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Il Pilastro: city planning and origin of the name

The construction of Pilastro, which covers 1.3 square kilometres, began in the middle '60s thanks to the *Istituto Autonomo Case Popolari (Independent Institute of Public Housing)* and has nowadays 8,000 inhabitants, of which 1,300 are foreigners. The aim was to accommodate immigrants in a dormitory suburb with no public services and detached from the city centre.

During the '70s the city council, recognising the social issues that were affecting the district and in order to improve the conditions of the social mixing, planned the construction of four towers (completed in 1989) and the *Virgolone* which, with its 7 storeys and its 552 flats (designed by the city council architect Morelli), included a large conjunction park with a thick network of public services, and a set of commercial and artisanal activities. Moreover, the project was also intended to the settlement of hire-purchase householders.

In the '80s and '90s, the neighbourhood was eventually completed, it included Parco Pier Paolo Pasolini (1980), several complexes of private households in Via Larga, in Via Sighinolfi, and all the way along the section between Via S. Donato and the orbital road.

From a purely urban perspective, the designing of San Giorgio's village in Via S. Donato and the planning of a housing and commercial complex in Via Larga served to pursue the aim of linking the district to the rest of the city.

The name of the district comes from a small masonry votive niche of the Virgin Mary that can still be found, as a replica, by the street in front of the Savoia Hotel Regency. On the 8th of January 1934 the street was named Via del Pilastro after said statuette.



Pilastro Bologna

Near the most commercial area of the North East District - which is now bound to become a tourist area thanks to the opening of F.i.Co. - there rises a borough that, in the past, was commonly associated with stereotypes and negative prejudices: Pilastro.

An area which very few people know, characterised by an extremely lively and heterogeneous human and social reality. With its richness of cultural, social, and sport activities and events, the borough holds big green areas and parks where you can spend some time chilling out, having a walk, or riding your bike.

With this map we would like to intrigue you and lead you towards the discovery of Pilastro.

- You can easily reach Pilastro by bus: from the Central Station with bus number 35, and from the city centre with bus number 20 and 14C.
- If you prefer your car, take exit number 8 or 9 of the orbital road.
- Lastly, if you opt for your bicycle, a number of traffic light controlled bike paths connect Pilastro to the city centre and most of the Bologna districts.



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1. SAN GIORGIO'S VILLAGE AND THE PILASTRINO (H.S.)



Inaugurated on the 24th of October 1993, as stated on the commemorative plaque, San Giorgio's village overlooks Via S. Donato and sits between Via del Pilastro and Via Pirandello. Being a housing cluster which includes a student dormitory and a bunch of commercial activities, the village is an integral part of Pilastro.

If you love having long walks, you cannot miss the wonderful and distinctive tree-lined road hidden behind the village with its porticos and benches. Not only will you enjoy a nice stroll there, but you will also find something secretly concealed that we are about to disclose. Halfway to the end of the pedestrian path, you will notice a colourful tiled wall with the inauguration commemorative plaque. Just looking around you, you will find three porches on three different levels and inside them, you will discover a surprise: a small statuette of St. George made by the sculptor Nicola Zamboni reflected three times thanks to a kaleidoscopic effect. The Village was named after it.

At the corner of San Giorgio's Village and Via del Pilastro, there is a replica of the Pilastrino: a small votive niche, which gives its name to the district and to Via del Pilastro.

2. 2-BIS CIRCOLO LA FATTORIA E LA FATTORIA URBANA (H.S.-R)



Il Circolo la Fattoria (The Association of the Farm) is an Arci club with a long history. It was born in 1967 to satisfy the needs of social cohesion and unity of Pilastro: even now Il Circolo la Fattoria keeps intact such spirit and has become over the years the reference point of the whole city because of the diversity of activities, courses, and workshops which attract people from all over Bologna and its surroundings. One of the most remarkable activities organised by the club are the twenty-year-old Argentine tango school dance and Il Laboratorio di Parole (The Lab of Words) that has been organising meetings and events of poetry readings for 25 years now.

In February 2017 the club started a new activity called La Fattoria di Masaniello (Masaniello's Farm): a restaurant and pizzeria whose entrance is restricted to Arci members. The

restaurant uses products from the fields which have been confiscated from the mafia, and employs local disadvantaged people.

Not very far from Il Circolo la Fattoria, there is La Fattoria Urbana (The Urban Farm). It had been an abandoned farmhouse that in the early '70s was recovered by the association which, as is traditional, recreated the vegetable gardens and repopulated it with barnyard animals. Open to young and old it is '...a place in which the countryside invades the spaces of the city to get noticed and appreciated: and that's what makes it unique.' Apart from the animals and their stables, La Fattoria Urbana includes a new building with classrooms for school activities. In addition to this, other associations are located within La Fattoria Urbana, such as Emergency, the Movimento Difesa del Cittadino (MDC), and Virgola Educatrici.

