

# NEWSLETTER

## 'That Article There'

### The British Redcoat in the Peninsular War

O'er the hills and o'er the main  
Through Flanders, Portugal and Spain  
King George commands and we obey  
Over the hills and far away

So go the words of the traditional song. This talk is about the men who made that journey. Men on whom Wellington's victories depended. Whom he described as 'that article there' when asked what would be decisive at Waterloo.

The talk is by guest speaker Steve Preston. He will tell of who these men were, where they came from, how they lived and died, who was there with them, what they thought of Portugal, and their experiences of battle and, for those who did, of returning home.

For about 4 months of the year Steve lives in Portugal. He is married to Veronica. They bought their Tavira house in 2002, immediately after their first visit there. Like Tolstoy, Steve is interested in the experiences and motivations of participants in war, not grand strategy. He began restless retirement from full time work in 2006 and does voluntary work in the UK.

## 'THAT ARTICLE THERE' THE BRITISH REDCOAT IN THE PENINSULAR WAR

**Steve Preston**

**LAGOA - Municipal Library  
Tuesday 26 at 6.30 pm**

**TAVIRA - Municipal Library  
Thursday 28\* at 11 am**



## CALENDAR FOR MAY

**Tuesday 24 May 6.30 pm**

**Convento São José Lagoa**

**Friday 27 May**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**PORTUGAL AND THE**

**WESTERN FRONT 1914 - 1918**

**by Peter Kingdon Booker**

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**EVENTS IN APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY**

In response to a number of requests for more guided walks here in the Algarve, I have arranged two events in April and May. Secondly, with Rachel Barnard, I have arranged talks on other aspects of Portuguese culture and tradition for June and July.

**Sunday 17 April 10 am**

**Visit to the Jewish Cemetery and walk around Jewish Faro**

*with Judy Pinto*

**\* PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU PLAN TO COME.**

**Saturday 14 May 10 am**

**Walk around Olhão**

*with António Brito*

**Saturday 11 June 6 pm**

**Municipal Library, Tavira**

**Talk on conserving the built and natural environment in the Algarve**

**Algarve**

*by António Brito*

**Saturday 16 July 6 pm**

**Municipal Library, Tavira**

**Talk on contemporary Portuguese Architecture**

*by Ricardo Gordon*

**OTHER NEWS**

Peter's talk (The Jewish Diaspora from Portugal) on March 8 to the **Anglo-Portuguese Society** in London was well received by Chairman, Ben Millington Buck and an audience of thirty. In England, we also managed to make positive contacts with academics at Pembroke College Cambridge and at St Paul's Cathedral in London.

The Jewish Diaspora will be repeated on August 3 at 11 am as part of the initiative, **'Tavira Ilimitada'** - a continuing initiative against racism and xenophobia. There is a huge range of activities to participate in and you can contact [teleleo@gmail.com](mailto:teleleo@gmail.com) with any ideas of your own or for more information.

Many people have asked Peter for videos or written manuscripts of his talks. Records may be found in the form of articles that I have written about the topics Peter has addressed and you can find these articles on-line at [www.algarvedailynews.com](http://www.algarvedailynews.com) or in copies of **Algarve Goodlife**.

Ann Cameron has recently recommended to me Katerina Chrenscova, a professional in the field of alternative therapies such as reiki, acupuncture and aromatherapy massage. I can heartily recommend her.

Contact her at [refugiodivino999@gmail.com](mailto:refugiodivino999@gmail.com)

**Calendar of talks**

<b>LAGOA</b>	<b>TAVIRA</b>
24 MAY	27 MAY
Portugal and the Western Front	
21 JUNE	24 JUNE
The Philippine Legacy in Portugal	
26 JULY	29 JULY
The Marquis of Pombal (revisited)	
27 SEPTEMBER	30 SEPTEMBER
The Visigoths in Iberia (David Johnson)	
25 OCTOBER	28 OCTOBER
The Muslim Years and the Christian Reconquest	
22 NOVEMBER	25 NOVEMBER
The Restoration of 1640	
13 DECEMBER	16 DECEMBER
Stories and Myths of Portuguese History	
<b>TBA</b> <i>The Bicentenary Celebration of the Battle of Fuentes de Oñoro</i>	

*\* Because I am not sure how many Royalists we have in our Association, we have avoided a clash with the royal wedding on 29 April. Please note that the April talk in Tavira will be on Thursday 28 April. Steve Preston and I have just joined the UK's Republican Party. Here are the details: .*

*\* [www.republic.org.uk](http://www.republic.org.uk)  
PS Please contact me if you would like to publicise any events/news in the AHA newsletter.*