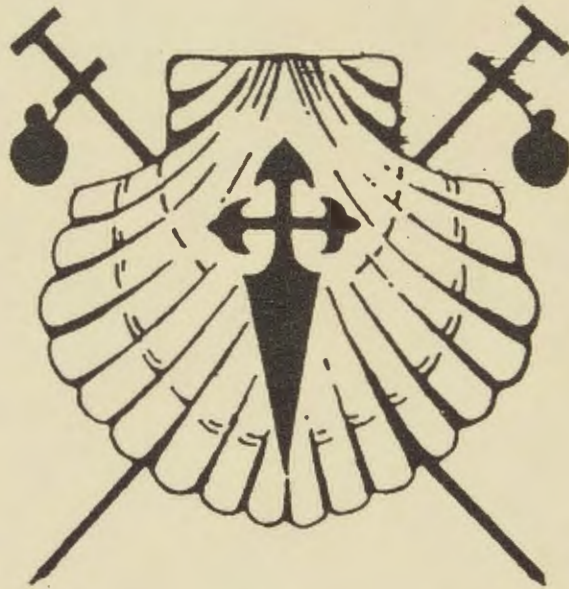


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President:
H.E. The Spanish Ambassador

25 - 28 October - Cornwall Weekend

Arrangements are well in hand for the Confraternity's long weekend in Cornwall visiting some of the places associated with St James and English pilgrims to Santiago. Hilary Shaw of the Bredereth Sen Jago has kindly agreed to give an introductory talk on St James and Cornwall and to provide notes on places to be visited. Accommodation has been booked for 16 members. For last-minute enquiries please telephone Rosemary Clarke on (0305)-260326.

Wednesday 21 November**The Musical Road to Santiago de Compostela
A Lecture-Recital by Mary Renmant**

7.30pm, St Joseph's Hall (to the left of the Brompton Oratory), Cromwell Road, London SW7, (nearest tube: South Kensington).

All proceeds are being donated to the Rabanal Appeal Fund, so please come and bring your friends. There will be considerable Confraternity participation; and an instructive, amusing and unusual evening's entertainment is assured.

Tickets: £5-00 (to include a glass of wine), either in advance from Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 0UQ (please enclose sae) or at the door on the night.

Poster - if you receive a poster with this Bulletin you are requested to display it locally.

Note on Rehearsals - members taking part in the lecture-recital on November 21 and December 1 (see below) are asked to note that a rehearsal will take place on Saturday afternoon, 10 November and at 5.30pm at St Joseph's Hall on the day. Please telephone Mary Renmant on (071)-352 5181) to confirm your availability. And ... more singers are needed for both dates. If you are interested please contact Mary as soon as possible.

Wednesday 5 December - Pilgrims' Tales 1990

7.30pm at Westminster Cathedral Conference Centre, adjacent to the Cathedral, off Victoria Street, London SW1.

Members who have travelled the pilgrim routes in 1990 or attended a pilgrim event are invited to present short, 10-minute illustrated talks - with a maximum of 20 slides - on a specific aspect of the pilgrimage (not a blow-by-blow account of a long journey). Please contact Marion Marples on (071)-633 0603 if you would like to take part. As in September 1989 a strict timekeeper will be present throughout the evening.

Entry: £1, at the door (to cover the room hire).

Christmas Presents - this will also be a good - and last - opportunity to buy your presents from a wide range of Confraternity stock, including mugs, cards, books and teeshirts.

Saturday 12 January 1991 - Confraternity A G M

2.30pm at the John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Blackfriars Road, London SE1. We are delighted to announce that Robin and Louella Hanbury-Tenison have agreed to speak, immediately after the business meeting. The subject? Their 1989 pilgrimage ride. And as always, there will be a late New Year Party from 5.30 to 7.30pm. Full details will be in the AGM papers which will be dispatched in December.

Thursday 28 February 1991 - a Musical Recital by Petronella Dittmer

in aid of the Rabanal Appeal Fund. 7pm at St. Giles, Cripplegate, London EC2. Petronella will play a number of pieces for violin, with piano accompaniment. Please put this date in your 1991 diary now. Ticket and other details will be notified to members in December.

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O T H E R E V E N T S

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1 to 4 November - The Spirituality of Pilgrims:
Continuity and Change

This is a conference, in German (with no simultaneous translation) organised by the St Jakobus-Gesellschaft based in Aachen, which will take place in Münster. German-speaking Confraternity members who would like more details should contact Marion Marples on (071)-633 0603.

Saturday 1 December - The Musical Road to Santiago de Compostela - Mary Remnant's lecture-recital at the Purcell Room on the South Bank; another opportunity to tread the musical road if you cannot attend on 21 November. At 8pm; tickets at £5, £7-50 and £9.

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CONSTANCE STORRS

1911 - 1990

It is with great sadness that we record the death on 24 August 1990 of Mrs Constance Storrs, historian of the pilgrimage to Santiago and one of the Confraternity's distinguished honorary members.

An obituary notice written by Leigh Hatts appeared in The Independent on 13 September, the day of a requiem Mass at Stowmarket which was attended by Mary Remnant. After the latter's 'rediscovery' of Mrs Storrs in 1988 - something we hope gave her as much pleasure as it did to Confraternity members who met her - she became a major benefactor to the Library as well as becoming an honorary member and contributing to the Bulletin.

