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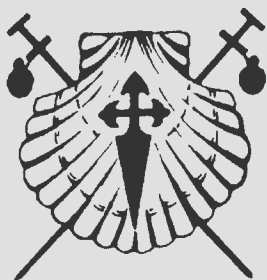
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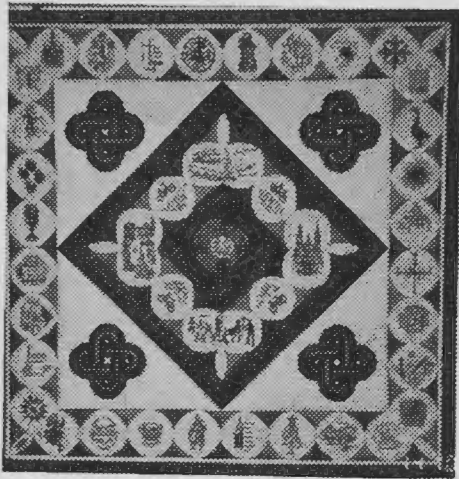
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# Editorial

Gosia Brykczynska



I don't know much about knots, except that I am not too patient undoing them, and I was once taught all sorts of fancy knots as a youngster in Guide camp; so I was most intrigued to be sent a photo of a wall hanging made by Andrea Higginson based on the knot motif. It is rather splendid and I cannot wait for it to make its way across the channel to inspect it

closer (see photograph). There is so much talent in the Confraternity that together we should be able to do great things. And it is great things which have been done by all the pilgrim contributors to this *Bulletin*.

Graham Borgonon overcame fear of the unknown (and sometimes more ominously the known) to venture out and undertake to do the camino, while Maureen Measure and her friends went out to do the Le Puy pilgrimage without a care in the world, even though the Bishop did warn them that the pilgrimage would not be the proverbial "walk-over". Bernhard Münzenmayer, Francis Dunlop and John Innes, all recount for us tales of less well trodden pilgrim ways and entice us to walk these new paths; paths that stretch from Slovenia to Western France. It was Bernhard who therefore supplied the cover photograph of this *Bulletin* - a picture of the so-called *Double Saint James* - James the Great as a pilgrim and James/Jacob with his ladder. Meanwhile it escaped the notice of this editor that the group visit of CSJ pilgrims last autumn to Oviedo and Santiago, under the guidance of Marion Marples, had not been properly written up for the *Bulletin*. Aileen O'Sullivan and I have therefore tried to correct that oversight. It really was a lovely trip! We even have pilgrim news in this *Bulletin* from as far afield as Australia.

Finally no spring *Bulletin* would be complete without a mention of Paris, and Kathy Gower has devised for us a lovely city walk along the foot-paths of St Jacques. In the next CSJ *Bulletin* (number 90) there will be an account of Saint James in Rome - just right for visiting the city for the feast of St Peter and Paul at the end of June.



# Chairman's Report

William Griffiths

A month has passed since the closure of the first Jubilee Year of the Third Millennium. A year ago, at this AGM, I shared with you some of the reflections of the Archbishop of Santiago, Julián Barrio Barrio, drawn from his *Pastoral Letter for the Jubilee Pilgrims through Grace*. I would like to use the same three themes to review our activities in this past Jubilee Year: Desiring, Giving and Jubilating.

How have we desired? What have we desired? As always, our reason for existence has been to step out into the state of pilgrimage, and to assist others in stepping into pilgrimage. In this Holy Year we have experienced the further growth of a desire about which I spoke a year ago: the desire to create a new Refuge, as a new place where members of the Confraternity can give something back to the Camino. I have occasionally heard the question: "Does the project for a new Refugio imply any lessening of the Confraternity's commitment to the Refugio Gaucelmo at Rabanal?" It is only necessary to look around you on this AGM day at the various activities related to Rabanal, or to walk into our Office on any day and see the display of photos of "our friends in the village of Rabanal" to realize that that question is to be answered "No". During this year we have continued working with the Amigos del Camino de Santiago de El Bierzo to put on a still firmer basis the co-operation we have had with them at the Refugio Gaucelmo. (By the way, in October 2005 the El Bierzo Amigos are hosting in Ponferrada the triennial Conference of the Spanish Associations, which many of us will surely wish to attend.)

The task of co-ordinating the many members who choose Gaucelmo as their place to serve as *hospitaleros* continues as vigorously as ever. Tony La Roche was our first co-ordinator during the year, doing this with great devotion until his tragic death, when Stuart and Tricia Shaw volunteered to take over. You will be hearing more details of the work at Rabanal later on, and Stuart and Tricia will be glad to hear from you as volunteer wardens or sponsors of a week's hospitality. Let me just repeat the reassurance which I hope is unnecessary: that our commitment to Rabanal continues for as long as there is need for it.

The new Refuge project arises from the perception that there are many unmet needs of pilgrims on the "other routes", and that

by seeking to meet them we may be doing something positive to lessen the overcrowding on the Camino Francés. It also recognizes the phenomenal growth of the Confraternity in the last 22 years, which gives us the resources to consider whether this is indeed the right time for a second Refuge. Since this time last year, a sub-committee devoted to the project has been set up by the main committee. Two large meetings of interested Confraternity members have been held, the first on 14th February, and the second, for people to report back information gathered during the pilgrim season, on 4th September. At this meeting, we were very fortunate that Keith and Maureen Young came forward to be co-ordinators of the New Refuge Development Group. Two more meetings of the Development Group have been held, and the next will be on 12th February, appropriately the Feast of St Julian the Hospitaller “whom pilgrims invoke for good harbouring”. For further details I must refer you to members of the Development Group, and especially to Maureen Young, who will be speaking to us shortly. I shall only say that at this stage the Confraternity remains open to many possibilities. We have looked at possible sites on the Northern Caminos and the Via de la Plata, and we are having discussions with people in Spain, but we are not yet committed to any location.

One possibility that I mentioned last year has developed in a slightly unexpected direction. I said last year that the Vézelay Route, so long the Cinderella of the French routes, was being vigorously developed by the Amis de Saint Jacques de la Voie de Vézelay, led by Monique and Jean-Charles Chassain. A month after our A.G.M., John Hatfield and I were invited to attend their A.G.M. and a meeting of *accueillants*, people who receive pilgrims along the route. My own first experience of Vézelay was, naturally, *bouleversant*, but John and I were also overwhelmed to discover the variety of facilities for pilgrims being offered along the Way by municipalities, religious houses, families, and by the Amis themselves. In this ferment it seemed to me that the best way that the Confraternity could help was not by looking on the Vézelay Route for a possible location for our long-term new Refuge project but by providing *hospitaliers* right away for Refuges that needed them. John and I were shown a refuge about to open at Corbigny, 35 Km. South of Vézelay. I was delighted to be accepted as their first *hospitalier* in the first fortnight of June. I was still more delighted that 4 other Confraternity *hospitaliers* followed: Gaby Hodgson, Margaret Anderson and Roger and Julie Davies. A tradition of serving afternoon tea to pilgrims (in numbers naturally far smaller than those at Rabanal)



is now well established at Corbigny.

This year again, any Confraternity members who are French-speaking will be most welcome to strengthen our links with the Amis by serving at Corbigny, and at another Refuge at Sorges in Perigord. John Hatfield is kindly acting as co-ordinator, and further details can be obtained from any of us who went last year. You will have an opportunity to meet the Chassains themselves if you come to the 19th February Practical Pilgrim Day. This is the one devoted to "other" less-trodden routes and, as usual, is run by Alison Raju in Nottingham. I like to say to the Chassains that "Nottingham *est pour les specialistes*" but, of course, there is no such thing as a specialist on the camino. Pilgrimage entails new experiences and new challenges every day. We are all beginners, and that is the way in which we desire.

