

NEWSLETTER

The End of Empire: The Barbarian Conquest of Roman Spain and Portugal
 At 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 artifacts surviving from the Visigothic era.

BIRDS OF THE ALGARVE
CLIVE VINEY
TAVIRA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
MONDAY 26 AT 6 PM

THE END OF EMPIRE
DAVID JOHNSON
LAGOA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
TUESDAY 27 AT 6.30 PM
TAVIRA - MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
FRIDAY 30 AT 11 AM



David Johnson
(above)

Clive Viney
(below)



Birds of the Algarve
 Clive Viney is the author of *Algarve Wildlife - the natural year*, published in 2009 but 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.

OCTOBER

Monday 24 at 6 pm, Tavira
Arraiolos Carpets
by Rachel Barnard

Tuesday 25 at 6.30 pm, Lagoa
Friday 28 at 11 am, Tavira
The Princes in the Tower
by Nick Lack

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Many people have asked for copies of Peter's talks or for further information about the subjects he has spoken about. On our website you can find a number of articles that have appeared in *Algarve Goodlife* or that Peter and I have written for our newsletters.

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I have been writing history articles for nearly 4 years which have been published in *Get Real* and latterly in the e-newspaper *ADN* which has recently undergone a major change to its website and I can recommend a visit to:

www.algarvedailynews.com

LOOK OUT FOR NEWS OF THE VISIT TO THE ALGARVE OF INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING WRITER, LISA ST AUBIN DE TERÁN!

Lynne

Arraiolos Carpets

by Rachel Barnard

After a career in the performing arts, Rachel graduated with a Social Sciences degree followed by a M.A. in Latin American Politics. She was a lecturer of Politics at the University of Westminster, having run the part-time Social Sciences degree, and she later became Head of the Department of Politics. She introduced and managed the M.A. on Globalisation which attracted students from many parts of the world. Her interest in (and purchase of) Arraiolos Carpets began over 20 years ago on a strictly aesthetic basis on her first acquisition of an Arraiolos carpet. Rachel claims no deep expertise on this subject, and has employed her academic research skills to prepare her presentation. The weaving of Arraiolos Carpets is an important example of Portuguese creativity in the area of handicrafts. The origin and history behind this technique reveal fascinating perspectives on Portuguese life and history. Rachel Barnard will cover these themes in her talk as well as the recent threats to the conservation and preservation of Portugal's only manufactured textile.

Calendar of talks

LAGOA

TAVIRA

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*

Who Killed the Princes in the Tower?

by Nick Lack

Nick Lack has recently retired from the British Council having worked in Lisbon, the Middle East and Kenya. He now has more time to research his passion for history. He will present to the Algarve History Association one of the saddest stories in English history, that of the Plantagenet Richard III. The last king in the Yorkist line was supposed to have murdered his two young nephews in the Tower of London. His main defence in assuming the crown was that his brother's children were illegitimate (If Edward IV had married Elizabeth Woodville, it was in secret). If that had been the case, then the reign of Edward V should never have happened, and the true heir to the throne always was Richard of Gloucester, who then became Richard III. But what exactly happened to the two boys, Edward and his brother Richard? They may have been King and Prince, or they may have been bastard sons of the king. Were they murdered by their uncle? By James Tyrrell? By the Duke of Buckingham? Or even by Henry VII? The death of Richard's own only son Edward of Middleham made him a lame-duck king, under whom future dynastic battles could be forecast. Nick Lack will examine the controversy and let us into the secret of what really happened.