

NEWSLETTER

PORTUGAL AND THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR

The major achievement of the Estado Novo was to avoid both World War and Civil War. In the thirties and forties of the last century few European countries could claim that success. Yet Portugal was only a step away from the Spanish Civil War. Dr Salazar made no secret of where his sympathies lay, and even offered military help to the rebel cause. What were the issues involved and how did they affect Portugal? Peter Booker considers the Viriatos and the other help which played a part in the overturning of the legitimate government of Spain.

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Peter Kingdon Booker

LAGOA - temporary new location - details to follow

Tuesday 22 at 6.30 pm

TAVIRA - Municipal Library

Friday 25 at 11 am

Peter is giving a talk to the Anglo-Portuguese Society in London on 8 March. He will be presenting his lecture on the Jewish Diaspora from Iberia. We are also visiting Peter's College, Pembroke, Cambridge, hoping to develop links between AHA and the College, including bringing guest speakers to the Algarve. Peter's next 'Battle Dinner' will be on 4 May and will celebrate the bicentenary of Fuentes de Oñoro and our 15th wedding anniversary! (details to follow).
Lynne

Os Viriatos return from the war



CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Tuesday 26 April 6.30 pm

Convento São José Lagoa

Thursday 28 April 11 am

Municipal Library Tavira

The British Redcoat in the Peninsular War

by Steve Preston

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

with John and Monica Stansbie - every Thursday 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm, Casa do Povo, Moncarapacho.



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AFRICAN DRUMMING

with Tom and Lyndal Bale - every Wednesday 3 pm - 5 pm. at Casa ABC, Monte Agudo



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HALF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE

International Women's Day is this year on 8th March. The day marks the centenary of the concept of celebrating the achievements of women and pushing for equality of opportunity and equal rights. Women grow 70% of the world's food, perform 60% of the world's labour and yet receive a mere 10% of the world's income. 30% of women in the world are illiterate and 33% suffer violence or sexual abuse at some point in their lives. Legislation may have changed but attitudes have not.

In 2011, the theme for the International Women's Movement is 'Equal access to education, training and science and technology: Pathway to decent work for women.'

Events organised for the Tavira area are as follows:

12 March - lunch to celebrate 100 years of women's achievement, Hotel Porta Nova (contact lyndalb@hotmail.com)

16 March 20:30 - social evening at the 3EB Dr Jorge Correia School (poems and songs inspired by women; followed by a buffet)

14 - 18 March - 3EB Dr Jorge Correia School Exhibition about unforgettable women and the history of women during the last 100 years.

Calendar of talks

LAGOA	TAVIRA
24 MAY	27 MAY
The Western Front and Portugal	
21 JUNE	24 JUNE
The Republic that Failed	
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	

A few people have asked if I could put information on the newsletter about their events - hence the information to the left. Please get in touch with me if you would like to share information about your cultural activities.

Lynne

PS The new website is coming along slowly - you can find it at

www.algarvehistoryassociation.com

meanwhile, Tina is updating the old site (see page 1 for details).