



PRIOR to moving to Spain in 2001, Stuart Wright was the sales director of a large UK printing group and for a number of years he had spent half of his life living in hotels and flying all over the place on business: Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Morocco, Poland, France - you name it. Sounds great, doesn't it? It isn't! It was a case of – faster, faster - like having to permanently run around a hamster wheel in order to just stand still. Stuart and his family lived in a large house up a private drive with two new cars and life couldn't be much better, could it? Of course it could! One evening (and Stuart remembers it well) he pulled up his drive, stopped, slid down in the soft leather seats of his new Saab and thought to himself, "Aah, s**t – I've had enough; I don't want to do this anymore."

He just sat there in the car for about 20 minutes, dreaming. He then went inside his house and shared these thoughts with his wife, Chris, over a gin and tonic or two. He didn't quite know how to raise the subject. His initial thoughts were that she would consider him to have gone completely insane, saying something like – "Give all this up? Why?" However, Chris and Stuart are great mates and her reaction was something along the lines of, "Well, it's a big step but let's talk it through." They sat down night after night and discussed the best way forward. It seemed irrational at the time but they decided to do it. "Let's just go for it," they said. And here they are with not a solitary serious regret after eight years. They have a far more modest lifestyle now than they had in the UK but, would they swap back? Not a chance!

Is 'They are all Foreigners Abroad' your first book?

No, I wrote my first book 'Life's a laugh on the Costa – Honest!' around four years ago. I have recently rewritten it and the relaunch will be called 'Tea and Tortillas'.

What is it about?

My new book 'They're all Foreigners Abroad' is about you, me and everyone else, actually. It's a mickey-take about British tourists abroad. We're not much different to everyone else, are we? Er, yes, we are, actually! If you say that you don't recognise yourself in this book then, quite frankly, I don't believe you. The book has had some really good reviews and is available over here from Bookworld Espana, The Irish Card and Party shop in Fuengirola, David's Bookshop in Los Boliches, Anne's Bookshop in Benalmadena and Hemingways in Los Boliches. In the UK, it can be purchased from Waterstones, Amazon, Smiths or any good bookshop.

Why did you decide to write it?

I like to observe people and I think that true observational comedy is priceless. At least us Brits can laugh at ourselves – I think.

When did you decide you wanted to become a writer?

I decided to become a writer having owned 'The Tea Tree' in Fuengirola a few years ago. I had never dealt directly with the general public prior to this episode in my life but – oh boy – was that a shock!

Are you working on something new?

I am just finishing off my third book which is called 'I Suppose You Think You're Clever – You!' However, I'm afraid that you will have to wait for the content of that one.

What do you expect from life?

I expect out of life nothing! However, what I would like out of life is happiness and health. What more is there?