



# Penna San Giovanni

# THE GAZETTE



## Holiday Greetings

For the second year running, during which I have had the pleasure and honour of representing this community, the communal administration is using this gazette to inform its citizens about the results of activities during 2020, projects completed or in progress, resources used, alliances created that have driven us to use all the means in our power, and much more, thanks also to the precious cooperation between administrators, officials, employees, associations and citizens. None of us would have imagined such a difficult year, full of worries, restrictions and limitations that have firmly put to the test the strength and calmness of our community, but fortunately the wisdom and good sense of all have ensured a limited circulation of the virus in Penna; for which purpose I urge you to continue maintaining the recommended behaviours to avoid the spread of the



epidemic and to protect our more fragile members, in particular our elderly and with them the wealth of wisdom and values of which they are custodians. 2020, in spite of the problems caused by the virus, has been a productive year from the administration's point of view. In this edition of The Gazette you can read about works started, projects planned or completed, as well as shows and events that, despite it all, gave life to our village and contributed to promote, as much as possible, social relations during such a restricted period. As always I am open to receive and listen to the requests and needs of citizens, with the desire to continue to plan together an ever-brighter future for our village. I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year!

Mayor  
**Stefano Burocchi**

## The church of "Madonna Delle Grazie" reopen for worship

The communal administration, lead by mayor Stefano Burocchi, has restored for worship the Church of The Assumption of Mary, known as "Chiesa delle Grazie", not only a dear and sacred place for the citizens of Penna San Giovanni but above all a place rich in history and significance for the entire religious community, which reminds us of the old church of the Franciscan Brothers, of Blessed John, and of many parts of our history.

After years of abandonment and neglect, due to earthquake, the communal administration decided to carry out numerous works to repair the church and return it to the faithful.



## The Saline Summer Camp. Six weeks with the boys and girls of Penna

Active during the months of July and August "The Saline Summer Camp" of Penna San Giovanni took place with great participation of all the children who are the focal points of these six weeks spent together. This year the communal administration, in collaboration with the Cultural Association Colucci, despite all the problems posed by Covid 19, wanted to organise the summer camp for the children of our community, and others, in compliance with anti-covid regulations. The goal achieved was to restore to the young the opportunity, after months of isolation, to meet again and to be able to enjoy anew "being together". The home of the summer camp was in the splendid framework of the wonderful Saline park of Penna San Giovanni where, as well as being together, the children had the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature and to be able to



appreciate all its beauties, learning a respect for the environment. Various activities took place: from music to mountain bikes, periods for all types of sport, walks along the Saline stream, a meeting with a bee-keeping expert, a meeting with the scouts of Servigliano and with the school of martial arts. But the most important activity was carried out by the instructors and teachers who guided them every day with great commitment, dedication and responsibility that enabled them to grow together creating a group, sharing experiences that will leave an impression upon them which will form a foundation for their future. Therefore a special thank you and applause go to the leaders. Hoping to have left a positive mark on each of these children we hope to be able to meet again next year.

Even though it was not the original place where Blessed John, among the first followers of Saint Francis, had spent a significant part of his life, this place still plays a fundamental role in the life of the village.

Works have been carried out to repair the roof of the main building and the insulation of the belfry which had been damaged by weather, the works have brought the structure back to usable status and have allowed this precious building to be returned to the community. There then followed all the final works, such as the painting of the internal walls and the repaving of the marble floor, returning the value and energy to the history of this church. The opportunity has also been taken to restore the external garden restoring a more healthy and sacred aspect to the whole building.





## Culture and Tourism

### With the "TeatrOpera Festival" Opera descends on the piazza

The project, financed by the Regione Marche, involved 8 communities of the Unione Montana Monti Azzurri, to which has also been added the commune of Penna San Giovanni. The communes of Marche are treasure chests of real beauty, custodians of great artistic treasures which we often take for granted or hardly know at all, and it is in light of this that in the month of August the "Association Opera" brought to the piazza the third edition of the "TeatrOpera Festival".

