

ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2020

TUESDAY 18 at 18hoo Lagoa Library

FRIDAY 28 at 11hoo Tavira Library

The History of International Police Cooperation. This month's presenter is **David Thomas** who has previously spoken at AHA meetings on Policing the Kowloon Walled City and more recently on the current disturbances in Hong Kong. This time using his international policing experience he will present a subject close to his heart, namely: "The History of International Police Cooperation". This will cover: how international police organisations came about; establishment of INTERPOL and its development; other international police organisations; some examples past and present of close international cooperation in dismantling major international crime groups, concluding with the question: could the perpetrator of the Jack the Ripper murders have been brought to justice if there had been international police cooperation?

FRIDAY 14 at 11hoo Tavira Library

Chinese Poetry: with François Luís Blanc

In 11th century China, the hereditary aristocracy was replaced by a class of scholar-officials as the dominant force in government and culture. The favourite hobbies of these scholars were poetry, calligraphy and painting, which then became the principal forms of artistic expression for everyone. Early art forms served didactic and religious purposes, but changed to a narrative and historical pictorial format, which became the main art form from the Sung dynasty (960-1279) onwards. Why was it that painting, calligraphy, and poetry functioned together in single works? François will explore and explain these aspects of Chinese art and poetry.

FRIDAY 21 at 11hoo Tavira Library

Why did the the Jews leave Portugal?

with Peter Kingdon Booker

As a result of requests from members in Tavira, Peter will give again his presentation on the Jews in Portugal. Jewish history in Europe begins with toleration by the Islamic Iberian states, and with the advent of militant Christianity passed through enmity and hostility, and we have now returned to civilised tolerance. Why did these changes happen? How did Portugal respond to these changes and in Portugal what were the specific circumstances around them? The story of the Inquisition is of course a dominant theme in this history. In his presentation, Peter traces the changing attitudes towards the Jewish populations of Portugal - who together with those of Spain are referred to as Sephardim - and shows where in Portugal the Jewish presence has left the most marks.

PREVIEW FOR MARCH

FRIDAY 20 at 11hoo Tavira Library

D Maria II

with Isabel Stilwell

FRIDAY 6 at 11hoo Tavira

TUESDAY 31 at 18hoo Lagoa Library

The Visigothic State

with Peter Kingdon Booker

PREVIEW FOR APRIL

FRIDAY 17 at 11hoo - Tavira Library

TUESDAY 28 at 18hoo Lagoa Library

The Carnation Revolution

with Peter Kingdon Booker

We are proposing to organise visits to sites of historic interest such as the Mines of São Domingos and Vila Real de Santo António.

Peter is also organising more guided walks, initially around Tavira. Weather permitting, these walks will take place on Wednesdays as follows:

Wednesday 12 February

Walk 1 In the walled town of Medieval Tavira, The Vila-A-Dentro

Wednesday 19 February

Walk 2 The Modern town south of the river.

Wednesday 26 February

Walk 3 The town to the north of the river

Meeting place for each walk: the centre of the Roman Bridge

Meeting time: 10h45 to begin the walk at 11h00

Duration of the walk: about 90 minutes

Cost of the walk: €5

Reservation is necessary via email to:
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