How do we give? A humbling question, knowing full well that one receives in giving. Archbishop Julian spoke last year of the need to accept a pilgrim "just as he is". This year, I have read some words of Archbishop Cormac Murphy O' Connor to the Order of Malta, the Knights Hospitaller founded in the 11th Century for the service of pilgrims. He writes of the effect of pilgrimage on young people: "enabling them to 'breathe with another lung' for the first time". Who among us has given to pilgrims in this way? Look around you, and think also of your *confrères* who have not made it to this meeting: every member of this Confraternity has given immensely this year. All I can do is to thank on your behalf a few, whose giving is known to all of you: Our outgoing Presidents, Their Excellencies the Marques and Marquesa de Tamarón, and our new Presidents Their Excellencies the Conde and Condesa de Casa Miranda. My Vice-Chairmen, Alison Raju and Howard Nelson. I am sorry to inform you that Howard has decided, with great regret, not to offer himself for re-election to the Committee this year, because of commitments he has to work with another charity. He is continuing, for as long as necessary, as Librarian and Webmaster, but looking for someone to relieve him of these tasks. If you would like to discuss the possibility of taking over the Library or the Website, please see Howard. All those who have served on the Committee this year as Trustees: Jane Bradshaw, Gosia Brykczynska, Paul Graham, Gerry Greene, Chris Jackson, the Revd Colin Jones, William King, Mary Moseley, Eric Walker and the Revd Ricky Yates have been at the heart of all our giving this year. Some who have had to step down during the year are continuing to give. If you have received a

Pilgrim Record lately, you will have been glad to see that it was issued by Eric Walker, though Eric had to step down from the Committee during the year. The Committee has also included members who are not Trustees (as Trustees cannot receive payment from a charity): Marion Marples our “ever-delightful” Secretary, and Alison Thorp our “equally-delightful” Finance and Systems Officer. Last year I gave as my reason for saying so little about Alison that you were about to hear her present the accounts. This year, it is no longer so. We have successfully found an Honorary Treasurer from among our number, Tony Ward, and have watched with admiration the transmission of the expertise from Alison to Tony. So Alison is no longer Finance Officer, but the Committee has happily persuaded her to continue as Systems Officer. Tony (whom you will be hearing shortly) receives no payment from the Confraternity, but it has been found practical for his accountancy firm to do our book-keeping and so he does not have the status of a Trustee. The Office has also recruited Christine Pleasants as Office Assistant, and a team of volunteers continue to offer all kinds of help during the week and on our monthly open Saturdays. The writers and publishers of our *Bulletin*, our Guides and our other publications continue to surpass themselves. All these people, and many more, have made concrete the giving of all of us; and we have all received from their giving on our behalf to the Camino de Santiago

How have we jubilated? How have we reached towards that state of ‘praising what we cannot speak of’? We have jubilated by setting out on bodily pilgrimage, or on the pilgrimage of the heart, along the Roads of our Master St James. By sharing our experiences of that pilgrimage at our Practical Pilgrim Days, as we shall be doing again in the next few weeks. By celebrating the Feast of St James: some in Winchester, some in Montebourg, some in Rabanal, some in Périgueux, some in Santiago. By walking with the Amis de Saint Jacques de Normandie from Salisbury to Mont-Saint-Michel. By gathering, as returned pilgrims, at St Peter’s Church, Stoke Lyne, Oxfordshire. In all these and countless other ways, we have jubilated through 2004 and we carry the jubilation forward into 2005.

You will all know a wonderful carving from the Abbey of Santo Domingo de Silos, that Abbey just south of Burgos that makes such an enticing detour from the Camino. It shows Christ with the two disciples (the two pilgrims, as they are often called) reaching the village of Emmaus on the evening of the first Easter Sunday, having walked from Jerusalem. At the moment when the disciples persuade their



unrecognized companion to stay with them, His feet are shown by the sculptor in a remarkable position. One foot seems to be staying, while the other is going on. I have heard it suggested that this represents well the attitude of a pilgrim. A pilgrim is entirely present in the here-and-now, in a particular place on the Camino. A pilgrim is also in a state of detachment from the here-and-now, looking ahead to his goal in the sanctuary, and to the eternal sanctuary that lies beyond it. We have been present, and jubilating in the particular qualities of 2004. With God's help, and St James's companionship, we shall be present and able to jubilate in the particular qualities of 2005.

*Utreia! Suseia! Deus adiuvā nos!*

# Oviedo Cathedral

Aileen O'Sullivan and Gosia Brykczynska



Members of the CSJ visited Asturias in northern Spain in the autumn of 2004 and among the many splendid sights which they visited and prayed in, was the ancient cathedral of Oviedo. (see photo below) One of the greatest religious treasures held in Spain has been kept in the Cathedral of Oviedo since around the 7<sup>th</sup>- century. It is the cloth that covered the Head of Christ when He was placed in the tomb. It is called the Cloth of Oviedo – or the Holy Face of the *sudarium*.



It is believed that St Peter took the cloth from the tomb of Jesus and that it remained in Jerusalem for nearly 600 years in the care of Christians. When the Christians left the Holy Land – some of them settled in Spain – and at that time it was given over to St Isidore. It was later placed in a specially built chapel – the *Camera Santa*, in Oviedo Cathedral. It is recorded in 1075 that the *arca santa* box was opened in the presence of Alfonso VI, a number of bishops and El Cid. A list of the contents was made and a 13<sup>th</sup>-century copy of that list remains in the cathedral archives to this day. The relic of the *sudarium* is displayed three times a year – on Good Friday, 14 September – The





Feast of the Exultation of the Cross, and 21 September, the feast of St Matthew. The *arca santa* is viewed through a grille in the *Camera Santa*.

Needless to say soon Oviedo became a major pilgrimage destination for pilgrims on their way to Santiago. The cathedral also has a beautiful medieval statue of Christ the Saviour – San Salvador (see left) hence the saying – *He who goes to Santiago, And not to San Salvador, Serves the servant, And forsakes the Lord.*

Finally, the cathedral also boasts two statues of St James, a wall statue of Saint James in the *Camera santa*, and a majestic statue of Saint James located within the doorway arch to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, where tombs of early Spanish kings can be found.

# El Camino – the fear

Graham V Borgonon

With every CSJ *Bulletin* I look forward to reading the experiences of others on the Camino. Before making the journey myself I read those articles with a slightly different perspective..... then I was looking for signs, practical and metaphysical, as to why I should feel the compulsion to make the journey. I was also looking for ways to help overcome my fear of doing so....

At 61, like so many, my job of 32 years scrapped in the quest for minimal manpower for maximum efficiency and profit, I had before me a retirement which needed a bit more than endless rounds of golf to satisfy my soul, and I wanted time to myself after a lifetime of work pressures in a minor administrative job with a large multinational corporation.

The seed of the idea came not from knowledge gained from history study or sown by acquaintances through conversation, but from the much-reproduced 1648 *Carte des Chemins de S Jaques de Compostelle*, which, given by a friend for completely different reasons, has been hanging on our dining room wall for many years. It was a favourite wall-piece right from the start, and was in view every time we sat at table to eat. I look at it every day, before with growing desire to find out more, and now, post-Camino, with great peace of mind and satisfaction that I had journeyed at least one of the caminos shown thereon.

And so over some ten years before retirement I started to get the occasional book from the public library to learn bit more. But in the busy months after work, having got most of the essential personal items of lifestyle transition behind me, I had to turn my dream of the camino into reality and that is when fear set in.

In the articles I had read in the CSJ *Bulletins* since becoming a member, I cannot recall anyone writing of this fear. It certainly hit me. The doubts started when concrete plans had to be laid if I was to take advantage of the time frame I saw as best for me. A start had to be made on some kind of training, personal gear had to be collected together and tried out, a journey to the starting point had to be arranged, and some kind of walking plan using the CSJ guides, had to be made. In going through this process I realised that I had not done anything remotely akin to this since my youth.

Alone and with very basic Spanish, I was to make a journey of at least a month, not knowing where I was to stay, not knowing whether



I could even carry out a fairly testing physical regime for so long. The fear and apprehension grew.

Nothing in my desk-bound working life had prepared me for this. Tentatively I started walking once or twice a week gradually increasing the distances and the weight carried. If I do not go any further, I reasoned, at least I am getting to know my local footpaths and perhaps getting a bit fitter, so no harm is done! A few weeks of this and although the confidence in the physical aspects grew a bit, I still had to commit, to decide a start date and book a passage. Lifting the phone to do this seemed to take super human effort requiring a whole afternoon for the few minutes of phone call. With a month to go I can still back out, can't I?