Conceived by the artistic director (and president of the "Association Opera", organiser of the festival) Serenella Pasqualini, mezzosoprano of international fame, the show had the principal theme of reaching down "to the roots of the soul" to convey, through music and the beauty of the territory, feelings of passion, peace, joy and balance with the world that surrounds us.



On a stage set up as an elegant drawing room of the 1800's the cast, composed of Ms Pasqualini, together with Luca Casalin (baritone), Davide Sotgiu (tenor), Stefania Murino (soprano), Amodio Esposito (bass). At the piano, Sabina Troise, director of the Mirco Barani choir, brought to the numerous public in attendance the enjoyment of some of the most famous arias and romantic songs of the stage.



### Fatti un giro!

Penna San Giovanni presents: "Fatti un Giro". A new way of welcoming and accompanying the tourist via a careful and precise guide. Sometimes, when we "go for a tour" in the little villages of the countryside we only see superficially the historic and artistic beauty of the landscape, without venturing into the real heart of the country, losing some wonderful views. If instead we are "Accompanied" we can fully enjoy all of the hidden beauties in these jewel locations. With the map you have the opportunity to discover the small pathways and the most beautiful panoramic aspects of Penna San Giovanni, in complete freedom, fully enjoying the walk. Signs posted at the strategic points of Penna and maps distributed by the Pro Loco and the bars of the village welcome tourists directing them to the more evocative local views. The routes are achievable by all, families with children, adults and real sportsmen. Everyone can choose the length and the difficulty of the route to be taken, aided also by the most modern technology such as the QR code, scanning it with your cell phone opens an updated internet page edited by the tourism department of Penna San Giovanni, you can save itineraries and places to visit and get to know the restaurants, bars, farmhouses, shops and places to stay. A modern Guide to ensure you do not miss any of the local beauties. Happy "Fatti Un Giro" to all those who want to come and visit us!

[www.turismo.comune.pennasangiovanni.it](http://www.turismo.comune.pennasangiovanni.it)



### The "Noi Marche" Project, inclusion on the network

In 2020 the commune of Penna San Giovanni joined the initiative of "Noi Marche", established in 2012 when the commune of Civitanova Marche promoted the launch of the "Tourism Promotion Project". Taking part in the initiative are the communes of Appignano, Cingoli, Fiastra, Montegranaro, Morrovalle and Sarnano. The main purpose of the initiative is to improve reception, information and marketing of tourism in the territory of Fermo and Macerata and to create a network between all participating communes. Noi Marche's plan is aimed at strengthening, not only the network of participating communes, but also the active collaboration between them and the activities of the private sector in the field of tourist facilities, such as accommodation, associations, restaurants and producers of typical local products in multiple sectors, as well as their own particular key features ranging from coastal tourism and bathing to the beauties and cultural peculiarities of the inland villages, from open mountain environments to the concentration of services in urban centres, always with a watchful eye towards "Made in Marche", to the particularities of food and wine - right on our doorstep - and, last but not least, quality shopping in the district Macerata-Fermo which excels both in the national and international arena.

### Borgo Pilotti Spa contracts with the Commune of Penna San Giovanni

Over the years the communal Administration has been amenable to the organization of activities and initiatives benefiting the vulnerable, in particular the elderly population, working to prevent isolation to favour initiatives aimed at promoting preventative well-being; it is in this light that the communal Administration has identified Borgo Pilotti beauty Clinic Hotel and Spa, recognized locally as a point of reference for citizens for its uniqueness and peculiarity of health facility, in particular for the elderly and vulnerable of Penna San Giovanni. The communal administration has agreed to take advantage of services provided by the Borgo health facility Pilotti beauty Clinic Hotel and Spa, a private and non-contracted clinic authorized in the field of Surgical treatments and Aesthetic Medicine and Clinical Medicine connected with oncology, with the aim of pursuing the general interest of the community towards human promotion as well as the implementation of health principles, solidarity, economic efficiency and adequacy, enhancing the social function of the activity of the health facility in order to support citizens, through programmes and initiatives aimed at promoting the well-being, prevention and attention of the patient during therapies.