We thank Leigh Hatts for allowing us to reproduce his obituary notice overleaf.

After a life of teaching and more than a decade in quiet retirement, Constance Storrs was recently informed that her major work, undertaken for a second degree at London University, would at last be recognised.

Thirty years ago she took time off from her work as a teacher of business studies at Kingston and Regent Street Polytechnics to undertake an MA degree at University College, London, a study of medieval pilgrims making the journey from England to the shrine of St James the Great at Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. Her thesis was entitled 'Jacobean Pilgrims from England from the Early Twelfth to the Late Fifteenth Centuries' and marked the first time that all ships' licences relating to the pilgrimage had been examined.

She received her degree from the Queen Mother in 1964, at the same ceremony as conferred degrees on her husband and son.

Although Constance Storrs had her picture of the family in academic dress she knew that her own work had not been well received by the university and she came to believe that her original research would be ignored. However, unknown to her, six English members of the Société des Amis de St Jacques de Compostelle met in London in 1983 and founded the Confraternity of St James to promote study and enjoyment of the pilgrim road to Santiago.

In the Middle Ages Santiago de Compostela was the third great place of pilgrimage, after Rome and Jerusalem. There were four main routes, from Paris, Vézelay, Le Puy and Arles, meeting at the Pyrenees for the final 500 miles to Santiago. The Confraternity, a non-denominational charity, serves as an information centre for pilgrims and travellers.

At the first meeting, it was agreed that 'Mrs Storrs', whose unpublished work had been discovered at the Institute of Historical Research, must be found. It took Dr Mary Remnant, the medieval music instrument expert and a founding member, five years of combing telephone books and writing letters to locate Constance Storrs and her husband at their retirement home at Badwell Ash in East Anglia.

Last March the first international conference about the pilgrimage in England was switched from London to Hengrave Hall, outside Bury St Edmunds, in order that Constance Storrs could meet fellow academics and pilgrim enthusiasts from seven Euro-

pean countries. Papers were presented on who the pilgrims were, where they came from, the routes they used and the hazards of the trip: on subjects ranging from the cult of St James at Reading Abbey to the connections between Cornwall and Galicia.

In May Constance Storrs was told that the University of Santiago had agreed to publish her work in English. It will appear next year as Pilgrims to St James of Compostella from England in the Middle Ages.

Constance Mary Budd, teacher and historian, born London 24 January 1911, married 1938 Francis Storrs (one son), died Badwell Ash Suffolk 24 August 1990.

Requiem Mass

A Requiem Mass for Mrs Storrs will be said by Father Terence Phipps, a member of the Confraternity, at Westminster Cathedral, on Wednesday 5th December at 5.30pm.

MY LORD AND MY GOD



IN LOVING MEMORY

— of —

Constance Mary Storrs

Hill House, Broadway, Badwell Ash,

Bury St. Edmunds,

Suffolk IP31 3DR England

Who died on the 24th August, 1990

Aged 79 Years

R.I.P.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Patrick Flood KSG

We must also record the death on August 4th of Patrick Flood KSG, a relatively new member of the Confraternity who lived in retirement in Morden College, Blackheath. With one of his sons, his parish priest and a friend, he travelled in an Austin 10 to Santiago in 1954 - a Holy Year - for the Feast of St James. During the ceremonies in the Cathedral they witnessed the Botafumeiro in action, which he recalled on his Confraternity application form.

Don Luis Bacariza Naveira

News came recently from Ponferrada of the death in early August of the long-standing President of the El Bierzo Association, Don Luis Bacariza Naveira. A good friend of the Confraternity, he was unfailingly helpful in negotiations over the Rabanal hostel project, and will be very much missed. A personal note by Walter Ivens will be found in the accompanying Rabanal Appeal News no.6.

From the Secretary's Notebook

Organised Tours to Santiago 1991 - we shall soon be compiling a list of tours for 1991 along the Camino and visits to Santiago itself. We are in touch with all the major tour companies but I should like to receive information about tours/study visits organised by Adult Education Institutes and Colleges or other small-scale operators.

County Coordinators Needed! - work is progressing on the St James's Churches Project, with all St James's churches recorded and mapped for eight counties. However we still

need coordinators for the following counties: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Devon, Northumberland & Durham, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire. Members living in or familiar with any of these areas who would like to help collect information on St James's churches and possible pilgrim routes, please contact me for further information.

Visiting - one of the pleasant aspects of being a member of the Confraternity is visiting other members when on holiday in various parts of the country. After Easter Leigh, James and I enjoyed a personal tour of Bere Ferrers, Devon, church, with its 14th century stained glass figure of a pilgrim, overlooking the Tavy estuary, and then a splendid tea overlooking the Tamar with Robin and Lysbeth Gallup. Another tea was enjoyed with Hilary Shaw after exploring Dupath Well, Cargreen and Landulph.

Visitors to SE1 - it seems that many pilgrims only hear of the Confraternity days before their departure for Spain. Having penetrated the depths of North Southwark they cannot understand why no-one is 'in the office'. However it is good to meet these people newly infused with the desire to make the pilgrimage and I hope we can give them useful advice.

I can be reached on (071)-633 0603.

