



## La Serena Newsletter - July 2006

OK, so now you may be thinking... a July newsletter, when she spent all of June's newsletter telling us there would be no more!! Well you'd be right, except La Serena as a restoration project is still going on - regardless of what I do with newsletters and the like... and I've been requested to keep them going - WOW!

Therefore, my plan - now - is to keep writing the newsletters right up to the finish of La Serena's building works and to keep putting them onto the new website - under the 'Your Hosts' webpage. I will also be making an album of the whole project that will be available for guests to view, if they wish.

Here goes....



Just to show, we really do live in the middle of farmland!



It became obvious that these guys were well-co-ordinated and equipped for the job!



This is the floor in one of the suites, partially tiled - with Lucie just peeping in!



... and three days later - with the colour-schemed tiles and skirting tiles. Each suite and room has its own colour scheme and flower or fruit theme.



Here is the nearly finished bathroom for one of the other suites



... and a completed shower room for one of the guest rooms (slightly smaller than the suites)



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Remember that tank I showed you in the back of the lorry in January? Well, this is it - installed, all 1,000 litres of it! Lashings of hot water - all from our solar panels!



This is the 'command' centre! It tells the temperature of the solar panels and at various places in the tank - it certainly does get hot!!



This is the floor of Derek's kitchen - all beautifully tiled. The tiler was cursing Derek's pattern design, as it is rather fiddly! Nice though, don't you think??



However, until that the kitchen is finished, our entertaining now stretches to a barbecue or two! This was our first event - a 'thank-you' barbecue for all the people who have helped us out during our project - and still are!!



Back outside again - all those green fields I showed you in an earlier newsletter, are now absolutely full of golden sunflowers (girasoli, in Italian)! Most of them are taller than me!!



... yet some of the sunflowers don't conform too well and sprout lots of smaller blooms. Personally, I think they are prettier than the cultivated ones, but never mind... Interestingly, they are not used for oil, but for animal feed during the winter.

So there you have it... another month in the life of La Serena! As you can see, the inside of the house is progressing very well. Not progressing so well are our telephone line and our connection to gas! We are promised both of them in 4 weeks, but that falls during August - when Italy goes on holiday!! Anyhow, we'll see...

Very exciting day tomorrow - all our furniture and things arrive from the UK!! Will tell you all about it next month!