

# BULLETIN



## THE CONFRATERNITY OF SAINT JAMES

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*President:*  
H.E. The Spanish Ambassador



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CONFRATERNITY EVENTS

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Wednesday 25 July - St James's Day

St James's Day 1990 will be celebrated in north London with an early evening garden picnic and Confraternity raffle draw. Venue: the leafy environs of: 57 Leopold Road, (chez Pat Quaife) East Finchley, London N.2 8BG.

Please come, with picnic food to share, any time from 5pm onwards for 6.30ish picnic and 7.45 pm raffle draw. All Confraternity members will be welcome, particularly 1990 members, but if you intend to come it would be helpful if you could indicate this on the form at the end of the Bulletin. Overnight accommodation for three possible (bring own sleeping-sheet) - book in advance for £5 b & b (all proceeds to Rabanal Appeal Fund).

**Directions:** take Northern line tube (High Barnet or Mill Hill East, not Edgware) and descend in the open air at East Finchley (zone 3). From main exit of station turn left up High Road and walk for 12 minutes past shops, flats etc. Leopold Road is off the High Road to the left, with a pillar box on the corner. No.57 is on the left, sheltering behind a medium-sized hedge. Street parking possible in both Leopold Road and the parallel Leslie Road.

Saturday 15 September - Jacobean Tour of the  
Victoria and Albert Museum  
with  
George McHardy, FSA

The main entrance of the V & A is in Cromwell Road, South Kensington; nearest station is South Kensington (District, Circle and Piccadilly lines).

Meet at 2.30pm sharp in the Medieval Room, just beyond the barriers. There is a voluntary entrance fee of £2-00 to the V & A, payable at visitors' discretion. The V & A has a number of items depicting

St James as well as a reproduction, in the Cast Room, of the Portico de la Gloria of Santiago Cathedral.

Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 October

### A Long Weekend in Cornwall

In alternate years the Confraternity organises an October weekend in the country to look at churches and other buildings having a connection with St James and the pilgrimage. This year we are proposing a few days in Cornwall, following an itinerary proposed by our resident Cornwall expert, Hilary Shaw. It includes Penzance, St Levan, St Michael's Mount, Marazion, Fowey, Polruan, Restormel, Bellasize, St Neot's and Plymouth. We will visit pilgrim ports, churches, chapels and holy wells as well as enjoying the Cornish landscape and seascape. The price will be approximately £75, to include four nights' dinner, bed and breakfast (twin or double room) and a contribution towards petrol (for non-drivers). This does not include transport to and from Cornwall, on which advice will be given, lunches or any entrance fees. We need to know as soon as possible how many members are interested in taking part. If you are, please complete the relevant form at the end of the Bulletin and return it with a s.a.e.

Wednesday 21 November

### The Musical Road to Santiago de Compostela

Mary Remnant is giving her well-known lecture-recital, with Confraternity participation, in aid of the Rabanal Hostel Appeal, at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall, Brompton Oratory, Cromwell Road, London SW7. No two performances are the same, so even if you have been before, come again on 21 November and meet old and new members, see new slides and hear new tunes.

Thursday 6 December -St James's Way: Reading to  
Southampton

an illustrated talk by Marion Marples. Venue to be announced.

Saturday 12 January 1991 - Confraternity AGM - 2.30pm

## C O N F R A T E R N I T Y   N E W S

### Confraternity President

The recently appointed Spanish Ambassador, His Excellency Señor Don Felipe de la Morena has graciously agreed to become honorary President of the Confraternity. We are delighted he has accepted our invitation and wish him and his wife an enjoyable tour of duty in London.

### Mailing List Coordinator

The Confraternity is very grateful to John Hatfield of Maidstone, Kent, for agreeing to undertake this vital task, in succession to Anthony Brunning.

### 1990 Subscriptions

If you have received a further renewal form with this Bulletin it means you have not yet paid your 1990 subscription (unless this was done in the last week or so). You are asked to complete and return the form at your early convenience in order to ensure that you continue to receive Confraternity communications. Should you decide not to renew your membership it would be helpful if you could let the Membership Secretary, Walter Ivens, know. His address is Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens, London W.8 7AJ.

### New Honorary Member

Our immediate past President, Señor Don Jose J. Puig de la Bellacasa, has accepted honorary membership of the Confraternity. We welcome him very warmly and look forward to maintaining the links established during his time at the London Embassy.

### Anthony Brunning's Walk to Rome for Ethiopia

At the time of writing, early July, Anthony Brunning is well on course for Besançon in eastern France, having passed through Arras, Reims and Laon, to name some of

his better-known stopping places. His walk actually started in Dulwich on June 10th, Trinity Sunday, after Mass at his parish church where the priest blessed him using an 11th century Pilgrim Blessing. A number of Confraternity members met him there, or at Brockwell Park, for a final farewell and thanks; and then he was on his way to the tune of the 10th century 'O Roma Nobilis, played by Mary Remnant on a medieval pipe. Laurie Dennett and John Hatfield each accompanied Anthony for part of the first few days before he reached Canterbury and his pilgrimage in the steps of Archbishop Sigeric (see Spring 1990 Newsletter, p.7). Through sponsorship Anthony is also raising funds for CAFOD's Ethiopian Famine Appeal. If you would like to make a contribution or to have a sponsorship form please write to:

To Rome for Ethiopia,  
De la Salle House,  
26 Half-Moon Lane,  
London SE24 9HU.

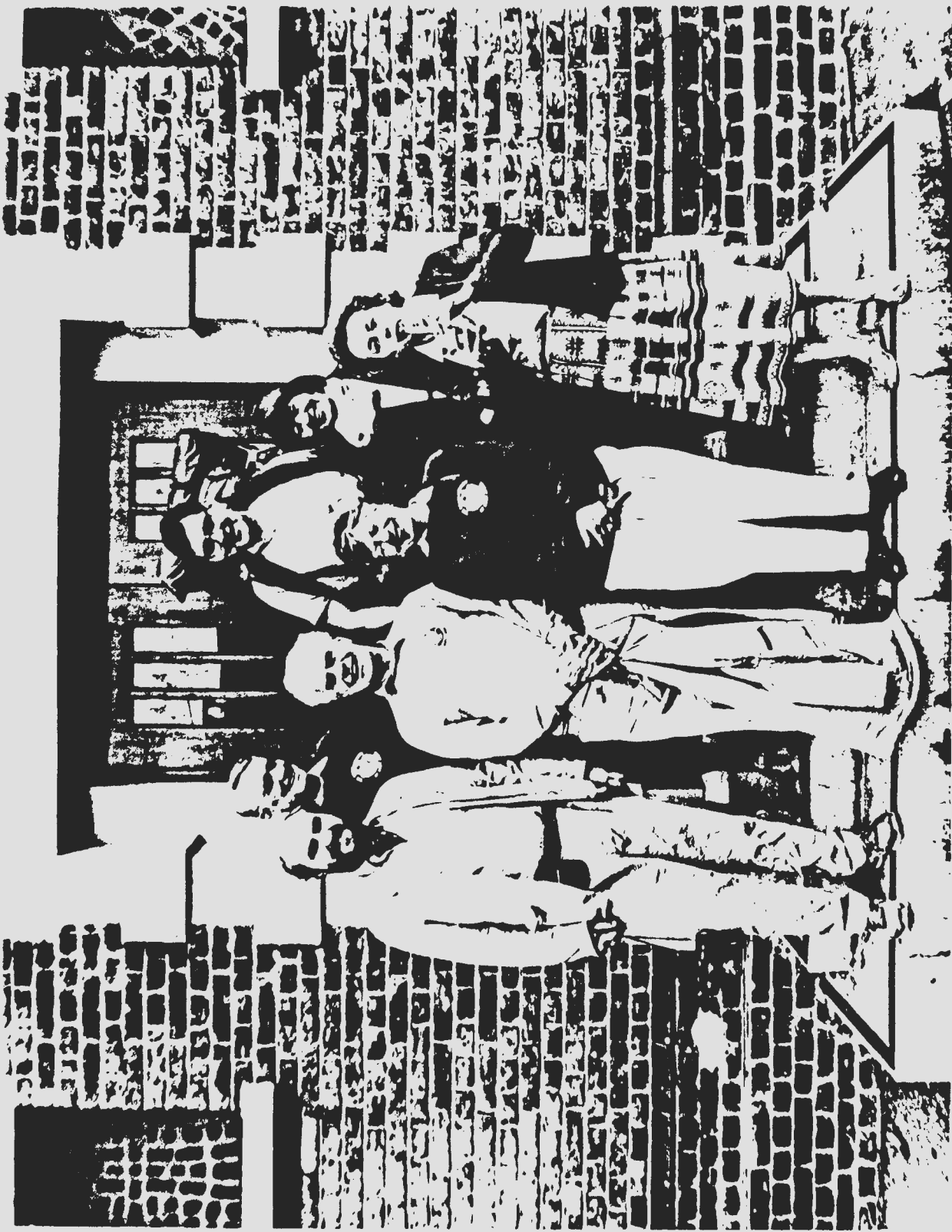
Please add £1 if you would like to receive regular and very interesting progress reports written by Anthony en route.

