

NEWSLETTER

The Story of the Marranos and the Jewish Diaspora from Portugal

A recent clip on You Tube shows that many European monarchs employed Portuguese doctors. I suspect that, like Garcia da Orta, they were Portugals. This name was used by Jewish exiles from Portugal and Spain to avoid the use of the word Jew. As Portugals, Jews settled in the United Provinces, in North Africa, in the Ottoman Empire and eventually in England. Jews were instrumental in the exploitation of the New World and in the foundation of the English - soon to be British - Empire. But substantial numbers of Jews remained in Portugal, where they ran the risk of discovery by the Inquisition. In the inland provinces, many Jews kept their heads down and practised their religion in secret, while conforming outwardly to the forms of the accepted state religion. These closet Jews were re-discovered in the early 20th century amid great rejoicing. Where are they now? Peter Booker discusses the Jews who remained in Portugal, and those who chose to leave.

Where did they go, and why? And where are their families now?

THE STORY OF THE MARRANOS AND THE JEWISH DIASPORA FROM PORTUGAL

Peter Kingdon Booker

TAVIRA - Municipal Library

Wednesday 3 at 11 am

(dedicated to the civic movement, TAVIRA ILIMITADA against racism and xenophobia)



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Monday 26 at 6 pm, Tavira

Birds of the Algarve

by Clive Viney

Tuesday 27 at 6.30 pm, Lagoa

Friday 30 at 11 am, Tavira

The End of Empire

by David Johnson

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CASA 5, Rua 1 Maio 5, Tavira

Art opening and 2nd anniversary of Casa 5 Friday 5 August at 7pm

IMMIGRANTS IN TAVIRA

(dedicated to Tavira Ilimitada against racism and xenophobia)

Live music

Exhibition of photographs by immigrants in Tavira, of their families and their life in Tavira.

1 - 30 August 6 pm to 11 pm

Calendar of talks

TAVIRA LAGOA

24 OCTOBER

Arraiolos Carpets (Rachel Barnard)

25 OCTOBER 28 OCTOBER

The Princes in the Tower (Nick Lack)

22 NOVEMBER 25 NOVEMBER

The Restoration of 1640 (Peter Kingdon Booker)

13 DECEMBER 16 DECEMBER

Stories and Myths from Portuguese History (Peter Kingdon Booker)

TBA *The Bicentenary Celebration of the Battles of Fuentes de Oñoro & Albuera*

Birds of the Algarve

by Clive Viney

Clive Viney is the author of *Algarve Wildlife - the natural year*, published in 2009. However, he is best known for *The Birds of Hong Kong and South China*, which is available in English and Chinese and is the standard regional guide. Clive is a chartered surveyor by profession and also a keen naturalist. He spent almost his entire working life as a civil servant in Hong Kong, where, as a trustee of World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong, he was editor-in-chief of their magazine *About Life*. Clive has written many articles and provided natural history input to *Lonely Planet* guides. Closely associated with the Algarve since 1988 and as a member of the *Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves* he has participated in most of their major bird-survey projects.

The End of Empire: The Barbarian Conquest of Roman Spain and Portugal

by David Johnson

To the end of the 4th century (AD 400), the future Spain and Portugal were mostly peaceful and prosperous parts of the Roman Empire, as they had been for more than 450 years. By the year 500, the empire had disintegrated and the Iberian peninsula was in the hands of barbarians, notably the Visigoths and the Suevi. Using the accounts of contemporary eyewitnesses, this talk will explain how these world-changing events unfolded, and how the Visigoths came in the end to rule the whole of Iberia. David Johnson will illustrate his lecture with his own photographs of buildings and artefacts surviving from the Visigothic era.