Marion Marples

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ST JAMES'S DAY - 1990

Twenty-seven members, two children and a small dog somehow managed to squeeze into my tiny north-London garden in the early evening of July 25th. Supplies of fruit punch and Spanish wine went down rapidly in the sunshine and by 7pm a huge variety of picnic food was spread out for all to share. It was good to welcome a number of new members as well as old friends, and greetings were received from Marion Marples, Laurie Dennett, Anne Street and Bernard McDonnell. To add to the excitement Marion, Laurie and Mary Remnant telephoned during the

evening from Tankerton (Kent), El Cebrero and Normandy respectively. The long-awaited raffle draw took place around 8, strictly supervised by Stephen Badger and Walter Ivens, with raffle organiser, Mary Ivens, making a careful note of the winners' names and addresses. A full list of these is included in Rabanal Appeal News no.6, which is enclosed. However it should be recorded that a cheer resounded round East Finchley when James Maple, vice-president and immediate past chairman, was announced as the winner of the 4th prize, a case of vintage Spanish dry red. Appropriately James was present to enjoy his success.

May I thank everybody who came for their generous offering of food and wine - and help of all kinds.

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Streit from Cologne started the ball rolling with a detailed account of pilgrim routes through Germany. Then it was my turn to speak, with slides, on St Jacques Outre-Manche, stressing Britain's links with Santiago over the centuries, and now also with the village of Rabanal del Camino through the hostel project. I was followed by Frank Claessen who spoke on the work of the Dutch Confraternity, and Alain Gillis of Belgium on the St James' Memorial House in Namur.

A lecture by musicologist, Eusebio Goicoechea Arrondo from Madrid, was next on the programme, but he and his singing partner had been delayed by a railway dispute at the Franco-Spanish border and having spent 23 hours without food or drink were in no state to give a performance immediately on arrival. So Humbert Jacomet of the Société des Amis and a lecturer on the staff of the Monuments Historiques led us, metaphorically, in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims as they passed through Paris on the journey south. His lecture combined history, wit and learning in equal quantities and prepared us admirably for a Sunday morning walk round central Paris to see what tangible remains there were of the passage of so many pilgrims. A later visit, also with Humbert Jacomet, was to the Musée des Monuments Français in the Palais de Chaillot (16°), with its reproductions of sculpture and wall paintings from all over France. Here we were all surprised to find how many came from places on the different pilgrim routes across France.

By Monday the Spanish contingent had recovered and we were treated to a delightful lecture-cum-recital of pilgrim songs from the 7th to the 20th centuries by Eusebio Goicoechea and his singing partner, Maria de los Angeles Vezan. They were followed by representatives from some of the French regional associations, who made us aware of the enormous range and variety of Compostelan activity in France.

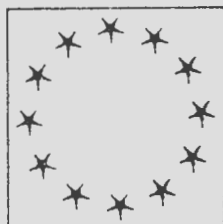
- In a crowded three days four other events stand out in my mind:
- a reception in Paris' famous and prominent Hôtel de Ville, where we enjoyed the privilege of a guided tour of some of the ornately decorated rooms before being offered a 'vin d'honneur';
 - the visit to and inauguration of the Société des Amis' new office in the 20th arrondissement: a small ground-floor flat let to them by the Ville de Paris and well converted into office and research space;
 - a visit to the Tour St Jacques, traditional departure point in Paris for pilgrims following the Tours route, for a symbolic leave-taking of 1990 pilgrims and presentation to them of a scallop shell;

- and a conference Mass in the 17th century Eglise des Carmes (Carmelites) in the 7°, distinguished by its chapel dedicated to St James. After the mass those French pilgrims leaving shortly received a special blessing in the chapel, under the eye of St James who is depicted in the chapel's wall paintings.

This was a wonderfully varied and enjoyable weekend where old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier and her assistants deserve very many thanks from all who attended for making everything happen so successfully.

(Note: the Confraternity Library now has 4 cassette tapes of all the talks and lectures given at the Paris meeting.)

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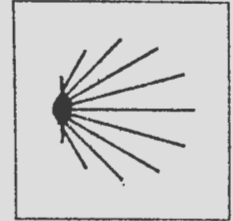


ASSOCIATION DES AMIS
DE ST JACQUES DE COMPOSTELLE
VLAAMSE GENOOTSCHAP
VAN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Five Confraternity members attended a day-long meeting in Brussels on June 30th, organised jointly by the French-speaking Association des Amis de St Jacques de Compostelle and the Flemish Vlaams Genootschap van Santiago de Compostela. What struck all of us, apart from the wonderful hospitality we received, was the friendliness of the occasion, accentuated for us because so many participants spoke English.

The meeting was opened jointly by Dr Armand Jacquemin, President of the Association and well known to all who were at Hengrave Hall, and Dirk Aerts of the Vlaams Genootschap, on behalf of the Secretary-General, Dom Willibrord Mondelaers OSB. It was a pleasure to see the latter again, after his long illness. A minor disappointment was the absence, through illness, of the French-speaking lecturer, Prof. Marcel Vanhamme. However a synopsis of his talk 'Dream and Reality of the Pilgrimage to Saint James' was given by Roel Jacobs, before he embarked on his own keynote address - in Dutch - entitled: 'Brussels, a Town on the Road to Compostela'. He emphasized how difficult it had been to discover the historic roads through the city that had been taken by pilgrims from the north and east. This was because as unimportant people they had left very little overt trace of their passages, numerous though they had been. However, much research and delving into the archives had led to the establishment of three historically authentic routes in and through the city.

