

ALGARVE NEWS

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This, the second issue of your local rag, brings you another fine article by veterinarian Robert Townson, more practical gardening instruction from Christina von Rosen of "O Jardim", some essential advice from Dra. Maria Teresa Pardana, tips on how to escape the clutches of Britain's tax collectors, and a second golf lesson by Vale do Lobo's Peter McGuinness.

In addition, there's a brief profile of the Algarve's only English dentist, news of upcoming events, and reports of regattas, a business merger, boating facilities, and other miscellaneous Algarvean happenings.

We hope the mix is to your liking.

A new and welcome contributor to our pages is interior decorator John Goodchild, whose interesting article appears on page 4.

We also welcome a gifted young artist, Erica MacFadyen, whose first cartoon for Algarve News illustrates an article on Vilamoura (page 11).

Remember, this is your newspaper. Do please let us know what you think of it. Criticisms, suggestions and contributions will be gratefully received.

It is our aim always to be helpful to tourists and foreign residents. And, of course, we want you to get good value for your 15 escudos!

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EXTENSIONS TO FARO AIRPORT

Faro airport is now in the process of being enlarged in all aspects. When the extensions and alterations are completed, there will be 12 check-in points, and three passport control points for international flights (at present, only one is in operation). Domestic flights and international flights will each have their own departure and arrival areas. When the works are completed, Faro will be able to accept flights which by reason of fog or other eventualities, are unable to land at Lisbon.

The existing runway, which is 2,400 metres long, can accommodate any type of aircraft. However, long-distance flights (e.g. to USA, Brazil), with their extra weight of petrol, need a runway of 3,200 metres. Thus aeroplanes like the 747 can only take off from Faro for short or medium-distance flights.

The works now in hand were originally scheduled for completion last April, and Sr. Carlos Cruzinha apologizes to passengers for the delay and for any inconvenience or discomfort they may be caused. New completion date is October, 1977.

A cargo terminal is also slated to be built in the very near future. It will be big enough to help the Algarve export its products internationally.

During the first five months of this year, 164,045 passengers

passed through Faro airport. It is interesting to compare this figure with those for the same period in previous years: 1976 95,149, 1975 85,635, 1974 135,770, 1973 147,752.

HANDY NEW GAS BOTTLE GADGET

Villa owners, do you have problems with your gas bottles? Do you have to shake them around to find out which ones are full, and which are empty? And do you know that a quantity of gas is always wasted at the bottom of each container due to there not being sufficient pressure to force it out?

A Mr. Julio Mendes informs Algarve News that he has a new gadget on sale which, when connected to three gas bottles, will automatically switch to a full bottle when one becomes empty. It also tells you which ones are full and which ones are empty. And, because this new gadget empties out 90% of the gas which is normally left behind, it will quickly pay for itself. You can use it with either Propane or Butane gas.

Mr. Mendes' regulator is authorized by the Inspectors of BP in Portugal. Any do-it-yourself handyman can install one in minutes. Instructions are in German, English and French. From Julio Mendes, Gardens and Services Unlimited, Almansil.

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