#### **News of Amanda Bath**

Shortly before leaving for a year's sabbatical in America, Amanda (former CSJ Publications Officer) heard that she had found a publisher for her translations of short stories by the Catalan author Pere Calders. Her preparations for departure were therefore made alongside polishing the translations, writing an introduction, bibliography and notes for the book. She hopes to correct the proofs when she returns to London for a break in September. Meanwhile she is travelling in America in connection with her work for Amnesty International in London.

#### **Maryjane Dunn-Wood**

The founder of the American Friends of the Road to Santiago paid a flying visit to London in late June;



Anthony Brunning on 10 June with (from left) William Griffiths,  
Walter Ivens, James Maple, Mary Ivens, Laurie Dennett, Mary Remnant

Photo: Brother Benet

Committee members were very pleased to meet her and hear how the Friends are developing. She and a colleague are working on a very comprehensive Compostellan bibliography for which they already have a New York publisher. In the meantime she is continuing to produce a quarterly Newsletter, copies of which are being placed in the Confraternity library.

### A Pennyfarthing in Bath - by Mary Ivens

At 9.30am on Saturday 26th May the paved area in front of Bath Abbey, the Roman Baths and the famous Pump Rooms was filling up fast with local shoppers, visitors, tourists and an assortment of colourful entertainers. On this first day of the Bath Festival Paul Graham, riding his pennyfarthing bicycle, was weaving his way through the crowds, a Hostel Appeal collecting box hanging from his handlebars. As a reporter took his photograph, a CSJ member, Harold Dunkerley, dropped some coins into the box. Excellent publicity, a small boost to the Appeal fund and over a hundred leaflets distributed to passers-by.

The collecting permit was granted thanks to Phillip Walker, Marketing Manager of the Bath Festival, who met Paul while they were both on the Camino last year. This year the theme of the Festival was Spain, and leaflets were placed on seats at the most relevant festival events.

Our thanks to Paul, who was supported by Susan Morgan, Maurice Morgan, Felicity Blake and London members Phinella Henderson, James Maple and Walter and Mary Ivens.

### The Great Confraternity Raffle

A Reminder - we are still some way from our target amount of £5000, so do please keep on selling the tickets; whether you sell 2 books or 20 it all helps and will make the draw on St James's Day more exciting. Mary Ivens is happy to receive money and ticket stubs up to Monday 23 July at Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens, London W.8 7AJ.



We record, with sadness, the deaths of two Confraternity members earlier this year: Shelagh Morrissey of London SW10 a frequent attender at London events, and Leonard Fernett of Darlington, who was on the point of cycling to Santiago.

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**O T H E R    E V E N T S**

Sunday 5 August - 6.40pm: on the ITV network will be Anglia TV's programme about the pilgrimage which features English and Irish pilgrims of 1990. The Confraternity was glad to help the film's researcher, Claire Barry, as much as possible and in return Anglia TV has made a very generous donation to the Rabanal Appeal.

Thursday 30 August to Sunday 2 September - II Congreso Internacional de Asociaciones Jacobeas, organised by Los Amigos del Camino de Santiago de Estella. The first highly successful international Spanish conference was held in Jaca in 1987, and this second one looks just as good, with lectures, round tables, working groups, pilgrim music, an excursion and a folklore festival. The conference fee is 2000 pesetas. The town of Estella-Lizarrá is celebrating its millenium this year



ESPAÑA  
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so the conference will also provide an opportunity to see its wonderfully varied churches and the Palace of the Kings of Navarre (illustrated, left). Please send a s.a.e. to Pat Quaife for further details.

## Palmela, Portugal - to 9 September

Those who have enjoyed Professor Derek Lomax's lectures to the Confraternity this year may be interested in an exhibition on the Order of Santiago being held in the church of St James in Palmela Castle. It is entitled O Castelo e a Ordem de Santiago na Historia de Palmela and includes as its main themes the history of the Order, Knights and Masters of the Order, Patrimony and Art, and Culture and Daily Life. Tues-Sat., 10-1 and 3-6.

## Oloron Sainte Marie - September 1990

Members following the Arles route in September should look out for a sculpture symposium taking place in the attractive Béarn town of Oloron Sainte Marie near Pau. Seven or eight well-known sculptors, including Michael Warren from Ireland, will work together for a month on sculptures representative of the pilgrim route in the 20th century. The symposium is the brainchild of a local cultural association called 'Camino'.

5 - 7 October 1990 - International Meeting in Speyer, Germany, organised by the Sankt-Jakobusbrüderschaft, Dusseldorf e.V. to celebrate the town's second millenium. For further details see Bulletin 34, p.4 and/or send a s.a.e to Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 OUQ.

## 18 July to 2 August 1991 - International Pilgrimage to Santiago - second year

The Amigos del Camino de Santiago en Navarra have sent details of the 2nd stage of their 4 year pilgrimage which reaches Santiago in 1993, the next Holy Year. The 1991 route is from Cáceres to Astorga (Via de la Plata), via Salamanca, where there is a rest day, and Zamora. Coach travel will be arranged to and from Pamplona and there will be a back-up vehicle for luggage; meals and accommodation (very simple) will be provided. The registration fee of 5000 pesetas was due on 1 July, so for details and an application form please send a s.a.e rapidly to Pat Quaife, 57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG, marking the envelope Cáceres-Astorga.





## Confraternity of Saint James

PILGRIMS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES  
TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA  
IN THE MIDDLE AGES

A CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE  
CONFRATERNITY OF SAINT JAMES  
AND DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
D. ELIAS VALIÑA SAMPEDRO  
(2 February 1929 - 11 December 1989)

LONDON and HENGRAVE HALL, SUFFOLK

15 to 18 March, 1990

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The Confraternity of Saint James was founded in 1983 to promote the  
pilgrim routes to Santiago de Compostela

PRESIDENT: HIS EXCELLENCY THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR

(Conference Report overleaf)

## CONFERENCE REPORT

The Confraternity's first international - and multi-lingual conference took place in bright spring weather in London and Hengrave Hall, Suffolk from March 15th to 18th 1990. Delegates came from far afield in Europe - from Carrion de los Condes, Zürich, Dublin, Madrid, Bordeaux, Bremen, Paris and Brussels, to name a few, as well as closer to home. In all no fewer than eight countries were represented: Britain, Ireland, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Spain and Switzerland. To make communications easier people's conference badges indicated the languages they spoke, while, thanks to a dedicated team of translators, papers or summaries were made available in French and Spanish.

### In Memoriam

The Conference was dedicated to the memory of D. Elías Valiña Sam- edro of El Cebreiro, priest, pilgrim and historian, who died in Dec- ember 1989. His good friend D. Luciano Armas Vazquez had travelled from Lugo to attend the conference and on the Friday evening gave a moving appreciation in Spanish of the life and achievements of D. Elías. This was followed on Sunday morning by a special Latin Mass in thanks- giving for his life, held in Hengrave Hall's own Church of Reconciliation and celebrated by D. Luciano with the assistance of D. Jose Ignacio Diaz and several conference participants. The Confraternity is most grate- ful to D. Luciano and to Laurie Dennett for all their dedicated work.