As the time grew closer, I concocted dozens of excuses to delay or cancel especially as the well worn boots I had trained in and planned to use, suddenly and dramatically gave up. I had no option but to buy new boots within 3 days of departure.

Somehow, and thanks to the great support of my wife, I managed to board the bus to London prior to catching the long distance coach, London to Bayonne. It felt very strange to be carrying a rucksack and to be amongst all the youthful backpackers, 40 years my junior.

The journey was predictably long, tiring, and uneventful. I found myself arriving bang on time with just a 15 minute walk to the station for the train to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. All perfectly straightforward. The one other passenger on the otherwise empty evening train, a middle-aged German, similarly burdened with large rucksack, was also making the Camino – it felt considerably better to have met my first Pilgrim who, in conversation, indicated this was his second camino walk. Arriving at St Jean, I parted from my new acquaintance, he to some refuge previously found, which he clearly wished to keep to himself, and me to find what first-night accommodation I could. We saw each other briefly only once later along the way.

With some relief I found an overnight stay, it was cold and raining by now, the light going and I was tired enough after the long journey, to sleep without looking for somewhere to eat.

Somehow I had arrived at the beginning of my journey.

In the morning, with some trepidation, stepping into the empty street, the first task was to find the *Accueil* and get my Pilgrim's Passport accredited – schoolboy French to the fore, this required summoning up yet more courage. I need not have worried; the operation was painless and friendly and I was directed on my way; even if my French allowed only a generalised understanding of the direction I should go.

That first day started in sunshine, the long trek up to Cize, still with

patches of snow in the shadows, the views, the first meeting of others making the same way, the delightful woods below Orzanzurrieta, the arrival at my first refuge at Roncevalles, the physical tiredness, the relief and the sheer exhilaration of having actually arrived and begun! Here I would start to meet my fellow travellers, some of whom would become brothers and sisters in the shared trials and joys of the journey.

So where was that fear now? Still I had doubts. That first stage, a long one, 27 Km, had left me not much the worse for wear, but would I be able to maintain this for another month? We asked each other if we were going all the way to Santiago in one go. Some were using holidays too short to enable more than a few days walking and so were making the journey in stages, sometimes over years. Others were determined for the whole journey; a few at a leisurely pace with rest stops, a few bent on a continuous progression.

At this stage I still lacked the confidence to say to myself that I would make the whole journey. I set myself the target of reaching Burgos; then I would decide from there.

But as the days wore on and a routine began to be established, the self confidence grew. Come Burgos, and I knew that I no longer had doubts. The need to set a new interim decision point was no longer there, I could go on. By now, a small group of us was moving at a similar pace, faces were becoming familiar, irrespective of nationality, we all had an identity, we all had a common purpose, we were pilgrims.

This took a little getting used to. I had never seen my journey in a religious context. Indeed, that was part of the initial fear. Why should I use the Camino for my own selfish secular ends? Was it not cheating? I spent many of those early days pondering this. But the physical demands of the journey, the needs of the moment, gradually overcame any feelings of guilt I may have had. There were days of heat and tiredness. In Galicia, especially, there were days of cold, mist and continuous rain. There were days of walking on along busy and noisy roads. There were days of loneliness and of delightful solitude in mountain, woodland and meadow. There were days of euphoria, of exhilarating company and conversation.

To have walked the Camino de Santiago, every day for a month, was indeed a great privilege and an unforgettable experience. Should one never do anything like it again; one will never be the same again. The journey does change you.

If you have doubts, if you have fears and you can reach beyond them, then your journey will have begun.



# New pilgrim

Maureen Measure

**C***e n'est pas une balade*', said the Bishop of Le Puy. 'It is not a stroll'. Four of our group of 15 who were going to walk from Le Puy to Conques with Ramblers Holidays thought we had better start things properly by being blessed by the Bishop after the Pilgrims' Mass. Only Therese knew what to do – when to stand, when to kneel and when to sit. After the Mass we gathered round the statue of St. Jacques and the Bishop asked us where we came from and how far and with whom we were walking. 'Good Route!' – *Bon chemin*, he said to us after my explanation. TF1, the main French television channel was there, because the next day was July 25<sup>th</sup>, the feast of *St Jacques*.

An hour later we were in the Place du Plôt, the traditional starting place for pilgrims on the Via Podensis – one of the four pilgrim routes through France. I was interviewed by TF1, who wanted to talk to a group of pilgrims leaving from our hotel. I explained that in our group were three Australians, two Scots and one Irish. Was I walking the camino for 'sportif' or 'spirituel' reasons? Both, I answered, explaining in my best French that I had always been fascinated by walking to Santiago de Compostela; that only in recent years I had discovered that organised groups were walking the route and that I may have walked this pilgrimage in a previous existence. I wanted to walk it before I got too old. As we climbed out of le Puy, the first of numerous ascents and descents, we met the television crew for the last time as they filmed us and the city below.

It was not a stroll. After the lunch stop on the first day we saw before us the dome topped mountains of the Massif Central. Were we really going to climb over those? This was going to be more difficult than I thought. The second day was the hardest – a 300 metre descent to the gorge of the Allier river, where some young people were white rafting. I saw what I thought was a house cut into rocks far above, but when we got there we found it was a church, with a service in progress. That was only half our climb for the day; 500 metres up to the plateau of the Aubrac in increasing heat was not a stroll. At the hotel that evening in Sauges we saw ourselves on French television.

We were walking along the GR 65(Grande Randonnée), but the next night we left it to go to what I thought would be very basic accommodation in a gîte. However, it turned out to be the most comfortable of the eleven hotels we stayed at. As we were far from any streetlights, we wondered if we would see a sky full of stars. But by the time dusk fell, about 10.00 p.m., we were all in bed as usual.

I was taught in school, 50 years ago, that plateaux were considered to be flat, but both the Margeride and the Aubrac plateaux were crossed by many valleys. As I trudged up and down I fingered my little silver shell I had bought in Le Puy. 'Help me' I asked St Jacques. I had already fallen over twice. The two Australian women had given up and were travelling with the transbagages. The temperature was mounting. However, I was enjoying myself.

I remembered a hymn I sung at school – To be a Pilgrim – and during the course of one day Hilary and I managed to remember most of it. Thanks to modern technology, by the time we arrived at the next hotel my husband Bill had sent me an email with the words.

It took us 10 days (plus one rest day) to walk to Conques. I find going downhill difficult, so was quite relieved when we got to the valley of the river Lot. However, as we were now about 1000 metres lower down than the Aubrac plateau, the temperature was rising. I wondered if I could continue in this heat. I was already drinking four litres of water a day. I found the solution – I would fill my sunhat with water at fontaines drinking water taps – and emptied it over myself to stay cool.

Eventually we arrived at Conques where Hilary and I sang To be a pilgrim. I am interested in cathedral architecture, so was eager to see the Cathedral and its fabulous Last Judgement on the west façade. Inside there was a tour going on, but I could hear little of the guide because of the organ playing. I booked myself on a tour of the Last Judgement and the cathedral, but this time someone was playing the piano so again I did not hear all she said. Then I saw the wonderful golden statue of St Foy.

The next day we were going home, so I scurried around to buy a gift for our excellent tour leader. I went into the Cathedral for one last time. As I was sitting there, four singers came into the back and sung Benedictus Dominum in plainchant. I was moved to the heart and burst into tears.

Did the pilgrims of old trudge the route of the GR 65 that the French Government presents us? My husband says that perhaps the pilgrims deliberately chose a difficult way. Certainly, we walked through some pilgrim centres, but from our maps we saw (and sometimes walked), easier ways. I am sure that previous pilgrims took easier routes.

What I will remember is the friendliness and helpfulness of the people along the chemin, the unexpected variety of vegetarian food, the good and cheap wine, the coolness of the little churches along the chemin, the beautiful scenery and the hot weather.

What next? Shall I do the last 250 or so kilometres with Ramblers? Should I retire and do the whole route? I really don't know.



# Along the Rivulet

Following Saint James' Way in Southern Austria and Slovenia

Bernhard Münzenmayer



*Saint James Gallizien (Carinthia)*

All right, everybody wants their Camino de Santiago nowadays, so why shouldn't the Austrians have theirs as well? These were my first thoughts when some years ago I first came across the book *Auf dem Jakobsweg durch Österreich* by Peter Lindenthal, and I couldn't help thinking the same once more reading in the newspaper recently that the "Lower Austrian Camino de Santiago" had been "officially opened" in the presence of Paolo Coelho who, for whatever reasons, seems to have acquired the status of an undisputed authority in these matters.

