



# MEMORY KEEPERS' WORKSHOP

*At La Finca Del Niño*

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How often has someone said to you “Your life was so different, you should write it all down”?

And how often have you wished you had asked your parents or grandparents more about their lives?

Join our tutors Joan Fallon and J G Harlond (Jane) for a workshop holiday dedicated to recording memories and writing about true events.

Do you have a story to tell? We live in a fast-changing world and it is so easy to forget what life was like when we were young. Our children and grandchildren would not recognise the places that we once knew so well.

All of us have something to say about life back then, but we don't always know how to go about writing it down. Wouldn't it be nice to have a written account to pass on to future generations; it could be of your childhood or early working life, or maybe something about your travels or life abroad. Perhaps you have lived through events that ought to be recorded or know someone whose story should be told.

Whatever your ideas, we can help you write about them.

This workshop is designed to help you unlock those memories and write them down in a clear manner. Our tutors, both professional writers, will help you organise and record your thoughts and give you some guidelines on how they can be published in the printed form so that you can distribute them to family and friends or maybe even sell them.

No previous experience of writing is required but you will find it helpful if you write down your ideas before you arrive and bring some notes with you. A portable computer is handy, but not essential. We will provide basic writing materials.

Although the Memory Keepers' Workshop is a writing workshop we are keen to emphasise that it is also a holiday and there will be the time and opportunity to relax and enjoy this convivial setting. If you feel in need of exercise you can wander around the spacious grounds of the Finca del Niño and, for the more energetic, the beach is only half an hour's walking distance away.

La Finca del Niño (The Farm of the Child) is a private cortijo, traditionally a group of farmhouses, in the middle of ten acres of fruit farm one mile from the sea. It is not a hotel with its natural restrictions and add-on costs, but a private estate with a swimming pool, tennis court and delightful level gardens. It is also a working fruit farm with over two thousand mangos, lychees, guavas and vines. We never have frosts so the sub-tropical plants thrive; neither do we have the high winds and mists that can occur in the mountain villages in the spring and autumn.



Accommodation is in four villas surrounding a charming central Andaluz courtyard, with palm trees, fountains and scented jasmine. Each villa has between two and four bedrooms, its own kitchen, various bathrooms, sitting room and terraces. You have the flexibility of your own home without the restrictions of a hotel; a cup of tea whenever you want. No charge! The villas all have fireplaces but we do not have to light them very often. Swimming is comfortable until the end of October and from April onwards.

Food The very best but we would say that wouldn't we. We are sure however that our friends who have been here before would support this outrageous statement. We have our own cooks who produce memorable traditional Spanish meals. No sandwiches for lunch here, but a superb three course lunch and supper. Served, of course, with plentiful wine. Writing does make you hungry! Those on special diets can be looked after but please advise us in advance.

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Your Hosts Sally and Denis have lived and run painting and writing holidays at the Finca since 1992. Sally started as a portraitist having studied life drawing at Bristol. She now works in Pastel and Oil and has had a number of exhibitions in the Málaga area. Denis looks after the catering and the farm and when allowed plays Golf and Tennis. Don't offer to play Golf with him for money!