The first service that will be put in action at the Borgo Pilotti beauty Clinic Hotel and Spa will be rapid screening for the diagnosis of COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) via a nose-throat swab and the serological test for the search for IGG and IGM antibodies.

For more details about the service the telephone number is 3515220138 or you can write to [info@borgopilotti.it](mailto:info@borgopilotti.it) and visit the website [www.borgopilotti.it](http://www.borgopilotti.it)

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ROUTES ON FOOT OR BY BIKE

**FATTI UN GIRO**  
**Penna San Giovanni**  
*Avventurati nel borgo alla scoperta delle sue ricchezze!*  
*Venture into the village to discover its riches!*

**Richiedi la mappa tascabile presso i Bar del Paese**  
Ask for the pocket map at the village bars

**EDIFICI STORICI E LUOGHI DA VISITARE - HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND PLACES TO VISIT**

PORTA MANARA	PIAZZUOLA COMUNALE	MARCO DELLE API
PORTA ANA-PESERA	TEATRO COMUNALE	CHIAVET DEL MONTE
PORTA DEL FORTINO	CHIESA DI SAN FRANCESCO	REST DELLA ROCCA
CHIESA S. S. PIETRO	CASA MANICO LIBRARI	CASA POLIFUNZIONALE TR. CINQUE
PORTABELLA	PALAZZO COMUNALE	CHIESA DI SAN GIOVANNI BATTISTA

**SERVIZI - SERVICES**

BAR/CAFFÈ	BARBERIS	BARBERIS	BIBLIOTECA
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**DOVE MANGIARE - where to eat**

Agliatore "LANTICO GUSTO"	Agliatore "TRE QUINCE"	Agliatore "VILLA VENTURE"	Ristorante "TECCA SARDINI"	Ristorante "VILLA SERITI"
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**Ristorante "BORGO PILOTTI"**  
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## Public Works

### Spirituality of the earth: 18th Conference

The regular appointment at Penna San Giovanni, organized by the Association Colucci, turns eighteen this year and "Begins to walk the world on its own two feet". This is how on the 4th of October the conference "From the earth and from human work" was greeted, conceived and coordinated by Don Paolo Bascioni, president of the Association Colucci, who crossed territorial borders this year thanks to new technology, allowing contributions from all over Italy via the Zoom platform coordinated by engineer Giacomo Sufferini. A room packed beyond all expectations considering the restrictions due to Covid along with several participants connected online, carefully followed the various speakers. After a welcome from mayor Stefano Burocchi,



the conference was introduced by Don Paolo telling how, since publication in 2000 of a book of reflections on the relevance in the present day of the message of St. Francis, sprang the idea of organising a conference on the theme: "from the earth and from the work of man", which has been repeated every year with the in-depth study of different perspectives, from legal to philosophical, to ethics and solidarity. The first conference in 2003 dealt with the topic: "The land for life or the land for profit?". This year, for the eighteenth conference the topic was the "Spirituality of the Earth" with a short online greeting the coordinator of the event, Roberto Brioschi, ruralist and researcher, introduced the topic and the speakers: Fra Giulio Criminesi; Prof.



Carlo Alberto Graziani, university professor, former president of the Sibillini Park and member of the committee Rodotà; the writer, jurist and Italian academic Ugo Mattei; the journalist and writer Paolo Cacciari and Antonio Lo Bello president of the committee "Fa la cosa Giusta Sicilia". There was much food for thought in anticipation of the volume that, as per tradition, will be collated in the prospective for the next meeting.

### TOWN HALL

Following the assessment of earthquake damage, the relocation of the old municipal archive to the ground floor of the Casa di Riposo P.Burocchi and the reopening of the west wing of the ground floor, current location of the post office, the formal process continues to bring back to function the historic Town Hall of the commune of Penna San Giovanni. Planning for earthquake reinforcement works for the whole building, for which have been approved €1,050,000, will be set by the end of this year. So, little by little, pieces of hope and reality are added to restore to the entire community the splendour of one of the symbolic palazzos of this village.



