

LEMON TREE HOUSE

News from Bosa



A GREAT FIRST YEAR FOR THE LEMON TREE TERRACE

The Lemon Tree terrace proved a great success with our guests in 2008. The basil we planted round the lemon tree flourished, and everyone said how they really loved sitting out on the terrace. We are most grateful to all the people who stayed in our apartment, gave helpful suggestions, and very positive feedback. For 2009 we have added a DVD player, more fans and an extra light on the terrace, as suggested by our guests.

We are disappointed that the work on the third floor, scheduled for December 2008 has not been started. This is because we are still waiting for the permissions to come through. We expect to start the work in the late autumn, before the rains begin. We don't want to have the work done in the summer when there are guests here.



LIVE MUSIC EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

At Caffè Don Carlo, which used to be Caffè Chelo, there is now live music every Saturday night. A range of different bands, from Jazz to a raunchy Sardinian folk band have played from about 10.30 to 1am. A great atmosphere, and good fun for everyone. Entry is free and the drink prices are quite reasonable.

The bar has been under new management since the end of 2008. In general the prices have dropped and quality has risen. Opposite Don Carlo, the other side of the Fountain Square, I Portici is also under new management. It has been refurbished and the awning has been glassed in to make a nice sheltered place to sit, have a drink or coffee and watch the world go by. Rumours abound that other bars, and possibly a bistro serving light lunches are about to open. Bosa could do with one of those, but as yet, these rumours are unconfirmed.

The Chemist on the Corso has moved to the back of the building, and the area that was the shop has been taken right back to the bare stone, revealing the most beautiful vaulting. The owners are not saying what will become of that lovely space.

BOSA THEATRE FINISHED AND READY TO OPEN

The classic Art Deco building that was Bosa's old market hall, has been completely renovated and turned into a theatre. The comune are currently looking for a private theatre company to run it.



BOSA GOES GREEN!

Or maybe a bit greener. Yes, in December 2008 the comune gave out different coloured bins for separating rubbish. Organic is collected three times per week, while glass, plastic & tins, paper and miscellaneous dry materials are collected once per week. All this from just outside the house. The bins down in the square, Piazzetta Episcopio, have now gone, so there is a bit more room to park.



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Sand over the road after storms at Bosa Marina

WILDNESS OF SARDINIA

The end of February and the beginning of March are the seasons of wildness in Bosa. Firstly there is Carnevale. The buildup starts from the 16th January with a succession of parades and partying that lead up to the main events, starting with childrens fancy dress parades.

On the Saturday before Shrove Tuesday is the festival of the Cantine, the wine cellars. All around Via



Carmine and the Piazza Episcopio the cantine open up and provide free wine and food. A stage is erected and a band plays. People dress up and a wild party goes on until the early hours of the morning.

Then on Shrove Tuesday, instead of tossing pancakes, there is Carnevale. Completely wild and wonderful. In the morning people dress in black, as crones, and there is a wailing and gnashing of teeth, about not having milk to feed the baby. Rather explicit dolls, and worse, are carried, and a lot of drinking happens. This dies down by the middle of the afternoon. In the evening people return to the streets, dressed in white. The mood is lighter, there is dancing and music, and again, a lot of drinking. This year we had fine weather for the festivals, and a good time was had by all.

As the weather warms up there is another kind of wildness happening. Hunting for wild asparagus.



These much prized delicacies are gathered from secret locations around Bosa at this time. As a compensation for the rather cold and wet winter that we have just had, this year the harvest was plentiful.

THE MAGIC OF THE SEA

The winter of 2008/9 has been one of the wettest, windiest and coldest for many years. Wild storms hit the west coast of Sardinia. At Bosa Marina there were waves of 15 metres or more. The sea washed right up and over the road leaving sand and debris covering the road and walkways.

The beautiful beach at Cumpultittu, a few kilometres North of Bosa, appeared to be ruined. Instead of the lovely sandy beach there were many more rocks and seaweed up to a metre deep in places. This hidden cove, accessible from a path down from the coast road, had been a favourite place to



The beach at Cumpultittu

swim during the late summer. Never overcrowded, and the water always seemed warmer than the main beach at Bosa Marina. We got to know a few other regular swimmers at this beach.

Recently we bumped into one of our friends from Cumpultittu at a gathering at a bar in Bosa. He is called Francesco. We talked about the terrible damage that had been done to Cumpultittu. "Not to worry," said Francesco, "This happens almost every winter. The sea comes in and takes away all the sand from the beach, and then in the spring it returns it, all clean again."

"I would like to know what it does with all the jewellery and valuables that people drop in the sand during the summer", said his friend Roberto.

Sure enough, we recently took the walk across the seaside cliffs passing Cumpultittu. We stopped for a picnic there. And once again the azure sea was caressing the gently sloping sandy beach at Cumpultittu.

Francesco was correct. But then he would be, he is, after all, a judge!

A GOOD START TO 2009

We are very happy to say that we have received a great many enquiries from our web site already this year. In fact our Lemon Tree Terrace Apartment is almost fully booked, but we still have some vacancies in August and September. If you would like to stay in our apartment for your holiday in sunny Sardinia then now is the time to contact us. Either use the form on the web site or contact us directly with the details below.

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