On the other hand, in the ten years that I have been living in Austria, I have discovered more traces of a Jacobean tradition than I would ever have expected: a statue of Saint James on a side altar here, an old graffito of a scallop shell on the outside wall of a church there, and even quite a number of churches dedicated to the Saint himself, many of them in southern Austria, but also one in my own district Wien-Penzing which lies on the old route leaving Vienna westward. And of course, why shouldn't some of the pilgrims gathering at Arles, Le Puy or Vézelay have come from Austria – or further east ...: The fact that western Hungary's two most beautiful Romanesque churches have a connection with Saint James, the one at Lébényi being consecrated to the Apostle himself and the one at Yák(!) having a cemetery chapel with a Saint James altarpiece and a fresco showing his encounter with the Virgen del Pilar, strongly points into that direction. Certainly some of the brooks and rivulets contributing to the system of rivers which finally unite in the stream that is the Camino Francés have their sources

here.

So I gave Mr Lindenthal's book a closer look and found that it wasn't so bad at all, the route itself seeming the result of solid research work and the practical advice corresponding very largely with my own walking experiences. I also liked the way the author dealt with the question of authenticity, admitting frankly that the route he proposes doesn't claim to be the one and only historical camino through Austria but follows a most logical and probable course according to the existence of Jacobean references along old routes as well as documentation of pilgrimages.

The route starts at Wolfsthal on the Slovak border, more or less leads you up the river Danube as far as Linz, then takes a south-western course to Salzburg, from there on to Innsbruck (Cathedral of Saint James) and further up the Inn valley. On the Arlberg Pass (1800 m), you find a 600-year-old hospital used by pilgrims on their ways both to Rome or Santiago and go on through Vorarlberg to finally end up at Feldkirch near the Lake of Constance, from where the Oberstraße at Einsiedeln can be reached within a three days' walk. I have walked only small parts of *this* camino yet, close to Vienna, but these proved to be good walking on decently waymarked tracks with little tarmac through mostly beautiful scenery, and friends have confirmed that it goes on like that further west.

Saying *this* camino I mean that there is another one as well. In 2002, another guide book by the same author appeared, describing a southern course which starts at Graz to lead you through southern Styria, Slovenia, Carinthia and the eastern and southern (Italian) part of Tirol, largely following the course of the river Drau (Drava), then turning north across the Brenner to join the northern route at Innsbruck. To my wife Ute and me, this route seemed even more tempting than the northern one as it combined our Jacobean passion with my interest in our Slavic neighbours and our love for Styrian and Carinthian landscapes. In addition, it presented the possibility to leave our daughter Esther with Ute's parents 50 kms south of Graz and follow Saint James' route with the possibility of being back within a few hours by train or car if necessary. Esther contributed by giving us a one week's leave as this year's birthday present, so there was nothing left to prevent us from setting off.

## July 18<sup>th</sup>

Ute's father drives us to Ehrenhausen, the closest spot on the route to the parents' house. After a week of cool and rainy weather the sky is unexpectedly clear and promises a hot day. We walk up to the baroque mausoleum on the hill above the town, where our description of the route starts, take a view over the hills to the mountain chain of the Koralpe in the west, then we get on our way south to Maribor, Slovenia's second largest city and our first day's destination. Curious about the waymarking (how? will there be any at all?) we have a surprise after a few hundred metres: a yellow arrow! This could be a coincidence; sometimes forest workers use yellow arrows as signs, but no, just a little further we hit the next one, and indeed the familiar marks, alternating with little wood signs showing scallop shells, accompany our walk to the Slovenian border and some kilometres beyond, becoming scarce then but never ceasing completely. In a constant up and down we move through the narrow valleys and small hills which have earned this part of the country the name "Styrian Tuscany". Our way takes us past some *Marterls*, too, wayside shrines which you find in great numbers on both sides of the border, a southern Central European equivalent to Galicia's *cruceiros*. We pass the Renaissance castle of Spielfeld and little later arrive at the border. No trouble getting through, we are among EU-members now, but in order to change money, we have to climb up to the motorway station. The man at the office speaks fluent German but appreciates our clumsily muttered Slovenian fragments with a smile. Good start. In fact, many if not most Slovenes speak either German or English, some both, but of course, knowing enough Slovenian to be able to communicate about the most basic issues is helpful and – which is more important – opens doors and hearts.

The landscape doesn't change with the border; for the remaining 18 kilometres to Maribor, it's still "Styrian Tuscany" for us (in fact, this region is an ancient, however always strongly Slavic, part of Styria and still calls itself Štajerska), but we are lucky and after about an hour of more up and down we get to a small road following a crest where we can walk on the same level for quite some time, enjoying splendid views, for which we have to pay, however, by being constantly exposed to the sun.

As we arrive at Maribor in the early evening, we are too tired for the search of a private quarter, end up at the hotel Garni south of the Drava River, decide to postpone sightseeing to the next morning and are perfectly content to have dinner at the pizzeria round the corner.



## July 19<sup>th</sup>

The only other person in the breakfast room is a woman wearing boots and shorts, who is studying an all too familiar guide book. She has arrived by train from Switzerland and is planning to walk the ten days until Lienz (eastern Tirol) with her two dogs. All the three of us agree that we prefer to walk on our own, but we are sure to meet in the evenings which we actually do until we lose each other again after three days. After breakfast, Ute and I walk back into town to have a look at the centre. Having been part of the Danubian Monarchy for a long time, Maribor's architectural appearance isn't very different from Graz, Villach or Klagenfurt, but we both note a difference in the atmosphere which seems somewhat more relaxed. As we don't want to disturb Mass but don't have the time to attend either, we don't get into the Gothic church far enough to see if they have a statue of Saint James, and apart from a statue of Saint Roch at the baroque "Plague Column" we don't find anything else in town either.

At Maribor, the route crosses the Drava and turns westward to follow the river for more than three hundred kilometres. The way out brings us lots of tarmac and the usual route-finding problems leaving bigger towns, then, after ten kilometres, a surprise: Taking a rest in front of the church at Limbuš, we profit from the Monday cleaning to take a glimpse inside and discover Saint James on the main altar! The choir is decorated with scenes of the Saint's life as well as a representation of Santiago peregrino – this is a Saint James church that must have slipped the author's attention! Glad to have my camera with me this time, I take lots of pictures, and then we continue.

Being warned by the author that this is the most "tarmacky" day of the whole journey, we push on to get over with it; a short stop at the sanctuary of Ruše and occasionally beautiful views over the river are the recompense for burning feet and lots of cars. At Pušava, our day's destination, we discover that the inn near the church where we wanted to stay for the night is closed. Beatrice, our Swiss companion with whom we have met again shortly before, has found out about a place to stay five kilometres south and persuades a woman to take us all there in her small car: three pilgrims with their packs plus two dogs.

Max, the owner of the inn at Lovrenc and his wife give us a cordial welcome; the rooms are comfortable, and we get an excellent dinner; a perfect ending for a hard day.

## July 20<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast, Max drives us back to Pušava. Two more kilometres on the road, then we take a track along the railway line up the Drava valley which in some places is so narrow that we have to walk on the railway track itself, trusting the author's assertion that there are only two trains a day, and they are not in the morning. In the Second World War, this part of the valley must have seen fierce fighting between Tito's partisans and the German occupants; we pass two monuments in honour of the people having died here. Shortly before Vuhred, the valley widens again. There, Beatrice's and our way separate: As there is no chance of finding accommodation for tonight, she calls an Austrian friend who takes her to his home, Ute and I decide to walk on and sleep outside. The farmers we ask if we can sleep on their ground scarcely speak any German, but with hands and feet and bits of both languages we manage to communicate; they let us sleep in a wooden hut, and when I walk up to their house to get some water, I come back with two glasses of *šnops* (plum brandy) as well.