One of the important 'jacobean' monuments in Brussels is the Flemish baroque church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, which replaced the chapel of the former hospital of St James, which lay close by the city ramparts. During the 12th century the hospital developed as a hospice for pilgrims to Compostela. From our 20th century conference room in the 'Riches Claires/Rijke Klaren' Cultural Centre we walked to Notre Dame de Bonsecours for the unveiling of a handsome blue ceramic plaque on the facade of the church. It showed the stylised, west-erly pointing shell designed by the Council of Europe to symbolise the route and which is now seen at many points on the Camino.



After a long and amicable lunch in the beautifully restored market, the Halles St Géry/Sint Gorikshallen, which also served as an admirable exhibition and information centre, we were divided into smaller groups and set off to retrace the pilgrim roads across Brussels. A highlight for my group was a visit to the lovely Gothic Cathedral of St Michael, which was still undergoing some restoration work. Earlier during this work remains of an 11th century Romanesque church were discovered and the outline of this early church is marked by white floor stones. A treasure shown specially to us was a sumptuously embroidered vestment of 'opus anglicanum' work. Oh for more time to wander and see more treasures.

Later in the afternoon we were privileged to penetrate inside the Hôtel de Ville on the famous and incomparable Grand-Place of the city for a reception and entertainment in the great Gothic Hall. James Maple and I were invited to speak briefly about the Rabanal Appeal, an opportunity which we greatly appreciated.

The formal part of the day's activities ended with an international Mass at Notre Dame de Bon Secours, where we were provided with a special Mass booklet containing all the words and music in Flemish, French and Spanish - a thoughtful touch.

Those of us staying until Sunday later enjoyed a Spanish meal at the Centro Gallego of Brussels. It was easy to imagine ourselves back in Galicia with Spanish being the language most commonly used and many Gallegan fishy delicacies on the menu.

Sunday morning's optional programme was greatly enjoyed by all who participated. From central Brussels we drove out, past a vast Sunday street market, to the charming and peaceful suburb of Anderlecht to visit first the imposing pilgrim church of St Pierre and St Guidon,

and then the museum of Erasmus known as La Maison d'Erasmus. We were immediately surprised to see a late 18th century wooden statue of Erasmus as a pilgrim, Erasmus never having given any evidence of sympathy for pilgrims. The conservator, Jean-Pierre Vanden Branden, who has devoted much of his life to the museum, indicated that the origin of the statue could in some way refer to Erasmus' stay in England when in 1512 he visited both Walsingham and Canterbury. After Monsieur Vanden Branden's detailed exposition of Erasmus' life, work and travels, using the many objects gathered and displayed in the museum, we all felt more knowledgeable about one of Europe's greatest humanists.

Our return to England was delayed a comfortless 18 hours, divided between Calais and Dunkirk, but not even this could detract from our enjoyment of the weekend and the pleasure of seeing our Belgian friends again.

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AN ALTERNATIVE WAY BACK

John & Shirley Snell

Having reached Santiago by bike, what then? Unless one intends to settle there permanently, consideration needs to have been given to the means of returning to the UK.

It is not known if any hardy individual has turned around and cycled home, but given the available time and stamina this, of course, is one option.

A long, 24-hour sea crossing of the Bay of Biscay faces those using the Santander-Plymouth route and this may not be to everyone's taste. Some dislike flying and are also deterred by the high cost (nearly £200 single) of a scheduled Iberia flight from Santiago to Heathrow.

A novel means of travel which deserves to be better publicised and used by British cyclists is the FIETSBUS - Dutch for cycle bus.

Having to cut short our pilgrimage this summer due to family illness we used the Fietsbus to return from Dax to Holland, and thence the shorter Hook of Holland

to Harwich ferry crossing. We had planned to board the bus at Burgos but unfortunately we didn't reach Spain. We plan to make the journey again next year though.

The bus is a luxury vehicle with space for about 40 passengers complete with on-board wc and refreshment bar. At night the very comfortable seats are magically converted into 2-tier, full-length bes and passengers are supplied with a blanket, pillow with disposable case and a pair of 'slofjes' (slippers)! Towed behind the bus is a large, purpose-built enclosed trailer with racks and packing to hold the cycles securely. Luggage, panniers etc are stowed beneath the bus in the usual lockers.

Several Dutch companies operate the system, and using the buses one can travel from Holland to Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Hungary, Germany, Austria and Scandinavia. By paying an additional small surcharge one can make a single journey in the reverse direction as we did.

The cost of the single journey from either Burgos or Dax to Woerden (near Rotterdam) in Holland was 230 guilders - £76 approximately in 1990. The journey time from Dax to Woerden is 18½ hours (8.00pm to 2.30 pm) and from Burgos to Woerden is 22 hours (8.10pm to 6.00pm).

Agents are a company called:

Fietsvakantiewinkel,
Jan de Bakkerstraat 14,
3441 EE Woerden,
Holland. Tel. 03480-21844

We visited the office whilst in Holland two years ago and more recently have telephoned on several occasions, every discussion being carried out in English.

We were so impressed with the service and with the friendly help we received that we will certainly use this method of travel again.

