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Anglo American Group of Provence

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Letter from the Board - June 2026

The AAGP year, before our break over July and August, is closing with a flurry of activity.

May saw the library team kick off the month with another “pre-loved” book sale. Yet again they raised an impressive amount and even managed to fit in a meal together. The money raised will be used to buy new titles, further increasing the library’s collection. Their work also massively increases the profile of our association and we extend a huge thank you for everything they do.

The month also saw an incredibly lively and well attended folk evening, with some 60 participants and an encouraging number of new members. Photos and a review of the evening can be found in this month’s newsletter.

In addition, we hosted a talk by author Janice Nagourney at the AAGP library on the 18th May, which again, was exceptionally well attended. We thank the Marseille group for helping us coordinate this popular event.

June promises further opportunities to share our experiences, our talents and our common culture. A three-day AAGP art exhibition will take place from Saturday 6th June until the afternoon of Monday 8th June at the mairie in Pont de L’arc. We have 17 exhibitors to date, and there is an excellent mix of styles, materials and ages. An “apéro” will be offered by the AAGP at the official “vernissage” on

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the Saturday from 5pm onwards. There's no need to book, just drop by and discover the artists and their works.

And then, on Sunday 14th June from 12pm - 4pm, to close our year, we are holding our annual Summer event. This year we are hosting a Barbecue/Bufferet with drinks in the gardens of the Nomad restaurant of the Ibis Hotel in Val de L'Arc. This venue has plenty of parking and easy access from the centre of Aix (via the number 8 bus, which picks up by the Rotonde, or close to the Conseil des Notaires on the boulevard du Roi René). Places are free for AAGP members and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Full details have already been circulated on the OneList.

And finally, as my time as President of the AAGP comes to an end, I would like to thank all those who have sent such kind messages. Some may have slipped through the net and I may not have replied to each one personally. I'll be firmly in post until our AGM in October, when I'll be passing on the baton to a fresh set of hands.

We are delighted that an active long-standing member has expressed an interest in taking up the position, but it is open to all Anglo-American members over 18 years of age and paying their annual subscription (AAGP Statutes Art 8/R&R section 3.5). If you would like to have more information about the role please get in touch with me directly on 06 99 81 69 06.

In line with our Rules and Regulations, all candidates should be nominated by another AAGP member and these proposals received in writing by the 30th June.

So there you have it!! A jam-packed end of year. Enjoy the Summer and the long warm evenings. Perhaps the image on our front cover, captured by AAGP member, Connie Kozak, will inspire you to explore the area around the Palais de L'Archevêché in Aix?

Julie Lichtlé-Wright, on behalf of the board

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2026-27

Yes it is nearly time to start thinking about it again. Dues remain the same at 45€ per family, to be paid by September 18th. PLEASE NO BANK TRANSFERS BEFORE AUGUST 1st. Full details will be up on the Website and the One List mid-August and then in the September newsletter.

Any queries, please contact me.

Hope you all have a great summer

Lish Goergen, MEMBERSHIP 06 86 73 43 19

What's on in June 2026

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 - Monday 14:30

PLAY READING GROUP

Our June Reading will start at 2.30 pm on Monday 1st June; information on script and venue will be sent to readers nearer the date. Please email marcdympna@gmail.com if you would like to sign up. *Dympna Donnelly*

3 - Wednesday 12:00

POT LUCK LUNCH IN MARSEILLE

Venue : Near Parc du 26^{ème} centenaire - You will be informed of the precise location after your registration is confirmed. Please, let me know if you are coming ASAP as the number of places is limited. *Brigitte* - bibik@free.fr

6, 7 & 8th - from 10am to 6pm

AAGP ART EXHIBITION

Venue : Mairie du Pont de l'Arc, meeting room ground floor
Salle des Réunions, Mairie Annexe, Pont de l'Arc, 75 route des Milles, CD9, Aix-en-Provence

Hello to all artists and art lovers! The AAGP is organizing over the weekend of June 6th, 7th, and 8th its second "art exhibition" for its members, from established artists to complete beginners. Whether you **paint, sculpt, model, knit, sew, build, or practice any other craft**, you are invited to participate in this exhibition.

If you only wish to visit, please come and meet other members, exchange ideas, and perhaps discover new inspiration.

Over 15 of us have already signed up to display our paintings, art work and sculptures.

The exhibition will be held in the meeting room, ground floor, mairie annexe du Pont de l'Arc (where parking is easy Saturday and Sunday).

THE "VERNISSAGE" will take place at 4pm on Saturday June 6th, a BUFFET will be kindly offered by the AAGP.

All questions to mitch131pari@gmail.com. I hope we will see you there! *Michel Parisot*



7 - Sunday 10:30

PÉTANQUE

Venue : Boulodrome de Puyricard, intersection avenue Jacques de Régis & blvd de Carelle.

