

NEWSLETTER

The Taifas and the Berber Invasions. The dissolution of the Caliphate of Córdoba in 1031 saw the beginning of a period of *fitna* or disorder and chaos in the Muslim state of al-Andalus. The state split into a number of petty kingdoms (*taifas*) which combined with some and fought with others. The *taifa* period was one of immense uncertainty and it was brought to a close by a fresh invasion from North Africa, this time by the Berber Almoravids. This name means those who are ready for battle and the Almoravids had their share of fighting as they combined to resist the Reconquista. After another brief period of *fitna*, these conquerors were replaced by yet more North African tribesmen, the Almohads, who were unable to prevent the Christians from overrunning most of the peninsula. Peter Booker analyses the reasons for these revolutions and for the eventual loss of al-Andalus. Below is a photograph of the Almohad mosque near Bollulus de la Mitación. The minaret is a modest but harmonious replica of the Giralda in Seville.



**THE TAIFAS AND THE
BERBER INVASIONS**
PETER KINGDON BOOKER
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, LAGOA
TUESDAY 24 AT 6 PM
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY TAVIRA
FRIDAY 27 AT 11 AM

**ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION
AND DINNER**
CLIVE JACKSON
MESA DO CUME
ALCARIA DO CUME, TAVIRA
SATURDAY 28 AT 7 PM



SUNDAY AUGUST 26 11 am
TALK AND LUNCH
THE PENINSULAR WAR:
THE BATTLE OF SALAMANCA
BY PETER KINGDON BOOKER
Real Marina Hotel and Spa, Olhão

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Mesa do Cume Restaurant, Alcaria do Cume, Tavira
Saturday 28 July at 7 pm €22.50 per person

Astronomical Observation with Clive Jackson

Clive Jackson is British, a marine engineer by profession. He is resident in Portugal and as the director and astronomer ran for fifteen years the Astronomical Observatory of Tavira which he himself founded. For seven years he has also been operating the Camera Obscura in Tavira. Clive specialises in education and public outreach and has helped to introduce astronomy in general and the Algarve night sky in particular to thousands of pupils of all ages from hundreds of schools. The general public in the Algarve region has also been able to take advantage of his planetarium, solar system models, telescopes and others tools.

DINNER MENU

couvert

MAIN COURSE (all served with vegetables and salad)

hash of duck with oranges and served with jasmine rice

or

salmon trout with basil sauce and served with tagliatelle with tomatoes and pesto

or

fresh goat's cheese in a citrus and almond sauce and served with jasmine rice

DESSERT

lemon cheesecake with home-made lemon curd

or

chocolate parfait

glass of wine, beer or lemonade; water, coffee, tea

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Please make your food choices when you make your booking