ALGARVE HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome to a new Algarve History Association Newsletter. We are hoping to be able to bring out more regular newsletters.

A new team member.



Alasdair (André) Andrew moved to Tavira just over a year ago and, having been to one of Peter's interesting talks, wanted to find more about the Association. He found that the AHA website needed attention, and Peter gratefully accepted his offer of help.
Originally from Zimbabwe, Alasdair lived in Scotland for a number of years, and after retiring, needed to find a warmer and cheaper place to live. Tavira ticked all the boxes, and he has not been disappointed.

Presentation of the past talks coming soon.

For those members who wish to consult Peter's presentations in their own time,
His presentations will shortly be made available on the AHA website.

Recent event.

Concert 18 October 2026.

This event was sold-out. The brilliant recital by the acclaimed pianist Nicolas Bringuier was a most enjoyable afternoon of great music in a unique and intimate space, where the concert experience intersected with the flavours and wines of the region.
The programme included Schumann's monumental Fantasia op. 17, followed by works by Chopin, including Rondo op. 1, the Mazurkas op. 6, the Scherzo No. 1 op. 20, and three Waltzes op. 34.

Talk 30 October - Fado for Foreigners.



This talk was called Fado for Foreigners because in his presentation, Peter played a number of fados, simultaneously showing on screen the Portuguese lyrics together with the translations into English. He maintains that he enjoys those fados that he understands, and in order to enjoy fado it is necessary to understand it. Fado that is not understood becomes a closed book.
In the past he has been accused of sexual bias in the choice of singer – this presentation featured five male and five female fadistas.

Forthcoming events

Concert 21 November at 16:00.

The concert at the **Quintinha da Música** will feature our young friends of the National Youth Harp Orchestra. They will share the stage with pupils from the Conservatório in Faro, who will contribute on piano, violin and flute. The Association works closely with Irene of the Conservatório and is able to provide support for students who also learn to experience the special feeling of performing before a live audience.
Reservations at €20 should be made through Peter on peterbooker1347@gmail.com

Talk 27th November at 11:00 - Henry the Navigator.


Henry the Navigator
New World Encyclopaedia

The presentation in Tavira Library will focus on **Henry the Navigator**. An important figure in Portuguese history, he is the only Portuguese who has a motorway named after him, but his famous reputation as a pioneering explorer obscures his less than brilliant career as a royal prince.

There is a certain amount of fabrication in the accepted version of his story, and the darker areas of his life should be better known. But the historiography of recent political regimes has served to muddy the waters, to the extent that two British professors in particular became persona non grata in Portugal, because they published facts about Henry's life which the politicians wished to conceal.

Peter will tell the true story of this important figure in Portuguese history, while not denying the significant contribution he made to the development of world exploration.

As usual, we shall be organising a lunch to take place after the talk at our usual restaurant, The Secret Garden, Rua do Alto do Cano 19, 8800-406, Tavira.

If you wish to join Peter after this presentation, please let him know peterbooker1347@gmail.com

Save to dates - The talk dates for 2027.
The Tavira talks are held on Fridays at 11:00 at the Municipal Library Álvaro de Campos, Rua da Comunidade Lusíada nº 21, 8800-397 Tavira. The Library is opposite the Capela de São Sebastião.

January 29,
February 26,
March 19,
April 23,
May 21,
September 24,
October 29,
November 26
December 17

Looking forward to seeing you at one of the events.
Alasdair Andrew. AHA web content manager.