## July 21<sup>st</sup>

As we bring back the key of the hut, the farmer's wife gives us a breakfast of coffee and biscuits. I ask if I can take a picture of her and her husband. Fumbling too hastily as I change the film, I spoil the exposed one, losing the pictures of the last two days including most of the ones of the Saint James church of Limbuš. Our hosts' friendliness helps to cheer me up a bit, but still I get on my way in a somewhat subdued mood.

We didn't expect to see Beatrice again, but as we walk into Trbonje looking for a café, we see her getting out of her friend's car, and we continue together to Dravograd. Although the way leads us mostly through forests or meadows with lots of shade, Beatrice's dogs suffer from the heat, so when we arrive at the outskirts of the town, she asks a couple working in their garden for water. We end up sitting on their terrace drinking *špricer* (wine with mineral water) and coffee, and finally the man offers to take us all across the border to Lavamünd, our day's stop. Beatrice gladly accepts, mainly because of the dogs, Ute and I prefer to walk but let them take our packs and enjoy making the day's last ten kilometres into Carinthia without weight on our shoulders. In the centre of Dravograd, we cross over to the north bank of the Drava and, little later, we are back in Austria again. Na svidenje Slovenija, and thank you for your hospitality.



## July 22<sup>nd</sup>

At Lavamünd, the way takes to the southern side of the river again. Ute and I set off early hoping to walk as big a part of today's distance in the cool of the morning, but before we even arrive at Neuhaus, our first stop, the heat is back again and we are glad to flee into the 14<sup>th</sup>-century church, the second on our journey dedicated to Saint James whom we meet not only in a 14<sup>th</sup>-century statue on the main altar and in the 15<sup>th</sup> century stained glass windows of the choir, but also painted on a processional banner leaning in a corner. A paper pinned to the church door on which we read parochial announcements written in Slovenian reminds us that we are still on bilingual territory.

Four hours and a siesta later we arrive at the 12<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque church of Aich. Unfortunately we can't find the person who has got the key, so we don't get to see the statue of Saint James we know to be inside. We content ourselves with greeting the beautiful Saint Christopher painted on the outside wall and go on to Rinkenbergl. Here we are luckier: two young women whom we ask about the church don't stop making phone calls around the village until they have found the old man who comes to let us inside the late Gothic building with its beautiful frescoes and a very unique statue uniting the Jakob of the Old Testament with his ladder and Saint James as a pilgrim with staff and shells in one figure. By then it is too late to walk on to the next village offering accommodation, so Ute and I decide to sleep outside once more. We are close to regretting our decision when we see dark clouds appear in the west while we have dinner at the foot of a *Marterl* in the forest of Dobrova, but the rain they bring turns out to be harmless and we spend a safe and dry night in a *bivouac* built out of our rain capes and walking sticks.

## July 23<sup>rd</sup>

In the morning, the sky is clear again. We enrich our frugal breakfast with berries we collect in the wood, but we have to walk several kilometres before we get our first cup of coffee at Kühnsdorf. After a one hour's walk we arrive at our next Saint James church at the entrance of Klopein. The door is locked, but it has a window big enough to see the statue of the Saint and the altar table decorated with scallop shells. Klopein itself has the typical "charm" of a touristy summer sesort; we try to get through as fast as possible. By now, the heat has become unbearable again. As we are cooling our feet in a brook we see black clouds approaching from both north and southeast, so it's back into

our shoes and on to the next available shelter which we find in a *Buschenschank*, an inn open only temporarily, (comparable to Vienna's *Heurigen*), where farmers serve their own products. Sitting there with a glass of cider we wait for the thunderstorm to pass and listen to a conversation between our host, a shrewd lady farmer, and two female summer guests who unsuccessfully try to squeeze out the secret of her hidden mushroom spots in the wood.



An hour later, the worst is over and we can go on, on tarmac but with pleasantly cool weather. After two or three kilometres along the side of a small road we pass a sign telling us that we are now entering the district of Gallizien. This is no joke, nor has it to do with the ancient K and K Monarchy's province in eastern Poland having the same name. Pilgrims returning from Santiago renamed their native village of Gestidorf after the destination of the most important journey of their lives, and since 1430 it has been bearing this name as well as a coat of arms with a scallop shell and pilgrim staffs. So our pilgrimage has actually led us to Galicia, and as if Santiago himself wanted us to feel really at home, it starts raining again.

In the village we have the luck to find a private accommodation not mentioned in the guide (there could be some more of that kind of information), so in the evening we can attend Mass in the church which, of course, is dedicated to Saint James. We are two days early for Saint James Day, otherwise, we would have the occasion to see the procession in his honour. As we sit and listen to the congregation singing chorales in German and Slovenian (Mass is held bilingually on weekdays and entirely in one of either language on Saturday and Sunday), I can't help feeling a little as if I was attending Pilgrim Mass at Santiago Cathedral. Perhaps it was knowing that we would come here which has drawn me on this route.



### July 24<sup>th</sup>

The chain of the Karawankian Mountains which you normally see towering above the village is hidden behind a wall of fog as we set off on our last day's hike. Our way leads us through the hills above the south bank of the Drau, mostly pleasant walking on small tracks or farm roads through forest with lots of little brooks trickling down the mountainside to our left. By noon, the sun has come out again as we rest near yet another *Marterl* looking on the now clearly visible mountains in the south. When we get back to the river in the afternoon, it is warm enough to take a bath in a pond by the shore. But never trust Saint Peter. Not even an hour later, we hear new rumbling in our back, clouds turn up literally from all sides, and it doesn't help to hasten our pace. This time there is no escape and in the last twenty minutes of our one week's journey, we get drenched to the bone.

### July 25<sup>th</sup>

As we get into our wet boots in the morning, it's only for a short walk down to the bus station of Ferlach, Austria's most southern town. The route goes on to Sankt Jakob im Rosental, where there certainly is going to be a procession today, and then to Villach, Lienz, Brunigo (Bruneck) and Innsbruck, but for us, it's the bus to Klagenfurt and a train back to our daughter who is already waiting for us. But we already know what we are going to ask her for our next year's birthday present.

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# The Cami de Llevant

Francis Dunlop

Last September, a friend and I set off to walk the recently revived Cami de Llevant, or Camino de Levante, from its starting point in Valencia. After nearly five weeks, we had gone a long day's walk northward from Zamora, where the *camí* joins the Via de la Plata, when I badly strained the muscle on the inside of my right thigh. It eventually emerged that there would be no quick cure for this injury, so we decided to return home after rather more than 500 miles. Although we had started in fine autumn weather, we did not see any other pilgrims at all, despite the existence of a substantial guide-book in Spanish. We also read in the pilgrims' reception book at Higuera, a village about 40 km into Castilla-La Mancha, a mere 25-30 names of pilgrims using the refuge before us in 2004 - there is nowhere else to stay. Clearly this ancient pilgrim route is still very little known, so perhaps readers might like to know something about it - though I should perhaps add that I write from what is now a fairly elderly perspective as both Richard and I are now 67. As I had already walked the Via de la Plata with Richard (in 1998), and also the Camino Frances, mostly by myself (in 1992), I have at least something to compare it with.

The Cami de Llevant guide-book (which takes one all the way to Santiago) was written by Amparo Sánchez Ribes, and published by the *Asociación Amigos del Camino de Santiago de la Comunidad Valenciana*, and is already in its second edition. Planning out a detailed itinerary of the over 500 miles to Zamora, one which keeps away from main roads wherever possible, and is divisible into manageable stages, especially in a country where the farm tracks are still changing, and other kinds of development (new roads, new railways, quarries, industrial estates, and so on) seems never-ending, is a mammoth undertaking. When, in addition, one has to enlist the help and interest of local communities in finding and providing accommodation in the many places where *hostals*, hotels, and so on, are scarce and, judging by the number of *hostales* which look as though they have recently closed for good, growing scarcer, an enormous amount of work needs to be done and followed up every year. Much of this has been achieved, I suspect, under the leadership of Amparo, and she and her colleagues have enlisted the support of a good many local *alcaldes* and their communities in the cities, towns and villages through which the route passes. Revisions and re-routings are regularly undertaken.

