



La Serena Newsletter - October to December 2006

Well, my friends...

I thank you (with a bow - the bending kind, not the ribbon kind!) for your staying power in kindly reading all these newsletters... I can really promise you that this is absolutely the last one about 'La Serena' as a building project. The reason I can do this, is that the builders have now finished - almost exactly one year from when they started on this rather extensive project. We have a few bits of plumbing and decorating to finish off, but those should all be complete before Christmas. Our builder, Victor van Tour, has helped us a lot on this project, finding other contractors as well as finishing his own work to a very high standard - Victor can be contacted on victor@locanda-paradiso.nl.

So for this newsletter, as promised last time, we have attended to our garden too - with some trees and a hedge around the whole area, plus our very own piazzale (small piazza) at the front of the house. Of course, there is more to do, but when does anyone finish doing up their house and garden?!?!?

Here are some photos for you... of our progress towards our finished *Country Guest House - La Serena!*



I know this isn't the garden, it's Derek with a large load of travertino...



... which has been painstakingly installed on our stairs - no more concrete!!



... and for another view...



... and this time with banisters - much safer!!



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"One misty moisty morning..." for those of you old enough to remember Steel Eye Span...



... and yes we do have some foggy days. Derek picking off the olives - sadly not enough for oil or eating this year!



Our olive trees being planted...



...and our piazzale being prepared.



Our garden ploughed ready for our 'orto' (kitchen garden) and 'pratto' (lawn)...



... and now with some trees and hedging bushes. I took these last two photos on 15th December - with lots of sun, as you can see!



So, my friends... our lovely house is no longer a building project - it is all ready to welcome you for your idyllic holiday in Umbria. You will have to wait until then to see the remaining rooms all finished off!!

All that remains for us to do is to wish you:
Tante auguri Natale e un Buon Anno per 2007!
(Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and New Year for 2007!)

Speriamo vedervi subito!
(We hope to see you very soon!)

Steph & Dack
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