

# Nerja History Group in Moclinejo

By Christine Sinclair

ON Friday 20th January, 46 of us visited the most amazing house museum, situated in El Valdes, Moclinejo. First of all though, we visited the main square, where a fountain has been created with surrounding mosaics depicting the villages in the area.

This fountain and the museum is the legacy of Antonio Montanez, who has spent years collecting artefacts from the Axarquía region and this is the culmination of his years of endeavour.

His vision has created a wonderful record of items, some of which have been salvaged but which has also enabled local craftsmen to display their wonderful skills. As there was no property suitable to display the collection, Antonio designed and built a house on five floors. On the outside of the house are very distinctive mosaics and a tower.

His care and eye for detail is spot on and each of the five bedrooms has original furnishings and interesting works of art. Each of the doors has been carved exquisitely on both sides and also along the banisters, which also has intricate designs with wrought iron, coloured glass and ceramic mosaics.

The kitchen looks ready for use and again, is furnished with original items, beautifully displayed. On the lower floor is a fully equipped bodega/bar, not for commercial use but displaying a range of original items. Many works of art have been donated by local artists, to show their appreciation and approval of what Antonio has achieved.



The group at the mosaic fountain

There is so much to see that we could go back again and again! The group then moved up to Moclinejo for a walking visit around the charming white village, starting with the family run bodega, which has antique machinery and is famous for Moscatel. We also saw the Church and the exhibition space, featuring the works of some local English artists. We were impressed particularly by the works of Andrew Johns who lives in Moclinejo. On the off-chance, I enquired if he was at home and lo and behold, he was and very kindly invited those of us who wanted to, into his studio.

We then adjourned to a local restaurant in the pretty main square for lunch with local wine. We were able to purchase the local wine on our way home – all in all, a very good day was had by all.

The Nerja History Group is for anyone interested in Spanish History with a talk usually the first Friday of the month and a trip the following week, between the months of October and April. We are of different nationalities and all talks are presented in English.

For more information, please look at our website [www.nerjahistorygroup.es](http://www.nerjahistorygroup.es) or email Christina Sinclair; [nerjahistorygroup@yahoo.es](mailto:nerjahistorygroup@yahoo.es)



Owner Antonio (2nd person up) with some of the group

## The Goldies fund two new cars for the Cudeca home care team



By Esther Ráez Martínez

ON 30th January, The Goldies, a group of enthusiastic young-minded Cudeca support volunteers, have de-

livered two fantastic new cars to Cudeca Centre in Benalmádena. Both cars will be used by Cudeca in their Home Care programme.

The following people attended the event, Joan Hunt, Founder and honorary president, Rafael Olalla, financial director and deputy chief

executive, together with Suzy Rowe, Tom Allan and other members of The Goldies.

On behalf of Cudeca, Joan Hunt received this wonderful gift, and thanked Suzy Rowe and her fantastic group of dedicated volunteers.

The Goldies started their fund raising activities for Cudeca in early 2015. They are formally recognised by Cudeca as fundraisers. In 2016, the group raised more than 60,000€, through the organisation of almost 30 excit-

ing events and campaigns. A lot of enthusiasm and work is involved, although always balanced with putting the fun into fundraising.

These two brand new cars will serve Cudeca Home Care Programme for many years. A Cudeca home care team may drive up to 20,000 km. each year, visiting an average of 200-250 patients and families. The teams care for approximately 1,300 patients and families each year throughout all of Málaga Province.

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