

FRANCO-BRIT NEWSLETTER

April 2019

Out & About

«**All About Eve**» will be broadcast at the **Renaissance Hotel in Aix en Provence** on **May 5th**, at **14:30**. It was filmed live from London's Noel Coward Theatre. Adapted and directed by the Belgian wizard, Ivo van Hove, from the 1950 classic film by Joseph Mankiewicz and starring Gillian Anderson and Lily James, **All About Eve** tells the story of Margo Channing, the Legend and True Star of the theatre. Lifting the curtain on a world of jealousy and ambition, this new production, from one of the world's most innovative theatre directors, mixes live action and film and asks why our fascination with celebrity, youth and identity never seems to get old.

Here's a link for more details:

<https://allabouteveplay.com>

Tickets can be purchased on line: <https://www.weezevent.com/all-about-eve>

Hello and welcome to the April newsletter. I hope you are enjoying preparing for Easter.



This newsletter is a little late as the main event in April was at the beginning of the month and during the Easter holidays there are no meetings planned. Many thanks to Anita & Pierre Caillet for hosting and helping to organize the Easter Egg Hunt & Car Boot sale on Tuesday April 2nd. The Easter Egg Hunt was particularly successful and thanks to John Elmhirt's careful planning everyone went home with plenty of Easter Eggs! A big thank-you to the hosts, the organisers and all those who participated and made the event a success.

The visit to the llama farm in le Barroux on March 23rd was well attended. We were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed watching the antics of the llamas. The visit to the workshop was very interesting, our hostess explained how the wool from the llama is first spun and then woven into beautiful, unique items.

A few of us visited the Chagall exhibition in Aix and it was agreed that more excursions to exhibitions and museums would be welcome. (See 'Out & About' for information on the next exhibition in the Hôtel de Caumont.)

In March «Let's Lunch» took place in « L'Inatendu », a very special restaurant in Carpentras where young handicapped people are employed as waiters & in the kitchen. We were most impressed by the quality of the dishes on the menu and the excellent service.

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CARPENTRAS

<http://francobritsven.wixsite.com/franco-brits>

Church of England service in the Luberon

On the second Sunday of every month an Anglican Communion service is held with popular hymns. Those of all denominations are warmly welcomed. The service is at 10.30 am at the **Oppede village church** (not to be confused with Oppede le Vieux church). There is also an opportunity to meet after the service at the village bar near the church. Do please contact Christopher Morgan for more information:

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Duncan Goodwin & Christopher Morgan look forward to seeing you on April 14th.

Here is a link for an excellent newsletter covering many subjects of interest to subj to ex-pats:
Vivre en France _ en France www.living-in-france.com/
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The next Tuesday afternoon conversation sessions will be on **April 30th**. If you are wish to suggest a topic of discussion, please contact Geneviève Casy: cine.conversation@gmail.com Please note that the sessions are open to all members and that it is not necessary to attend every week, you can drop in from time to time, as you please. A book is available with many suggestions for topics, please contact Geneviève Casy if you wish to borrow it.

The committee is thinking of changing the timing of the Tuesday sessions. If you are interested by the conversation group but find the 2.40 - 4 pm slot inconvenient, please contact me or Geneviève with your suggestions. A decision will have to be made soon as the regular use of a room in the Maison du Citoyen has to be booked in July.

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As most of you know by now, Anne & Craig Owens are returning to the UK in May. They will be sorely missed, Anne has been an excellent secretary for the association, very thorough and meticulous. She has also, over the past two years, developed the Tuesday sessions and has been instrumental in setting up the present system, making sure that there is always someone to suggest a topic and animate a session. Craig regaled us with his piano playing at various functions. Anne & Craig have generously welcomed us many times into their beautiful home, holding events such as the 'Winter Warmer', the Christmas buffet and also a talk on Brexit by Sir Christopher MacRae, not to mention numerous committee meetings...

In order to show our appreciation of their active participation in the association and also to give members the opportunity to say good-bye, we have organized a lunch in one of their favorite restaurants, «**La Ferme de Pezet**», on **Friday April 26th**. Details will be sent to you shortly. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

New in Aubignan: French conversation sessions!

The «Comité de Jumelage» in Aubignan now offer French conversation sessions on Monday afternoons in the Aubignan library. There is no charge but participants are asked to join the association & make a small annual contribution. contact Josiane Dufourmantelle for further details:

jumelage-aubignan@orange.fr

Coming shortly: an exhibition in the **Hôtel Caumont** in **Aix en Provence**:

« Chefs-d'oeuvre du Guggenheim » from Manet to Picasso, the Thannhauser Collection. From **May 1st to September 29th 2019**

Let me know if you wish to attend & what date would suit you.

The next « **Let's Lunch** » will take place in **Avignon**, at the «**Bistro Lyonnais** » , 154 rue de la Carreterie, 84000, Avignon. The chef is completely bi-lingual and comes out to speak to the clients. It is easy to park in « Les Italiens » & take the free shuttle which stops just outside the restaurant. The date has not yet been fixed, let me know if you are interested in attending.

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Many thanks to all those who participated in the Franco-Brit survey devised by John Elmhirst and with the collaboration of Ulrich Boes. It is still possible to return your answers, either leaving the forms in the Maison du Citizen or sending them by email to John Elmhirst. Your honest answers will help to shape the association and make it more dynamic and in line with your wishes. You will be informed of the results and conclusions and in June there will be the opportunity to discuss the findings.

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The date of the next play reading has not been fixed yet. For those interested, let me know what day would suit you.

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Happy Easter everyone!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and please don't hesitate to contact me with feedback and suggestions.

Marie-Jacqueline Ballagh