted statesman & staunch foe of evolution & biblical scholar, will be assisting the prosecution.

The trial takes on a circus atmosphere & is somewhat reminiscent of what can go on in the America left to us by Trump. *Inherit the Wind* was written as a parable for the McCarthy era & its chilling effect on intellectual discourse.

Join us for pizza, popcorn & seeing that often what goes around comes around.

Please R.S.V.P. as places are limited.

Deanna & Gilles

12 - Monday 14:30

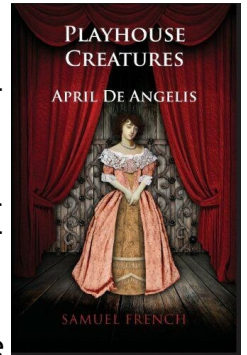
PLAY READING GROUP

Our June play will be *Playhouse Creatures* by April De Angelis.

Reading will start at 2.30 pm on Monday 12th June; information on script and venue will be sent to signed-up readers nearer the date.

Please email marcdympna@gmail.com if you wish to take part.

Dympna Donnelly



13 - Tuesday 12:00

LUNCH

Venue : Brasserie O'Parc (Parc Chanot) - Les Jardins du Parc, 1 bd Michelet, 13008 Marseille

Métro ligne 2 - arrêt Rond-Point du Prado

https://www.instagram.com/restaurant_oparc/

<https://www.brasserieoparc.fr/la-carte-et-les-menus-w1.html>

Please let me know if you are coming by Wednesday, 7th June.

bibik@free.fr

Brigitte

15 - Thursday 16:30–18:00 (an earlier date than usual)

APERÔ IN ENGLISH - JOINT AAGP & AVF

Venue: Notification to RSVPs by email a few days prior

Reservations required by EMAIL ONLY to Diane
at dmbecal@gmail.com before 10th June

Please note that seats are limited for our apéro soirees. (As usual, I will

reply to you with a 👍 😊 to let you know it is a go). This month our date has changed due to a program conflict. Please watch for the **email confirmation/update** which will be sent to all RSVPs. Special thanks in advance to Christine Chang for covering for Diane for June (as she also did for March).

Diane Envent

23 - Friday 18:30

EVENING DRINK



Venue : Les Réformés Rooftop, 125 La Canebière, 13001 Marseille

Métro Ligne 1 - arrêt Les Réformés ou Ligne 2 - arrêt Noailles

<https://www.lesreformes.fr/menus-carte/#images-2>

<https://www.lesreformes.fr/>

Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday, 15th June.

bibik@free.fr

Brigitte

26 - Monday 14:00

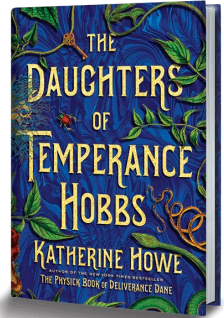
BOOK CLUB

Venue : chez Brigitte Kraus, 99 cours Lieutaud, 13006 Marseille

Métro arrêt Castellane ou Notre Dame du Mont - Tram T3 arrêt Rome Dragon

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, home-made cakes and biscuits for 5 euros.

This month's book is *The Daughters of Temperance Hobbs* by Katherine Howe.



Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday, 22nd June.

bibik@free.fr

Brigitte

27 Tuesday 12.15

LUNCH IN AIX (Ethiopian)

Venue : Chez Ama, 9 rue Isolette, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

Delicious Ethiopian cuisine. Stewed (long-cooked) meat, long-cooked chicken, peas, and/or vegetables presented on a large plate, on teff (sourdough) pancakes, traditionally eaten with fingers. Vegetarian friendly and gluten-free.

www.chezama.com



Please reserve your spot with me by Saturday, June 24, preferably on the AAGP Facebook page (see Events section).

Valerie Belon

07 49 75 93 49

28 Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30

MORNING COFFEE IN SAINT-RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE

Venue : La Maison du Bon Café, 4 boulevard Mirabeau, 13210 Saint-Rémy-de-Provence

This meetup over coffee is co-hosted by AAGP member David Carpita and/or Sue Poole from La Table des Amis de Provence as a joint venture of these two non-profit associations.

