

# The Grundtvig Echo

## Dreamlike Magical Apulia



Where can you eat a piece of Grundtvig cake within the premises of a Safari Park?

This question would probably puzzle quite a lot of people. They would ask you “what on earth is a Grundtvig cake?” or “Why eat a cake in a Safari park?”.

In fact Lifestyles Revisited LLP Members (in short LRM) would have no difficulty at all with such questions or even more puzzling ones. For example, if they were asked “Why is Fasano called Fasano?” they would immediately tell you that the town takes its name from a bird. Some people might think the bird is a pheasant, fagiano in Italian. But then they would be wrong! LRMs know it is a pigeon because they saw the town emblem drawn on the main square flags depicting the white bird with a star above its head.

But “why is Fasano then not called Piccione, Italian for pigeon?” Simple: people kept using the regional idiom “faso” for the pigeons flying in from the hill tops to their town.

Other testing question: “Do you know Giuseppe Zimbalo?” No, he is not the local grocer round the corner. Any LRM would tell you he was responsible for designing a column, a cathedral and a bell-tower in Lecce back in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

OK, let’s see if you can pick the correct answer for this question: “What are trulli?”

(a) – orecchiette with tomato sauce and grated Fasano style.

(b) – rosso di Cerignola dry still wines.

(c) – typical stone houses in the Murge area of the region of Apulia.

Too difficult? Well, our LRM expert would now easily lecture you on the subject, reminding you that “trullo” takes its origin from the Greek word for cupola or dome (τρούλος) referring to the shape of the roof covering a construction built entirely of dry stones. The walls are always white washed with white lime. The structure is capped by a keystone and an outer layer of limestone slabs ensuring that the structure is watertight.

You may think our LRM is showing off? Not at all, it’s just what he was told while visiting Alberobello and its famous stone houses called trulli.

Enough questions? By now you should be able to answer this one. Supposing you were on holiday in Fasano and supposing you wanted to enjoy an evening out dancing the pizzica or the taranta, would you go to a nightclub in Monopoli by the sea or to the zoosafari restaurant in Fasano? You’re right, you stand a better chance at the zoo.

A final easy question for you: “What is the most amazing place south of Bari and North of Brindisi?” Right again: Fasano of Course!



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