

NEWSLETTER

The Sieges of Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz

1812 is famous for Tchaikovsky's overture which commemorates the heroic Russian resistance to and eventual destruction of Napoleon's Grande Armée. But what was happening in the peninsula? Having expelled the French from Portugal, Wellington next had to unlock the twin doors to Spain at Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz. Peter Booker discusses the strategic approach which ensured that French forces were dispersed while he attended to the bloody business of attacking and capturing these two vital frontier fortresses. We hear of the death of Black Bob Crawford and of the rescue of the fourteen year-old Juanita and her subsequent marriage to Harry Smith. All this was in preparation to the invasion of Spain. Join Peter Booker for the next episode in Wellington's seemingly irresistible demolition of the French backed Napoleonic kingdom of Spain.



JULY

Monday 16 at 6 pm, Tavira Library
Getting Started in Astronomy
 by **Clive Jackson**

Tuesday 24 at 6pm, Lagoa Library
Friday 27 at 11am, Tavira Library
The Taifas and the Berber Invasions
 by **Peter Kingdon Booker**

Saturday 28 at 7 pm Mesa do Cume
Dinner and Astronomical Observation
 by **Clive Jackson**

ALGARVE GARDENS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

ROSIE PEDDLE

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, LAGOA
TUESDAY 12 AT 6 PM

COSMIC AND CLIMATE INFLUENCE

CLIVE JACKSON

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY TAVIRA
MONDAY 18 AT 6 PM

THE SIEGES OF CIUDAD RODRIGO AND BADAJOZ

PETER KINGDON BOOKER

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY LAGOA
TUESDAY 26 AT 6 PM
MUNICIPAL LIBRARY TAVIRA
FRIDAY 29 AT 11 AM

Algarve Gardens: the good, the bad and the ugly

Rosie Peddle was transplanted seven years ago from a town garden in the middle of England to four acres of old farmland on the eastern Algarve. She is keenly interested in the conservation of plants and their habitats. A Fellow of The Linnean Society of London, she has also worked as a volunteer with the Plant Heritage charity which is responsible for the National Plant Collection scheme in the UK. Currently, Rosie is the Portugal/Algarve contact for The Mediterranean Garden Society and is deeply entrenched in encouraging waterwise and appropriate gardening and landscape management techniques. Her talk on Algarve Gardens reflects her strong views on managed landscapes in the Mediterranean climatic zone.

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