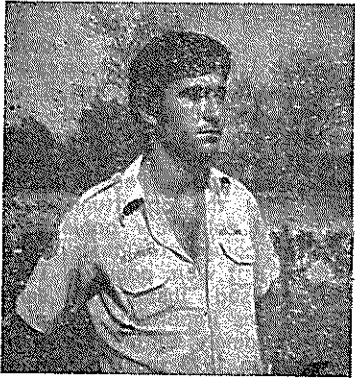


## ALGARVE NEWS TAKES A LOOK AT ALMANSIL

enterprising young man behind the venture is Julio Mendes, 24. His gardening business, Gardens and Services Unlimited, is already well known. His shop will sell everything related to gardens and gardening.



JULIO MENDES

Julio, the son of one of the Algarve's biggest individual orange producers, was at one time assistant golf pro at Vale do Lobo. Now he heads a company that constructs and landscapes gardens, and provides a back-up maintenance service. He also installs permanent watering systems that quickly pay for themselves by the amount of water that they save.

On the road to Quinta do Lago you will find "Peter's Casa Nova". This is the home of Peter Biever who, for eight years, ran Almansil's "O Poço" restaurant. Nowadays he caters only for private parties, and can seat up to 24 people. Peter plans the menu with you in

advance, then figures out a price per head. He specialises in barbecued meals.

The problem of what to do with your pets when you go away on holiday is solved for you by Mr and Mrs Alan Reeder at their Shelford Boarding Kennels in Almansil. They are able to board some 30 dogs plus a number of cats. Each animal has its own kennel plus a small yard, and there is a big exercise area where every dog is taken once each day. The Reederes also have a well equipped clinic and operating theatre where English and Portuguese veterinarians are in attendance twice a month.

An enterprising English lady, Ruth Grimme, is preparing to open a Riding Holiday Centre at Quinta dos Amigos, near Almansil.

There will be accommodation for 20 guests, and horse lovers will be able to book their riding holidays through travel agents in the UK, Germany, Holland and Belgium.

The Centre will have a swimming pool, sauna, tennis court, a covered riding school and a French restaurant and bar.

The bar and restaurant, "A Sela" ("The Saddle"), will be run by a Belgian couple. They plan to feature Portuguese food at lunch-time and French food in the evening. The husband is an experienced baker, and as well as baking for Quinta dos Amigos, he hopes also to bake bread and cakes for other restaurants and businesses in the area.

The restaurant "A Sela" is expected to open some time in October, and the complete Riding

Holiday Centre should be ready for business by April of next year.

This small coverage of the characters and personalities would not be complete if we didn't mention a certain Liverpoolian who runs a small but busy garage. His name is Brent Arnold. Apart from his skills as a mechanic, he is an expert water skier, a more than capable yachtsman, and has recently taken up golf. Brent is married to an attractive Portuguese girl, Christina, who, during a brief stay in England, not only picked up the language but also

the sense of humour that exists only around the north west. Apart from repairing cars and boats, Brent also buys and sells them.

At the turn-off to Quarteira from Almansil is Jim Mackie's Galeria d'Arte Algarve. Although the gallery has been open little more than a year, the quality of the paintings and the artists has already drawn buyers from all over the world. Jim and art galleries are not new to each other: readers may remember him from his galleries in Portimão and the Hotel Dona Filipa. JP

## WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK IN ALMANSIL

**O Poço:** This restaurant originally opened in 1969, and is now in the capable hands of Ray Bishop and Allen Butcher. O Poço specialises in charcoal grilled foods. They have a wide selection of steaks to choose from, plus chicken and spare ribs. Even if you're not hungry, it's pleasant to sit around the bar and chat with some of the locals.

**A Tranca:** António Oliveira and his wife are known to many residents and visitors for the type of food they serve and for the pleasant manner they have. Oliveira was at one time the head barman in the Vale do Lobo golf club. The menu at A Tranca is a mixture of international dishes and local ones. When you speak with the "gubnor", he'll tell you that he has some nice fish or some fresh clams and so on. Take his

advice and you'll not be disappointed.

**A Colina:** Whilst not exactly in Almansil, but close to the Church of São Lourenço, we felt that as we consider it Almansil you, our reader, would allow us the extra license. Klaus and Vicky Grigutsch — he's from Bremen and she's from Barcelona — run one of the most popular and successful restaurants in the Algarve. The place is spotless, and the food excellent. Often Vicky can be persuaded to prepare a Spanish type dish such as "championnes a la aliço" — small mushrooms fried in a small casserole in butter and garlic. They also serve a popular curry luncheon on the second Sunday of each month. For this and other visits, it is advisable to book in advance.

Klaus also runs a Windsurfing School on Quinta do Lago's lake,

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