

# LifeStyle

## Bereavement event is not to be a morbid affair

An open meeting in Coin will discuss what to do in the event of the death of a loved one

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A group of inland residents who meet regularly to socialise and offer each other practical support and advice has decided to tackle the delicate subject of what to do in the event of the death of a loved one. Juliette Robb started the group nearly six years ago but the death of a close friend recently left her and the rest of her group wondering just what happens in Spain immediately after someone dies.

The open meeting will take place at JK's Matchroom behind La Trocha in Coin from 12.30 p.m. on Friday 4th November, and speakers on the day will include Jon Sutton who will offer facts on how to handle the legal and financial aspects of bereavement, and local business woman Tracey Burns, who also works as a translator with a local funeral agency. Tracey says "I have offered to do

talks with local English speaking groups and clubs before but people think it is a morbid subject and don't want to deal with the issues. Friends and loved ones can be at their most vulnerable when a death occurs and it pays to know what to do".

Among the issues being discussed on the day are what happens if your joint bank account becomes embargoed when the bank are informed of the death, and how to avoid unnecessary funeral costs.

Juliette says that although it is a subject that lots of people don't like to think about, knowing what to do and who to turn to when someone does pass away can make a very stressful situation less complicated. She adds "It is not going to be a depressing event, it is just practical information and as a group we would just like to be prepared for any eventuality". She adds, "It is something that can happen very quickly and people are not always in an emotional state to be able to deal with things. It can be difficult to think straight."

■ **MORE INFORMATION** | For more details about the event contact Juliette Robb ☎ 951 165 963 or 654 821 137



GUESTS AND MEMBERS AT THE DON CARLOS INCLUDING KATE RAYNER (C), AND JOSEPHINE QUINTERO (R). / PHILIP MAGEE

## Press Club holds Open House

The Costa Press Club marked its tenth anniversary last week with an Open House event at the Don Carlos Hotel. Over 100 people from 15 countries working in the press and media industries were present. The event was a chance for members of the Press Club to invite guests who also work in the media across a whole range of activities, from the largest publications and broadcasters to the smallest freelance agencies. Also in attendance were councillors responsible for foreign residents and the press from Marbella and Fuengirola Town Halls.



RENAISSANCE. THE NAVE HAS BEEN RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY. SUR

## A baroque jewel glitters once more

The church of San Felipe Neri in Malaga has been restored to all its baroque splendour with the injection of 500,000 euros and a team of dedicated professionals working for almost 10 years. The façade, the unique elliptical nave and the murals once again reflect the beauty of the church. The project was financed by

the diocese and the City Hall and was very much the personal crusade of Jesús Catalá, the bishop of Malaga. The three brotherhoods which use the church have also united behind the effort with works on the altar and the heightening of the main doors. The church was built in 1739 for the Conde de Buenavista.

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