### St James in London

The conference started with an evening and a day in London, partici- pants first coming together in Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 15th March for a memorial Mass for the late mother of Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier. This Mass was celebrated by Father Terence Phipps, a French-speaking Confraternity member, who then joined in the later events of the evening, an illustrated talk on St James in London given by Marion Marples and Pat Quaife, and supper at Tiles Wine Bar in Buckingham Palace Road.

The following morning a 30-strong party divided into four language groups, English, French, German and Spanish, and went in search of St James in London, visiting St James Spanish Place, St James Garlick- hythe, All Hallows by the Tower and All Hallows Staining (with the 12th century crypt of St James in the Wall). At Spanish Place we were conducted into the sacristy to see, amongst other treasures, a

a 19th century silver statue of St James, hitherto unknown to us. Making sure we didn't lose anyone in London's busy streets and Underground system was a worry for the group leaders but everyone eventually appeared at St James Garlickhythe. Here after admiring the refurbished exterior clock and statue of St James, we were met by a reporter from the City Recorder, and a number of photographs taken. A late arrival, only by 20 minutes, at the tower of All Hallows Staining, which is cared for by the Clothworkers' Company, did not endear us to the Company's Beadle, who was only just persuaded by Marion Marples that he should open the crypt for us before a counselling service started its Friday midday session in the tower. This tiny, 12th c. crypt which was moved across London in the 19th century, is unknown to most Londoners and is a precious relic of the medieval hermitage of St James in the Wall (ie the Wall of London). Coffee and biscuits were gratefully received at the church of All Hallows by the Tower, where a wooden statue of St James dating from 1500 was the main Jacobean attraction.

Various pubs and restaurants at St Katherine's Dock, with its interesting waterfront activity, made a suitable lunch venue and there was time to wander and relax in the sun before the Hengrave coach made a late appearance. Fortunately Leigh Hatts had ensured that all the correct luggage was on board, along with 9-year old James Hatts who was coming to Hengrave Hall for the conference.

### Hengrave Hall, Suffolk

Thanks to Sister Mary Aquinas of the Hengrave Hall community and to various members who helped set up the displays and the book stall, the late arrival of the coach meant only that some of us were unable to appreciate the magnificence of the 16th century Hall until the following morning. Its internal design was sometimes perplexing, but every delegate had been provided with a plan of the interior, so its many nooks and crannies, corridors and staircases presented only minor problems. Supper



Hengrave Hall after the etching by Juliet de Guy

was served at impressive speed to the 85 delegates seated in both the main Dining Hall and the Pantry (some 15 others were staying locally and eating at a nearby pub) so that the formal events of the evening opened on time in the Long Gallery.

After an introduction to Hengrave Hall and its history by Sister Mary Aquinas and the appreciation of the life of D. Elias Valiña (see p.10 ) the Confraternity chairman, Pat Quaife, introduced Professor Derek Lomax of the University of Birmingham who had been invited to give the opening address, 'English Pilgrims to Santiago de Compostela'. As at the Annual General Meeting in January Professor Lomax was stimulating and informative and Spanish delegates in particular were glad to have the full text in Spanish which he had kindly provided.

(Note: it is planned to publish the full English text of papers as Conference Proceedings later in the year.)

### Saturday 17 March

Early risers at Hengrave had a choice between walking in the grounds or visiting the bookstall and exhibitons in the Corner Room of the Hall. As well as the Confraternity's Rabanal exhibition, a splendid selection of photographs of churches, chapels and landscapes on the pilgrimage routes in Aquitaine had been brought by Odile Lutard, plus useful tourist literature on the Gironde area.

The morning's speakers were Professor Brian Tate on 'Pilgrimage from England by Sea' and Hilary Shaw, founder and secretary of the Bredéreth Sen Jago, on 'Cornwall and St James - by Sea and Land from Cornwall to Galicia'. Both talks were well illustrated with slides and maps, a feature particularly appreciated by the foreign delegates. Among the audience was a special guest, Mrs Constance Storrs, whose 1964 University of London thesis on English pilgrims has inspired so many Confraternity members.

After lunch we squeezed into two large coaches and set off into the lovely Suffolk countryside for the first of the Conference's two excursions. Four medieval churches were vividly brought to life by George McHardy, who led us knowledgeably around Rushbrooke, Rougham, Hessett and Woolpit. In addition to pointing out the main features of each, George concentrated on the way churches develop and change over the centuries. None of those we visited was dedicated to St James but pilgrimage to Santiago was mentioned in several of the wills of

medieval parishioners of St Mary's Woolpit. A longer itinerary involving the better-known churches of Long Melford and Lavenham had originally been proposed, but the circuit closer to Hengrave gave us more time in each and we were able to enjoy the rural Suffolk air and sunshine as well as the architecture. Many thanks to George McHardy for all his work, and to local member, Alf Peacock, who entertained one of the two coach parties with his running commentary.

Supper at Hengrave on Saturday evening was particularly memorable. Odile Lutard had brought with her 3 magnums of Janoueix claret as a gift to the conference from Monsieur Jean Janoueix, one of the vice-presidents of the Aquitaine Association, who owns several vineyards in the region. Miraculously there was enough wine for some 85 glasses and all participants, including those taking a turn at dining 'out', were able to toast the occasion. We are very grateful to Monsieur Janoueix for his generosity and to Odile for carrying the heavy bottles all the way from Bordeaux.

A long evening's entertainment, chaired by James Maple, took place in Hengrave's panelled Banqueting Hall. Walter Ivens first spoke briefly in Spanish and English on the Rabanal Hostel appeal, bringing delegates up to date progress on fund-raising and building plans.

Mary Remnant then took the floor to present one of her celebrated lecture-recitals, this time entitled Music of the Pilgrimage. She had been hard at work for weeks prior to the event dispatching the appropriate music to delegates from different countries, rehearsing the English singers in SW10 and the other groups at Hengrave in any rare free moment. The result was one of the most entertaining



St. Ethelbert's  
**HESSETT**  
 SUFFOLK.

evenings any of us had experienced. The Banqueting Hall rocked to resounding gusts of laughter and applause as various well-known characters played their part - or occasionally failed to do so. James Hatts played a young pilgrim with his usual aplomb, while William Griffiths excelled in a recitation of the Middle English poem, 'The Pilgrim's Sea Voyage and Sea Sickness'. Armand Jacquemin, President of the Brussels-based Association des Amis de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle, wore young James' pilgrim hat and held the distinguished francophone group together. Despite numerous attempts, Angel Luis Barreda, the Spanish coordinator, was not able to achieve the same effect for the Spanish singers. On a serious note the English and German groups acquitted themselves creditably, while Mary herself did wonders in coordinating all her instruments, songs and the multi-lingual team of performers.

This was not, however, the end of the evening's entertainment. After a short break (mainly to visit the bar), the jovial Spanish musicologist, Eusebio Goicoechea Arrondo from Madrid, presented part of the video El Camino de Santiago por España produced by Los Amigos del Camino de Santiago de Estella. Thanks to Amanda Bath, who skilfully interpreted into English from time to time, non-Spanish speakers were not at too great a disadvantage. The session finally closed around midnight amid fears that we may have been disturbing the long-suffering community at Hengrave.

### Sunday 18 March

The first and most solemn event of the day - the memorial Latin mass (see p. 10) - took place at 8am in the round-towered Church of Reconciliation in the grounds of Hengrave Hall. There was a maximum attendance for this moving occasion, possibly helped by the close proximity of the church to the Hall.

