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Letter from the Board - October 2024

Autumn is here with cooler mornings and evenings but we're still enjoying warm summery days and spending time outside and making the most of this time of year.

Our first major event of the AAGP year takes place on Friday 11th October with our **AGM** followed by our **Welcome Party**. You all should now be aware that this year will see a change of president and we have 2 candidates - Julie Wright and Timothy Molyneux - volunteering their time and energy. You will have read their biographies and manifestos in last month's newsletter so please do find the time to attend the AGM and cast your vote. If you are unable to attend, please use the proxy voting form. Following on from the AGM will be our Annual Welcome Party where you can enjoy drinks and nibbles catching up with old friends and making friends with new members. Full details for both events can be found further on in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we will enjoy the first of our biannual Folk Evening/Singalong with E2G on Saturday 16th November and hopefully our annual Thanksgiving celebration towards the end of November. Date and venue to be confirmed. Of course we will be celebrating the arrival of the Beaujolais Nouveau, again, date and venue to be confirmed.

Please do show your support for all our activities and events and remember to sign up and make any payment before the deadline.

The Board 2023/2024 :

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 : Karen Watson, Membership Secretary : Elizabeth GOERGEN, New Member Welcome and Special Projects : Elaine BLANC, PR and Website : Jane WILLIAMS,

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Marseille : Brigitte KRAUS, Activities coordinator : Catherine BOURDONCLE.

One final reminder, hopefully everyone has now paid their annual subscription and sent their insurance confirmation yellow paper back to Lish. Thank you.

And one final word (or two) from your outgoing president - a huge thank you to my fellow board and associate board members (both past and present) for their incredible support and encouragement over these past 8 years. We've all had to deal with many ups and downs and I know couldn't have coped without the laughs, rants, jokes, tears that we've all gone through and come out the other end - smiling and laughing (most of the time 😊). And, of course, another huge thank you to YOU our members for your wonderful words of encouragement and gratitude that I've received over the years. These words mean the world to me - they cost nothing but are priceless and I will treasure them always ♥️.

Chris West (President) on behalf of the Board.



What's on in October 2024

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.

4 - Friday 12:30

GOURMET LUNCH CLUB (Mediterranean cuisine)

Venue : Restaurant Les Arcenaulx, 25 cours d'Estienne d'Orves, 13001 Marseille (Métro Vieux Port)

Located in the heart of Marseille since 1980, one block from the Old Port, along the cours d'Estienne d'Orves, Les Arcenaulx offers seasonal Mediterranean cuisine to please every palate. Established by sisters Jeanne and Simone Laffitte, this unique place in Marseille once housed the *Chiourme des Galères de l'Arsenal*, but now combines a restaurant with an impressive library and wine cellar juxtaposing old and modern books with bottles of wine and elegantly set tables.



Chef Eric Cornilleau is known for offering local classics, such as tapenade and bouillabaisse, fresh from the Mediterranean Sea and their nearby Provençale orchards. We will be offered an *apéro* (one glass of white wine or fruit juice), a three-course meal, and coffee/tea for €60 each excluding any additional wine or bottled water. Menu choices to follow.

Please reserve your spot by using this SignUp Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DADA82DA2FA7-51366439-gourmet#/>

Nicole Cadilhac

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6 - Sunday 10:30 PETANQUE

Venue : boulodrome
de Puyricard

The boulodrome de Puyricard is on avenue Jacques de Régis (toward la route du Seuil).

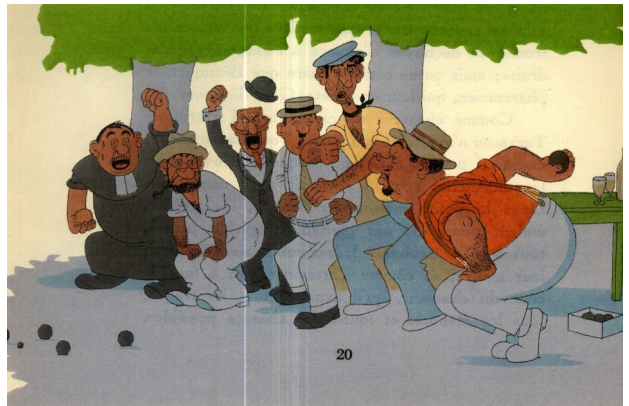
Join us for some fun *pétanque*. No skills required.

