



■ Dorothy (left), with Polly Perkins, Leslee Udwin, and another *Eldorado* fan.

DOROTHY GIBBONS, Belmont Tower, Falkirk, is an avid fan of *Eldorado*.

She's watched the sun, sea and sangria soap faithfully, and has 60 episodes on video, which she looks at over and over again.

So Dorothy was heartbroken when the BBC announced it was axeing the series. Immediately, she wrote to her favourites, Leslee Udwin, who plays bar boss Joy, and Polly Perkins, who plays Trish Valentine.

Dorothy was firing off two letters a week to the stars—as well as letters to the BBC bigwigs pleading to change their minds.

One afternoon Dorothy's pal, Liz, came to the door. She said there was a phone call for her, claiming to be from *Eldorado*.

Dorothy took the call in her pal's house—and was amazed to hear Leslee Udwin on the other end.

She was inviting Dorothy out to the set for a week. Would she like to come? Just try stopping her!

In Fuengirola, Leslee arrived at Dorothy's hotel to give her a lift to

Why Dorothy will shed tears for *Eldorado*

the set in her plush Jag. Leslee's filming was finished, so she acted as chauffeur for Dorothy, and another fan from Middlesex, for the week.

The women were allowed to go anywhere they liked on the village set. To crown it all, the crew gave Dorothy a small part as an extra, sitting on a sun lounger during a crucial scene.

The cast also invited the two women to their last-night party, where they were treated like royalty.

When she tunes in to the final episode on Friday, she'll have a tear in her eye—not just for the end of her favourite soap, but for the friends she met in *Eldorado*, too.