The international flavour of the conference was particularly marked at the first post-breakfast session. This was a Round Table, chaired by Pat Quafe, at which representatives of the different countries spoke of their association's activities and plans for the year to come. The first speaker was the doyen of the European associations, Monsieur René de la Coste Messelière, president of the Centre Européen d'Etudes Compostellanes and of the Confraternity's parent organisation, the Société des Amis de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle. The Société was due to celebrate its 40th anniversary in Paris in late April and Monsieur de la Coste Messelière extended an invitation to those present to take part in the celebrations. He was followed by Dr Armand Jacquemin





*Church of Reconciliation  
Hengrave Hall Centre*

from Belgium, Angel-Luis Barreda Ferrer (Coordinator for the Spanish associations), Heinrich Bahnen (Secretary of the Aachen-based Deutsche St Jakobus-Gesellschaft), Koen Dircksens (President of the Dutch Association), Dr Peter Klamensberger from Zürich who spoke about Switzerland, and finally Professor Derek Lomax for Britain. Their contributions will also be published in the conference proceedings.

Next on the Sunday agenda was a group photograph outside the Hall, master-minded by Jose Ignacio Diaz, editor of the magazine PEREGRINO. \*

After coffee Dr Brian Kemp of the University of Reading spoke about the connections between Reading Abbey and the cult of St James, including the history of the Abbey's most important relic, the Hand of St James. His well-argued account inspired at least one participant to visit the church of St Peter in Marlow (Buckinghamshire) the following day to see for himself the mummified hand kept in the sacristy, which may or may not (Dr Kemp's view) be the actual Hand of St James. Marion Marples ended the morning by showing us, with slides, a possible pilgrim route from Reading Abbey to Southampton, from where many pilgrims took ship for Santiago. This brought the formal proceedings of the Conference to an end but there was still a surprise in store. Bernard Schweers, one of our own members who lives in Bremen, Germany, presented the Confraternity with a fascinating German document entitled Die Sancti Jacobi Brüderschaft - an account of a 15th century Confraternity in Bremen. The document is now in the library and we thank Herr Schweers very warmly for his gift.

Before and after lunch a number of visitors with planes to catch had to make their farewells, but a goodly number of delegates remained to visit the town of Bury St Edmunds in the afternoon, wandering through the impressive Abbey ruins, seeing the hammer-beamed church of St Mary and finally the Cathedral, dedicated to St James. This last visit had been timed to coincide with the Cathedral's regular choral evensong and more than one delegate remarked upon the beauty of the singing.

\* If you would like a copy of a very good photo (colour, 8 by 5½") of the conference please send suitable sae to Pat Quaife before 18 Aug. Cost not yet known but will not be expensive, eg £2 ?

A final afternoon tea back at the Hall - and much packing-up - preceded our boarding the coach back to London and marked the end of a very successful first conference for the Confraternity.

So many people helped in so many ways that a complete list would fill the rest of this page. However special mention must be made of all our distinguished speakers and of Marion Marples, the principal organiser of the conference, who managed, somehow, to keep her sanity and equilibrium at all times. We also owe a special thanks to Sister Mary Aquinas and the Hengrave community for looking after us so well and tolerating the occasional excesses of noise and high spirits.

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### The North Coast Route in Spain

A number of members have enquired in the past about the north coast route across Spain to and from San Sebastian or Santander. In April this year **James and Janet Barber** followed this northern route by car to Santiago, having taken ship from Plymouth to Santander. The Cantabrian coast, in their view, would make an excellent alternative route home for cyclists. The following summary, written by **Mary Ivens**, is based on a letter to the Confraternity from the Barbers.

Santander is a large, industrial port, best left quickly behind, taking the A67 and then following the C6316 to Santillana del Mar, where there is an interesting shrine to St Juliana. The road is being rebuilt and will soon be of good standard to where it joins the N634 beyond Camillas, the site of a Papal University and where there is a fantastic Gaudi pavilion. The area is heavily wooded with eucalyptus trees so typical of this coastline and there is plenty of accommodation and good campsites as far as Nueva.

Keeping to the coast, you take the N632 which is much narrower and more curved with steep gradients in places. You can stop overnight near Villaviciosa at a hamlet, El Puntal, by the mouth of the river, and then continue towards Gijón and beyond to Aviles, both large industrial towns. Twenty-eight km south is the more interesting city of Oviedo, much visited by pilgrims. Roads in this area are steep and curved, but with a good surface. Back on the N632, beyond Salinas the road is new and good as far as Artedo, where it becomes narrow with steep gradients until Canero; then it joins the N634. This road is good with an excellent surface to Ribadeo where it skirts the coastline before turning inland, passing through Mondoñedo and Villalba to join the NVI.

You can then either continue west to La Coruña and finally south to Santiago, or go south-east to Lugo and follow the N640 to join the Camino de Santiago just beyond Gutin.

The route is perfectly practical for a properly equipped cyclist and the road surfaces are generally good. Away from the towns the traffic is light and Ambre Solaire tourism has not (yet) touched this beautiful coastline.

Bibliographical note: a useful book which has more details on northern coast towns is Spain's Hidden Country: a Traveller's Guide to Northern Spain by Frank Barrett and Chris Gill, Telegraph Publications, 1986. It includes a long list of fiestas in northern Spain - to be attended or avoided according to taste - but fails to mention the 25 July celebrations in Santiago - a surprising omission.

## Pamplona

July was once simply  
the feria of San Fermin,  
himself martyred on the horns of a bull.  
These days it's the bust of Hemingway whose scowl  
gores the aficionados at the bull-ring.

And down by the river,  
as the sun rises, it kindles  
a restless chafing of hooves in the dark  
feter of the corral; then you hear the brisk  
sound of oboe and drum as the bands come

threading into the square.  
The streets seethe: a jostle of white  
scarfed in scarlet. Barriers are in place;  
and anticipation pulls on the long gap  
like a toothache. At the first stroke of eight

the rocket. And the bulls  
are out there already running  
up Santo Domingo, then swinging left,  
horns down, hooking, bunching into the narrows  
of the Estafeta. Ahead of them

the headstrong, the macho  
and the maverick, charge hell-bent  
for the encierro; where in the blanched  
heat of the arena, a matador will  
lift his bull through bravura de pechos,

then spin it and turn it  
in tightening chicuelinas,  
the low, slow sweep of the veronica;  
the faena and kill: thick embroideries  
of blood trailing behind it in the sand.

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While on the other side  
of the city, a plaque: 'Aqui  
cayo herido, San Ignacio  
Loyola' marks the spot where he fell, wounded:  
soldier then - neither Jesuit nor saint,

but sanctified, it seems,  
by a ball that splintered his leg  
when the armies of France besieged Navarre.  
The leg set by surgeons, broken and re-set,  
his mind fought at the barriers of pain,

where, moved by stillness, he heard  
in that immaculate silence,  
the rallying call to a new standard.  
Ad majorem dei gloriam, he wrote.  
A beggar had his cape; the church his sword.

Neil Curry

Neil Curry is a poet and teacher who lives in Cumbria. His first major collection of poems, Ships in Bottles (Enitharmon Press) was a Poetry Book Society Recommendation for Winter 1988. In spring 1990 he walked to Santiago and his sequence of poems about the pilgrimage will be published next year, also by the Enitharmon Press.

## PRACTICAL PILGRIM WEEKEND AT POOLE

by Rosemary Clarke

This year's Practical Pilgrim Weekend took place in Poole on 12th and 13th May and was attended by some 26 members. Poole was chosen because many pilgrims sailed from Poole Quay for La Coruña and Santiago in the Middle Ages, especially in the late 14th and early 15th centuries.

James Maple's tent and John Hatfield's bicycle and kit adorned the church yard of St James's church and members exchanged advice and experiences with past and future pilgrims. In the church hall the Rabanal exhibition was on display, with mugs and sweatshirts on sale. The event was honoured by a visit from the Mayor of Poole, Mrs Mary Ballam, who was presented with a Rabanal mug to commemorate her visit. Although the present church dates back only to 1820, it has much of interest, including the town coat of arms with its three scallop shells, a memorial window showing Poole Harbour and more shells, and unusual pine pillars in the nave, a result of the town's trade links with Newfoundland.



