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is a village in the Republic of Croatia, part of the city of Donje Stubice, Krapina-Zagorje Country.

It is located on the slopes of Zagreb's mountain Medvednica.

It has a small population and only a couple of households.

An ideal place to rest your body and soul.

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Gubec, Matija Ambroz,

The leader of the Peasants' Revolt of 1573 (Hižakovec, Zagorje,)- (1548-Zagreb, February 15, 1573)

Mentioned as a serf (Ambroz Gubec) in the village of Hižakovec on an estate in Stubice.

He led the preparations for the revolt and headed the peasant army in Zagorje, where he was probably declared the peasant king.

After the suppression of the revolt, he was captured and taken to Zagreb where he was tortured with red-hot iron pincers, forced to wear a red-hot iron crown, and where he was finally quartered.

Depicted in many works of Croatian artists (the novel „Seljačka buna“ by A. Šenoa, the play „Matija Gubec“ by M. Bogović, the opera „Matija Gubec“ by I. Lhotka Kalinski, paintings by O. Ivekovića and F. Quiqerez, the movie „Seljačka buna 1573“ by V. Mimica, etc.)

Prior to the revolt, Matija Gibec was a serf on the Stubice estate of the landowner Ferenc taky in the Croatian region of Zagorje.

Since 1622, he is mentioned under the name „Matija“, whilst the name was introduced in the Croatian history by the historian Vjekoslav Klaić.

*According to the hungarian historian Istvanffy, who
firs used the name „matija“, all later descriptions of the
Peasants' Revolt of 1573 are mostly comprised of the
materials collected by Franjo Rački.*

Peasants' Revolt

Upon the eruption of the revolt, the peasants chose Gubec as their leader since they „believed him to be, among other things, renowned for his astuteness and bravery.“

In the short period of the revolt, Gubec proved to be a capable organizer and inspiring leader, all of which made him a legend shortly after his death.

*Oton Iveković: Execution of Matija Gubec in
ST. Mark's Square in Zagreb.*

*After the defeat of the peasants, Gubec was caught
and taken to Zagreb.*

*He was executed on February 15, 1573 and according
to the legend, he was publicly tortured in ST. Mark's
Square by being forced to wear a red-hot iron crown (as
„the peasant king“), after which he was quartered.*

Gubec's Abode

Built in 2009, on the same place as the older building.

It retains the original layout , furniture, size, as well as material, and it is located 100 meters from Ruk's abode.

It was opened and blessed on August 29, 2009.

Chapel of St. Cross

It is located in the heart of today's village, blessed in 2007.

It has got 9 meters squared, with three bells in the tower, whilst the interior is engraved with the names of all the pastors, priests and nuns from Gornja Stubica.

The Chapel of St. Cross is located across the street from Ruk's abode.

Ruk's Abode

Ruk's Abode is a family house renewed in the spring 2017. by Jelena and Tomislav Ruk.

The house was originally owned by Tomislav's late father, born in the said structure, who moved and in 1965 repurposed it as a country house.

It has been used as such ever since.

Following his death, the family starts rebuilding it.

Today, it is used as a resting house to all interested travelers eager to revisit the past.

The house is built from natural materials, while the skeleton of the house is made of wood 100 years old.

The interior blends is refurbished in the rustic style, while the loft is decorated in a more recent style with modern furniture and materials; there is something for everyone.

*It takes very little to be
happy ; yet, it is precisely
that little that is often
missing.*

*Let this space in Ruk's
abode be that LITTLE
where you might find that
what will make you happy.*

*Rest your body and soul,
enjoy every single day of
your life!*

Jelena & Tomislav Ruk

*P.S. Make yourself at
home, have a barbecue, ride
a bike, have some rest and
enjoy,*

*but feel free to chop some
wood, make a trellis for the
grapevine and then prune
it, hoe the garden, do some
tidying.*