All this means for the pilgrim some frustrations and disappointments. Since the guide-book lists places to stay, and telephone numbers to ring,



one comes to rely over-much on actually finding the accommodation indicated. In one or two places it was no longer available, and we had to find some form of transport (taxi, an exceptionally kind villager's car, and so on) to take us on to the next likely place. Then again, if one is an inveterate map-reader like myself, it can be disconcerting to find that the maps in the guide (which are in fact based on the state-sponsored 1:50,000 series) only show the actual route, with a few other roads and tracks and a minimum of buildings and other landmarks. If there were such a thing as a really reliable pedometer all might be well, but there isn't. So occasionally route finding is difficult, especially (it may seem) in some very remote areas. Someone who can both speak Spanish really fluently, and both hear and entirely understand the answers, either face to face or on the phone (here a mobile is invaluable) would probably manage without many difficulties, but we were not in that position.

What I am trying to indicate is that we found far more challenges than we did on the Via de la Plata, let alone the Camino Francés. Another factor contributing to these difficulties is the relative newness of interest in this pilgrim route and of attempts to establish it as a going concern. Certainly there were people who knew (from our cockle shells) what we were doing, but it was noticeable that they became greater in number the further towards Zamora we went. It is perhaps no accident that the creators of the detailed itinerary have listed a good many of the secular authorities as helpers along the way, and rather few religious houses or parish authorities. The local police were invariably helpful, where we found their offices manned (by no means always the case), but the *cura*, on the few occasions we did try to contact one, always seemed to be out. No doubt we were simply unlucky in this.

The camino itself, which runs most of the way along farm tracks, starts from Valencia by going south for 2 or 3 days along the coastal plain. It passes through many orange orchards, and one is continually reminded of the Moorish origin of so many of the villages and towns, not only by ancient Arab walls and towers, but also by the place-names, a large proportion of which begin with 'al'. It is also, unfortunately, suffering from very extensive 'development'. The route then turns north north-west, through the fine old town of Xativa and then gradually climbing up the Cañoles valley with rugged hills on either side, rocks and trees and the river to enliven the tracks, to the parched plains of La Mancha, in New Castile.

Villages and towns are few and far between here, but most of the natural halting-places have fine old buildings - churches (hard to get into except at evening Mass time), emblazoned palaces, handsome *ayuntamientos*, castles, arcaded squares - and the countryside is seldom without a strangely shaped sierra to add spice to the view, and, in bright sunlight, presents a frequently changing colour symphony of crimson, orange, buff, white, and various shades of green. There are

many vines in this area (the red *vino de casa* is often excellent), and they were harvesting the grapes in many places, often with teams of migrant workers. We met a Pole in one village who told us there were 1000 of his fellow countrymen nearby. Otherwise the great fields were full of withering sunflowers (the seeds still unpicked), olive trees, sweet corn or cereal stubble, often with its exploitative shepherd, dog and herd of sheep. One area specialised in garlic. Later, north of Toledo, we came on lines of cars by the track, with family parties and whippets from Madrid who had come out for a day's hare-coursing.

The *camí* also goes through Don Quixote country, where we saw a few of the famous windmills, a centre for Cervantes Studies in El Toboso, where Dulcinea lived, and statues and monuments celebrating the Don and his servant.

We spent our one and only rest day in the ancient capital of Toledo. It was good to find that the place I had visited about 45 years ago was still a delight to the lover of art and architecture. After that the way turns in a more northerly direction, and there was soon a more noticeable change in the scenery and vegetation. Blackberries make their appearance, at first apparently all withered on the stem, but around Avila (over 1000 metres up) and later, still with a few just edible berries. It had been extremely hot and close near Valencia and Albacete, but here overcoats were being widely worn on St Teresa's feast day. The mountain stretch from Cebreros recalled the climb to O Cebreiro on the Camino Francés, and there were wonderful views of the Sierras de Guadarrama and Gredos. Another highlight, for me, was the hilltop town of Toro, above the Duero, where the Roman road still crosses on its old bridge and zigzags up the steep bluff. The Romanesque collegiate church is very like the cathedral of Zamora, but the absence of a *coro* helps one appreciate it better as an architectural space. However, we were disappointed by the stage from here to Zamora. On the map it seemed to promise frequent views of the great river; in fact the farm tracks rarely afford one a glimpse of it.

Our problems with accommodation might have been greatly alleviated had we not chosen to start out in late September, and if we had been kitted out to meet the rigours of municipal refuges offering only *agua fría y suelo*. This route certainly does require more planning and telephoning ahead than even the Via de la Plata, but I have little doubt that the 'infrastructure' will be further improved. If you want to try a long Spanish pilgrimage where the overcrowding of the Camino Francés is at present out of the question, do consider this neglected *camí*, along which thousands of Italians probably walked after taking ship from their own lands, as well as countless *levantinos*.

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# Santiago de Compostela

James Cruickshank

Saint James guides all, with helping hands,  
Across the breadth of northern Spain:  
Not lonely ever, never lost,  
These pilgrims relish sun, wind, rain.  
In refuges, there, ev'ry night,  
Amidst the fellowship and care,  
God-granted, gently, is good grace,  
Occasioning a will to share.  
Distinctive now with yellow signs,  
Encrypted codes for nightly rests,  
Camino, font of secrets, wells...  
Of history and pilgrims' quests.  
Monuments, cathedrals, churches,  
Proof are they of honours raised,  
On line of route, on Holy field:  
Sweet Sant Iago... ever praised.  
This year... in past... in years to come,  
Exultant pilgrims, striding free,  
Leave spirits, fresh, infused with old,  
As one... in perpetuity.



# Pursuing the Chemin and the Coquilles Saint-Jacques in Paris

Kathy Gower

Paris has been known for centuries as a gathering point for pilgrims making their way on the Camino de Santiago. The *Chemin de Saint-Jacques*, as it is known in France, is particularly marked by both a starting point, the Tour Saint-Jacques, the only surviving tower of a church built in the 16th century, and the rue Saint-Jacques itself, which extends kilometers from the center of Paris. The philosopher Pascal did his barometric experiments on the Tour Saint-Jacques in 1648. It seems the Tour has been shrouded in scaffolding almost since then, but I did see it uncovered in 1986.

Pilgrims arrived in Paris from many points and Paris, as it is today, was a stop and a lure for many diversions, not just the medieval churches and hospitals which proliferated there. It is entirely possible that pilgrims may have visited the Basilica of Saint-Denis, which the Abbot Suger had built in 1136 to honour Saint-Denis, a patron saint of Paris before the Cathedral of Notre Dame was built in 1190.

If one walks down the rue Saint-Denis from one of the city portals within the environs of Paris (a somewhat seedy place now) one will pass by the remains of many camino sites. The Convent of the Daughters of God (no longer in existence) was built near the rue Saint-Denis by St Louis, as king of France, to rehabilitate prostitutes and to make honest women out of them in the 13th century. This part of rue Saint-Denis has similar challenges today.

Continuing down rue Saint-Denis, one comes upon the site of the Hospital Saint-Jacques, where St Ignatius Loyola was one of the many administering to pilgrims up until the 17th century. The church of St Leu & Gilles is a little further south, still standing, on a little street once known as rue du Pèlerin de Saint-Jacques. The church had its apse removed by the broad hand of Baron Haussmann when he “redesigned” the streets of Paris to prevent small gatherings after the revolution and to make Paris a “modern city”.

The area around what is now Les Halles and the *Centre Culturel Georges Pompidou* (the Beaubourg) is steeped in camino lure. At 51 rue Montmorency, just north, is the oldest house in Paris, built in

1407 as the home of Nicholas Flamel and his wife Pernelle. He was an alchemist and scrivener who endowed many of the churches and orphanages in the area during his time, supposedly with the "gold" he made after interpreting an ancient book in his possession with help from a mysterious fellow pilgrim on the camino. He was buried in the Cemetery of the Holy Innocents, which was dug up to create *Les Halles*, in part, a vast market place. The Tour Saint-Jacques was a tower of Saint-Jacques de la Boucherie, a church for the butchers in the area. The gravestone of Nicholas Flamel is located on one of the stairways in the Cluny, having been discovered after many years preserved as a cutting block when a meat market was razed to build the abominable *Les Halles*.

Pilgrims stepping in to St Eustache, next to *Les Halles* (built 1532-1640) housing a famous pipe organ, will see a lovely statue of St James with his pouch and shell between two other apostles on the left inside the south entrance.

