

NEWSLETTER

The Philippine Legacy in Portugal

The sixty years 1580 - 1640 when Portugal formed a part of the Kingdom of Spain are regarded by Portuguese as a Babylonian Captivity. Although it is true that many Portuguese were impatient for the end of rule by Spain, it is also true that many of them supported their Spanish king. The story of these sixty years is one of eventual mismanagement of the Portuguese people before they broke free, but it is also a story of the flowering in Portugal of public building works of immense national importance. Just how much did the three Philips invest in their new kingdom? And how much of it survives to this day?

Peter Booker discusses the political difficulties which faced the Spanish kings of Portugal and displays the Philippine architectural heritage from which we still benefit today.

Below: Philippine Cloister, Tomar



THE PHILIPPINE LEGACY IN PORTUGAL

Peter Kingdon Booker

**LAGOA - Municipal Library
Tuesday 21 at 6.30 pm**

**TAVIRA - Municipal Library
Friday 17 at 11 am***

CONSERVING THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**Talk by António Brito, President of APOS
Saturday 11 June 6 pm, Biblioteca Municipal, Tavira**

Fresh from guiding *AHA* round Olhão, António Brito explains the problems and successes in preserving the natural and built environments in the Algarve, with particular reference to Olhão. President of *APOS*, Dr Brito encourages people to take pride in their localities and has devoted much of his time for the last five years to working for the preservation of buildings of historical value in Olhão and of special ecosystems such as the Rio Formosa National Park. Dr Brito's other work includes the publication of biographical sketches of famous Olhanenses.

CALENDAR FOR JULY

Tuesday 26 July at 6.30 pm

Convento São José Lagoa *

Friday 29 July at 11 am

Municipal Library Tavira

THE MARQUÊS OF POMBAL

by Peter Kingdon Booker

*** may be Municipal Library**

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*** Please note that this is one week earlier than usual.**

EVENTS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Saturday 16 July, 6 pm Municipal Library, Tavira

Contemporary Portuguese Architecture

a talk by Ricardo Gordon

Monday 18 July, 12.30 pm Tavira Garden Restaurant

Literary Lunch with author Marc Gee

Please contact me as soon as possible to book. €22

Welcome drink, 3 course meal, including water, wine, soft drinks, coffee.

*Marc will be introducing and signing copies of his new book **Declaration of Guilt***



Wednesday 3 August, 11 am Municipal Library Tavira

The Story of the Marranos and the Jewish Diaspora from Portugal



by Peter Kingdon Booker (as part of the initiative TAVIRA ILIMITADA: against racism and xenophobia)

Calendar of talks

LAGOA TAVIRA
 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 from Portuguese History
TBA The Bicentenary Celebration of the Battles of Fuentes de Oñoro & Albuera

TAVIRA ILIMITADA

Casa das Artes in Tavira launched in March of this year a huge project to raise awareness of the need for sharing and celebrating the different and rich cultural heritage here in the Algarve. Within the Concelho of Tavira there are 3,500 foreign residents from 60 or so different countries. A wide range of organisations are participating and it is hoped that more people will join in the cultural programme or in political debate. The programme of events is already huge and details can be found at: www.acasadasartes.net.

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