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 Littell - 06 76 39 15 52 - deannalittell@gmail.com



8 - Monday 10:30

MORNING COFFEE

Venue : Brasserie Massena - 1, av Cantini 13006 Marseille

Metro ligne 1 ou 2 - Arrêt Castellane <https://massenacafe.com/> Please, let me know if you are coming by Thursday, June 4th.

Brigitte - bibik@free.fr



11 - Thursday 11:00

MODERN POETRY GROUP

Venue: Chez Angie Pyman, Friedland 4, 13100 Aix-en-Provence

In May, our theme was Colours and brought some remarkable poems, not to mention Jo's own poem and Dympna's wonderful reading of Warning by Jenny Joseph - with purple and red garments to match!

For the final meeting of this "season," please bring a poem you love. From any century, not just post-1914. Tell us about the poet and why you find the poem so striking/appealing.

Angie - 06 72 40 46 41 - angiepyman@gmail.com

11 - 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. (14 Euros including shoes) Please email me or call 24 hours before.

Gilles Dreyfus - 06 75 59 82 43 - gilles.dreyfus@gmail.com



12 - Friday 10:00 to 11:30

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Venue : Le Café des Artistes, 35 Place François Villon 13100, Aix-en-Provence Our *plat du jour* will be a role play inspired from the Hygge Game. Everyone will pick a simple question out of a pouch, read it, and try to answer as best possible in French, according to their own opinion and life experience. Other participants will ask following questions. (Fun expected) Please let me know if you are coming 48 hours before.

Jean Louis - jeanlouis.morgenthaler@sfr.fr - 06 61 86 53 54

14 - Sunday 12:00 to 16:00

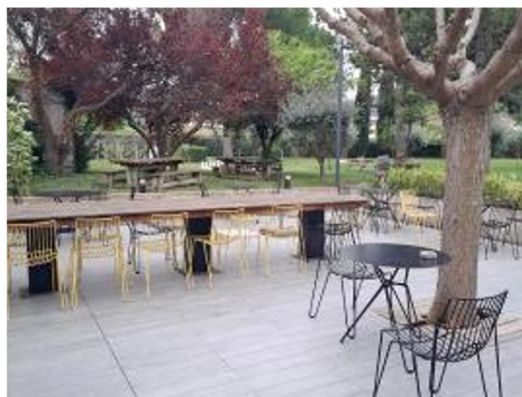
AAGP FAMILY BUFFET & BARBECUE

Venue : Restaurant Le NOMAD, Hotel IBIS29, Chemin des Infirmeries, Aix-en-Provence. GPS:43.51146, 5.46529

This year, the AAGP traditional family picnic will be no traditional picnic. Instead, we'll have a BBQ and a buffet. For the event, the AAGP has booked a large outside terrace of a restaurant in Aix, with tables and chairs, shady areas and greenery all around. The restaurant

« Le Nomad » is located at the Hotel IBIS in Val de l'Arc, close to a large parking lot and the n° 8 bus route Terminal. A welcome drink of Sangria will be offered on arrival, followed

by grilled meat (grilled vegetables for vegetarian option) served with salads from the buffet + two glasses of wine (or beer or a fizzy drink) + dessert (fruit salad, fruit tart or ice cream) and coffee.



This event is for **members only**. Numbers are limited, so please reserve as soon as possible, and before 3rd June, mentioning the names of the people who are coming. Reservations must be made via the HelloAsso link : <https://www.helloasso.com/associations/anglo-american-group-of-provence/evenements/family-barbecue-buffet-14th-june-2026>

For further information: Jean Louis Morgenthaler

Social Events co-ordinator

jeanlouis.morgenthaler@sfr.fr

CINÉ CLUB

14 - Sunday 18:30

VENUE: Chez Deanna & Gilles

18 allée Rosaki, route de Puyricard (D 14)

WUTHERING HEIGHTS is a 1939 American romantic period drama directed by William Wyler, produced by Samuel Goldwyn & starring Merle Oberon, Laurence Olivier & David Niven.

It is based on the 1847 Novel Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë. Though reviews at the time were polarized, Wuthering Heights has come to be considered one of the greatest novels written in English. For some it was the interminable story of two terrible people determined to destroy everything around them, for others, the novel is one of the greatest love stories of all times.

As a boy, Heathcliff is brought home from the streets of Liverpool by Cathy's father to live with her & her brother. At first reluctant, because of their class difference, Cathy eventually accepts Heathcliff & later falls in love with him but realizes that their childish love is impossible, especially after her father's death & her brother's desolate behavior. Heathcliff goes off to seek his fortune & returns to find her married into High Society- a discovery that shatters his soul but cannot touch the burning desire that will rage in him forever.