Poole's Coat of Arms

After a picnic or pub lunch, some members visited the local museums, and in mid-afternoon we all met up at the Quay for our own harbour cruise, in the wake of the medieval pilgrims. Unfortunately it was grey and cold but we enjoyed viewing the islands in the harbour, which is the world's largest natural harbour. (This is disputed by both Auckland and Sydney, Ed.) The largest of these islands is Brownsea Island, now owned by the National Trust and once the site of Baden-Powell's first Scout camp. Another island is owned by a local millionaire but we were unable to see his secluded mansion!

## Medieval Poole

Our return to 'terra firma' was followed by a visit to the Poole Pottery shop and a substantial cream tea. Later we explored the attractive streets of old Poole and then gathered at Scaplen's court, a 15th century building which may have once housed pilgrims but which is now a beautifully restored museum of domestic life. Here Derek Beamish, Assistant Borough Archivist, gave us a detailed and most interesting talk about medieval Poole. Documentary references to the town are sparse, with none in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle or the Domesday Book. The Romans had a trading base at nearby Hamworthy, but Poole itself began to develop on the existing peninsula only after the channel to Wareham began to silt up in the 11th century. The commercial exploitation of the town was triggered by the arrival of the Normans at Canford, and by the 13th century there was a thriving port. The town gained its first charter from William Longspee in 1248. Mr Beamish picked out Harry Pay, one of Poole's best known characters for comment: he was a local seaman who was licensed to take pilgrims to Spain in 1401 in his boat 'Mary'. But he was also a pirate who plundered ships and raided the coasts of France and Spain. There was a lively discussion about the recent discovery of deposits of 8th or 9th century oyster shells near the quayside and Hamworthy - did they represent an early sea-food restaurant or an off-shore settlement?

## Sunday in Dorset

On Sunday morning, in warm and sunny weather, we gathered in CSJ member Edward and Mary Caffery's beautiful garden at Worth Matravers for coffee prior to our Isle of Purbeck walk. After a quick pre-service peep at the Norman church of St Nicholas of Myra, we set off for the coast, and reached it at St Aldhelm's Chapel, a square Norman edifice which may have been built



St Aldhelm's Chapel

as a light-house. Aldhelm was the first Bishop of Sherborne (AD 705). We followed the Dorset coast path westwards, enjoying the wonderful views of sea and hills, then encountered a very steep drop down and climb up which caused some complaints about lack of fitness! After passing Chapman's Pool, a semi-circular bay which was overlooked by a recent memorial seat to the Marine bandsmen killed in the Deal bomb blast, we turned inland for Kingston and a welcome pub lunch.

After lunch, a local architectural historian, Patrick Faulkner, introduced us to the church of St James at Kingston, a Victorian church like a miniature Early English cathedral. Built by George Edward Street in 1873-80, it is full of beautiful Purbeck marble and Street's very fine wrought iron-work. We were pleased to discover that he had not forgotten to pay tribute to St James, who is depicted in one of the Clayton and Bell stained glass windows, complete with hat and shell.



St James, Kingston

The last part of the walk took us through a bluebell wood and across fields towards Corfe, with the ruins of Corfe Castle ahead of us, framed on both sides by hills. The weekend closed with tea at the National Trust teashop in the shadow of the ruins.

Our thanks go to Edward and Mary Caffery for their kind hospitality, to Derek Beamish and Patrick Faulkner for sharing their knowledge with us, to Leigh Hatts for leading the lovely walk, and to Marion Marples for organising such a varied and interesting weekend.

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## THE CAMINO - AN ALTERNATIVE WAY

R.M. Forrester

The enterprise of the French waymarkers now makes a partial exploration of the pilgrim road from Le Puy to St Jean Pied-de-Port a reality for older walkers. It largely follows the GR65 to form part of the vast network of French long-distance paths - the Grandes Randonnées (hence GR). These tracks criss-cross France in a spider's web network and all are marked with the little red and white paint splodges.

Various commercial organisations run walking holidays over the Le Puy to Conques section of the route. The length of each day's walk seemed too great for the members of this party, so we planned our own. This account briefly tells some of the lessons we learned.

### The Party

The basic equipment was a party of four or six people with an appropriate car. Four or six make good numbers: enough to vary the mix each day with somebody driving and somebodies walking. If possible, all the party should be drivers and you need to make sure that your car is big enough to take the people and the luggage without having to put the latter on the roof. In theory, each day, a section of the party walks and the other section drives. The car takes the luggage; the drivers fix the overnight accommodation, and then meet and resuscitate the walkers at an agreed point and lead them back to supper and bed.

As a basis this served us well; but we found most days that we were able to link up earlier with the car party, who would arrive with bread and the other requisites for lunch and, at the half-day break, the parties could either change partly or wholly according to the state of feet, weather or anything else that made people change

their minds. We did the trip in two bites - May 1986 from Le Puy nearly to Cahors, and in June 1987 from Cahors to St Jean.

### Transport

In May 1986 the first journey was Manchester to Geneva by air (Apex flight, pre-booked), with car hire at Geneva airport (a Vauxhall Astra estate). We drove to Le Puy and at the end of the journey returned the car to Geneva. In June 1987 we flew instead from Heathrow to Bordeaux with six people and picked up a Peugeot 505 'family estate', enough to take six people and luggage inside. We used this for the whole trip, returning it to Bordeaux. French car hire is very expensive but made the whole thing possible; and the price of the hire divided among six was not as bad as it sounded at first. An alternative would have been for the party to take their own car and maybe from the south of England this would be both better and cheaper. We set out from Cumbria.

### Maps and Guides

Our main contact was the firm of McCarta Ltd (now Robertson McCarta at 122 Kings Cross Road, London W.C.1) for the list of 'Topoguides' and a chart of possible maps that we might need. This needs careful thought as they are expensive and you don't want to purchase ones that you are not going to use. The maps in the Topoguides themselves are excellent and are based on the 1:50,000 Série Orange maps of the Institut Géographique National (IGN), but it is useful if you can manage to have copies of the original maps from which these are copied. However to save paper you may be able to make do with the IGN 1:100,000 Série Verte maps which reduce your requirements considerably. The ordinary Michelin road maps for the area are very useful for background planning.

Beware old editions of the Topoguides. Quite early in the guide it says: 'if the marked path diverts from the map in the book, follow the marks'. Clearly this

makes sense. New waymarks may be needed year by year to take account of changing land ownership and farming practice. Old guides cannot be updated, but new waymarks can be painted on trees and rocks. On the Cahors-St Jean journey we were working at first on an old guide but luckily one of our number quietly produced his 1987 edition which showed that considerable lengths of the track had been altered over a period of ten years and that the new track in some places was literally miles away from the 1979 version.

### Accommodation

For the hardy there are the Gîtes d'Etape which are like a simple youth hostel, with water, a sleeping place and somewhere to cook. At the price (30 to 40 francs per night) this is all you can expect. You see the notice on the door and collect the key from the appropriate house in the village. This was not for us.

The amount of accommodation available on the route is very variable. In the middle of the Massif Central and again in the area beyond Cahors it became very thin. What we did, well before travelling, was to consult our maps and to look at the following books:

- 1) Up-to-date red Michelin guide to France;
- 2) Logis de France (free from the French National Tourist Office, 178 Piccadilly, London W.1.);
- 3) French Country Welcome - a bed and breakfast guide (chambres d'hôte) in English, obtainable from good bookshops;
- 4) Hotel lists from the appropriate tourist centres in France (or from the French Tourist Office).

Armed with these and the 1:100,000 map, we marked out the route and then checked all possible types of accommodation within half an hour's drive from the route, stage by stage. Without a car you would be very limited on where you were able to stay, but with a car it is always possible to find somewhere, provided you are not going at the height of the French holiday season. In the event we did not find the local hotel lists very helpful; they did tend to list the very much smaller hotels which on the whole looked less appealing but could well

have been acceptable and certainly cheaper. French Country Welcome is of limited value in south-west France; there are not many places listed, and very few of them would have been able to take six at a time. But the book is still very well worth looking at and the number of listings is growing rapidly year by year.

