

ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS HISTORIADORES DO ALGARVE

TUESDAY 18 at 18h00

Municipal Library Lagoa

The History of Ideas about Evolution

with Ludo Broothaers

FRIDAY 21 at 11h00

Municipal Library Tavira

and

TUESDAY 25 at 18h00

Municipal Library Lagoa

The Dutch Presence in the Portuguese Empire

with Peter Kingdon Booker

Please note that Sandra Boto's talk, scheduled for 3 November has been postponed until January.

The History of Ideas about Evolution

The talk describes how over four centuries scientists developed a new view on living nature. It all began with a static view, inspired by religious sources. Through the then brand-new scientific discipline of geology scholars learned what rocks could reveal to them about life on earth. It became clear that presently unknown animals and plants populated the earth in distant times. Several hypotheses were brought forward to explain the existence of present-day diversity of life on earth. The search for a plausible answer culminated in the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*. His theory shows how species evolved and changed through natural selection and in a dynamic world. Darwin's view collided dramatically with views founded in religious beliefs. Even today the theory of evolution is the subject of much controversy, particularly among Creationists in the USA and in Muslim communities.

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

OPEN DAY FOLLOWED BY DIXIELAND JAZZ AT BELA ROMÃO CROQUET CLUB

From **3 pm to 5 pm** Bela Romão Croquet Club will be open for members of the public to find out more about croquet and the Club. (NB Flat shoes only on the lawn). And then at 5 pm, the fabulous Dixie Kings will be playing a mixture of blues, stomps, ragtime, spirituals and popular tunes from the 1920s. They will be playing 3 sets of about 45 minutes and during the intervals you will find Chef Sarah's canapés for sale along with a wide selection of drinks. **The charge for the jazz is €10.**

for further information and to book, please contact belaromaocroquet@yahoo.com 289 798 254

The Dutch Presence in the Portuguese Empire

Although the Seven Provinces had claimed independence in 1581, the Netherlands formally became independent only at the Treaty of Munster in 1648. Yet from 1581, Dutch merchants began to infiltrate and, from around 1600, Dutch warships, began seriously to trouble the Portuguese regime in the east, and also in Brazil and Angola. So widespread was the conflict that it has been referred to as the First World War. What was it about the Portuguese Empire that invited attack by first the Dutch and then the English? What benefits did the Dutch gain, and why did some parts of the Portuguese Empire last for so long? And what was the Jewish connection?

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TAVIRA BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays at 14h00 Hotel Don Rodrigues

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Clube de Tavira Jazz 4th Sunday at 18.30 pm

Tavira Cine Clube Thursdays at 21.30

Música nas Igrejas Saturdays at 18h00

UPCOMING EVENTS: DECEMBER

MONDAY 1 at 18h00

Municipal Library Tavira

The History of Ideas about Evolution

with Ludo Broothaers

SUNDAY 7 at 17h00

Quintinha da Música

Concert: Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Schumann

with pianist Lucjan Luc

€20

TUESDAY 16 at 18h00

Municipal Library Lagoa

and

FRIDAY 19 at 11h00

Municipal Library Tavira

Peninsular War Series: The Toulouse Campaign

with Peter Kingdon Booker