The most famous line from Wuthering Heights is "Whatever our souls are made of, his & mine are the same"

The N.Y. Times review of the 2026 adaptation, recently in cinemas here, calls it not worthy of the title Wuthering Heights.

Join us for Pizza, popcorn & the answers to your questions about this title.

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

Deanna & Gilles - 06.76.39.15.52



18 - Thursday 12:00 to 14:00

DISCOVER ASIAN FOOD LUNCH

Venue : Chez Dee, 66 chemin de Rapine, Aix-en-Provence

Last Asian lunch before the summer break. Details on the one list at the end May .

Contact Dee: gayatripotdar@yahoo.com

19 - Friday 12:30

LUNCH

Venue : Restaurant Toma
19 rue Fortia - 13001 Marseille

Bus ligne 54 - Arrêt Puget Fortia ou ligne 41 - Arrêt Vieux Port Jean Ballard - <https://www.toma-restaurant.fr/>

Please, let me know if you are coming by Wednesday, June 10th

Brigitte - bibik@free.fr



21 - Sunday 10:00

HIKE

Venue: Calanques Belvédère Titou & Ninou

We shall meet on the carpark of the "Décathlon" sports store, Chemin du Roy d'Espagne, in the southern quarters of Marseille. From here we will proceed in as few cars as possible to the hike starting point close by.

The path leads through the forest of the "Fontaine de Voire" and then upwards towards the "Col de la Selle" where there is a commanding view over the city of Marseille on one side and the calanques on the other side. We will then continue up another path to reach the "Plateau de l'Homme Mort" (altitude 350 metres approx.) before taking an unmarked path to the "Belvédère de Titou & Ninou". This is a narrow ledge near the top of a cliff overlooking

the sea and the islands off the coast, and where can stop for our picnic lunch.



Taking into account that this hike coincides with the "fête de la musique", I hold the view that it would be better to return to the cars no later than by mid afternoon. We will therefore return to the cars via a steeper but quicker path. I wish to add that there are no particu-

lar difficulties along the way, so children used to hiking and dogs on a leash are welcome.

Bring plenty of food and water and wear proper hiking gear. For any further information please call Roderick MACLEOD on 06.60.61.08.65

All those wishing to come are requested to call me the day before between 18h and 20h just to make sure that this venue complies with all the rules and regulations prevailing.

Many thanks - Roderick

22 - Monday 14:00

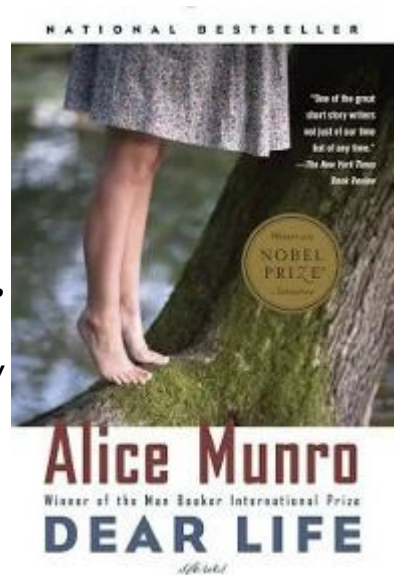
MARSEILLE BOOK CLUB

Venue : *You will be informed of the location before the date.*

This month book is : *Dear life by Alice Munro*

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

Brigitte - bibik@free.fr



24 - Wednesday 10:00 to 11:00

MORNING COFFEE

IN SAINT RÉMY-DE-PROVENCE

**Venue : La Maison du Bon Café,
Saint Rémy-de-Provence**

This meetup over coffee is hosted by AAGP member David Carpita and/or Sue Poole from La Table des Amis de Provence.

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



24 - Wednesday 10:30

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Venue: Home of Sharon Reid, La Maison
Blanche, Chemin de Chênes, 13100 Aix en
Provence**

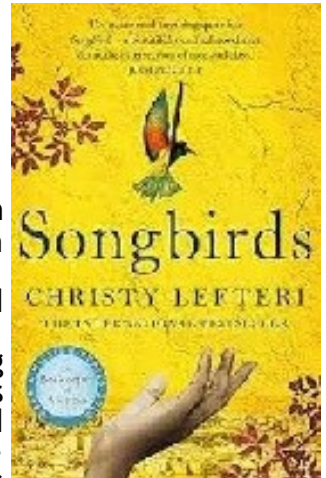
Songbirds: A novel by Christy Lefteri presented
by Sharon Reid

Songbirds (2021) is a powerful, heart-wrenching novel by Christy Lefteri that explores the lives of migrant domestic workers in Cyprus. Inspired by true events, the story follows the disappearance of Nisha, a Sri Lankan nanny, highlighting themes of race, class, and the invisibility of foreign workers, while echoing the tragic, real-life murders of migrant women on the island. Reviewers consistently mention the book's emotional weight, highlighting the difficult, often invisible, lives of migrant women who work as domestic help in Cyprus.