All the 'Logis' were available as in the book and good. All Michelin hotels (we went for the lowest in the Michelin bracket) were good. The average price for a room for two, with bath or shower was 200 francs (1986/7 price). Breakfast was about 20 francs extra. The supper menus were very reasonable with plenty of choice and not expensive unless you went gastronomic. Lunch was always self-bought and good.

Note: one chambre d'hôte we can greatly recommend: if you are on the GR651 variant running on the north side of the River Célé on the way to Cahors (a beautiful variant and well worthwhile taking) then try Madame Menassol in the village of Marcilhac-sur-Célé. Her 1987 price was 100 francs (all-in) for two people. Her telephone number is 65.40.62.68 (only French spoken).

### Staying On

If we had found a good spot we often stayed two or three nights and tackled different sections of the route each day, returning to base each night. A six-hour journey on the part of the walkers would only take a car driver forty minutes from base at the most. We also decided in 1987 to phone ahead for accommodation rather than leave it to chance, especially with six people. The French telephone system is now impeccable, but you do have to speak enough French to book rooms over the phone. We met virtually no English speakers in any of the hotels, cafés or shops. Remember that at least one of the walking party and one of the drivers should have enough French to cope with problems like the parties not finding the meeting place within the agreed time. It is wise to leave longer than the Topoguide specifies for the walk. They assume that you won't lose your way at

all nor run into difficulties, but that is not always the case.

Make sure also that each section of the party has a 'fallback' phone number with French speakers to use as a communication point if the party goes seriously adrift. We handed out the telephone number of either the last hotel we stayed at or the one we were due to arrive at as the communication point.

### The Walk Itself

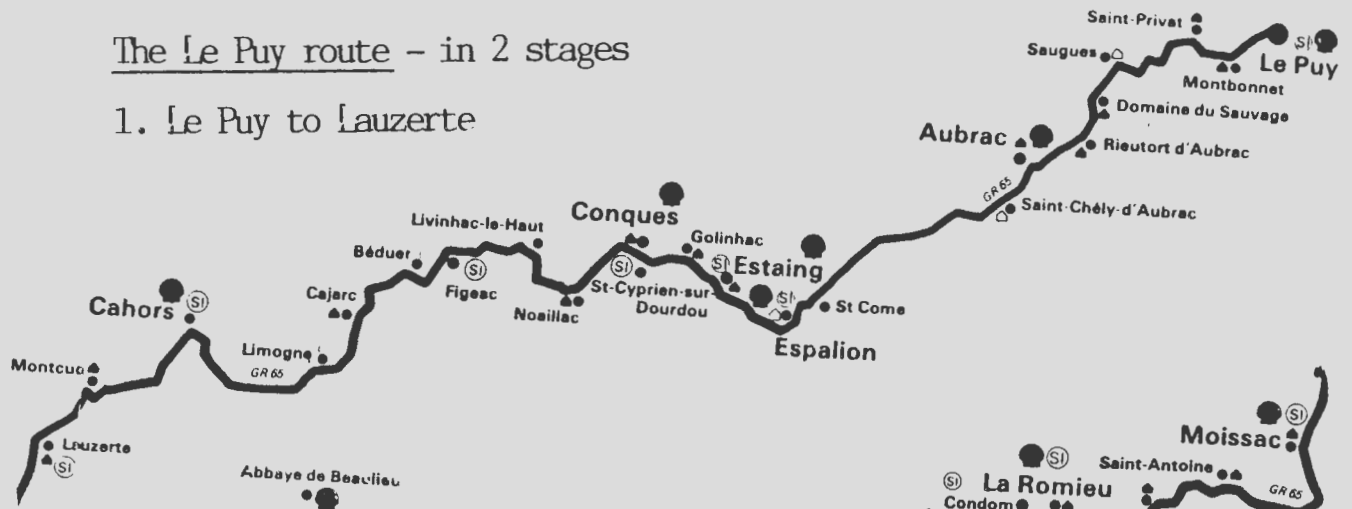
This is an entirely rural walk. First from Le Puy you cross the Massif Central. Here there are rolling hills - cattle country with the prospect of all the cattle being moved up (transhumance) in around the last week of May. Once over the Massif Central you come down to the river valleys of the Dourdou, the Lot and particularly the Célé. Then over the limestone plateaux of the Causses and down to Cahors and a little beyond. After this you start the rolling country which works its way down to the Garonne at Moissac and then over more rolling farming country through Condom and Navarrenx to St Jean Pied-de-Port. You are now in the Basque country, but fortunately they mostly speak French as well as Basque; and play pelota. There is much farming (maize, sunflowers, vines, rape) but there are very few people about. All things seem to grow quite happily without much attention; not many fences; not many cattle about (most animals seem to be intensively reared); all beautiful.

### Into the Pyrenees

The final village is St Jean Pied-de-Port from where the old pilgrims took off for the crossing of the Pyrenees. Don't be deceived; this is no longer a village. It is a mixture of Bowness and Ambleside plus a succession of heavy lorries going all day long. Avoid it if possible as far as staying is concerned but go and look at it by all means. The final French section of the track on the GR65 into the Pyrenees is magnificent. The old trail itself (the Route Napoléon) is now a narrow, but very good, tarmaced road snaking its way up into the

## The Le Puy route - in 2 stages

### 1. Le Puy to Lauzerte



### 2. Moissac to St Jean Pied-de-Port



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hills. It climbs easily above the tree line and opens up vast views back to the meadows of the north and the Pyrenees to the south and east. It is a land of alpine meadows, cows, horses running free, and shepherds and their flocks - and vultures. Here is one small trick: if you don't want to walk the tarmac of the GR65 you come in contact with the GR10 which is the trans-Pyrenean route. It crosses the GR65 high up at a place called Cabane de Landarré, and it is well marked. It is possible to go by car, as we did, to the top and walk down the GR10, parallel with the GR65; or it would be equally good to go up the GR10 and have that friendly driver to meet you at the top. All this is shown on the maps. Either way it is a great walk - perhaps about three hours down at the most, or four up. Both paths are marked with the appropriate red and white flashes.

## A REUNION IN GERMANY

by John Durant

One of the joys of walking to Santiago is meeting other pilgrims. Some you meet but once, often briefly; some you meet nearly every day. But all are friends.

One of the people I and my walking companion met a couple of times last year was a school teacher from Germany, Irene. Just before Easter I had a letter from her (she had got my address from another pilgrim with whom I keep in touch) inviting me to a reunion of the pilgrims whom she had met during her walk. It was to be in Bielefeld near Hannover, in a cultural centre, the Kooperativa, where there would be room 'to celebrate, cook and sleep on the floor on mattresses'. We were to bring to our sleeping bags and Irene was going to organise a cultural event to which the public would be invited, so we should also bring photographs and other souvenir and be prepared to talk about our experiences. It sounded intriguing and I hastily replied in my eccentric German that I would be happy to come. My companion was also invited but he could not make it.

We were six staying in the Kooperativa; five who had made the pilgrimage last year: Irene, myself, a Dutch couple who had walked there and back, 5400 kilometres over nine months, and the husband from another Dutch couple who had cycled from Logrono; and a German girl who had walked from Roncesvalles three years ago. Five others came just for a day, a German who had cycled and four German women who had walked from Roncesvalles to Sahagun, backed up by a minibus (they are completing the walk this year). We slept on mattresses in the various rooms of the centre and ate in the large kitchen. On the Sunday afternoon Irene told us how much she had spent on food and drink, which worked out at £11 a head. As the Kooperativa did not charge us for the use of the centre it was not an expensive weekend.

What struck me most was the sheer friendliness of the gathering; we used the informal 'du' to each other and it was as if we had known each other all our lives instead of for just a few brief encounters along the Camino. I struggled a bit with my rusty German, as did one of the Dutchmen, Kees, but it was no use lapsing into English as their English was worse than my German, except for Kees. The pocket dictionary which I had taken with me got well used. We spent most of the time reminiscing about our pilgrimages and remembering people whom we had met: the priest at San Juan de Ortega, Chonina etc. and other pilgrims who had not been able to come to the reunion.

