

# ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2017

Please note that Arne Jakobsen's talks on The History of Salt, planned for 9 and 10 January have been postponed.

**FRIDAY 13 at 11h00 Municipal Library Tavira and**

**TUESDAY 24 at 18h00 Convento São José Lagoa**  
**The History of Lagos**  
*with Peter Kingdon Booker*

**SUNDAY 29 at 16h00 at Quintinha da Música**  
**Carola Ligt (flute) and Inge Lulofs (piano)** €25

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

**MONDAY 6 at 11h00 Municipal Library Tavira**  
**The History of the Jews in Seville**  
*with Virginia Palmer*

**MONDAY 13 at 18h00 Municipal Library Tavira and**

**TUESDAY 14 at 18h00 Convento São José Lagoa**  
**The History of Policing the Kowloon Walled City of Hong Kong**  
*with David Thomas*

**TUESDAY 21 at 18h00 Convento São José Lagoa and**

**FRIDAY 24 at 11h00 Municipal Library Tavira**  
**The Portuguese Empire of the East 1497-1999**  
*with Peter Kingdon Booker*

**SUNDAY 26 at 16h00 at Quintinha da Música**  
**The Lacerda Quartet (Alex Stewart, violin; Regina Aires, violin. Paul Wakabayashi, viola and Luís André, cello).** €25

Please note that Rachel Barnard has postponed her talk programmed for March and I thank Roger Shrimpton for 'volunteering' to give a talk entitled

**Improving the Ecological and Nutritional Impacts of our Food Systems**

**Tuesday 28 March 18h00 Municipal Library Lagoa**

**Friday 31 March 11h00 Municipal Library Tavira**

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I have been conscious for some time that my local history studies have been biased towards the *Sotavento* (the leeward), and I thought that I should look in more detail at the *Barlavento* (the windward). The Portuguese *barlaventear* means to tack to the windward, and turning into the weather, I caught sight of Lagos, one of the oldest towns in the Algarve. Lagos and its surrounding area is famous for its connection with Henry the Navigator and as a centre for the launching of the voyages leading to the Portuguese discoveries. But does its history extend further? What made remote Lagos important in the first place? Why was it fortified? We must look towards the sea for the answer. Lagos has in common with Tavira the fact that its port offered easy access to the North African coast; and in the age of sail the massive bay in which it stands was extremely important as a haven from Atlantic storms. We find that naval engagements have taken place off Meia Praia and Cape St Vincent as long as sail was the means for naval locomotion. There are even rumours that Lagos was at one time the capital of the Algarve. Join Peter Booker for a more detailed study of Tavira's twin town in the Barlavento.

*Peter Kingdon Booker*

### PESSOA'S CAFÉ - Art School Boys

Exhibition opens 6 January at 18h00 with art by Colin Howe, Terry Nilssen Love, Harvey Dwight and Matthijs Warner.

**TAVIRA GARDEN** - Official opening of tapas bar, activities centre and shop by Ana Isabel Biscaia. 19h00 Friday 6 January. Yoga classes already ongoing contact: [hazel.devine@ntlworld.com](mailto:hazel.devine@ntlworld.com)

### TAVIRA BRIDGE CLUB

Thursdays at 14h00. Pedras da Rainha please contact: [peterbooker1347@gmail.com](mailto:peterbooker1347@gmail.com)

### Fado com História

Performances take place Monday to Saturday at 11h15; 12h15. 968 774 613 [fadocomhistoria@gmail.com](mailto:fadocomhistoria@gmail.com)

Rua Damião Augusto de Brito Vasconcelos (near the Misericórdia Church in Tavira). facebook: fadocomhistoria  
Clube de Tavira Jazz 4th Sunday at 17h00 See Clube de Tavira on Facebook

**Tavira Cine Clube** Thursdays at 21h00 [cinetavira@gmail.com](mailto:cinetavira@gmail.com)

**Música nas Igrejas** Saturdays at 18h00 [taviraconcerts@blogspot.com](mailto:taviraconcerts@blogspot.com)

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