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

Deanna

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7 - Monday 10:30 MORNING COFFEE

Venue : Les Gourmandines du Prado, 14 avenue du Prado, 13006 Marseille - Métro ligne 1 ou 2 : arrêt Castellane

<https://lesgourmandinesduprado.fr/>

Please let me know if you are coming by Wednesday, October 2nd

Brigitte Kraus

bibik@free.fr



7 - Monday 14:30 PLAY READING GROUP

Venue : 1 rue de l'Esplanade, Aix-en-Provence

Our October play will be hosted by Michèle Duguet-Pic, Résidence Esplanade de l'Arche, 1 rue de l'Esplanade, in Aix.



Reading will start at 2.30 pm on Monday 7th October; information on script and venue will be sent to signed-up readers nearer the date.

Please email marcdympna@gmail.com if you wish to sign up.

Dympna Donnelly

9 - Wednesday 14:00

CHESS CLUB



Calling All Chess Players

Venue : Chez Gilles Dreyfus, 18 allée Rosaki, route de Puyricard (D 14 A), Aix-en-Provence

Bus stop : "Rosaki" on bus number 11 is NOT in service anymore. You can get off either the stop before called Residence Beaufort, or the stop after called Fusains; both stops are about 300 yards from Rosaki. Come and join. All levels welcome, bring your chessboard.

Please let me know if you are attending.

Gilles

gilles.dreyfus@gmail.com

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10 - Thursday 10:30

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Venue : Home of Judith Butler, Les Lofts d'Entremont, 1355 chemin de Bouenhoure, Aix-en-Provence

The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

Presented by Judith Butler

In 1974 two teenagers, from opposite sides of a divided Cyprus, meet at a tavern in the city they both call home. The tavern is the only place that Kostas - Greek - and Defne - Turkish can meet in secret, hidden beneath the leaves of a fig tree growing through the roof of the tavern.

Decades later in London, 16-year-old Ada, who has never visited the

island of her parents' home, seeks to untangle years of her family's silence. Her only connection to the land of her ancestors is a fig tree growing in their London garden.

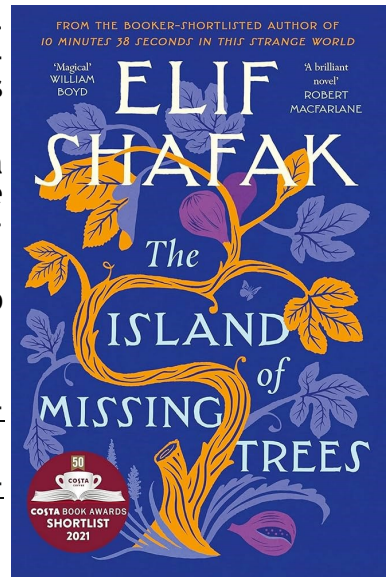
Join us for continuing conversations over a picnic lunch. If you are carpooling, please don't forget a 5 euro donation for the driver to show you appreciation.

Let Nancy and Judith know if you plan to attend the Thursday gathering by Monday, 7th October.

Nancy Ceridwyn 07 81 84 61 29 nancy.ceridwyn@gmail.com

Judith Butler 06 24 70 06 99 judith-bu123@gmail.com

Nancy Ceridwyn



10 - 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



11 - Friday 18:00 -welcome desk opens at 17:30

Annual General Meeting (Presidential Election) and Welcome Party

Venue : Novotel Beaumanoir, rue Marcel Arnaud, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

The AGM will start at 6 pm followed by the Welcome Party.

Registration will be from 5.30 pm onwards to allow for a prompt start at 6 pm.

Please do come and meet the board members, provide feedback and constructive suggestions, ask questions and offer support to our voluntary association. This year we will be voting to elect my replacement - the new AAGP President - and we have 2 members who have offered their candidacy - Julie Wright and Timothy Molyneux. Hopefully you have read their biographies and vision for your AAGP in the September newsletter.

Voting for this position will be done via ballot paper (anonymously) rather than the usual raising of hands. If you cannot attend, please do use the proxy voting form which has been sent via the OneList, and is also available on the Members pages of the AAGP Website.



On this form, you will be asked to vote for the candidate of your choice by ticking the relevant box. Please remember that the person holding your proxy **MUST** attend the meeting and that it is **ONE** vote per **FAMILY**.