It is also market day in Saint-Rémy, another good reason to attend. Free parking all day at Liberation just 300m walking distance from the venue.

No need to email or phone, just drop in.

David Carpita

No Hike June 2023

Dear friends

I am sorry to announce that I unfortunately cannot conduct a hike in June because of various reasons. However as from September I will resume hikes as per norm.

Roderick MacLeod



Regular events

Useful info

French conversation

In Aix

Bridge

On Tuesday 14:00

Contact Lish GOERGEN

Library

Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:30 - 11:30

Maison des Associations, Mairie Aix-Sud

75 route des Milles, Pont de l'Arc.

For more information, refer to :

www.aagp-provence/library.php

Painting Group

Sign up to receive our monthly information and workshop dates

Michel PARISOT

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www.aagp-provence.com The member's version is only accessible by password which is in the Members'List Booklet

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Look before you book !

If you are planning an event, please contact our calendar coordinator FIRST to check that your date doesn't clash with another event.

Important

The civil liability insurance held by AAGP does not exempt participants in AAGP activities from holding personal civil liability insurance valid in France.



Professional associations (English speaking)

Cancer Support France provides emotional, linguistic and practical support for English speaking people in France touched by cancer. They are also able to provide information on existing residency applications for UK nationals resident in France prior to 31st December 2020.

Tel: 0800 240 200

Email: helpline@cancersupportfrance.fr

Website: <https://cancersupportfrance.org>

SOS Helpline France for English speakers (similar to Samaritans)

Tel: 01 46 21 46 46 (3pm to 11pm daily)

Website: <https://www.soshelpline.org>

The Samaritans: UK based with overseas lines (not free):

Tel: 00 44 330 094 5717 or 00 44 8457 90 90 90

Email: jo@samaritans.org

Counselling in France - a website which includes a range of English (and other languages) speaking therapists and counsellors all over France.

Website: <https://www.counsellinginfrance.com>

Red Cross Helpline in English

Tel : **07 86 28 11 99** open 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday.

Email: English-helpline.st-lois@croix-rouge.fr



LOOKING BACK

17 participants (8 AAGP, 9 AVF) spent a lovely warm evening of convivial conversation on the terrace of Le Petit Bistrot - Place Richelme.



Folk Evening -

Last month, we enjoyed the second of our yearly Folk Evening/Sing Along's with the musical talents of E2G. La Brasserie des Platanes was full, once again, with a mixture of members (regular and new) and non-members all enjoying either listening or singing along to well-loved songs from previous shows and new additions to the ever expanding repertoire of E2G. Thank you to the staff of the Brasserie for keeping the wine flowing and the spread of food and a bigger thank you to Elaine, Michel and Roderick for providing such musical enjoyment.



LOOKING BACK



Gourmet lunch at La
Magdeleine, Gemenos.



SMALL ADS JUNE 2023

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Are you grieving for a loved one and needing to talk? The Bereavement Support Network supports the bereaved, the terminally ill and/or their carers, face-to-face in the Var and Aix-en-Provence and by telephone elsewhere in France. Call us between 07:00 and 23:00 on 06 24 50 22 74; email: info@bsnvar.org www.bsnvar.org

REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT

Need assistance to sell or purchase a property in Aix and surroundings? I'll be pleased to help you in your real estate project. Competitive service, dynamic local network, widespread advertising and a dynamic interlocutor!

Contact : 06 18 46 84 77 ; email : veronique.morvan@iadfrance.fr

Follow me on fb : VerolMMO ; Insta : vero.morvan_immo_aixprovence

WANTED - TO RENT

We are looking for:-

1) Summer rent of villa with pool - big enough to sleep 6, maybe max 8, for the month of July. We could rent or perhaps do a house swap (a house in Oxford which can sleep 7)

2) and T1/T2 for long term rent

Will consider all possibilities!

i.thomas88@outlook.com

LOOKING BACK



Folk evening La Brasserie Les Platanes

Excursion to Château de La Buzine,
Marseille.