If one goes up rue Saint-Denis and Saint-Martin, a parallel street, the coquilles of Saint-Jacques make their appearance in interesting ways. At the corner of rue Saint-Martin and Rue Etienne Marcel look up to find a grinning statue of St James at the top of the ground floor awnings. Similarly there are scallop shells, gourds and *bourdons* as window decorations on a few second floor windows along the street.

At the church of Saint Merrie, also shrouded in scaffolding for many years, there is a reported statue of the saint near the middle of three portals, but it isn't visible, try as one may. There are many sites of abbeys, hospitals and churches in the area, all lost through the ages.

By now we've reached Notre Dame, just a few blocks south of the Tour Saint-Jacques on the Île de la Cité, which was started in 1163. A visit here requires some time to take in the enduring magnificence. It was rebuilt several times. A representation all of St James is located in the middle portal. All originals have been destroyed or are in the Cluny museum.

Crossing over the Petit Pont, we reach St Julien-le-Pauvre, another Romanesque to Gothic style church on the site of a 6th century building on the pilgrimage road. Old and poor pilgrims could stay in the tiny church hospital. In the garden behind the church is the oldest tree in Paris, planted in 1620. At one point it was the parish church for the university area nearby and for the likes of Dante, Rabelais and Thomas Aquinas. No scallop shells, but a lovely, peaceful ambience.

Walking up the rue Saint-Jacques, be sure to look up at No27 to see

Salvador Dali's sundial, hanging like a street sign. A face, cast in cement in the shape of a scallop shell is a reminder of the pilgrims who passed along the street. The eyebrows are flames representing the sun.

Next stop is the Hôtel de Cluny, now the *Musée National du Moyen-Âge* and *Les Thermes de Cluny*, which is built on Roman ruins. Before going into the courtyard, notice the stone arch on rue de Cluny, the last remaining vestige of a shelter for pilgrims. Scallop shells and walkers' staves decorate the courtyard façade, the emblem of the many medieval pilgrims headed south for Santiago. There is an inaccurate sundial on the wall left of the museum entry, also prolifically decorated with scallop shells.

Once inside, have fun searching for the *coquilles*: I found several, both on the sculptures of our St James and in a variety of pilgrimage art, ranging from pilgrim badges, motifs on the stained glass windows on the building courtyard, decorations on a leather belt, and on a unique iron lock made of many shells in the 18th century.

Walk back a block or two to rue Saint-Jacques, pass through the Portal Saint-Jacques, just past the Panthéon and the *Université* of Paris, where the original gates of the city of Paris were once marked. Before continuing on past the *Sorbonne*, *Institut de Géographie* and the *Observatoire de Paris*, turn left on to rue des Fosses St Jacques... what would have been the moat or sewers of 12-14th century Paris. There, on the right side of the street is a lovely sign for *St Jacques Brûlerie* with a scallop shell in iron hanging beneath the busy coffee roaster.

Back on rue Saint-Jacques, continue on just a bit to the north-west corner of rue de l'Abbé de l'Épée to see the one remaining remnant of a scallop shell on the church of Saint Jacques du Haut-Pas - one block north of the Luxembourg Gardens. The building next door housed a hospital founded in the 12th century and gardens where the friars grew grapes and made wine - Hospital Saint-Jacques, on the Boulevard Saint-Jacques. Jacques de Voragine, translated the *Golden Legend*, the lives of saints from the Latin into French here. Today the 17<sup>th</sup> century building also houses a branch of the *Société des Amis de St Jacques de Compostelle*.

A good ending point for the traditional walk out from central Paris is the Place Saint-Jacques, on the Boulevard Saint-Jacques. Returning back, stop at any of the many lively little restaurants for an order of *Coquilles Saint-Jacques* or at least a *Saint-Jacques* coffee. You've deserved it.



# The Way of St Giles

## a lesser known French pilgrim path

John Innes

**I**n September 2004 I walked the Way of St Giles (le chemin de Saint Gilles) from Le Puy to Saint-Gilles. I thought other members would be interested in this relatively unknown pilgrim path. St Giles was born in Greece, but left his home country and lived as a hermit in a cave near Nîmes in France, with a hind as his only companion. One day a member of a royal hunting party shot an arrow in the direction of the hind, and hit St Giles in the leg. The king became a supporter of the saint, and built a monastery for him at Saint-Gilles du Gard.

When St Giles died, his grave became one of the most frequented medieval pilgrimage sites, due to its position at a crossroads between pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela, Rome and Jerusalem. St Giles' popularity (as the patron saint of beggars, the disabled, lepers and paupers, amongst others) can be gauged by the numerous churches dedicated to him throughout Europe.

It was interesting to find another route (I previously walked the Way of Saint James from Le Puy to Santiago de Compostela) with so many historical, cultural and spiritual resonances. The Way follows an ancient trade route, and traces of Roman and medieval chariot ruts can still be seen, worn into the stone, in several places along the route.

Such an important trade and pilgrimage route also required protection. Some of the more significant fortifications include Pradelles and La Garde Guérin, two medieval fortified villages, and Portes, a castle situated at the head of an important pass through the mountains. A company of knights lived at La Garde Guérin to provide more mobile security for pilgrims and travellers, and the thirty-one houses they lived in are still standing.

The pilgrim will also find many Romanesque churches between Le Puy and Saint-Gilles. One highlight was the 10<sup>th</sup>-century church at Langogne, which has one hundred capitals with varied sculptures displaying the struggle between good and evil in the middle ages. The west façade of the abbey at Saint-Gilles is considered a Romanesque masterpiece, and recreates the story of Christ's Passion in sculpture for the benefit of the many pilgrims who arrived here over the centuries.

The words of Mgr Jean Cadilhac, a past Bishop of Nîmes, about the

Way of St Giles will also strike a chord with many CSJ members.

1) Pilgrims leave the habits and comforts of daily life and all sorts of futility to which they are enslaved. In doing this they can find a certain freedom.

2) Our spiritual life is not measured by the time we spend in prayer or its intensity. Our spiritual life is actually our normal life transfigured by the Holy Spirit.

3) Pilgrimage obliges us to leave our own universe and puts us in contact with the other. It reveals that part of us that refuses to like and accept the other.

On a practical note the Way of St Giles (also known as le Chemin de Regordane) is around 230 kilometres in length, and is usually walked in twelve stages. At present the route is not way-marked with the familiar red and white flashes, and there are no guidebooks in English. The CSJ website has a link to *Sud-Aventure*, the publisher of a popular (inaccurate in some places) French guidebook. Even more detailed information can be found on Mr Guimelli's website at: <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/tr.girouct/soleil>

# News from Down Under

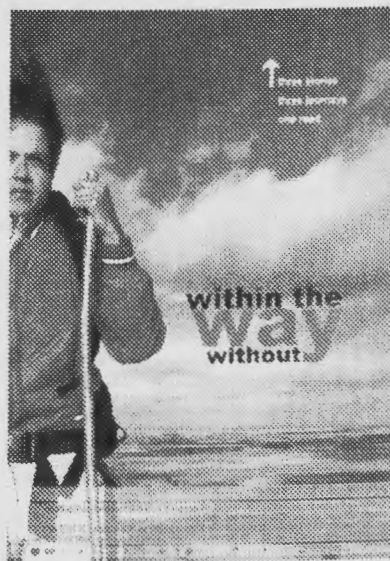
## and a Call to all Australian Pilgrims

Sandra Collier

I returned to Australia in December 2004 after almost a year in Europe and have found myself still on the camino. I have become part of an informal Queensland, New South Wales, Victorian and New Zealand network that emails, phones and dines group. Jan Murdoch and I attended a seminar lead by Almis Simankevicius at his university, entitled the way of St James- preparation for pilgrimage. We led the Practical Pilgrim's session. We later joined thirty-four pilgrims (six CSJ members) on the 3 1/2-km walk to Sydney city centre. En route we past the southern sandstone portico of Sydney University with its carved cockleshells and the War Memorial at Hyde Park. The day concluded at St James Church King St with the verger highlighting the stained glass and mosaic features pertaining to pilgrimage.

