

THE MONTAGNANA CASTLE



THE ORIGIN OF MONTAGNANA CASTLE

- It is the disastrous year 589, the Roman empire is in dissolution, raids of populations coming from afar follow each other like a sequence of waves of the sea, bringing devastation, bloody violence, epidemics that exterminate the population.
- The Byzantine Empire, established in Verona and Ravenna, having ascertained the impossibility of holding a defensive line over the Alps and having lost the city of Aquileia, tries to stem the advance of the Huns and the Lombards by preparing a defensive line along the Adige river .
- Fortified systems are created in the natural groove of the plains between Lessini, Berici and Colli Euganei, in what had already been rich Roman towns such as Cologna Veneta, Montagnana and Este.

MONTAGNANA THE MEDIAVAL WALLS

- Of the XI century a wall enclosure is strengthened by towers 'betesche' (wooden towers) surrounded by a large moat. Already in the following century a lively village developed that required settlements outside the walls.
- In the middle of the thirteenth century the siege of the Ezzelino was recorded, which ended with a great fire and the almost total destruction of the artefacts, but built the imposing keep of Castel Zeno with exclusively military functions. Back in the hands of the Municipality of Padua, in 1275 an important military garrison was installed and the castle of San Zeno was enlarged and a curtain wall was built that partially surrounded the village.
- The enclosure was completed by the Carraresi in 1362 and, as a pivot of the military machine, the Rocca degli Alberi was built, facing the belligerent castle of Bevilacqua, held by the Scaligeri

THE HISTORY OF THE CASTLE OF MONTAGNANA

- At the year 1242 the construction of the current square tower raised by Ezzelino Da Romano is traced back to the place of a previous bulwark in focus, but as we have seen since the year 996 there was a fortified castle with masonry and wooden palisades of which traces of the foundations remain in the wall; Giustinian's stories also bear witness to this.

FLAG OF MONTAGNANA



THE WALLS OF MONTAGNANA SEEN FROM ABOVE