ST JAMES IN THE VAUCLUSE

Richard Maguire

Vaucluse is the most northerly department of the Provence region. It is bordered by the river Rhone to the west and the river Durance to the south. The departments of Drome and Basses Alpes provide the northern and eastern boundaries.

Ten sites in the Vaucluse have documented links with St James. In 1316 Rostang Bot left money in his will for a bridge over the Calavon at Les Beaumettes with, at its head, a hospital dedicated to St James. The construction was undertaken by Bertrand Bot but only months after its construction the whole ensemble was swept away in a flood and the Pope withheld permission for its reconstruction. At Flassan, Gargas and Sault dedications were to St James or the locally preferred St Jaume. Flassan, mentioned in 1300, had disappeared by 1712 and Gargas, mentioned in 1389: 'loco dicto sub-tus Sanctum Jacobum' was in a state of decay by 1542 when orders were given for its repair. But all trace of this building too has been lost. The Benedictine priory at Sault was a possession of Montmajour near Arles. The present chapel attached to the Chateau of St Jaume is a more recent structure. In 1308 Clement V confirmed the union of the revenues of the church of St Jacques built in Mondragon in 1280 with those of the Bishopric of Orange. In 1513 an altar dedicated to St Jacques is mentioned as being outside the walls of Mondragon but its situation has not been established. At Monieux the full dedication of the priory built at the foot of the gorges of the Nesque was St Jacques and St Michel de la Nesque. Its origins are Romanesque and its restored chapel remains a goal for pilgrims to this day. St Jacques at St Saturnin d'Apt was seized and sold at the Revolution and the dedication is now attached to a farm close to the road to Apt. Blauvac and Jonquières also have farms bearing the name of the apostle.

Mont Caveau Chapel

Of the structures of this group only the chapel on Mont Caveau above the cathedral town of Cavaillon offers significant remains. As with the majority of rural chapels in the Vaucluse, its basic arrangement is that of a single cell of two bays, with directly attaching apse, but without internal division into nave and choir. On the basis of its proportions, the two eastern bays constitute the original 12th century structure, while the two western bays are an addition of 1585. Neither the still later attachments to the south, nor the western porch, are bonded to the four-bay nave. The rectangular plan of the original building is joined to the wider, square plan of the western bays by a splay of rough wallwork. A pointed barrel vault covers the interior, divided into bays by rectangular, sectioned transverse arches supported on consols rather than pilasters. Interior wall surfaces are articulated by blind arches, one per bay. A choir is created by a step at the entrance to the easternmost bay and, at cornice level, by consols coarsely worked with the Symbols of the Evangelists: the bull and angel against the east wall, the eagle and lion supporting the first transverse arch. Consols decorated with beasts' heads support the intermediate transverse arch of the western bays; one represents a Tarasque, an amphibious monster said to have haunted the Rhone near Tarascon. The semi-circular apse rises to a semi-dome without the intervention of a cornice; externally its form is pentagonal supported on two semi-circular courses of ashlar. Apart from the cathedral at Cavaillon, five further chapels in the Vaucluse have semi-circular apses with pentagonal exteriors. A narrow, double-splayed, round-arched window in the apse and a rectangular slit above the semi-dome provide the only illumination. The eastern bays are clad wholly in well-cut ashlar; in the western half only the articulating members are ashlar, the remainder is rendered.

The most distinguished sometime occupant of this Hermitage of St James was César de Bus (1544-1607), citizen of Cavaillon and founder of the Ursulines.



Routes and Pilgrims

There is no reliable evidence that the chapels and farms dedicated to St James can be directly related to the pilgrimage to Santiago. They may simply be demonstrations of local veneration. It is difficult, particularly with minor routes, to establish a distinction between the interests of the pilgrim and the trader. Many of the principal routes in the Vaucluse, for example, owe their origins and development to Roman occupation.

Pilgrims from the north of Italy followed the Susa valley along what Bartolomeo Fontana called 'the direct road to St James', crossing into France through the passes of Monginevro and Moncenisio. We know that these pilgrims made their way to Arles via Avignon, possibly following a route through the Gorges de la Nesque, taking in Sault and Monieux, with spurs to Flassan and Blauvac, before continuing to Les Beaumettes, crossing the Durance at Cavailon, to join the most southerly of the major routes to Santiago at Arles.

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The Pilgrim Route to Compostela - In Search of St. James
A practical guide for pilgrims and walkers in Spain
by the Abbé Georges Bernès and others

English translation published by Robertson McCarta 1990, 239 pp. £12.95

Reviewed by STEPHEN BADGER

The origins of this book go back to a guide published by the Abbé Bernès in 1973. This was conceived as an extension of the French Topoguides to the GR65 onwards from Roncevalles to Compostela. As such it was, and remains, a guide for walkers following, where possible, convenient paths rather than slavishly pounding every inch of the "authentic" route, however much tarmac may now lie on top. Ninety-five per cent. of these paths are also readily passable by anyone equipped with even the most basic "mountain" bike. Some purists may cavil at this approach, but your reviewer at least would heartily endorse it. If you intend to walk from the Pyrenees to Santiago and have only £12.95 to spend, this book is what you should spend it on.

