



Retirement at end July 2016 – Still looking for successors

Erfolgreiche seit 2007 auf dem Markt gut etablierte Pension an der Ostküste Sardinien zu übernehmen. In idealer Lage, Bergsport- mit Badeurlaub zu verbinden. Geeignet für sportbegeistertes Paar, das ihrem Leben eine neue Richtung geben will. www.peteranne.it/de/

“Successors sought for successful well-established (since 2007) guesthouse on Sardinia’s east coast. Location ideal for combining mountain sports and seaside holiday. Suitable for sporty couple looking for a new purpose in life”. This was the text of a second advert in the [September 2015 edition of DAV Panorama](#), Germany’s biggest outdoor magazine (the DAV or German Alpine Club covers all mountain sports, and 800 thousand

copies of Panorama are produced.) Our first advert in DAV Panorama in May produced more enquiries than any other adverts and so we repeated it in September. The slightly-modified wording reflects the feedback we have received from those who have been interested.

We will manage the Lemon House until the end of July 2016 (exactly 10 years after we bought the house) and then will not take any more guests. If we have not found new owners by then, the house and business will simply remain on the market, though obviously the shorter the gap without guests, the better for the new owners if they intend to keep running the Lemon House as a business.

In 2015 we are open for guests until Saturday 7 November and reopen after the winter on Monday 14 March 2016. Over the winter Peter will be translating the second edition of the [mountain bike guide](#) to Sardinia into English ready for publication in the spring. The first edition is now sold out in English and so this will be a welcome addition. He will also be continuing his studies at the Fern Uni in Hagen, this winter with literature (see right, he has already downloaded all the lectures). Anne doesn’t want to look at the top of his head all the time so in January she will visit friends in Australia...



At The Lemon House, it’s **business as usual**. Through to the end of September bookings were 2% down on 2014 after correcting for a week we took off to go to Anne’s nephew’s wedding in June, when we wouldn’t normally take time off. In 2014 bookings had increased by 2% compared to 2013. So for the last 3 years our business has been very stable. The most interesting fact was that through to the end of September 12% of our guests were from Austria, and in September we had lots of interesting conversations with them about the people fleeing from the war in Syria, as well as economic migrants from Kosovo, entering Austria.



Peter jokes his hair colour now matches the rock (photo left) so he doesn’t need to dye it. Despite the passage of time he has climbed better this year than for the last two years,



doing two 7b’s by the end of August and still hopes to close some projects by the end of the year. Anne is happy to have organised our flat in Porto Frailis for the future (we will live there in summer after we have sold the Lemon House) and is already enjoying friends come to visit as she describes in [this blog post](#). Above right: Anne’s birthday dinner this year.

Climbing

The main news over the summer involves the ongoing development of new climbing routes around Baunei and Ulassai.

The Comune of Baunei has stabilised the slope below Campo dei Miracoli (see photo right) and the temporary fence is just to stop goats eating the new grass that has been planted. You can open the fence and climb. Note that this area does not include the routes left of Grillo Saggio, some of which were affected in the winter 2014-15 by a repeat rockfall after the one in 1997. The routes 6.Timmi – 12.Campo dei Miracoli (Pietra di Luna p.366) are affected. Although there has been no further rockfall, we suggest "climb at your own risk!" at the foot of the [climbing page on our website](#).

Monte Oro now boasts 70 routes, with lots of 5s and 6s, compared to only 7 in the 2011 edition of Pietra di Luna. In July our Czech friends added several new routes and we climbed at Monte Oro (the newer sectors are in the shade in the morning) right through July. In early September Claudia Giglio made the first RP (flash!) of Fitnesscake, 8a. So this is a good all-year round series of nearby-sectors for climbers of all abilities.



The same can be said of Ulassai's Canyon, where lots of new routes have been bolted in the upper part even since the new little guide was published in October 2014. On the one side lots of 7s and 8s, and on the opposite wall lots of new 5s. We climbed a lot here in the summer, often with guests who were relatively new to outdoor climbing and for whom these 5s were perfect.

In the photo left, Peter on Fiona, 6c, one of the most popular routes at this grade.

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