3. SHOPPING CENTRE AND CASA DI COMUNITÀ AND TELETORRE 19 (T.T.)



The artisanal shopping centre Pilastro is located in Via Pirandello 14/18, just by one of the three access streets of Pasolini Park. Inaugurated in November 1983, it is one of the results of the efforts made by the Comitato Inquilini (Residents' committee). In 1986 it was finally completed and included many artisanal activities. The shopping centre has a big indoor square and there are several artisanal and commercial activities around it, as well as a bounce house for children, making it even now an important reference and meeting point for the local citizens. On the terraced second floor of the shopping centre (house number: 24), in the rooms belonging to the Municipality of Bologna named Casa di Comunità (House of the Community), you can find the offices of a historic association called Centro Documentazione Handicap (Documentation Centre for Handicapped People) and the cooperative

Accaparlante. They are jointly engaged on the development of social and cultural routes concerning issues about disadvantaged and handicapped people, social malaise, as well as third-sector matters and voluntary works. The building is also the headquarter of the offices of the Agenzia locale di Sviluppo Pilastro/Distretto Nord Est (Local Agency for the Development of Pilastro and the North East District) and the Community Association Mastro Pilastro (which were both born thanks to 2016's Progetto Pilastro) whose aim is to improve the quality of life and support the economic growth of the area with the help of its citizens.

But the developments do not end there: the newsletters of the Blog degli Abitanti del Pilastro (Inhabitants of Pilastro's Blog) and of Bandiera Gialla (Yellow Flag), some activities by Al Ghofrane, the Sportello di Documentazione Interculturale (Intercultural Documentation Help Desk) looked after by the Associazione Interculturale Universo (Intercultural Association 'Universo'), the laic and non-denominational boyscout association CNGEI, and others have got their headquarters in the building. Furthermore, both on their own, and alongside Mastro Pilastro and the other Pilastro's enterprises, they will help improve the activities of the Casa.

To conclude, in one of the block of flats, which rises above the shopping centre, there is Teletorre 19. The first and only - so far - residents' TV channel in Italy supported by the homeowners of Via Casini, 4. The channel has been broadcasting by cable films and programmes for the people of the building since 2001, with their catchphrase: 'La TV ce la facciamo noi' ('We make our own TV').

4. PASOLINI PARK, ZAMBONI'S STATUES AND THE ARENA (A.C.- G.A.)



Designed by the architects Paolo Bettini and Marco Ferrari between the '70s and the '80s, the park is dedicated to the renowned writer and film director Pier Paolo Pasolini.

With its 42 acres, it is Bologna's second biggest park, right after Giardini Margherita. Enclosed by the so-called Virgolone, it has got three entrances on each side: Via Pirandello, Via Salgari, and Via A. Negri. The park is crossed by three gravel walkways and a few rows of geometrically aligned poplars. There are 200 anthropomorphic statues made between 1974 and 1984 by the sculptor Nicola Zamboni. The walkways end on an ample Arena designated as a stage for concerts and shows. The Arena was renovated

with new colourful seats and expanded in 2016 for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pilastro. It can now accommodate up to 800 people.

Next to the Arena you can find the boxing gym Gianfranco Cesari where you can enjoy the beautiful and multicolour mural painted by Madame Moustache during the Cheap Street Poster Art Festival.

5. COMMUNITY GARDENS OF VIA SALGARI (G.A.)



Built in the early '80s by the city council, it is the biggest garden complex in Bologna. It is divided in two macro-areas and consists of 420 gardens of 40 square metres each, along with service spaces and hangout hotspots. It is run by the recipients' association, which has about 500 members.

The association is extremely active: every September it organises the Festa degli Aromi (The Aromas Festival), it promotes a project of garden therapy with LILT (Lega Italiana per la Lotta contro i Tumori), which makes available skilled people and plots of land for psychophysical support to cancer patients. In the next years, thanks to a public funding for the North East district, there will be a structural renovation of the community gardens to live up to the new necessities.

6. THE PARISH OF SANTA CATERINA AND THE MEMORIAL OF THE CARBINIERI (H.S.)



Among Via Svevo, Via Casini, Via Frati, Via Trauzzi, and Via Deledda, you can find Piazza Lipparini - a huge green area, which used to house the prefabricated building of the church and the market.

At the corner where the Carabinieri (police officers) Mauro Mitilini, Andrea Moneta and Otello Stefanini were murdered on the 4th of January 1991 by the killers of the 'Uno Bianca', there is a commemorative memorial which was requested by the citizens of the district and placed by the Municipality of Bologna six months after the massacre: it is now a symbol of the desire of truth and justice. The three trees, which cast their shadows on the memorial, were

planted two months after the anniversary. In addition to this, in 2002 there was the unveiling of sculptor Achille Ghidini's bronze Verso il destino (Towards the destiny).