Email your requests to participate in the discussion to:

Hillary Collins - 07 65 26 87 08 - collinshillary@yahoo.com

Sharon Reid - 06 72 34 56 42 - rushvale@gmail.com



25 - Thursday 14:00

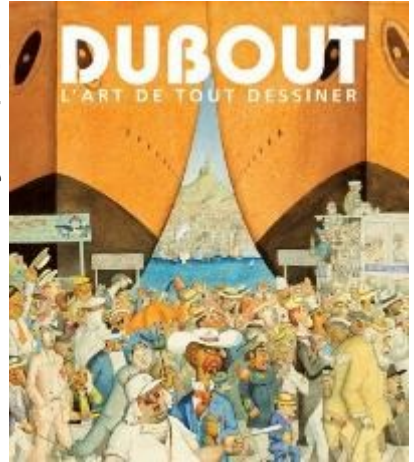
VISIT OF THE EXHIBITION DUBOUT

L'ART DE TOUT DESSINER

Venue : Musée Regards de Provence - Allée Regards de Provence - Rue Vaudoyer - 13002 Marseille

Bus 82S - 83 - 60 - Arrêt Mucem - Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday, June 18th.

Brigitte - bibik@free.fr



26 - Friday 18:30

CARD-PLAYING

Venue : Le Darius, 115 ave Giuseppe Verdi, Aix-en-Provence

Join us for the last card-playing evening before the summer break; the games are fun and always easy to learn for newcomers.

Please let me know by June 18th if you plan to attend, so I can notify Le Darius of the number of participants.

Paula Mullineaux

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LOOKING AHEAD - SAVE THE DATE

URGENT : Please note we are in the process of switching to another bank. When it is fully up and running, details will be given out on the One-list and on our Website, so watch these spaces.

This means all payments after 1st August will need to be paid to the new bank account. *K-C King, Treasurer*

6 - September - Sunday 18:00

Second OPEN MIC' NIGHT

Venue : O'Shelby's Pub, Luynes, 8 D8N (near the roundabout at the exit of Luynes towards Marseille), large parking lot.

Calling all musicians, singers, and music lovers! Come and share your talent or just enjoy an evening filled with music and good vibes. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-timer, everyone is welcome to take the stage.



You're a poet or a storyteller... share the stage with us.

Bring your instruments, your voice, your USB key, why not, and share your passion. Let's create an unforgettable night together!

Of course! An open stage is an ideal opportunity to discover new talents, meet other music enthusiasts, and spend a friendly evening in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Participants and attendees must register in advance. Places are limited, so don't delay in registering. (*no advance payment*). The event also encourages exchanges and the creation of connections between musicians, sometimes even spontaneous collaborations. Let's try it!

Price: 20€ per person including two drinks and nibbles to share

For more details and for registration, feel free to contact Michel PARISOT. mitch131pari@gmail.com

See you there!

LOOKING BACK

FOLK EVENING & SINGALONG !

A hearty thanks to Rod, Elaine, and Michel who sang and played to our souls May 9, with a wide selection of folk and country, along with some soul and rock.

For this fourteenth season of Folk Evening & Singalongs, the Brasserie des Platanes was once again sold out, and filled with new faces alongside longtime members.

From Blowin' in the Wind to Country Roads, the E2G took us on a ride through old favorites to new songs from familiar voices (think John Denver, Joni Mitchell, Jim Croce) and to new voices like Billy Joël, Linda Ronstadt, and Ben Harper.

We are grateful for the shared power of song and are already looking forward to the next edition !

Nann Ricard



LIBRARY SALE

The library held its second book sale of the year on Sunday May 3rd, in the library itself, with lots of very good books (inside and out) at very low prices. Some donations were diverted and are now on our shelves. We'll use some of the profits, over 400 euros, to buy more books, so if you have any suggestions, let us know.

We are also looking for new volunteer librarians to expand our great library team. We organise wonderful librarians' lunches.

Cathy Kirby - for the library team



Apero



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Potluck success! At Valerie Bellon's garden



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 the board 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.

Professional services

The Bereavement Support Network (BSN) offers individual support by phone or video, to English Speakers in France who are grieving, those who are terminally ill and to their carers. BSN also signposts people to resources, information and additional help. Services and information can be accessed through our contact form on our website www.bsnvar.org or through our email address info@bsnvar.org"

[email: info@bsnvar.org](mailto:info@bsnvar.org)

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 31 December 2020.

Tel: 08 00 24 02 00

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

Singalong—Folk evening

