

## Spring on Leros 2012



Jan & Tuck left for Leros in early April, endured the dynamite (literally) celebrations of Easter, while Dad and I travelled down on 24/4 overnighting at "Peri's" and on by propjet to the island. The path to the house and hillsides are covered in Spring flowers. We fill the yard with pots of purple flowers, a lemon tree, honeysuckle, a strange red "bottle-brush" plant and ceramic pots of basil, mint, thyme and oregano. Our olive tree and pomegranate tree are flourishing. No winter damage and the house is dry and fresh. After a few dramatic thunderstorms, the weather settles into sunshine every day and we work on preparing Havana. Polishing, waxing. Staining, painting, chrome, brass, teak and fibreglass. The locals wave and whistle as we drive by- the baker, the barber, the petrol station, the corner grill. It's good to be back.



Our 1st. May wreath.



Who loves the new jeep?!

A lovely, relaxing month for us all. Dad and I take a 2 day trip by Dodecanese Seaways high speed catamaran (3½ hrs) to Rhodes, stay at a lovely family hotel within the walls of the Old City and spend a whole day wandering the alleyways, rest in the cool courtyard of the Islamic Library, tour the Palace of the Grand master and end up on the tourist train when our feet get too hot & tired to carry us home. It is already extremely warm. Back on Leros we have a pleasant reunion with Annick and Captain Jeff of "Little Big Stone" and Jan later meets up with Nira & Nati of "Yam Uno" while I am home in DK.



We wait anxiously for the results of the Greek elections- the first... and then the second. Few signs of crisis here on Leros- quite the contrary- Newly- asphalted roads, much painting and polishing of houses & tavernas, several classy, new gift shops. Few Greek tourists this year but many foreigners. Exciting preparations to link Leros by ferry to the Turkish coast just km. away- a customs house is made ready but no-one to man it... greek planning... my English version of Klaus's "Walking Guide to Leros" is published!