The original guide was re-surveyed and then republished by Randonnées Pyrenéennes in 1986 in well-produced book form, has already been reprinted and revised once and is now available in this English translation in an identical format. It is divided into 31 sections starting from St. Jean Pied de Port. Each of these is suitable for a day's walk from one accommodation point to another; although a few are as long as 40 km, the great majority cover about 25 km. The main text contains brief descriptions of the places through which the route passes and a light-hearted account of their historical associations, together with details of food and accommodation. It can therefore be read continuously if wished before, during or after the pilgrimage. In the right hand margin, in smaller type, there are specific route directions and timings in sufficient detail to allow the walker to follow the route. Unlike the French topoguides, no detailed maps are included, merely a very basic sketch map following each section. This is clearly a defect, but would have been difficult to correct in the absence of any accurate Spanish maps of appropriate scale. In practice, we have always found these directions sufficient, although the odd error remains (e.g. hour 2.15 on page 84 where there is no reference to the need to turn right). In the manner of the French topoguides, the walker is regarded as always proceeding at precisely 4 km/hour, regardless of terrain but, with experience, allowance can be made for this.

Two of the variations used by the guide must suffice as examples. On the way from Santo Domingo to Belorado, the traditional route proceeds for 22 km almost exclusively along the N120. By contrast, the Abbé Bernès first takes the walker slightly to the south on a series of tracks crossing an open agricultural plateau with splendid views of the surrounding country, rejoins the route between Grañon and Redecilla, and then finds another rolling plateau to cross as we near Belorado. In total, it is 5 km longer, but infinitely worth it. More effective still is the section on leaving Villafranca del Bierzo which would normally follow the newly-reconstructed N VI for 16 km. But, as the guide says, "dedicated walkers will certainly enjoy the detour we suggest through ancient villages. Although it does not actually follow the course of the pilgrim way, it does offer the advantage of exploring a landscape which is still more or less as the original pilgrims saw it" - and not one carrying a steady stream of heavy vehicles at 100 km/hour or so.

In a happy conjunction, Hal Bishop's guide to the GR 65 from Le Puy was published last year. With these two books, English readers therefore have an account of a continuous footpath of some 1,000 miles leading to the goal of Compostela, all of which passes through fine countryside, mainly way-marked, and 90 per cent. of which is off made-up roads. There is perhaps no great logic in the English pilgrim starting from Le Puy, but we hardly need logic if pleasure is to count as well as penance.

Anyone who experiences difficulty obtaining Bernès book may like to know that Robertson McCarta have a shop at 122 Kings Cross Road, London, WC1X 9DS and can supply a wide range of books and maps on France and Spain by mail order. The Confraternity will also be stocking copies. Anyone wanting to travel cross country by "mountain" bike may like to be aware that Joe May did this from St. Jean in September 1989 and he has kindly supplied the library with a typescript commentary on his progress and problems. This method of transport seems particularly appropriate for the flat and rather monotonous tracks of the meseta.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Could a member of the Confraternity tell me why at Samos, St Anselm is depicted wearing a pair of glasses.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Sinnott (Esher, Surrey)

Ed: I don't know myself, but I'm sure there is a study to be done of bespectacled saints. For example, the rood screen at St Agnes, Cawston (Norfolk) shows St Matthew wearing glasses. Responses from members will be welcome.

Spanish Pilgrimage: a Canter to St James
by Robin Hanbury-Tenison

London, Hutchinson, 1990. 182pp (£14-99)

Reviewed by Marion Marples

Robin and Louella Hanbury-Tenison's pilgrimage began unusually at the Tower of London. Recalling that one of his ancestors, Anne Askew, had been held in the Tower and later executed at Smithfield as a Protestant martyr in 1546, and that medieval pilgrims had by custom paid 2 pence to the Constable of the Tower on departing and returning via the Thames, they sought to pay their modern dues. The visit also focused Robin's thoughts on a theme which recurs throughout the book - people once died for their faith, people are no longer so zealous or dogmatic about religion and that passions and energies are now more effectively channelled into environmental and conservation issues.

The party setting out on pilgrimage consisted of Robin and Louella on a matching pair of horses hired from Señor Pablo Hermoso de Mendoza of Estella, their four-year old son Merlin and his nanny, Joan, who drove the support vehicle and took many of the photos in the book, and friend Jane Rabagliati from the British Embassy in Madrid who rode with them a few days and whose fluent Spanish was very helpful.

The pilgrimage began propitiously with an evocative pilgrim mass at Roncesvalles, even if later Robin did suffer the indignity of getting covered in mud trying to catch his horse. Within a few days the group established a routine of Joan and Merlin driving ahead and finding food and a campsite while the riders were able to enjoy the walkers' Camino without being burdened by heavy luggage.

The extra responsibilities of horses and child added to the logistics of the expedition. Merlin was a natural ice-breaker and the quest for fodder and horse-shoes led to some memorable encounters. Having the car allowed for some off-route visits to be made to San Millán de Cogolla and Santo Domingo de Silos, which was unfortunately closed. Their return journey to Burgos however led them to discover Covarrubias and Lerma.

As they progressed towards Santiago they found that nearly everyone else was already there to see 'El Papa'. They watched the papal ceremonies in a Burgos bar, wondering at the power of the Pope and pilgrimage to attract so many young people who perhaps might be encouraged to use their energies for more environmentally positive ends. Like many other pilgrims they found they did not care for Burgos and were unimpressed with the Cathedral. The church of San Martín at Frómista seemed much more evocative of the pilgrims who had passed before.