Following on from the AGM, we will be hosting our Welcome Party (see Karen's article below).

If you need a lift to get to the meeting, please contact a board member as soon as possible and we will do our best to organize this.

Chris West

11 - Friday : following the AGM

WELCOME PARTY

Venue : Novotel Beaumanoir Les 3 Sautets, rue Marcel Arnaud, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

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Just a reminder that the annual Welcome Party will take place at the Novotel Beaumanoir Hotel, rue Marcel Arnaud, in Aix following the AGM which will be at the same location. We anticipate the event to start around 19.30 depending on the end of the AGM just before.

We would love to see you at the event, particularly all the new members!

Please note there are two Novotel hotels very close to each other. The Novotel Beaumanoir is the first one if coming from the Val St Andre exit on the motorway. It is **NOT** the Novotel Pont de l'Arc.

The event is subsidised by the AAGP but we will be asking for a contribution of 15 euros per member present. Payment details have been sent out by email on the OneList, with a deadline for reservations and payment on October 1st

Please feel free to contact me for any further questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Karen Watson



13 - Sunday 10:30

RAMBLE

Venue : La Couronne :
Parking Traverse de la
Pointe Riche, chemin du
Sémaphore. GPS N43°
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To get to the car park you have to wind through the village and I think, in October, there'll be plenty of room there. It's at the top of the steps that lead down to the big beach called Plage du Verdon.

We'll walk from there to the beach and chapels of Sainte Croix, one standing and another that's a ruin. The ramble hugs the coastline offering fantastic views. There are fossils embedded in the rocky path and you can see the remains of the quarry, now underwater, whose stones built a lot of Marseille.

The ramble is not more than 7 km, it's stony and there are steps to climb, here and there, so appropriate shoes are called for. It's impossible to get lost and there are bathing opportunities along the way, or on the big sandy beach above which is our starting point. Bring a picnic.

This is a ramble that we used to do with Jan and Chris Maile. They introduced us to it and made us ramble fans, we miss them.

We plan to set off at 10.45.

Please let us know if you're coming. email: Maryk3486@gmail.com

Mobiles: Pierre 06 80 20 18 63 Mary: 06 74 67 04 30

Mary & Pierre Falconnier

13 - Sunday 18:45

CINE CLUB

Venue : Chez Deanna & Gilles,
18 allée Rosaki, route de
Puyricard (D 14 A), Aix-en-
Provence

The Big Sleep is a 1946 American film
Noir directed by Howard Hawks which
adapts the Raymond Chandler 1939
novel of the same name.

The film stars Humphrey Bogart as private detective Philip Marlowe and Lauren Bacall as Vivian Rutledge in a story that begins with blackmail and leads to multiple murders. Raymond Chandler's legendary gumshoe solves it in hard-boiled style, and style is what *The Big Sleep* is all about.

Director Hawks serves up snappy encounters - especially the real one of Bogart & Lauren Bacall - brisk pace and atmosphere galore.

The incendiary Bogart/Bacall chemistry jumps off the screen.

Join us for pizza, popcorn and find out WHODUNIT.

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

Deanna & Gilles

06 76 39 15 52



14 - Monday 14:30

AFTERNOON TEA

Venue : Cup of Tea, 1 rue
Caisserie, 13002 Marseille

Métro ligne 1 : arrêt Vieux Port—Bus
49 : arrêt Place Bargemon

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Please let me know if you are coming by Tuesday, October 8th.

Brigitte Kraus

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15 - Tuesday 12:15

LUNCH IN AIX (budget-friendly French bistro)

Venue : La Brocherie, 5 rue Fernand Dol, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

Grilled meat and seafood are the specialties of La Brocherie, a charming, rustic eatery with an open hearth and wagon-wheel chandeliers. With pasta main courses at only €13.50 or shrimp scampi, grilled whole *dorade*, or *côte d'agneau* for only €19 each, this is the most budget-friendly restaurant I have found in Aix center.



Check out these recent reviews I found: (1) “Our favourite place for food in all of Aix-En-Provence. Incredible food, friendly service and great atmosphere. Absolutely loved everything and will go again! It’s always bustling with people.”