The 'event' went very well. About twenty people came. We had decorated the hall with maps and photos of the path and laid out our photo albums and various books on a long table. Two girl students provided music on a recorder and a guitar, starting off with 'Greensleeves'. Irene spoke of the Camino in general and then we each told of our own experiences and impressions. Luckily, another student acted as an interpreter for Kees and myself. After a coffee break, during which we showed our guests our photos and talked about the Camino, we had a lively question and answer session.

Altogether it was a memorable weekend and I came away knowing that I had made new and good friends. It was a wonderful example of the spirit of the Camino.

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## NOTES & NEWS

**Fire at Villafranca Refuge** In early April a fire destroyed the pilgrim refuge run by the Jato family in Villafranca del Bierzo. This was a devastating blow for the family who have been providing services for pilgrims, almost next door to the church of Santiago, since the 1970s. More than 10,000 pilgrims, mainly walkers, have found shelter, food and drink here, there being no other refuge in the town. Señor Jato is energetically rebuilding the refuge and hopes to be given some grant-aid by the town council. The Confraternity is making enquiries of the El Bierzo Association as to how we might best help. In the meantime, if you have stayed in the 'refugio Jato', please consider writing to Señor Jato, Calle de la Iglesia de Santiago, at Villafranca.

**Desecration of Monte del Gozo** More bad news - this time from Santiago, or more precisely from Monte del Gozo or Montjoie, the hill outside the city from where pilgrims used to catch their first glimpse of the towers of the Cathedral. Now on the very spot, bare and treeless since the Pope's visit last year, the city authorities have placed a huge concrete water cistern/tank, thus despoiling a historic and symbolic site. It is expected that the Estella conference will discuss ways and means of persuading the city of Santiago to remove this eyesore.

**More on Sweatshirts** Susan Morgan is still trying to improve the delivery time of Confraternity sweatshirts. Alas, our supplier and her supplier are not always able to meet deadlines it seems - which is very frustrating. In an attempt to improve the rate of production it has been agreed to stick to 6 basic colours only for the rest of the year, ie white, navy, black, red, royal blue and heather grey. (What is heather grey? Answer: a slightly speckled grey.) If you are still waiting for a sweatshirt in a more exotic colour it might be sensible to ring Susan to discuss the situation. And a further complication: the new sizes are a size smaller than the old ones; so if you had a large (L) before, you will now need an XL. Actual chest sizes are S = 40", M = 44, L = 48 and XL = 50. The cost is still only £11-50, but a price rise may be imminent. Susan Morgan's telephone number is (0272)-733853.

**A Frame for your Compostela/Pilgrim Record?** Robert Crofts of **The Framer's Workshop**, 2a Randolph Street, Oxford OX4 1XY, tel.(0865)-244730, is offering a plain wood or black frame which will show two

sides, either hanging or free standing. The cost per frame is £8-50 plus £1-10 postage, total £9-60. Send your certificate/s to Robert Crofts, with a cheque for £9-60, specifying type of frame and whether hanging or standing (or both).

Crusader - by Horse to Jerusalem is the title of Tim Severin's latest book, published by Hutchinson in 1989 at £16-95. Crusaders were also pilgrims to Jerusalem whose aim was to retake the city from the Infidel. Tim Severin's aim was to follow in the footsteps of Duke Godfrey de Bouillon and his knights of the First Crusade, from Château Bouillon in modern-day Belgium across Europe and Turkey and south through Syria and Jordan to Jerusalem. He did, after overcoming enormous problems, finally achieve his aim, and his blend of history and 20th century travel on horse-back makes compelling reading. But at what cost to the horses? Carty, the endearing Ardennes Heavy Horse and a descendant of medieval battle chargers, has to be pensioned off after considerable suffering and later the little Irish horse, Mystery, dies in Eastern Turkey. The two humans press on with fresh horses and even get permission to cross the notorious King Hussein (or Allenby) Bridge from Jordan into Israel; they ultimately reach journey's end at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Despite reservations, one has to admire their guts and - a bonus - Crusader is a pleasantly painless way of absorbing the history of the First Crusade. A copy of the book is now in the Confraternity Library.

Robin Neillands, CSJ Vice-President, is writing a new book, Cycletouring in Spain and Portugal and seeks help from Confraternity cyclists: hints and tips, places or things to see or avoid, state of the roads, kit to take etc., - in fact all the things you would like to have known before you went cycling in the Peninsula. Please contact Rob on (06285)-25350 or, better still, write to him at P.O.Box 345, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 8NG. All contributors will be acknowledged in the book.

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#### Confraternity Singers Wanted

Mary Remnant is seeking members who would join in her November 21st lecture-recital, as they did at Hengrave Hall. Please contact Mary on (071)-352 5181 if you would like to sing on Nov. 21st and/or at the Purcell Room where she will be doing the same programme on 1 December.

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### ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

(The Library is kept at Stephen Badger's home, 154 Burbage Road, Dulwich, London SE21 7AG. Tel.: (071)-274 8126. Most books can be borrowed, either by post, or in person with prior appointment)

- Bell, Adrian: 'New Departures', in New Statesman and Society, 5 Jan. 1990, p.28  
(Brief account of Belgian alternative to custody for young offenders - walking to Compostela.)
- Chocheyras, Jacques: Saint Jacques à Compostelle. Ouest-France, 1985. 159pp, maps.  
(Scholarly study, in French, of the historical basis of the pilgrimage tradition.)
- Durliat, Marcel: La Sculpture Romane de la Route de Saint-Jacques: de Conques à Compostelle. Comite d'Etudes sur l'Histoire et l'Art de la Gascogne, 1990. 508pp, illus.  
(Beautifully produced scholarly study, coffee table size, with emphasis on the origin of the Romanesque, the Master of Jaca, and the development of the style. The Library has subscription copy no.497.)
- Ford, Richard: Gatherings from Spain. London, Everyman, (date?). 370pp.  
(Observations on Spanish life first published in 1846.)
- Kohl, I.G.: Die Sancti Jacobi-Bruderschaft. 1959 reprint. 42pp.  
(Account of a confraternity in Bremen from the 15th century. Presented to the Confraternity by Bernard Schweers.)
- Jacomet, Humbert: 'La Vie des Pèlerins de Saint-Jacques' in Archeologia, no.258, juin 1990, pp.42-50.  
(Author takes and develops the themes of staff, scrip, shell and blessing - well illustrated.)
- Mabille de Poncheville, A.: Le Chemin de St Jacques. Editions KIM, 1984. 313pp.  
(Account of a pilgrimage from Le Puy in 1927/8.)
- Professor Derek Lomax has kindly given copies of the following articles to the Library:
- Lomax, D.W.: 'The Order of Santiago and the Kings of León' in Hispania 1958. 37pp.  
Lomax, D.W.: 'El Arzobispo Don Rodrigo Jimenez de Rada y la Orden de Santiago' in Hispania 1959. 45pp.  
Lomax, D.W.: 'The Mediaeval Predecessors of Rades y Andrada' in Iberoromania no.23, 1986. 10pp.
- 'Le Message de Compostelle' (Dieu est Amour, nos.119-120, nov.-dec.1989) 66pp, illus.  
(Special double issue of magazine, to celebrate Papal visit to Santiago in 1989.)
- Nunez, J.L.: 'Importante Hallazgo Jacobeo' 2pp. (From ?, date ?).  
(A note of two recent discoveries in excavations under the cathedral at Santiago)
- Passini, Jean: Villes Médiévales du Chemin de St Jacques de Compostelle de Pampelune à Burgos. Paris, 1984. 182pp, illus., maps.  
(Detailed studies of 15 towns on the eastern part of the route in Spain.)
- Passini, Jean: El Camino de Santiago. MOPU/Casa de Velazquez, Madrid, 1987. 356pp.  
(The historical route and modern variants in strip maps, scale:10,000. Donated by MOPU.)
- Schapiro, Meyer: The Sculpture of Moissac. London, Thames and Hudson, 1985. 144pp.  
(Detailed and scholarly study with numerous illustrations.)

