

# NEWSLETTER

## Stories and Myths of Portuguese History

What are the stories from Portugal's history which are taught to its youngest children? How does the man in the street remember his history? Peter Booker looks at the stories of Portugal's varied history and sees it as a series of tales which might be true. Was Columbus really a Genoese? Who was the baker of Aljubarrota? Why does Inês de Castro occupy a prime burial site in a major Portuguese monastery? These and other tales will be discussed in our last meeting before Christmas.

### The Baker of Aljubarrota



## JANUARY

Tuesday 24 at 6.00 pm, Lagoa

Friday 27 at 11.00 am, Tavira

Fuentes de Oñoro and Albuera

by Peter Kingdon Booker

Monday 30 at 6.00 pm Tavira

Algarve Gardens: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

by Rosie Peddle

## STORIES AND MYTHS OF PORTUGUESE HISTORY

PETER KINGDON BOOKER

LAGOA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY  
TUESDAY 13 AT 6.00 PM

(PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME)

TAVIRA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY  
FRIDAY 16 AT 11.00 AM

## Christmas/New Year Lunch

There are still places available at our lunch on Thursday 29 December at 12.30 pm at the restaurant Monte Velho. €20 per person, all inclusive of starter, tasting menu of Ana Lidia's wonderful dishes, dessert, wine, water, coffee and entertainment! Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to reserve a place.

Lynne

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**Mediterranean Garden Society**

**December Meeting** – Illustrated talk on **The Gardens of Madeira** by **Gerald Luckhurst**

Gerald Luckhurst is a member of the MGS and is a well respected historic gardens advisor in Portugal and landscape architect with much experience of working in private and public gardens in Madeira. He was the adviser for the magnificently restored Monserrate Palace and gardens in Sintra. Gerald wrote the recently published book on *'The Gardens of Madeira'*. This meeting will be held at the Hapimag resort near Albufeira .

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.00pm** - Illustrated talk on *The making of a garden* by **Marilyn Kahan**, Gardens Manager, Hapimag. This talk covers the construction, planting, maintenance and future plans of the Hapimag Algarvean Garden.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am** Coffee and Welcome in the bar

**11.00am** *The Gardens of Madeira* talk by Gerald Luckhurst Talk fee 5 euros for non MGS members.

**12.30 – 2.00pm** Lunch in the Hapimag restaurant, standard menu choices and full bar service.

**2.00pm – 6.00pm** *Christmas Market* in the reception area at Hapimag. Come and see the Christmas decorations, purchase hand made soaps, small garden ornaments, painted tiles, cork items, etc. Table decoration demonstration, MGS stand, bulbs for sale.

**9.00pm** – special live performance of *'Dinner for One'*, the classic Christmas comic play featuring the dinner party and the increasingly inebriated butler, originally played so famously by Freddie Frinton and May Warden.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.00am** Garden walk with Marilyn Kahan including planting in the new area of the Hapimag Herb garden.

**If you wish to attend any part, please contact Rosie Peddle as soon as possible at [rosie@thebtf.net](mailto:rosie@thebtf.net)**

**History Programme for 2012**

**Lagoa Tavira**

24	27	January	F Oñoro & Albuera
21	24	February	Liberals in Portugal by <i>Ron Thomson</i>
27	30	March	The Visigothic State
24	27	April	St Paul's Cathedral by <i>Chris Allen &amp; David Hooper</i>
22	25	May	The Arab Conquest
26	29	June	Earthquake of 1755
24	27	July	Algarve/Al Andalus
25	28	September	To be decided
23	26	October	Perkin Warbeck & Portugal by <i>Nick Lack</i>
27	30	November	Al Andalus heritage
18	14	December	Notable Algarveans

**Cultural Programme for 2012, Tavira**

January 30- Algarve Gardens by *Rosie Peddle*

February - Fado by *Peter Booker*

March - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in Spring  
by *Clive Viney*

March Arqueoastronomy by *Clive Jackson*

April - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in Summer  
by *Clive Viney*

May - Portuguese azulejos by *Rachel Barnard*

June - Cosmic and Climate Influence by *Clive J*

July - Getting Started in Astronomy by *Clive J*

September - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in  
Autumn by *Clive Viney*

October - Astronomy and Astrology: Concepts and  
Differences by *Clive Jackson*

November - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in  
Winter by *Clive Viney*

December - The Star of Bethlehem by *Clive J*

**As has become tradition, I shall be organising a meal to follow each talk. Dates to be confirmed for February onwards. I am pleased that Clive Jackson has volunteered 4 more talks on astronomy in 2012. We are also organising 4 observation session in March, June, August and October. Location to be announced later. If there is enough interest Clive has offered to lead astro expeditions from as close to home as Évora to as far afield as Australia. Details to follow.**