And (2) “Exceptional meal in a beautiful restaurant with friendly owners and waiters. We had the mixed grill and pili pili wood-fired shrimp, paired with a delicious local red wine recommended by the waiter. The meal was cooked to perfection! We ended off with the crepe for dessert which was made at our table side, over a gas fire. Overall one of the best dining experiences I’ve ever had!”

What more can I say? Let’s eat!!

Please reserve your spot by using this SignUp Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DADA82DA2FA7-51169686-lunch#/>

Valerie Belon

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20 - Sunday 10:00

HIKE

Venue : Sainte-Baume

We shall meet on the village square in Nans-les-Pins and from here proceed on foot, passing by the ruins of the old (8th century) village before reaching the banks of the Huveaune river. We will follow the



riverside through woodlands until we reach the "Grotte de la Castelette" which is one of the sources of the river. From there we will take a path which will lead us up to the "Hostellerie du Plan d'Aups" which is a famous site dedicated to the worship of SainteMarie-Madeleine. We will have our picnic lunch in this area, using the possibility to have coffee etc. at the hostellerie. There is also a shop for pilgrims and tourists wishing to buy souvenirs and/or books. We will then take the same route to go back down to the cars.

Count on about 4 hours hiking time and a change of altitude of about 300 metres. There are no particular difficulties along the way so dogs and children used to hiking are welcome. Bring plenty of food and water and wear proper hiking gear for autumn weather.

All those wishing to come are invited to call me the day before between 18h and 20h on

06 60 61 08 65 just to make sure that this venue complies with all the regulations prevailing on the date.

Thanks

Roderick Macleod



22 - Tuesday 12:00

LUNCH IN MARSEILLE

**Venue : Restaurant Bambino, 59
bd. Eugène Pierre, 13005 Marseille**

Tram T1 : arrêt Eugène Pierre

<https://www.facebook.com/>

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Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday, October 17th .

Brigitte Kraus

bibik@free.fr

28 - Monday 14:00

BOOK CLUB

**Venue : chez Brigitte Kraus, 99
cours Lieutaud, 13006 Marseille -
Metro ligne 1 ou 2 : arrêt Castellane ou
Notre Dame du Mont, Tram T3 : arrêt
Rome Dragon**

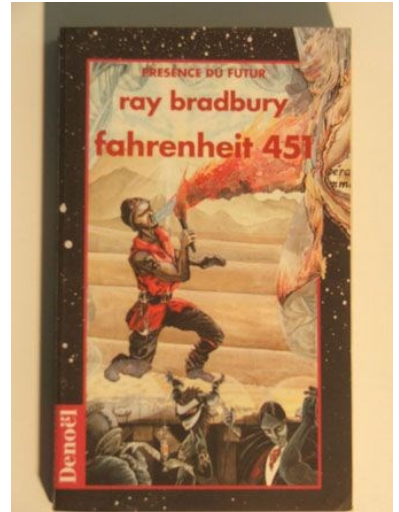
Tea, coffee, soft drinks, home-made
cakes and biscuits for 5 euros.

This month's book is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

Please let me know if you are coming by Wednesday, October 23rd
at the latest.

Brigitte Kraus

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LOOKING AHEAD SAVE THE DATE

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.

Monday November 4, 15:00

ARTS CLUB TALK on CAUMONT Exhibition

Venue : Mairie Annexe du Pont de l'Arc, Place Sextia Conca, 75 route des Milles, Aix-en-Provence (library users will be familiar with the location)

Trevor White has kindly agreed to give a talk on Steve McCurry whose work is the subject of the upcoming exhibition at the Caumont Centre d'Art in Aix.

So please save the date: Monday 4th November at 3 pm !

Sign up and further information will be posted on the OneList during October

Dympna Donnelly

Steve McCurry



Saturday November 16, 18:00

FOLK EVENING & SINGALONG

Venue : La Brasserie des Platanes, 2112 route de Siste-ron, Aix-en-Provence

Elaine, Michel and Rod - E2G - invite you to **Brasserie des Platanes**, for the next **AAGP Folk Evening and Singalong !**

Just a few minutes north of Aix centre, the brasserie welcomes us into its friendly informal atmosphere, with plenty of free parking available and easy access from Aix town centre and the A51.

As usual we have lots of new songs and we will also cover as many of your « old favourites » as possible.

A hot and cold buffet meal will be served during the intermission and wine will be served throughout the evening.

