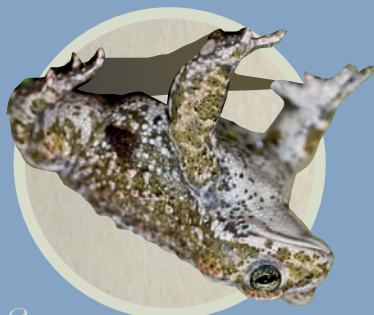


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The Princees of Santa Marina \*  
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## Other \* powerful saints

If Santa Marina seems to have been a good matchmaker, in Tivissa there was a saint who cured sore throats and spent his time marking paths...

Sant Blai... want to meet him?



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"to Santa Marina,  
go as a maiden, \*  
for if as a maiden you go,  
married you'll return!"



The proverb says it all: girls who want to find a partner should go to the chapel of Santa Marina.

Of course the saint can help them! It's all a question of faith. It has to be said, though, that the saying comes from a time when veneration for the saint - and a love for festivities - packed events there with people from all over the region.



On the other hand, they say that on spring evenings around Santa Marina a deep, melancholy sound seizes the attention of loving hearts. A little army of toads comes out every night in search of a kiss to break their spell...

So now you know: if you're looking for your prince charming, one way or another you might just find him at Santa Marina!

Frogs  
looking for \*  
a kiss



# Santa Marina \* Pratdip



\* **Boundary cross**  
Memorial for those who died  
in the Spanish Civil War



## The Sanctuary church \*

The "hermitage" of Santa Marina today consists of five buildings: the chapel, the Casa de la Font, Casa dels Ermitans, Casa Gran and the former spa.



This picturesque spot is widely known, not only for the influence of the saint but also for the crystalline water which bubbles out of different springs. From the abundant spring of Santa Marina nice cool water gushes out all year round, which in the summer months is something of a miracle!

Santa Marina is venerated both by the people of Pratdip and by those of the other villages in the area, so much so that since the early 17th century local pilgrimages and gatherings have been organised for her **saint's day**\*. Over time, this became a festive event and the chapel became a meeting place for young people who traditionally went there to find a partner.

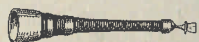


Cócs  
salats  
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Coques \*  
dels enamorats

\* 18th July  
pilgrimage and gathering



For the gathering known as the Aplec de Santa Marina the **ball del marxant** was danced, in which young men chose their partners with a handkerchief. For St. Anthony's day, on the other hand, they danced the **ball de coques**\*. To join the dance the young men had to buy *two coques*, or flatbreads topped with different sweet or savoury ingredients, and give them to their partner. The next day, she had to take one round to his house...