The Confraternity is well represented in the story, with many members and friends mentioned. They met Chonina at Rabanal and approved of the sympathetic restoration of the hostel, which compares favourable with the local collection of inappropriate new concrete buildings in many of the villages. Laurie Dennett's walk for MS was recalled, and at Portomarin, studying the doorway covered with musical Elders of the Apocalypse Mary Remnant's later recital at Lostwithiel is described.

Robin writes of his shock at the state of Monte del Gozo - a litter-strewn wasteland (which contradicts official reports of the Pope's visit), but after 23 days in the saddle and three rest days they were anxious to savour the moment of arrival in front of the Cathedral. Maddeningly they and the horses were soon moved on by a whistle-toting Guardia Civil but they just managed to place their hands in the Tree of Jesse before returning the horses to the truck which had come from Estella to collect them. Further disillusionment came with the claiming of a free meal at the Hotel de los Reyes Católicos, where, being sent down through the bowels of the hotel to collect a lukewarm meal to be eaten in a gloomy back room was a far cry from the gracious living above.

They were able to visit Padrón and Finisterre as many medieval pilgrims did, and to spend some time musing on the wonder of the pilgrimage. Robin's Bishop in Cornwall had predicted that he would discover the purpose of the pilgrimage when he arrived; he certainly seems to have found renewed hope and affirmation of his many environmental concerns.

A final page is devoted to the Confraternity and its activities, including the Rabanal Hostel Appeal, to which Robin is kindly donating part of the royalties from the book.

Pietro della Valle, *The Pilgrim; the Travels of Pietro della Valle*.
Translated, abridged and introduced by George Bull. London,
Hutchinson, Folio Society, 1989. (xix, 303pp, £19-95)

Pietro della Valle was born in Rome on 11 April 1586 of a noble and well-known family. He was equipped in his youth with a classical education which fired him with enthusiasm for the humanities. Above all he was driven by an insatiable curiosity for the world about him and a passion for experience of all kinds. This eventually drove him abroad as far as Calicut in India for twelve years (1614-1626), a journey which he recorded in over a million words. Only part of these memoirs were published in his lifetime, mainly concerned with Turkey. After his death in 1652 the account of visits to Persia and India appeared. His experiences were not unknown to English writers and travellers like Gibbon and Southey who used the English translation of the travels in India by Havers (1664). This was first offered to a wider public by the Hakluyt Society in 1892. But not until the present edition has the English reader had access to a wider panorama of the travels in Egypt, the Holy Land, Turkey, Persia and India.

Della Valle's letters were originally addressed to a Roman correspondent who was to transform them into a manageable narrative, an exercise which never took place. The fifty-odd letters were long and elaborate, covering everything from low sexual mores to high-level politics; one is grateful that only one was lost. The present editor, well-versed in Italian literature was faced with a tricky task of reducing this bulk to about a tenth of the original, set down by the author in his own Roman dialect. The translator was thus faced with the problem of avoiding verbosity while preserving the wit and acuteness of vision, not to mention the minor issue of recording Eastern geographical nomenclature, names, titles, addresses in a form acceptable to the English reader. This he has accomplished on the whole with success, though there is an evident weakness with Spanish and Portuguese names, which the translator often leaves in a half-digested Italianate form.

The title Pilgrim will attract the attention of Confraternity members. What were the compulsions that took him to such strange and dangerous places, and what did he choose, as an educated man of letters to recall? The motives listed make an interesting mixture of the rejected lover who swore never to return to Italy until he had set foot in Jerusalem, and the indefatigable scrutiniser of all

sorts of behaviour. After Jerusalem and Damascus the pilgrim figure recedes into the background. His appetite for information was voracious; he collected languages 'come un cane arrabiato', manuscripts, books, paintings, embalmed mummies and ultimately two wives, converts to Christianity. At times the elementary craving of the lonely traveller breaks surface, as when he carves his name (and that of another) on the tip of a pyramid in Egypt.

Members of the Confraternity will also be entertained by the discussion in the court of Shah Abbas, king of Persia, over the identity of St James the Greater. It was the king's view that Ali, the Shiite prophet, was the same figure as Santiago and St George, on the basis that they were all militant saints armed with sword and lance; della Valle could not persuade him otherwise. Anthropologists are of course very familiar with this phenomenon of assimilation which also occurs in the Peruvian altiplano. There during the early colonial period, the god of thunder and lightning, Illapa, is merged with the traditional apparition of St James on a white horse as the saviour of the Spanish armies in their battle against the infidel.

Brian Tate

NOTES AND NEWS (shorter than usual)

Art Classes in SW8 - artist and CSJ member, Janet Hardman, holds drawing and painting classes twice a week in her own studio at home in SW8. The sessions are on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10, for which there are one or two vacancies, and Friday mornings, from 10 to 1. Janet charges only £5 per session and keeps the groups very small. If you are interested in joining a class please contact her at 48 Thorne Road, London SW8 2BY, tel.: (071)-622 4036.

List of New Members - the list is still not quite up to date despite our best endeavours. So don't despair if you joined recently and do not see your name on the list on pages 27-30. It is hoped to be up to date for 1990 in the December Bulletin.

