

NEWSLETTER

Balsa: The Roman Town of Tavira

So many people refer to the Roman Bridge in Tavira. But it is not a Roman structure, nor is Tavira even a Roman town. Founded by the Phoenicians, Tavira moved its location first further upstream, and second further westwards on the coast. The Roman town of Balsa was located just west of present day Santa Luzia. What did the town look like? Why was it there and when was it there? Why did it move yet again, and back to its first and present location? Where are the artifacts and ruins we associate with Roman settlements? Were there any famous Balsenses? There are lots of questions to be answered about Balsa, the Roman Tavira, and you can learn some of the answers with Peter Booker during this month's lecture.

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MONDAY 3

Municipal Library Tavira 6 pm

TUESDAY 11

Municipal Library Lagoa 6 pm

São Tomé and Príncipe

by Clive Viney and Peter Booker

WEDNESDAY 5

Municipal Library Tavira 4 pm

Safe Summer Community Seminar

Associação Safe Communities Algarve

SUNDAY 9

Boa Esperança, Morenos, Tavira 6.30 pm

Portugal Day Concert

with guitarist Josué Nunes

WEDNESDAY 12

Guided Walk around Santa Luzia 7 pm

with Paulo Viegas and Fátima Cardoso

TUESDAY 18

Visit to RIAS Olhão 10 am

TUESDAY 25

Municipal Library Lagoa 6 pm

FRIDAY 28

Municipal Library Tavira 11 am

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JULY EVENTS

MONDAY 8 at 7 pm

ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION DINNER

Herdade da Corte, Tavira,

TUESDAY 23 at 6 pm

Municipal Library Lagoa

FRIDAY 26 at 11 am

Municipal Library Tavira

Salazar

by Peter Kingdon Booker

Academia de Música: Students auditions in the Ermida de São Sebastião, Tavira

You are invited to attend the following students' auditions:

3 June at 18h00 - guitar auditions

5 June at 18h00 . piano auditions

6 June at 18h00 - piano, violin, clarinet and accordion auditions

13 June at 21h00 - final with best students from each category



São Tomé and Príncipe

Peter Booker will speak for a short time about the history of these tiny islands in the Gulf of Guinea, the second smallest African nation, and Clive Viney will describe the wildlife he saw and the current state of one of Africa's newest countries. Clive is an ornithologist and writer about birds, and so the birds occupy a major part of his talk. But he also makes comment about the buildings and the legacy of Portuguese rule. Portuguese sailors discovered these islands in 1470, and Portuguese rule came to an end in 1975. What happened in between these dates? Peter comments on the part of slavery in the history of this apparent tropical paradise.

Safe Summer Crime Prevention and Community Safety Seminar - Tavira

The 5th in the series of Crime Prevention and Community Safety seminars, organized by Safe Communities Algarve, will be held in Tavira for Eastern Algarve residents on Wednesday 5th June from 1600 to 1800 hrs. The venue for the event is the Biblioteca Municipal Alvaro de Campos (Municipal Library), Tavira.

The seminar is being held just ahead of the summer season to create public awareness on fire prevention and how the authorities deal with such incidents. To stress the importance of this the Deputy District Director Civil Protection authority has kindly agreed to deliver a presentation.

The Mayor of Tavira, Jorge Botelo will give a welcoming address, followed by presentations by Captain Carapinha - Commander of the GNR Tavira; Subcomissário Nuno Gonçalves the Commander PSP police Tavira; Eng. Rui Graça District Deputy Operations Director (ADOD) the Civil Protection Authority; Dora Coelho, Chief of Staff, Turismo do Algarve; Clive Jewell – British Vice Consul and David Thomas – President Safe Communities Algarve.

The seminar is in English and is aimed at helping residents have a greater understanding of the organizations involved and services they provide, ranging from crime prevention, policing, the GNR Safe Residence Program, Algarve a safe tourist destination and forest fire protection.

These presentations will be followed by a question and answer session with the panel of speakers.

This will be the first time these parties have come together for such an event in the Eastern Algarve. Residents are therefore encouraged and welcome to attend.

The Library is located in the center of Tavira at Rua da Comunidade Lusíada, 21. There is plenty of parking in the area.

Places are limited to 90 so please register by contacting SCA at info@safecommunitiesalgarve.com or 913045093.

Details www.safecommunitiesalgarve.com Events page.

Portugal Day Concert

Josué Nunes began his studies at the Conservatório de Música do Algarve. He has undertaken several Master Classes with guitarists Dejan Ivanovik, António Jorge Gonçalves, Darko Pedrinjak, Robert Brightmore and Hubert Kappel. He holds a degree in guitar from the Escola Superior de Música de Lisboa where he studied with professor Piñero Nagy. He is finishing his second degree in guitar.

He has performed solo and with various chamber music formations in various venues throughout the country. In 2000 he performed several recitals of classical guitar with the guitar quintet of the Algarve. In April of the same year he appeared at the Vienna Conservatory in Austria, the “Conservatório de Tomar - Canto Firme” and in 2003 at the 1st Festival of Classical Music in Tavira.



Josué has been guest soloist at various International Guitar Festivals and the composer André Santos dedicated his work *Bridge of Laments* to him.

VISITTO RIAS (Centro de Recuperação e Investigação de Animais Selvagens, Ria Formosa, Olhão)

Located in Quinta do Marim, RIAS has been functioning since October 2009 with some funding from ANA (Airports of Portugal) and ICNB (Institute for Nature Conservation and Biodiversity) to care for and to rehabilitate wildlife, to investigate the risks to wildlife and to educate people in the importance of biodiversity. RIAS functions as a hospital for wild animals and the work of RIAS consists mainly in the treatment and liberation (where possible) of wild-life into their natural environment. There are 3 paid workers but volunteers are welcome as are any efforts to raise funds to help in their work.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

On 27 April 2013, the Algarve History Association in collaboration Bela Romão Croquet Club organised a fashion show which raised €500 for RIAS. The photograph shows a short toed eagle which Fábía Azevedo released back into the wild.



LOCAL ELECTIONS IN AUTUMN 2013

Beverly Gibbons, of Almancil, has reminded us that local elections are due in the autumn, and that foreign residents may vote for their Local and Borough Councils only if they have registered at their local Junta de Freguesia at least 60 days beforehand.

She has been invited to be on the campaign team for Aníbal Moreno, the PSD candidate for Almancil Parish Council. Residents in the Loulé borough who would like to be kept informed in English on the PSD campaign and when meetings will be held in the English language can contact her at pinetrees.riding@world.net.pt 289394369



TAVIRA BRIDGE CLUB

Lessons for beginners/refreshers are on Thursdays from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm at Jorge and Lia's Restaurant in Alto do Cano.

We are planning to run a bridge duplicate (Monte Gordo style) on Thursday 20 June at 2 pm at Herdade da Corte. Please let us know ASAP if you would like to play.

Monetary Contributions

Many thanks for your continued support. Your contributions enable us to pay travel costs for guest speakers and provide them with a meal as well as helping with the ongoing costs of running our Association. We have already been able to support Madrugada; the restoration of O Golfinho; APAA; Tavira Cine Clube and the Academia de Música in Tavira.. If you have any other ideas regarding organisations that need help, please let me know.

Many thanks, Lynne