

## FACTS & FACES



Travellers from Nerja and Benahavis take a break from following Columbus for lunch. :: SUR

## On the Columbus trail

Members of the Nerja History Group, Nerja DFAS and Benahavis DFAS recently got together for a three-day trip, "In the footsteps of Christopher Columbus".

The first stop was Seville, where the group visited the tomb of Christopher Columbus (now confirmed by DNA testing) in the Cathedral and the General Archive of the Indies, recently designated as a World Heritage Site. There were informed about the history of the building

and the collection of documents and artefacts stored there, including original documents bearing the signature of Christopher Columbus. They also visited the temporary exhibition illustrating the decline and fall of the Spanish Empire in the Americas, and showed how the dream of Columbus faded.

In Huelva the group visited the monastery of La Rabida, where Columbus stayed during his attempts to persuade the Catholic Monarchs

to underwrite his dream, and the Quay of the Caravels, where replicas of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria are permanently berthed. In Palos de la Frontera they saw Columbus's embarkation point and in Moguer, the chapel where he spent an all-night vigil in the chapel giving thanks for his deliverance from storms on his return voyage at the Convent of Santa Clara. The trip was completed with a visit to the Sierra de Aracena and Rio Tinto.



Betty Watt. :: SUR

### Mass to be held in memory of library volunteer Betty Watt

#### ARROYO DE LA MIEL

A mass in memory of Betty Watt, who died on March 7th in Benalmádena at the age of 97, is being held on Wednesday May 15th at 8pm in the Inmaculada Con-

cepción church in Arroyo de la Miel. Betty was a volunteer for more than 20 years at the Arroyo library where she ran the foreign languages section. She was awarded the medal of honour for cultural merit by Benalmádena Town Hall on two occasions, the second in the company of the group of volunteers who worked with her. All are welcome at the mass on Wednesday.

## Business Group Spain helps Tomas Leighton charity

#### COSTA DEL SOL

The Business Group Spain recently handed over a cheque for 400 euros to the Tomas Leighton trust. The not-for-profit organisation is formed by local business owners who meet every Tuesday to network and exchange business ideas as well as to support charity.

Tomas Leighton Care is one of the good causes the group spon-

sors. The charity was set up not only to help Tomas, but to raise awareness and offer helpful advice to other families with disabled children.

One of the Business Group Spain members said: "The Tomas Leighton Trust was an unanimous decision and one that we all feel is a very worthy cause as we really wanted whatever money we donate to really make a difference."



The Leightons collect the funds from business group. :: SUR

## Almuñécar taken over by Harley Davidson bikers

#### ALMUÑÉCAR

More than 200 bikers and 250 bikes invaded Almuñécar last weekend for the town's first Harley Davidson motorcycle rally. The gathering, supported by the town council and local police, was hosted at Tropical Bay hotel, located next to El Pozuelo beach,

where bikers gathered from Seville, Cadiz, Malaga, Melilla, Granada, Costa Blanca and La Coruña. The participants held a parade through the centre of Almuñécar, stopping in Paseo San Cristóbal where they left their vehicles on show and gathered for a photo in their best biker gear.



Harley Davidsons parade through Almuñécar. :: SUR

### In loving memory of Douglas Green

who died 15th May, 2008

You are missed each and every day for you were someone special who meant more than words can say

Love  
always  
Elaine



The Costa Press Club at Europlantas. :: SUR

### Spring excursion for Costa Press Club

#### COÍN

On Saturday 4th May members of the Costa Press Club and friends enjoyed an excursion to the horticultural producers Europlantas near Coín, followed by lunch at Venta Miralmonete. Benny Hansen, direc-

tor of the planning department of Europlantas, explained the many aspects of flower and plant production on a major scale. Much to the amazement of the participants, he explained that the raw materials - i.e. soil, flower pots and other parts of the flower production - come from far afield. The sandy soil is from both Estonia and Holland, while plastic pots are made in Italy.