In front of Piazza Lipparini, there stands the Parish of Santa Caterina, an important meeting and reference point for all the inhabitants of the area. It turned 50 on the 4th of October 2016. From the beginning of its activity the parish had a fundamental role in the integration of those citizens with very different origins and traditions, and still continues to be an important reference point, not only for Italians and believers, but also for many citizens belonging to different ethnic groups and religions.

7. LUIGI SPINA LIBRARY AND MILITINI, MONETA, AND STEFANINI PARK (A.C.)



Luigi Spina Library is located within Mitilini, Moneta and Stefanini Park (named after the three murdered carabinieri). It was built in 1972 thanks to the request of the citizens who took part in the assemblies of the Residents' Committee - an organisation composed of the inhabitants of the area.

Such organisation, between the '60s and the '70s, played an important role in making Pilastro a liveable place with the adequate services.

In 2004, on the occasion of the reopening after its renovation, the library was named after Luigi Spina who had been the first president of the Residents' Committee. In addition to carrying out normal library loans and consultation services, it is an important archive of

Pilastro's historical sources and documentation. With its ancient magnolia in the park, the library has 2 floors and 96 seats, and it is a reference point for local schools. On the ground floor there is a reading/study room for students, a babies and children's room with Nati per Leggere (Born to Read) books for 0/5-year-old kids, a reading room with the sections of Literature, History and Geography, a newspaper library, and a shelving unit for multimedia materials. On the first floor you can find two study rooms, the first of them containing the section of literary essays and books for consultation, the other one containing materials on local history, along with a multi-purpose room with computer and video equipment to host lectures, conferences, and film clubs. The library holds a collection of around 20.000 books and around 2.000 multimedia materials (DVD, music CDs and audio books etc.) One of the exterior walls of the library is decorated with a beautiful street poster art work made with paper and paint by Cheap Art artists Sten and Lex during the Cheap Street Poster Art Festival. For that same occasion, the Orticannoodles made a multifaceted portrait of the poet and partisan Roberto Roversi, You can reach the library from the city centre with bus number 20 and bus number 14C which share their terminus with bus number 35 and bus number 55 (via Via Svevo)



8. LAMINARIE/DOM, C.V.S., MOUSIKÉ (A.C.)



Dom la Cupola del Pilastro (Dom - The Dome of Pilastro) is in Via Panzini 1/1, next to Romagnoli Schools. It is a theatre of about 600 square metres whose aim is to host performing, musical, and exhibition activities. It is located in what was once the old auditorium of Pilastro.

Since 2009 it has been run by the Laminarie company (which was awarded the UBU prize in 2012). The company focuses its theatrical research on different artistic languages, in a strongly multidisciplinary and international perspective in close contact with the territory. During the 50th anniversary of the district in 2016, the company was chosen by the Municipality of Bologna to create a Digital Community Archive in order to collect videos and photographic documentations of individual citizens and the associations that can be found

at the following link: <http://www.laminarie.com/index.php/raccogliere-storie>.

Since 2009 Laminarie has been producing Ampio Raggio - artistic and political experiences. It is a magazine that offers investigation studies in the field of contemporary arts and their different production methods.

You can reach DOM La Cupola del Pilastro from the centre of Bologna by bus number 20 towards Pilastro. Bus stop name: Panzini.

In Via Panzini 1 you can also find the C.V.S. and the Mousiké Ballet and Dance School.

Centro Volontariato Sociale (Centre for Social Volunteer Work) - the C.V.S. is a non-profit organization, which organises workshops on carpentry, furniture restoration, and lute manufacturing, giving young disadvantaged people the opportunity to learn a trade.

The Mousiké Ballet and Dance School offers ballet and dance class and carries out research in educational and social dance. It is located in a 350-square-metre space, featuring dance studios with bars, mirrors and dance floors, locker rooms, and welcoming waiting rooms.

9. SPORTS CENTRE (S.C.)



Since the mid '70s the district of Pilastro has constantly attracted many people from all over Bologna for its sport centre, which is unique of its kind for both its activities and dimensions. The sport provision is known by the entire city for the Record, a large sport complex that, in addition to a big swimming pool, consists of tennis courts and other fitness facilities.

For some years now the Record has become the University Sports Centre and houses some classes of the School of Physical Education of the University of Bologna, alluring not only students, but also all sorts of people.

The sports hall is one of the most recent constructions. It hosts sporting events (above all five-a-side and skating), yearly cultural events, and the famous and unique ornithological competition. The hall is one of the few sports centres in Bologna with a regulatory baseball field.