### THE THEATRE

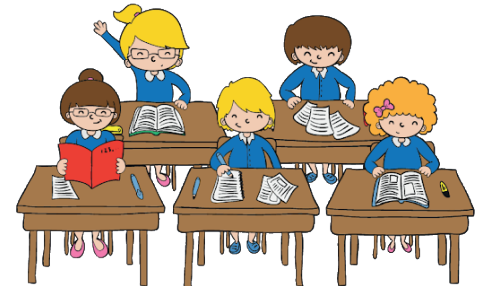
Unfortunately the pandemic which has hit and continues to hit the whole world has brought a hard slow-down to the works planned for the commune's theatre. The works which were planned to begin in March 2020 and to be completed in November 2021 have been delayed by about a year. The administration is doing the impossible and hopes have not changed: the investment of €340,000, made up of European funds, from Fesr, is still available. However, we close this year with a hope for 2021. In the first months of the new year the tender process for the works will begin, thanks to the successful receipt of approvals from the Province and the Superintendent, hoping for the return of the theatre back to the Penna community in November 2022. Its rebirth will be seen through works planned to re-establish the usability of the part of the structure that was damaged by earthquakes, the improvement of toilet facilities and with a new fire security system, with the addition of a new emergency exit stairway and the replacement of curtains and seats with fire-resistant material.



### THE SCHOOL

2020 had the fortune to see completed the works at the state school G. Pascoli. The participation in the Band "0-6 years" of the Minister of Instruction of the University and Research has allowed the installation of antifire security in the whole school and the renewal of the old emergency stairs in order to comply with all current antifire regulations. The other target to be hit by the administration was without doubt the repair of all the external flooring of the school, the open area inside the garden, up to the remaking of the road surface in the carpark and the area in front of the main entrance. However the works were not limited to only the functional aspects of the school, but also had regard to the children nearby; in fact an external play area has also been created for the little ones where they can play and learn at the same time with multifunctional panels and a sandbox. Soon there will also be installed some sunshade covers to filter the sun's rays and allow the smallest to play even during the most sunny days.

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### VIDEOSURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT

The installation of the video surveillance system has been completed: the necessity arose from the need to increase the control over our neighbourhood with the use of technological devices to support the work of the police. A further call for tenders is currently underway to expand the new camera system, thus encompassing a wider range of the entire Penna neighbourhood.

### WIFI4EU

The work enabled thanks to the award of the European initiative Wifi4EU to install a wireless line in Penna is completed. The work has facilitated the connection to a public Wifi system at various points in the village. The various connection points are located inside some public places and in strategic locations in the village: Largo Garibaldi near the bus stop, Saline park, Monte park near the Chalet and in the places in front of the medical centre by the Casa di Riposo P.Burocchi. A free service that the commune has always wanted to provide for the whole population of Penna San Giovanni and to tourists who visit our village and admire its wonders every year.

## Public Works

### Funding: € 200,000 for the former Colonia and the former GdF Barracks

Plans are being submitted for the newly allocated Earthquake 2020 funding.

Penna San Giovanni misses nothing and has quickly seized the opportunity to make sure of interventions on the territory according to the rule of the Vitruvian triad: Utilitas - Venustas - Firmitas, that is, Utility - Beauty - Solidity.

These are the objectives that have always been pursuits of the Burocchi Administration and these are the elements underlying the two projects funded: the Ex-Colonia of Parco Monte and the former barracks of the Guardia di Finanza of Saline Park.

The first project aims to renovate the property and the surrounding area.

We will proceed step by step: first, by the end of this year, the exterior design to restore decorum and welcome to the surrounding spaces, embracing all the potential of these places, symbols and landmarks for the countryside of Macerata;



then it will move into one phase following the restructuring of the whole ground floor and part of the first floor, where six more apartments will be housed in addition to those already in existence, equipped with all the necessary comforts. In fact, all the apartments will be prepared with a laundry area and all rooms will overlook the outside so as to benefit the well-being and comfort of those who live there.