Cost per AAGP member is 20 euros which includes the buffet meal, wine and of course the music and songbook! Non-members accompanying members will pay full price of 30 euros each. Booking opens on **Saturday October 19th** and will close on **Saturday November 9th** or before if all places are taken. A reminder will be sent out on the OneList when booking opens.

Please remember that places are limited, so be sure to book early to reserve your place.

Booking is by email to Elaine at eda.blanc@orange.fr before closing date latest. All instructions for payment and other necessary information will be sent when your email reservation is received. All questions to Elaine at the same email.

We hope you will join us for another evening of music, song and good company!

E2G - Elaine, Michel and Rod



Sunday November 17, 9:30 - 16:00

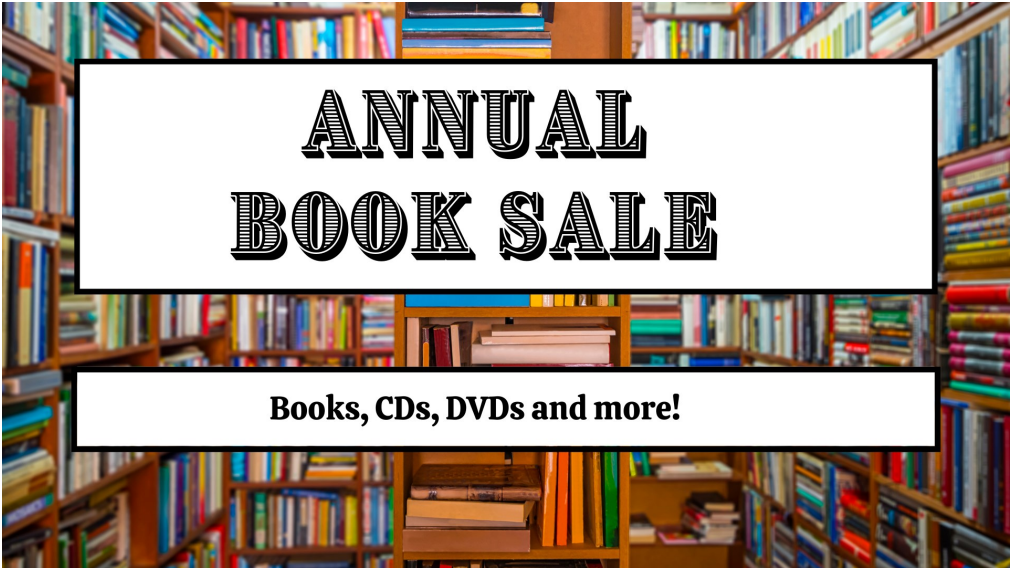
ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Venue : Mairie Annexe, Pont de l'Arc, room below the AAGP library

The library team is planning on holding our annual used book sale on Sunday November 17th from 9:30 am to 4 pm, with hundreds, if not thousands, of books at our usual very low prices. You will find full details in the November newsletter and on the OneList.

We will be accepting offers of help for the sale (before, during and after) and donations of English books (in good condition!) after November 1.

The Library Team



SMALL ADS OCTOBER 2024

YOUR PROPERTY, MY COMMITMENT

Hello Members

My name is Magali, born in Provence, living in Aix for more than 25 years. I worked a long time for many students programs abroad (Vanderbilt, IAU, CEA, Wellesley in Aix.....)

Now I work for families who live in Provence half-time and need a trusty person in charge of their home. I have good experiences and a large and serious address book.

Maintenance, logistic.....all you need to ensure that your home will never be alone.

Contact mag.stratigeas11@gmail.com

Tel : 06 43 43 31 24

From AAGP Members' Facebook Page.



Ooz-Ee Williams

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Aix-en-Provence Hash house Harriers are back after a long summer break:

Hash Run #33 details:

Date: Sunday 22nd September 2024

Start Location:

On the D17 between Equilles and Pélissanne, park on the right just before the TGV bridge. This is about 6 km after the Equilles town limit sign. Here's the Waze location:... [En voir plus](#)

Regular events

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

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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.

Ideas for organising a new activity or an excursion ?

Please contact Catherine BOURDONCLE, our activities coordinator at

cbourdoncle13@gmail.com

at least one month in advance of your event and before you advertise it.

Important

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

AAGP LIBRARY - June 16