10. THE ARBORETO, THE SAVOIA HOTEL REGENCY, AND THE SAVOIA HOTEL COUNTRY HOUSE. (G.A.-T.T.)



In 1996, between Via del Pilastro and the railway station, a public park came to light on a dozen hectares of lands, which were once agricultural plots and included the ancient rural nucleus of San Paolo. The park is characterized by an extraordinary botanical richness of notable scientific and naturalistic interest.

The typical headlands, still lined with white willows, old cherry trees and rows of field maples, once used to support the vines (the so-called piantate), lead into the central sector of the park: the real arboretum, where you can admire meadows, wooded patches and hedges made up by more than one hundred different species of deciduous trees and shrubs, including ancient varieties of apple trees, pear trees, plum trees, and different species of willow. The arboretum includes several uncommon

ornamental species such as the exotic Sterculia and goldenrain trees, which recall distant places, just like the tulip trees and the Sophora trees.

A wide range of native species, like ash trees, oaks, white poplars, black poplars, rural maples, hawthorns, and brooms are the boundaries of the area and protect it from the railway yard.



At the beginning of Via del Pilastro, on the border of the arboretum, there are two large and wonderful 4-star hotels: the Savoia Hotel Regency and the Savoia Hotel Country House. We would like to point out that the Savoia Hotel Country House - apart from its strategic position, just over exit number 9 of the orbital road - stands on the ruins of an 18th-century farmhouse, which was recovered and turned into in the current structure by a family that lives in the district.

In June 2017 the Savoia Hotel Regency hosted the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Environment: for the first time Pilastro was chosen as the ideal location to discuss environmental issues.

11. FICO. CAAB, AND PODERE SAN LUDOVICO - LINK (T.T.- R- G.A.)

The CAAB is a large structure created under the banner of innovation in order to give a spirit of continuity to the commercial tradition of Bologna. Within the CAAB you can find the farmer's market - one of the largest distribution facilities of its kind in Italy - along with warehouses for refrigerated and frozen products, indoor logistics platforms, offices, and support structures. The CAAB looks at itself not only as a modern commercial logistic platform, but also as a centre of advanced services for the agroindustrial sector and is one of the most important reference points in Italy and Europe for the distribution chain of the fruit and vegetable sector.

Since 2012, the management company CAAB Scpa has redefined its strategy by launching the FICO Eataly World project, which is completely based on environmental sustainability and the quality of services and products. FICO Eataly World is a great food education park that can be visited on foot or bike. It represents the best of Italian production and holds in a single 80000-square-metre 'house' the local tradition, the culture of high quality food, and the skills of the people who have always worked in the agricultural food supply chain. Not far from Caab and FICO, in Via Fantoni 47, you can find San Ludovico Farm, an area of 6 hectares built from the recovery of an old farmhouse, along with its surrounding area, thanks to the collaboration of the Local Agency for the Development of Pilastro, the North East District and CAAB Scpa and Mastro Pilastro which takes care of the 8 community gardens among the 108 located on the plot.

At last, in Via Fantoni 21 is sited the Cubo (Cube) "stage name" Link, a place where freedom of expression "links with" sociocultural exploration. Specifically, it is an association that makes art, music, and movies, do theatre and installations, delivers courses and workshops, organizes festival, promotes audio/visual digital arts and multimedia workshop, and co-operates with the University, the Municipality, and the Città Metropolitana of Bologna, the San Donato-San Vitale Neighbourhood, and the Emilia Romagna Region.

12. PARCO COMMERCIALE MERAVILLE - COOP ALLEANZA 3.0 (T.T.)



Having been a reference point for the district since its opening in 2003, the Coop supermarket in Viale Carnacini 37, with its 2,500 square meters, houses several departments with fresh and quality products. The gastronomy department has its own production of first and second courses, and offers traditional local dishes. The supermarket is equipped with a dining area with seats and tables where you can enjoy a full meal or a simple snack. In the fishmonger department, which has its own chip shop, you can find ready-to-eat products that you can either enjoy there or take away. In the fruit and vegetable sector, there are pre-made products such as salads and fruit salads. In the bread and pastry department, fresh bread (both organic and normal bread) is baked everyday: here you'll taste sweet and

savoury delicacies.

In the end, you can also find a large assortment of non-food products, as well as a space with prescription and parapharmaceutical drugs.

The supermarket is also involved in Coop Alleanza 3.0's social activities with Buon fine, a project that collects unsold products - because they are either close to their expiration date, or have aesthetic imperfections (but still very good to consume) - and gives them to voluntary associations and solidarity structures of the territory. The store is open every weekday from 8.30am to 9pm, and on Sunday from 10am to 8pm.