

# NEWSLETTER

## The Peninsular War: The Battles of Fuentes de Oñoro and Albuera

During the winter of 1810-11, Viscount Wellington lived at Palácio dos Marqueses da Fronteira in Benfica. He was well rested for the chase in Spring 1811 as Masséna's starving Armée de Portugal traipsed back over the border to Ciudad Rodrigo, leaving a trail of cruelty and destruction behind them. As the French tried to wrest the initiative back from Wellington, two desperate contests followed: at Fuentes de Oñoro, Wellington remarked that if Boney had been there, the Anglo-Portuguese would have lost; and at Albuera, Beresford's army staved off defeat only because a divisional commander took the initiative.

1811 was a close run year, but pivotal in the struggle in the Peninsula. Peter Booker takes the narrative forward a year in preparation for unlocking the doors to Spain at Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz.

## FUENTES DE OÑORO AND ALBUERA

**PETER KINGDON BOOKER**

**LAGOA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY  
TUESDAY 24 AT 6.00 PM**

**TAVIRA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY  
FRIDAY 27 AT 11.00 AM**

**ALGARVE GARDENS: THE GOOD,  
THE BAD AND THE UGLY**

**ROSIE PEDDLE**

**TAVIRA- MUNICIPAL LIBRARY  
MONDAY 30 AT 6.00 PM**

**André Masséna  
Duc d'Essling  
Marshal of France**



## FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 21 at 6.00 pm, Lagoa**

**Friday 24 at 11.00 am, Tavira**

**Absolutism, Constitutionalism and  
the Failure of Liberalism**

**by Ron B Thomson**

**Monday 13 at 6.00 pm Tavira**

**Fado**

**by Peter Kingdon Booker**

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**HERE IS THE LIST OF HISTORY AND OTHER NEWSPAPER ARTICLES I HAVE WRITTEN IN 2011. You can access the articles via our website.**

**ALGARVE GOODLIFE**

- D Sebastião: The Return of the King
- Mourão and its Moorish Chimneys
- The Carnation Revolution
- Castelo de Vide
- Golegã
- Almeida
- The Pilgrim's Progress
- The Portuguese by Barry Hatton (book review *Peter*)
- Casa das Portas, Tavira
- Ourém
- Tavira Ilimitada
- Faz Fato Line Dancers
- Irene Einstein - pianist
- Ron Isarin - photographer
- Marinha Grande
- Richard Zimler - author
- Lisa St Aubin de Terán - author

**ALGARVE DAILY NEWS**

- The Mines of São Domingos
- The Peninsular War 4: From Talavera to Bussaco
- Living Legends - Len Port
- Chinese Silk, Japanese Silver and Portuguese Ships
- Manueline Architecture
- Living Legends - Judy Pinto
- Iberia United - The Philippine Years
- The Algarve History Trail
- Portuguese: The Language of Empire
- Casa 5: Art at the press of a Key
- Iberia United - The War of Acclamation
- Living Legends - Alison Blair *founder and President of the charity, Madrugada which aims to support the terminally ill and their families. If you would like to help perhaps by organising fundraising events or by volunteering in any other way please contact: [www.madrugada-portugal.com](http://www.madrugada-portugal.com)*

**History Programme for 2012**

**Lagoa Tavira**

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 6 pm**

- February - 13** Fado by *Peter Booker*
  - March 5** - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in Spring by *Clive Viney*
  - April 2** - Arqueoastronomy by *Clive Jackson*
  - April 30** - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in Summer by *Clive Viney*
  - May 14** - Portuguese azulejos by *Rachel Barnard*
  - June 18** - Cosmic and Climate Influence by *Clive J*
  - July 16** - Getting Started in Astronomy by *Clive J*
  - September 17** - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in Autumn by *Clive Viney*
  - October 15** - Astronomy and Astrology: Concepts and Differences by *Clive Jackson*
  - November 19** - Algarve Wildlife: What to look for in Winter by *Clive Viney*
  - December 10** - The Star of Bethlehem by *Clive J*
- It has become a tradition for me to organise a meal to follow each talk. Dates to be confirmed for February onwards.**

**We are organising astronomical observation sessions for March 31, June 23, August 25 and October 20. The location will be announced later. Clive Jackson has offered to lead astro expeditions to locations as close to home as Évora and as far afield as Australia, if there is enough interest. Details to follow.**

