

# NEWSLETTER

## **SALAZAR: was he a disaster?**

During the present economic and banking crisis, it is possible to hear Portuguese pining for the return of Salazar, very much as some Russians pine for the Communist era. On the other hand, Salazar was a known authoritarian dictator, a fascist whose regime was closely related to the fascist regimes of Italy and Germany. As an anti-democrat, could he have been good for Portugal? For us to answer that question, we must analyse the previous regimes, determine what forces brought him to power, and assess how he ameliorated the position of the country. And after he had departed the scene, did he leave Portugal in a better state? It is time again to look closely at Salazar's period of office (from 1932 to 1968) and to determine whether the benefits he brought were outweighed by the suffering of many of the poorest people in the country. He stayed in power for so long, and was so autocratic, that we can conduct a detailed cost / benefit analysis on his period in power.

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**TUESDAY 9**

**Municipal Library Tavira 6 pm**

*and*

**WEDNESDAY 10**

**Municipal Library Lagoa 6 pm**

**Moçambique: A Meander Through the Past, Present....and Future?**

*by John Clifton*

**WEDNESDAY 17**

**Guided Walk around Cabanas 7 pm**  
*with Paulo Viegas and Fátima Cardos*  
**Don't forget your camera!**

**TUESDAY 23**

**Jorge and Lia's Snack Bar 11 am**

**AHA Book Club:**

**Equator** *by Miguel Sousa Tavares*

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**Municipal Library Lagoa 6 pm**

*and*

**FRIDAY 26**

**Municipal Library Tavira 11 am**

**Salazar: was he a disaster?**

*by Peter Kingdon Booker*

## **AUGUST EVENT**

**SUNDAY 25 at 7 pm**

**DUO LACERDA: A Musical Odyssey**

**Boa Esperança. Morenos** €15  
**(Includes music, talk, drink and canapés)**

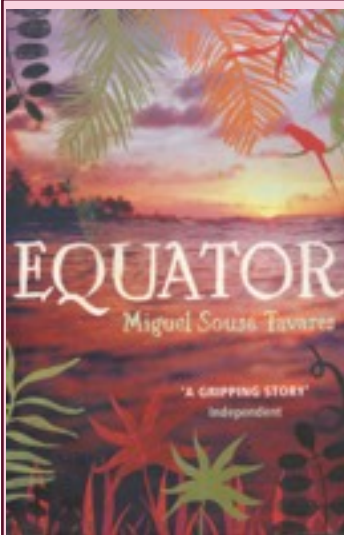


## Moçambique: A Meander Through the Past, Present .... and Future?

... is a gentle stroll through some of the twists and turns of Moçambican history which has repeated itself (and even today is re-repeating itself) with farce and tragedy, although not necessarily in that order. This talk is a more-or-less chronological review which side-tracks here and there to examine a few of the back-waters of the story. John Clifton has lived and worked in over 35 countries worldwide, including Moçambique in the period immediately following the civil war. He has travelled throughout the country and even now usually spends part of each year in Moçambique.



**As usual I am organising a post-talk dinner in Tavira. The venue is the garden at Jorge and Lia's Snack Bar (100 m down on the right from the Vela ao Vento roundabout on the EN125). Please let me know by Monday 8 July if you plan to dine with us.**



### ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION BOOK CLUB

Some people have expressed an interest in a book club which has as its major focus Portuguese history and culture. Peter and I have decided to set aside some dates for the discussion of nominated books and you are welcome to join us as and when you can. Our idea is a monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11 am at Jorge and Lia's snack bar in Tavira. (Because of the short notice the July book club meeting will be on the 4th Tuesday). We welcome ideas for any books you wish to discuss, or for more convenient dates or locations. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan to attend.

The next meetings will be Tuesday August 20 when we plan to discuss **Empire Adrift** by Patrick Wilcken and September 17 when we shall discuss **The Portuguese** by Barry Hatton.

### ARTICLES AT [WWW.ALGARVEDAILYNEWS.COM](http://WWW.ALGARVEDAILYNEWS.COM)

I mentioned at the last talk in Tavira that I write up Peter's talks and the resulting articles are placed online. They come under the section Features (History). This section also includes my two other series, first **Journey to Portugal** (based on our own trips in Portugal) and second **Algarve Legends** in which I write about people who have made an impact on life here in the Algarve.

I also write regular features for **Algarve Resident**.. These articles focus on local people and events and on both Portuguese history and culture in the Algarve and in the whole country.

You can find reviews of mine on **Trip Adviser**. I have commented on the hotels we have stayed at and the cultural sites we have visited. . .

**Lynne**