The second half of the 2020 budget aims at renovating another large building of great potential. The project involves securing the roof of the former barracks of the Guardia di Finanza, deteriorated by the weather conditions that are characteristic of the area along the Salino stream. The kitchen areas will be updated, bathrooms will be improved, finishing works will then follow.

The goal is to make the entire structure more functional, creating multipurpose spaces, to be used in the various activities that will follow over the next few years.



### EX HOTEL

Works are in progress on the ex-hotel "Acque Minerali" in Contrada Saline to create four separate units. The structure, damaged by earthquakes and now under reconstruction, will be available next summer to house families displaced by the earthquakes of 2016-2017. A step forward for the administration which quickly gave priority to the health of its citizens, despite this not being one of the most rosy periods and which has been put even more to the test by the health crisis. However, the works are halfway there with completion planned for June 2021, to then be able to welcome the return of inhabitants and return life to the whole structure.

### SMS SOLIDALI - CASA DI RIPOSO

With generous national financing, achieved with small donations of the so-called SMS Solidali, work has been completed to modernise one of the two lifts as well as to install a video-surveillance system both internally and externally. Now the Casa di Riposo ends the year with a brighter outlook, ending with a final work to refit the laundry area.

### THE HISTORIC LOGGIA - CEMETERY

Finally something is moving! Indeed at the beginning of 2021 it is envisaged that the project will be assigned for the repairs of the historic loggia of the cemetery of Penna San Giovanni.

The ancient part has still not been reopened, in spite of the works to make it safe that were done in 2018 following the cracks in the structure reported after the earthquakes that hit this area. The funding amount has recently been set at €575,000 and soon what seems to be an ever more distant challenge will seem closer and more concrete.

### CEMETERY CHAPELS

Renovation work has been completed on the recovering of the cemetery chapels of the eastern block, the most recently extended section of the Civic Cemetery. The emergency due to the penetration of rain and snow now seems a distant memory. Although the work was subject to numerous unforeseen events, the Works Management together with the whole team was immediately able to resolve all the problems: the entire substructure of the roof has been removed and refitted, using adequate waterproofing, new flooring has been installed, restoring beauty and décor to the new wing of the Penna San Giovanni Cemetery.

### SERVICE STATION

Work continues on the most anticipated project in recent years, the fuel station. 2020 ends with the authorisation phase of the plan; in fact, the clearance from the Fire Brigade and the Aua are expected soon. The next step will be the tendering process which should lead to works beginning in May 2021 and end with the commissioning of the entire plant by the end of summer 2021. An important step for this village, which has been without it for years.

### PILOTTI CHURCH

The safety measures for the Church of San Giuseppe, in Contrada Pilotti, have been completed. The project provided for the installation of a temporary cover to repair it and protect the assets inside the Church. Spring 2021 should bring good news for the property owned by the Archdiocese of Fermo, it is planned, in fact, to grant the design of the reconstruction of the Church in the months of March - April 2021.

### CAMPER AREA

The area of the former tennis court has been chosen to be used for tourism, the design plan has been completed, additions have been made; all that remains is to contract out the works for an amount of €150,000 financed by earthquake funding, which are expected for spring 2021. As a matter of fact, the new Camper area will be ready and usable as early as next summer.

### PORTARELLA

The Portarella has been a symbol of reconstruction for months. The commitment of individuals, namely the Portarella Committee is synonymous with union, sharing, harmony, solidarity. With the approval of the project, work is expected to start next year.

### ELECTRIC PYLONS

The installation of the electric pylons scheduled for last January is still to be done. Unfortunately, the health crisis has slowed down the bureaucratic process and the installation of two new points for the charging of electric cars has been postponed to 2021. The positioning of the two stations, however, remains unchanged, the Communal Administration has decided to keep them within the historic centre. Thus continues the choice of the Municipality of Penna San Giovanni to commit to projects and systems to protect the environment.