Severin, Tim: Crusader: By Horse to Jerusalem. London, Hutchinson, 1989. 338pp., maps, photos. (See note on p. of this Bulletin.)

J. Gordon Scannell: 'The Way of St James - a Distant Mirror' in Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin, August 1980, pp.13-15.

Urrutibehety, Docteur (Clement): Les Chemis de Compostelle: l'Occident et la quête du sacre. (Saint Palais, Musee Basque. Supplement au Bourdon no.6, janvier 1990. 13pp. (Article covering a number of topics; concentrates on routes in the Basque area.)

Valdivielso Ausin, Braulio: San Juan de Ortega: hito vivo en el Camino de Santiago. Burgos, 1985. 264pp.  
(A commentary on the life and times of the saint and his sanctuary.)

Whitehill, Walter Muir: Spanish Romanesque Architecture of the Eleventh Century. OUP, 1968. 299pp. (Includes 18pp on the cathedral of Santiago)

#### Addition to the Archives;

Wotherspoon, Timothy: A Pilgrimage from Vézelay to Santiago de Compostela (Author's typescript of his cycling pilgrimage in 1987.)

#### Video

El Camino de Santiago por España (running time: 3 hours), produced by Eusebio Goicoechea Arrondo. Part of the video was shown at Hengrave Hall on March 17th 1990.

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The moment they turned the west tip of the  
Pyrenees Avondale gasped and said 'But this  
is a new world!'

'It is Spain' said Father Blake, 'but it will  
be still more different ... And Compostella!  
It is a sin to be in Spain and not visit Santiago.  
Just to see that silver censer that six men can  
hardly lift, swinging from the roof ... you  
hear, said the priest, off into fragrant memo-  
ries, 'its tiny creaking above the very chanting  
of the Office and the cries of the multitudes.'

From page 137 (referring to AD 1780)  
of The Castle and the Ring by Fr J.C.  
Martindale, SJ. P.J.Kennedy & Sons,  
New York, 1955.

(Extract supplied by  
George F. Tull)

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Mr Robin Laughlin	78 Newtownbreda Road, Belfast BT8 4BP. Tel.: (0232)-644424	Long-distance walking in Spain, Spanish language and culture
Ms Doreen Hansen,	1 Lapwing Close, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3PW. Tel.: (0359)-30989	Architecture of the build- ings on the pilgrim routes
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It is hoped to catch up on the list of new members in the next Bulletin.



St James's Day and Cornwall

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1. I/We hope to attend the St James's Day picnic and Raffle Draw at 57 Leopold Road, London N.2 (25 July)

If coming, please tick

Would you like  
b & b?

2. I/We may be interested in part in the Cornwall week-end from 25 to 28 October (no commitment at this stage).

Please tick:

- \* I/We would have a car available with ..... passenger places to offer.
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Accommodation in Cornwall (please tick your preference)

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Name

Address

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### Hostel Rebuilding Progress

From the reports so far, the builder, Rogello Valcarze, and his lads started virtually on time towards the end of April. They successfully pulled down the ruined front part of the house and have erected the pillars and crossbeams for ground and first floors, supporting a concrete ceiling, and were finishing a well-constructed wooden roof.

We are most grateful for news on the hostel given to us by John Durant, John Hatfield and Ted and Peggy Harper who have brought us up to date following their recent visits. Ted and Peggy, who stayed overnight at Chonina's, have provided us with some useful contacts with neighbours as well as a perspective on Rabanal in mid-1990 (see also p.2).

### Appeal Fund

In the last Appeal News it was hoped to reach £25,000 by the end of September, but the good news is that this figure was reached by mid-June; the Appeal Fund has thus advanced from £15,250 at mid-April to £26,625 by the end of June. The encouraging increase of £10,000 is thanks to many people and organisations:

- Adrian Wright's London Marathon sponsorship achieved £230;
- Paul Graham mailed our leaflet to donors of his previous 'Help the Hospices' pennyfarthing pilgrimage, which has brought a wonderful response;
- the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation kindly contributed their next £2500 when the Appeal reached £20,000;
- individuals have made donations of all sizes;
- smaller charitable trusts have made several donations;
- the Confraternity Raffle, as described below.

Consequently we have not so far had to take up the kind offer of a loan from the Cañada Blanch Foundation and have been able to pay our way with the transfer of 3 million pesetas to El Bierzo for Rabanal.

### Where is our Maragato Pilgrim?

He is congratulating himself on having passed the halfway point in his pilgrimage to Santiago. He has passed through Sahagun and is now some 38 miles from Leon, happy in the knowledge that he is well embarked on

the second half of the Camino.

### Confraternity Raffle

The yellow raffle ticket stubs and money received are mounting up and to date we have £1435 (included in the Appeal Fund figure). The draw date is 25 July - appropriately - and the location is Pat Quaife's garden (see page 1 of Bulletin 35). We still have a week or so to swell the fund and sell more tickets. Don't forget the marvellous prizes: a return flight to northern Spain, a touring bicycle, a hand-crafted shell quilt made by Louella Hanbury-Tension, boxes of Navarra wine and a choice of travel books. More raffle tickets are available from Marion Marples (071-633 0603) and Mary Ivens (071-229 2624). If all our 600+ members managed to sell (or buy) their two books we would have raised £6000. Cheques should be made out to CSJ Appeal and sent, with stubs, by Monday 23 July to Mary Ivens, Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens, London W.8 7AJ.

### News from Rabanal - the Council's Refugio

Historically you may remember that this was the old schoolhouse opposite Chonina's bar, made infamous by Laurie Dennett in her book and on the front cover of an issue of the Spanish Associations' journal Peregrino. With the Pope's visit to Santiago in August 1989 and the consequent need for extra accommodation the local Ayuntamiento pressed this building and the white house opposite into temporary use as refugios for the expected mass of pilgrims. In February 1990 we heard that a grant had been given by the Ayuntamiento of Santa Colomba de Somoza to renovate the schoolhouse into a 'casa de la cultura', to serve as a combined meeting hall, pilgrim's refugio and sports hall. The building is now virtually renovated and is currently being used as a pilgrim hostel.

Following our visit in March, we agreed that we were not concerned by this seeming competition. Rabanal has already changed a lot since 1986 when Chonina closed her bar, and will develop even more in the 1990s. We hope that when completed our hostel will be unique so that pilgrims from the CSJ and our sister European associations will want to make a point of an overnight stay. We have the perfect site on the true Camino as well as a historic building of great character. With the continuing interest and support in our Appeal we are sure that our ambitions will be realised and a truly international centre created at Rabanal.

## October Working Group

We have now received several names of people interested in joining a group to do practical work in and around the hostel and patio this October. The week suggested is 14 to 21 October. In September Walter Ivens will be contacting all those who have expressed their interest in order to plan arrangements, including the possibility of a pre-meeting. All travel and day-to-day expenses will be paid by the visitors, and it is anticipated that although sleeping and living conditions are bound to be fairly basic, main meals will probably be eaten out, at Chonina's bar and elsewhere. The best size of group is probably around six and at this stage we do not anticipate there being work for more than one group.

## Bath International Festival

A brief account of the Confraternity's presence at the Bath Festival was intended to appear here, but somehow gremlins transferred it to the main Bulletin - apologies.

## Stop Press - Second Appeal Committee Visit to Spain

As planned Laurie Dennett, Paul Graham and James Maple visited Rabanal and Ponferrada from July 5th to 7th. They were very pleased with the progress being <sup>made</sup> on the hostel rebuilding. They were also able to consolidate the good relations established with the builder by the March group. However it does seem that the refugio will not be ready for pilgrims in time for the main July flow who aim to reach Santiago on and around 24 July. It is expected that the building will be wind and water-tight by September, and certainly in time for the planned October visit. On the evening of July 6th Paul, Laurie and James had a very useful meeting and dinner with the El Bierzo association and have all agreed the phase 2 planning with the builder in order that he can now prepare estimates.

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