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Sad News

We are very sorry to record the death on 11th August of Senor Bacariza, President of the El Bierzo Association, of cancer. Sr Bacariza was an eminent surgeon, much travelled, and a friend to pilgrims on the Camino over many years. He presided at our first meeting with the El Bierzo Association in May 1989 when we agreed to join together to rebuild the Rabanal Hostel, and always showed great interest in, and willingness to help with, the project. One of his last appearances in public was at El Cebrero on 26 July at the unveiling of a memorial bust of the late Elias Valina Sampedro. We are now waiting to hear who will be the new El Bierzo President.

Hostel Rebuilding Progress and Working Group

Thanks to information and photographs received from various CSJ members who visited Rabanal over the holiday period, we know that the exterior of the new building has now been completed, including the outside stonework, which is very attractive. The six-member 'working group' is hoping to stay in the Hostel for a week in mid-October, and on their return will be able to report on progress and future plans.

Appeal Fund

By early September we had reached £30,000 which enabled us to receive a further much appreciated injection of £2500 from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation. The Appeal stands at £33,000 at the time of writing.

This means that the Maragato Pilgrim is within sight of Astorga and only some 18 miles (or £1800) from Rabanal itself, on his way westwards to Santiago. (The 'working group' has promised to keep an eye out for him!) The raffle has been the main help in keeping our Pilgrim moving, but apart from the Bernard Sunley gift he has slowed down a bit in September. We must find ways to keep him stepping out over the miles towards his destination.

The Great Confraternity Raffle Results

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1st Prize - Mrs Hilary Boyle of Prescot, Liverpool. She chose the bicycle, donated by F.W. Evans of The Cut, London SE1, and drove down to London to collect it. As she stayed over lunch with us, we had a chance to talk with her. She already has an 'old' bike, but is delighted to have a lovely new one, and intends to take up cycling again. We did our best to persuade her to ride it down the Camino! She is not a member and bought her winning ticket from a colleague-member at work.

2nd Prize - Mr C. May of Southampton. He (and his wife) chose the scallop-shell quilt, which we posted to them. They are thrilled with their prize, and most appreciative of the design and work put into it by its maker, Louella Hanbury-Tenison. Their son, Mr Richard May, who is a member sold Mr May his ticket.

3rd Prize - Mr A. Murphy of Oxford won the return air ticket to northern Spain donated by Sharon Tours. He is not a member and it is not known from whom he bought his ticket.

4th Prize - Mr James Maple of Dulwich! Our vice-president and ex-chairman won the first case of wine.

5th Prize - Mrs S. McIntyre of Warminster, daughter of CSJ member, Joanne Land. She won the second case of wine.

6th Prize - Mrs P. Dayer of London W.2 won the 3rd case of wine. She is not a member and bought her ticket from our Parachuting Pilgrim, Phinella Henderson.

7th Prize - Mr E.M. Bennett of Stanmore, Middlesex won the 4th case of wine. He is a member and wrote a very nice letter of acknowledgment.

All four cases of wine were donated by C and D Wines of Beckenham, Kent.

8th Prize - Mrs Janet Hardman of London SW8, a CSJ member, won first choice of travel books.

9th Prize - Mr and Mrs Loader of Mortimer, nr Reading, won the second choice of books. They are not members.

10th Prize - Mr Harold Godson of Ipswich won the third choice of books. He is not a member and wrote a nice letter of thanks.

All the travel books were donated by Vice-President **Rob Neillands**. Happily, all the book prizewinners made different choices from the wide variety offered by Rob, so all received their first preferences.

Last, but not least, just over 5000 tickets were sold and we received a total of £2667 – a very welcome boost to the Appeal Fund.

European Tourism Year 1990

Has the EC bureaucracy in Brussels broken its record for dilatoriness and inefficiency over European Tourism Year? We pose the question in relation to the Confraternity's application, made in mid-December 1989, for a grant for the Rabanal hostel project. Exactly nine months later, in mid-September 1990, there finally came a substantive reply, received only after several pressing letters had been dispatched by the CSJ Chairman, to say that the project, being one of construction or refurbishment of buildings, was outside the scope of the EYT. What a pity they couldn't have told us this sooner, such as when the application was received in December; or better still, mentioned the fact in the original application form or accompanying papers.

Library and Study Centre at Rabanal

First to respond to the appeal for books for the library at Rabanal was **Professor Paolo Caucci Von Saucken**, Director of the Centro Italiano di Studi Compostellani at the University of Perugia. He presented a copy of each book published by the Centro since its inception in 1983 – a gift gratefully received at the Estella conference in late August by Pat Quaife and Laurie Dennett.

First Year's Appeal Results

Once the 'working group' has returned from Rabanal we are hoping to prepare a broadsheet for circulation to CSJ members and other donors on what has been achieved in the first year of the Appeal and the situation at Rabanal.

DONORS - JUNE TO OCTOBER 1990

Anglia TV, Godfrey and Patricia Ash

Miss J. Betts, Mr Barrett, Mrs Burnas, Felicity Blake, Patrick Bisley,
R. Brown, Miss Butler

J.P. Cahill, John Clark, Mrs Crosthwait, Mrs Crawshaw, Mr Coghlan,
Cumbrian Pilgrims, Francis Coales Charitable Trust

Lady Duckmanton

Mr J.M. Edwards, Patric Emerson, Mrs Elias, European Union of Women

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