

# NEWSLETTER

## TAVIRA BRIDGE CLUB

*Thursdays at 2pm, Hotel Don Rodrigues  
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*The Cine Clube* *Thursdays and Sundays at 9.30pm*

*5 December A Batalha de Tabatô*

*7 December Ophiussa: Uma Cidade de Fernando Pessoa*

*12 December Dans la Maison*

*19 December Night Train to Lisbon*

*21 December O Dia Mais Curto*

*26 December Io Sono Li*

*Academia de Música* *Saturdays at 6pm*

*7 December -Fado Chapel of Convento da Graça*

*14 December- Luís Conceição São Sebastião*

*21 December- Silvino Campos Auditório A de T*

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## JANUARY EVENTS

**TUESDAY 14 at 6pm**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**Paremiology with Rui Soares**

**TUESDAY 28 at 6pm**

**Municipal Library Lagoa and**

**FRIDAY 31 at 11 am**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**The Golden Age of Brazil with Peter Booker**

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

**MONDAY 3 at 6 pm**

**Municipal Library Tavira and**

**TUESDAY 11 at 6 pm**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**Brazilian Art with Mary Hunt**

**TUESDAY 25 at 6 pm**

**Municipal Library Lagoa and**

**FRIDAY 28 at 11 am**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**The Portuguese Court in Brazil (part 2)  
with Rachel Barnard**

**SUNDAY 1 at 5 pm**

**Quintinha da Música**

**Liszt in Lisbon with Lucjan Luc €15**

**MONDAY 2 at 6 pm**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**The Geology of the Algarve with Ludo Broothaers**

**TUESDAY 10 at 6 pm**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**A History of Geology with Ludo Broothaers**

**SATURDAY 14 at 6 pm**

**Herdade da Corte**

**Cabo Verde with Lynne Booker**

**TUESDAY 17 at 11 am**

**Jorge and Lia's Restaurant,**

**Book Club - The Maias by Eca de Queirós**

**TUESDAY 17 at 6 pm**

**Municipal Library Lagoa AND**

**FRIDAY 20 AT 11 AM**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**Chaul and Diu - Portugal Wins an Empire**

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Safe Communities [www.safecommunitiesalgarve.com](http://www.safecommunitiesalgarve.com)

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**LISZT IN LISBON**

Lucjan Luc will perform some of the music that Liszt would have played during his visit to Lisbon in January/February 1845. Setting the scene will be Paulo Viegas, Peter and Lynne Booker who will talk briefly about Portugal in 1845, Liszt's life and his experiences in Lisbon as well as how he revolutionised the classical music scene.

Lucjan was born in Poland. He obtained a first class and a diploma in chamber music at the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice. At the age of 16 he studied with Andrzej Jancowski and pianist Eugeniusz Kanapik.



With the Lisbon Metropolitan Orchestra in 1992-1996, he performed over 200 chamber music recitals in theatres, universities and concert halls in all parts of Portugal. He has performed in Spain at different music events and festivals with a number of soloists, such as clarinet player Johannes Peitz, soprano Carmen Solís, violinist Du Xuan, and the baritone Paolo Ruggiero.

Lucjan will be playing pieces from Liszt's *Années de Pèlerinage*, *Ballade no 2* and three of the *Consolations*.

**TALKS ON GEOLOGY**

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 spent much of his career overseas in Morocco, Indonesia and Surinam. He has also worked for the Flemish Government. Ludo's lecture in **Tavira** on **The geology of the Algarve** 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. Ludo's lecture in **Lagoa** will look at the development of theories about how the surface of the earth, and our landscapes in particular, came into being. The earliest ideas (17th century) on this matter championed very dramatic catastrophes that shaped the earth almost instantaneously. Soon after that, people with field experience voiced a quite opposite idea: earth forming processes would be extremely slow and gradual, mostly too slow to be noticed within a lifetime. Both camps had valid and rational arguments. Yet the catastrophists seemed to lose the battle. The dispute was brought to an end only late in the 20th century. These arguments had a deep influence on the way geologists think even nowadays.

**The REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE**

Algarve History Association continues its programme of presentations on Lusophone history and culture with an evening of *Kaboverdianidade*. On Saturday 14 December, Lynne Booker will make her presentation on the history, geography and culture of the archipelago of Cabo Verde at 6 pm at Herdade da Corte, Tavira. The culture of Cabo Verde also includes its gastronomy, and as part of the experience of *Kaboverdianidade*. Catiza who is herself Caboverdian will present a typical Caboverdian dinner. Drinks and corn cakes will be available from 6 pm and a buffet dinner will be served at 7.30 pm following the presentation. Dishes will include the characteristic *Cachupa rica* (a stew of corn, onions, potatoes, beans, spices and meat) plus side dishes. Catiza uses authentic ingredients imported from Cabo Verde, and bought in Lisbon especially for this occasion.

This evening devoted to Caboverdian culture will of course include descriptions and illustrations of Caboverdian national music, and Catiza will also demonstrate Caboverdian national dance. By the end of the evening, you will understand the qualities of *Morna* and be able to dance to *Batuque*. This evening gives an unusual and exciting opportunity to learn more of the history and to experience the culture of Cabo Verde at first hand.

The managers of Herdade da Corte have kindly offered the special price of €50 per couple for bed and breakfast for those who wish to stay the night.

**Dinner costs €25 per person. To book, please contact: [lynnbooker@sapo.pt](mailto:lynnbooker@sapo.pt)**

**CHAUL AND DIU**

After the first voyages to India by Vasco da Gama, D Manuel called himself Lord of Guinea and of the conquest, navigation and commerce of Ethiopia, Arabia, Persia and India. This was a bit premature. The arrival of the Portuguese and their determination to monopolise the spice trade in the Indian Ocean seriously disrupted the profits made by the Egyptians and the Venetians, the former middlemen in the spice trade. Allied with the Zamorin of Calicut, they made a concerted attempt to eject the Portuguese, and very nearly succeeded. Chaul is some 60km south of Bombay and is the site of a major defeat for the Portuguese in 1508. Determined as ever, they bounced back under the first viceroy of India, D Francisco de Almeida, at the Battle of Diu on their way to establishing Portuguese sea power and Empire on the Malabar coast.