

NEWSLETTER

FAMOUS ALGARVEANS

There are Algarveans who are famous in Portuguese history for success, and one or two are famous in the Algarve for failure. Perhaps many people could name two Algarveans who have been President of the Republic (Teixeira Gomes and Cavaco Silva), but might be challenged to name the third. Joaquim Lopes Portugal's first lifeboatman and lifesaver was from Olhão, and Duarte Pacheco from Loulé had an immense influence on the built environment of the country in the mid twentieth century. As for the failures, the civil wars of the 1830s were vicious, and fatal for those (such as Sebastião Martins and Remexido) ultimately on the wrong side. António Aleixo sits proudly at his table outside the Calcinha in Loulé, slowly dying of tuberculosis. Who are these people and why are they famous? Join me for another excursion into the history of our adopted Algarve.

JANUARY EVENTS

SATURDAY 5 at 6 pm

Bela Romão Croquet Club

The Peninsular War: The Battle of Salamanca

by Peter Kingdon Booker

MONDAY 7 at 6 pm

Misericórdia Church, Tavira

Art Opening: Celebrating Tavira

by Cliff Moughtin

TUESDAY 22 at 6 pm

Municipal Library Lagoa

FRIDAY 25 at 11 am

Municipal Library, Tavira

The Earthquake of 1755 in the Algarve

by Peter Kingdon Booker

SATURDAY 1

Pessoa's Café, Tavira 7 pm

The Restoration of 1640

by Peter Kingdon Booker

MONDAY 10

Municipal Library, Tavira 6 pm

The Star of Bethlehem

by Clive Jackson

TUESDAY 11

Municipal Library, Lagoa, 6 pm

The Geology of the Algarve

by Ludo Broothaers

FRIDAY 14

Municipal Library, Tavira, 11 am

TUESDAY 18

Municipal Library, Lagoa, 6 pm

Famous Algarveans

by Peter Kingdon Booker



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TALK ON THE RESTORATION OF 1640

December 1st has been a public holiday in Portugal for some years. Why and what does it commemorate? After 60 years of rule by the King of Spain, the Portuguese became anxious to take their government into their own hands again. On December 1st in Lisbon, the Spanish vicereine was dispossessed and her Portuguese factotum was defenestrated. Later on December 15th the conspirators acclaimed the Duke of Bragança as D João IV. Should we continue to remember these events? Peter Booker celebrates the reassertion of Portuguese national identity. The event will be held in Pessoa's Café on the left bank of the River Gilão in Tavira. Café owners Peter Dost and Paula Ferreira will have on sale a variety of tapas using local produce and Portuguese wines. There is no charge for the event but we shall be asking for voluntary monetary contributions to donate to Tavira Cine Clube and the Al Masrah Theatre Company.

**To book for the talk please
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THE GEOLOGY OF THE ALGARVE

Ludo Broothaers is a geologist with a Ph.D. degree from the University of Leuven, Belgium. His career includes prospecting for base metals, setting up mineralogical laboratories and lecturing at a school for mining engineers. He has spend much of his career overseas in Morocco, Indonesia and Surinam. He has also worked for the Flemish Government.

Ludo's lecture is aimed at the lay person and as an introduction he will explain some of the basic principles of geology. He will then give a general outline of the geology of the Algarve, describing the composition and origins of local rock formations in the context of their geological date. He will make comparisons with similar rocks and geological eras in the UK.



Programme for 2013**History**

January 5 6pm **The Battle of Salamanca. Talk and Dinner * Peter**
 January 22 (Lagoa) 25 (Tavira) **The Earthquake of 1755 in the Algarve by Peter**
 February 19 (L) 22 (T) **Vasco da Gama by Peter**
 March 26 (L) 22 (T) **The Portuguese Court in Brazil by Rachel**
 April 23 (L) 26 (T) **Prince Henry the Navigator - by Peter**
 May 28 (L) 31 (T) **Fortifications of Christian Algarve by Peter**
 June 25 (L) 28 (T) **Balsa by Peter**
 July 23 (L) 26 (T) **Salazar by Peter**
 September 24 (L) 27 (T) **The Ultimatum of 1890 by David**
 October 22 (T) 25 (L) **The Duke of Windsor in Lisbon by Nick**
 November 26 (L) 29 (T) **Industries of the Algarve by Peter**
 December 17 (L) 20 (T) **Chaul and Diu by Peter**

Culture

January 7, **Misericórdia Church, Tavira, Art Opening. Cliff Moughtin**
 February 4 (Tavira) 12 (Lagoa) **The Art of the Vatican by Mary Hunt**
 March 4 (T) **An Interpretation of Astrology by Cornelius Passchier**
 March 12 (L) April 1 (T) **Angolan History and Culture by Julio Cardoso**
 May 6 (T) 14 (L) **History and Culture of Cabo Verde by Lynne**
 June 3 (T) **History, Culture, Environment of São Tomé by Clive V and Peter**
 June 11 (L) **Portuguese Azulejos by Rachel**
 September 2 (T) 10 (L) **Dry Gardening Q A session by Rosie Peddle**
 October 7 (T) 8 (L) **Film: Floripes (filmed in Olhão).**

The full agenda for the culture programme has yet to be finalised. Clive Jackson has offered 3 more talks on astronomy and he has agreed, along with David Johnson, to take part in a debate on global warming. A topic to get everyone heated! John Clifton will be adding to our Lusophone agenda and he will be speaking about Mozambique at a date yet to be arranged. I shall also be introducing and showing Meyerbeer's Opera, L'Africaine some time in February to link with Peter's talk on Vasco da Gama. Irene Einstein and I will be organising monthly classical music concerts featuring local and international musicians. A highlight of the programme will be the inaugural performance of a Piano Trio featuring Alex Stewart, Lucjan Luc and Varoujan Bartikian who will be performing in Lagoa and Tavira in February. A further aim of ours is to support the Academia da Música in Tavira and we shall be organising in the Tavira area jazz concerts and concerts by young people. We shall continue with our 'Battle Dinners' commemorating the Bicentenary of the Peninsular War, we shall host more local walks and we shall also start a series of talks in history and archaeology in the Portuguese language. Cliff Moughtin, a very special artist, will be starting our series art exhibitions to be held in Tavira.

CINE CLUBE DE TAVIRA

Thursdays and Sundays at 9.30 pm
For December programme go to
www.cineclube-tavira.com

ART AUCTION/LEILÃO

A exposição das **OBRAS DE ARTE a LEILOAR** decorrerá na **CASA DAS ARTES em TAVIRA** (Rua João Vaz Corte Real 96) e estará patente ao público a partir do próximo

SÁBADO, 1 de Dezembro, das 21.00h até às 24.00h. Ainda poderão visitar a exposição nos seguintes dias:

DOMINGO 2 de Dezembro, das 21.00h até às 24.00 h

SEXTA FEIRA 7 de Dezembro, das 21.00h até às 24.00h

Data do LEILÃO:

SÁBADO 8 de Dezembro, a partir das 21.30h

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone and many thanks for the support you have shown for our organisation. We are pleased that there has been so much support for our many new ventures! More of those to come in 2013! Through your kind donations we have been able to pass on support to the Almasrah Theatre Company to the Cine Clube in Tavira and show our appreciation of the restoration of a traditional boat in Cacela Velha.

If you would like to help raise funds or help in any way to protect the Algarve's cultural, environmental and historical heritage, please get in touch.

Lynne