



## THE “GIUBIANA”

You can find this point of interest in Cantù - Path 2 - Stage 1

### DESCRIPTION

On the last Thursday of January of every year a bonfire is prepared at the centre of the square, where a puppet of the “*Giubiana*”, a woman believed to be a traitor to the Commune of Cantù in favour of Como at the time of Frederick Barbarossa, is burned. In the past omens were drawn from the manner in which the fire burned whether the harvest would be good or not. The “*Giubiana*” feast is probably connected to an ancient seasonal cycle rebirth ceremony, a ritual linked to fire and light. For the occasion it is customary to have saffron risotto and “*luganiga*” (sausage) for dinner.