#### **NEWSLETTER**

# **ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION** ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS HISTORIADORES DO ALGARVE

MONDAY 12 at 18h00	
Municipal Library Tavira	and
FUESDAY 13 AT 18hoo	
Municipal Library Lagoa	
Fado Part 2 with Peter Kingdon Booker	

TUE SDAY 27 at 18hooMunicipal Library LagoaandFRIDAY 30at 11h00Municipal LibraryTaviraWhy was Bad King John called Bad King John?with Dr Ron Thomson

## WEDNESDAY 28 AT 18hoo

Municipal Library Tavira Sailing Along with Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen with Sandra Boto

## UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY 8 17h00 Quintinha da Música DUO EDAN: Édua Zádory (violin) and Anastasiya Dombrovska (piano) Bartók, Hubay, Brahms, Liszt, Kurtág €25 TUESDAY 10 18h00 Municipal Library Lagoa and WEDNESDAY 11 18h00 Municipal Library Tavira The Music of Luís de Freitas Branco with Alexandre Delgado TUESDAY 24 18h00 Municipal Library Lagoa and FRIDAY 27 11h00 Municipal Library Tavira The Portuguese Inquisition with Rachel Barnard

TAVIRA BRIDGE CLUB Thursdays at 14boo please contact: <u>peterbooker@sapo.pt</u>

Clube de Tavira Jazz 4th Sunday at 18.30 pm Tavira Cine Clube Thursdays at 21.30 Música nas Igrejas Saturdays at 18h00

**Fado com História** Mondays to Saturday 10 am - 5 pm <u>www.fadocombistoria.wix.com/fado</u>

#### Why was Bad King John called Bad King John?

JANUARY 2015

King John has a reputation for being England's worst king ever. His nickname is John Lackland, since it was he who lost the Duchy of Normandy and Anjou to the French king; he lost the Crown Jewels in The Wash; he was forced to sign Magna Carta; he was excommunicated by the pope; and during the civil war with his barons, England was invaded by both King Alexander II of Scotland and Prince Louis of France. While King Richard was on crusade, it was Prince John who worked with the cruel Sheriff of Nottingham, the nasty protagonist of Robin Hood, the people's champion. In an age where royal sexual misbehaviour was in general accepted, John also had a dreadful reputation. He divorced his childless first queen in order to marry a twelve year old, with whom he had five children. He had at least twelve bastard children, some fathered on married noblewomen. After the glorious days of his father Henry II and his brother Richard Lionheart, what had gone wrong? Why did King John engender widespread obloquy? Was he as bad as all that? Ron Thomson illuminates the life of Bad King John.

Fado Part 2 Fado occupies a special place in Portuguese culture. About 200 years old, and of disputed roots, fado was certainly born in Lisbon, and in fact was Lisbon folk music. The word implies an unlucky fate, and fado has an undeserved reputation for misery and unhappiness. Just as striking are the happier types of fado and the celebrations of the traditions of Lisbon, often referred to in fado as beautiful princess. The second home of fado is Coimbra, and Coimbra fado is of its own kind. Fado has been subjected to political control, and its development was heavily influenced by the aristocracy of Portugal, and by government censorship. Fortunately those times have passed and fado has resumed its place at the forefront of popular Portuguese culture. Peter Booker presents an estrangeiro view of fado, and explains how foreigners may enjoy a deeper experience of this essentially Portuguese phenomenon.

**Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen** was a Portuguese award winning poet and writer. She won acclaim as a storyteller with *Contos Exemplares* and a number of children's books.. In 1999 she became the first woman to receive the highest Portuguese award for poetry, and in 2014 Parliament voted unanimously to honour her with a resting place in the National Pantheon. The only other woman so distinguished is Amália Rodrigues. Sandra Boto is a *Professora Auxiliar* at the University of the Algarve where she graduated in Modern Languages and Literature. She holds a post doctoral grant for a research project on the Portuguese writer Almeida Garrett.

## **DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF 2015**

KEY: Red is cultural talks in Tavira; Blue is cultural talks in Lagoa; Black is history talks in Lagoa and Green is history talks in Tavira.



Peter and I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2015.

Besides the programme of talks we are planning to hold a few more events such as guided walks and visits. The first will be a wine tasting (date in January to be confirmed).

At present Fátima and Paulo are working on cataloguing our books on Portuguese history and culture and on updating the website (long overdue!) We hope that in 2015 that our lending library will be up and running and that all the articles, book reviews, etc that Peter and I have produced will be available on the website. **with very best wishes, Lynne** 

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