



La Serena Newsletter - April 2006

April, for us, has brought some really lovely Summer-like weather... and bearing in mind that is what you want to come to Italy for, I'll leave it at that.....

... except for the last few days that is, when it's rained 'rather a lot'!! As everyone around here says, how else would Umbria be the "green heart of Italy" - which it is... Just to put the record straight, the temperatures are still nice and warm and even have been mid-twenties - it's just a bit wet at the moment!!

Locals maintain that this Winter has been the wettest for about 70 years, just right for us to move here then - being from wettest 'Blighty'! Still, it means that from here the only way is up - in other words, better and better, dryer and warmer!

After all this about the weather, how typically British to be besotted with it, now to the real news...

As you will see from the photos, lots more work has been done on La Serena and we have done lots more exploring - to help you find load of lovely things to do when you come to stay with us. I hope you enjoy them once again...



I know it's that dog again, but she's lying on our almost finished floor - howzat!!



... and this is the bathroom tiling - again in our apartment - well on its way to completion.



. and it's not just our apartment that is getting the floor treatment either - here is the library.



Downstairs, the boiler room floor is now 'pipeless' - the same cannot be said for the walls though!

Now is certainly becoming an exciting time in the life of La Serena. Victor, his team and all the other plumbers, electricians and earth-movers are working very hard to help us achieve our dream of providing luxury Country Guest House accommodation and holidays to our guests.

In addition, now is the time that Derek and I can make some contribution to the work on our own house... We will be starting on some of the tiling this week, plus there is all the ceiling and wall painting to be done. It's certainly a good job that we are experienced and keen decorators, isn't it!?!?!? Unbelievably as it may seem to some people, we are looking forward to the prospect very much.....



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We've also been exploring a little of the locality on foot, there are many tracks that can be walked along, plus a nearby trail for mountain bikes and walking. The right to roam is well understood all over Italy and there is no need in these parts for a 'Country Code' as all people observe the rules of the UK country code as second nature! Here are some photos of the Borgo (Hamlet) of Monticelli and La Serena from the bike / walking trail.



Monticelli, which has an historical chapel.
Definitely worth a look whilst you're here!



Another view - showing La Serena this time.

An a last thought - if you fancy a trip to stay with us in the Winter, never fear of being cold - the scenery is still as breathtaking and skiing resorts are not far away. Rest assured that you will be as warm as toast in La Serena, because I thought you might like to see our big boiler!!



Keep you warm enough??? I think so!!
This - as well as the six huge solar panels that
you saw in an earlier newsletter!

As ever, more next month....