

# ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION

## ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS HISTORIADORES DO ALGARVE

**MONDAY 1 at 18h00**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**and**

**TUESDAY 2 at 18h00**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**Persia: Travellers ' Tales**

*with Lynne and Peter Kingdon Booker*

**TUESDAY 23 at 18h00**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**and**

**FRIDAY 26 at 11h00**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**Gibraltar**

*with Peter Kingdon Booker*

**SUNDAY 28 16H00**

**Quintinha da Música**

*The Lacerda Quartet*

**Playing music by Stravinski, Mozart, Schubert**

### **Persia: Travellers ' Tales**

So many people said to us before we left, "You must be mad. Aren't you afraid?" But our trip to Iran (Ancient Persia) was fascinating. Not only were the sights of Iran unexpectedly spectacular, but the people were among the most welcoming and friendly that we have ever met. We visited Tehran, Yazd and Shiraz. We went on to Esfahan, Kashan and the shrine city of Qom. And in between we visited the highlight of the trip, the ancient city of Persepolis, and the even older Pasargad. It had been our dream to travel to this cradle of civilisation, and it was a delight to discover that Persian people are still among the most civilised people on the planet. Join us for a photographic tour of Iran, and learn about the way in which modern Iran copes with its fate.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH**

**MONDAY 7 at 18h00**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**and**

**TUESDAY 8 at 18h00**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**Beautiful Gardens with Little Water**

*with Marilyn Medina Ribeira*

**SUNDAY 20 at 17h00**

**Quintinha da Música**

**40 Fingers Piano**

**€25**

*with Inge Lulofs, Brigitta Klein Goldewijk, Irene Einstein and Frank Fahner*

**TUESDAY 29 at 18h00**

**Municipal Library Lagoa**

**and**

**FRIDAY 1 April at 11h00**

**Municipal Library Tavira**

**The Canning Industry in the Algarve**

*with Peter Kingdon Booker*

### **Gibraltar**

Long the target for a takeover by the Spanish state, Gibraltar has now been under British administration for 312 years, in fact since 1704. This story is about the importance attached to The Rock over the centuries by the Moors, the Spanish and principally by the British. It may not be widely known that Gibraltar has suffered long and exhausting sieges over the years by both land and sea, and that it has survived because of the incompetence of the attackers as much as the determination of the defenders. Peter will examine the case for the Spanish claim to the territory, its moral weight in view of the continuing Spanish occupation of Moroccan and Portuguese territory. He will consider the view, more and more commonly expressed, that since Britain no longer has a strategic interest in Gibraltar, its status should be reviewed. And he will also cover the important but hidden role played by Portuguese in the history of The Rock.

### **CONTACTS**

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## CONCERTS AT QUINTINHA DA MÚSICA

Sunday 8 May at 17h00: Inge Lulofs (piano) and Carole Ligt (flute)

Sunday 12 June at 17h00: Birgit Wegemann (soprano) and Irene Ainstein (piano)

**News :** Well, I was hoping that a competition would encourage people to look at our website - particularly the Journey to Portugal Section! There was only 1 entrant for the competition and that was Sue Simons who identified (on the right) the National Palace at Mafra. On the left was the castle at Ourém. I shall have to try something else! My next article for Algarve Resident is entitled **Olhão: From Ugly Duckling to White Swan**. It will be published on 4 February. Later it will appear on the website as part of the Journey to Portugal Series. (There are now nineteen articles in the Series).

I am hoping to have the official opening of the Sculpture Park on 1 May when there is an annual Mayday celebration here in the Alportel Valley in Morenos and Umbria. I have spoken to the President of the Clube de Caça e Pesca about the proposed Sculpture Park and Museum and we shall be meeting with him and the President of the Freguesia of Santa Catarina da Fonte do Bispo some time in February to take the project further.

A big thank you to Christine Brown for managing the website for us - a huge weight off our minds!

*Lynne*

## UPCOMING EVENT on Sunday 10 April at 16h00, Municipal Library, Tavira - The Passionate Pilgrim

Based on fact and set in medieval Portugal, *The Passionate Pilgrim* is a tragicomic drama where miracles of healing and supernatural apparitions take centre stage. A paragon of English virtue and Queen of Portugal for almost 30 years, **Philippa of Lancaster** was married to Dom João I. They were parents of six surviving children – the so-called Illustrious Generation – including the much talked about Prince Henry the Navigator. Using recent research, the author investigates the intimate personal life of the Prince and the androgyny of a cleric who sells papal indulgences. Like Chaucer's Pardoner, this droll character illustrates aspects of corruption in the medieval church. Parodying the pilgrims in the Canterbury Tales, the Queen leads a group of courtly ladies to the hallowed city of Santiago de Compostela, one of the most important religious sites in the medieval world. Bizarre events, blind faith and love of the Almighty shape the journey with comic and sometimes ludicrous results. Filled with risqué lines, burlesque characters and factual information, 'The Passionate Pilgrim' is beautifully staged and costumed and enacted by a cast of eleven. 'The Passionate Pilgrim' is written entirely in rhyme by Carolyn Kain whose previous plays include 'The Rhyming Diary of Mrs Pepys' and 'Rags to Riches.'



**Tickets €10. To book please contact: [lynnebooker@sapo.pt](mailto:lynnebooker@sapo.pt) 281 971 567.** Drinks and snacks will be on sale.

Casa do Povo Moncarapacho: Bridge 10h00 Wednesdays; Valentine's Night 13 February €10 non members €6 members, dinner €15 - doors open 19h00; Wednesdays 18h00 Sevillana classes; Thursdays 19h30 singing/jamming sessions. Contact [lordsofgaga@gmail.com](mailto:lordsofgaga@gmail.com)

**Clube de Tavira Jazz 4th Sunday at 17h00**

**Tavira Cine Clube Thursdays at 21h30**

**Música nas Igrejas Saturdays at 18h00**

**EAIS Choir**

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Performances take place Monday to Saturday at 11h15; 12h15. 968 774 613

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**Vale d'el Rei Bridge Group** Duplicate Bridge Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 13:45 Vale d'el Rei hotel is 3 minutes from the N125 opposite the International School; 5 minutes from Lagoa. Email: [carolecracknell@gmail.com](mailto:carolecracknell@gmail.com); tel: +351911561224; 282358885

Bridge Club **Cristal Hotel** in Carvoeiro, every Monday and Thursday, starting time 1.45 for 2.p.m. Contact Maureen & Bill Dainty on 282 357 953.

## TAVIRA BRIDGE CLUB

**Thursdays at 14h00 at Quinta do Caracol**  
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