Meanwhile there was a 2-part radio broadcast on ABC Radio National in January about *Non-Penitential Pilgrimage* (among other things) and Rob Jorritsma and I were interviewed about the camino. Rob Jorritsma is the winter pilgrim in the film *Within The Way Without*, which UK based pilgrims had the opportunity of viewing in early January 2005. Meanwhile, we look forward to its formal release in Australia. The theme of the radio program was to find out what people expect from a 21st century pilgrimage and what they actually come away with.

Moreover, CSJ pilgrims in Australia now have the DVD of the film *Within the Way Without*. Larry Boulting – the producer of the film does not want any 'public' screenings of the DVD, which is of course inferior in quality to the 35mm version. However, he has given CSJ pilgrims in Australia permission to show it as a one-off, for a friend of mine to use in her fundraising drive to make AU\$10,000 for Multiple Sclerosis research in Australia. Part of her effort will be walking across Little Tibet in northern India in June 2005, so we thought the walking connection was is a good one. As





this is a recent plan, a venue and date have not been set yet – pilgrims can email me for details.

Rob (the winter pilgrim in the film) walked the camino from his home near Utrecht (Holland). He met Ines Jewel on the camino and now calls Australia home. Most people on hearing that they met on the camino, say ‘*Que bonito!*’ Ines first walked in the summer of 1999 and again in Jan – Feb 2001. She was a *hospitalera* for eight months including for some time in Redondela on the Portuguese Way. Ines and Rob and other supporters are shortly celebrating a friend’s imminent departure for pilgrimage (and her 50th birthday) with a walk along the Yarra River in Melbourne.

Other Australian members Margaret and Graham Brown are from Rutherglen Victoria. Graham has cycled the Le Puy route. In 2004 he celebrated St James Day with a 90km ride to St James in Victoria, which was featured in *Bulletin* 88. Meanwhile, Kerry and Steve Lennon from Sydney NSW were on their honeymoon in 2004 and walking from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. On opening their email at Sarria, they read about the proposition of the formation of an Australian group of pilgrims. I received the first email about the proposed group at Ordes on the English Way – *Camino Inglés* – and made contact with the newlyweds while I was at Redondela as I was doing the Portuguese Way – *Camino Portugués* at the time. Kerry, Steve and I promptly agreed to meet them on the 18 November in the Plaza del Obradoiro. However there was a St James moment during the Pilgrim Mass. We shared the same pew, first as silent pilgrims then as firm camino friends. The first sub-committee meeting of Australian pilgrims was duly held that night at the *Hostal de los Reyes Católicos*.

Lastly, for several years now Rob Jorritsma and Ines Jewel celebrate Santiago Day, wherever they are living, as a good excuse for a get-together with friends, some family and any ex-pilgrims they can rustle up. The festivity is usually held on the Saturday night nearest 25 July. If any past or future pilgrims would like to join them in Maldon, Central Victoria, they’re most welcome and they should email them directly for directions etc. at [inesj@ihug.com.au](mailto:inesj@ihug.com.au) If you would like to celebrate St James Day 2005, in Sydney, or cycle in Victoria or have other local suggestions please contact Graham Brown: [grmibrown@bigpond.com.au](mailto:grmibrown@bigpond.com.au) or Sandra Collier: [sandra\\_collier@hotmail.com](mailto:sandra_collier@hotmail.com)

*Sandra Collier was a 2004 June warden at Rabanal and a Thursday volunteer at the CSJ Office.*

# Book Reviews

*Fumbling*, by Kerry Egan, 2004 Doubleday, NY ISBN 0-385-50765-8

The book is described as *a pilgrimage tale of love, grief, and renewal on the Camino de Santiago*. This greatly understates the interest to anyone who knows the Camino.

Kerry Egan was brought up as a Catholic, and at the time of her journey was a divinity student at Harvard. One of the many interests of the book is her description of the uncertainties of her faith, and discovering where the true roots of it were. Her religious background, deep interest in the subject, talent for research, and clear style of writing throw a focused light on a whole range of subjects, including the nature of pilgrimage, the background to the cult of relics, the subtle but important details about indulgences, and indeed the nature of grief. Added to this, her writing about episodes of the journey, such as the Cruz de Ferro near Rabanal and chicken in the cathedral of San Domingo de la Calzada, make one see one's own experience in a more thoughtful light.

I was left feeling that my own Camino journey had been retrospectively enhanced by reading this book. For people who are imminently thinking of undertaking the journey, it might make the pilgrimage seem more complicated and difficult than, for most people, it actually is, but they would gain in understanding why this is not just a long walk, and be more receptive to their experiences along the way. And for people who know they do not intend to do the pilgrimage, it would give a very good idea of some of the rewards others have gained from spending a month of their lives on the Camino. She succeeds in conveying what is special about the Camino, and why, for so many people, it continues to influence their lives long after their return:

“A pilgrim is in an in-between space for a little while, a time both of great transition and great potential. In this place you can learn and experience things that it would be possible to learn while not on pilgrimage. A pilgrim experiences *communitas*, the elimination of differences between people of different ages, classes and nationalities. Barriers between people are thrown aside as a great feeling of unity and connectedness brings people together in a way which seems impossible within the regular structures of society.”

I personally found the sections concerning her feelings about the

death of her father too long, and, to me, not very interesting. However, even these sections could be useful to those trapped by unresolved grief, and help them in finding a way out.

There is a copy in the CSJ Library.

*Reviewed by Piers Nicholson*

***Sentier vers Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle via Le Puy-en-Velay***, Paris: FFRP, 2004

ISBN: 2-7514-0029-9, 122pp. including 29 maps, illus. 13.25 euros.

This is the fourth volume in the series of *Topoguides* published by the FFRP (Fédération Française de la Randonnée Pédestre) covering the GR65 through France from Le Puy to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, extending the route (backwards) to Geneva. Like all other *Topoguides* this one contains route-finding text and IGN maps (at a scale of 1: 50,000) on facing pages as well as information on history, geography, monuments, flora and fauna of the region it passes through and details of accommodation and services.

This title is a welcome addition to the GR series, providing not only those who start in Geneva but also pilgrims coming from Switzerland and much further afield with an unbroken line of waymarked paths all the way to Santiago.

There is a copy in the CSJ library.

*Reviewed by Alison Raju*

***De Madrid a Santiago de Compostela, Relato de una peregrinacion***, Adrián Herrero Casla, Madrid: Comunidad de Madrid/Asociación de Amigos de los Caminos de Santiago de Madrid 2004 172 pp, 62 line drawings (Mariano De Souza), 6 euros ISBN: 84-451-2665-2

This is an account of the author's pilgrimage from his own front door in Madrid to Santiago de Compostela, a journey on foot made in the 1999 Holy Year with three companions and other friends who joined them for certain stages along the way. They took the 321km route waymarked since 1992 by the Asociación de Amigos de los Caminos de Santiago de Madrid, which leads from the Spanish capital itself via Segovia, Valladolid and Medina de Rioseco to join the *Camino Francés* in Sahagún, more or less midway between the Pyrenees (376km to the east) and the City of the Apostle (356km further on to the west).



The book's subtitle, *Relato de una peregrinación*, leads the reader to expect details of the author's walk, the people he and his friends encountered along the way and the places they passed and stayed in but it is much more than a mere diary of his pilgrimage. Extremely well-written and very readable, it is also a carefully researched book, providing a judicious blend of personal experience and reflections on his undertaking with background information on the towns, villages, monuments and history of this route. The book is illustrated throughout with 62 very fine line drawings by a well-known artist, complementing all the aspects of the text.

This title will be of interest not only to those who have already walked the Madrid *Camino* and would like to reminisce but is also recommended to anyone thinking of making this journey themselves, as it is likely to inspire them to transform their possible pilgrim projects into reality. There is a copy in the CSJ library.

*Reviewed by Alison Raju*

***A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino Portugués***, John Brierley, Camino Guides (Findhorn Press), 2005 176pp, over 200 small colour illustrations, 14 colour planning and walking maps, 10 town plans. £12.95 ISBN: 1-84409-055-8.

This is the third volume in the author's Camino Guides series and, like the others, provides detailed route-finding descriptions, information on accommodation and, the book's best feature, very good colour maps, clear street plans and useful height profiles. The guide covers the camino from Porto to Santiago in detail, with a resumé of the route through Braga and the ones along the coast and from Lisbon at the end.

The author goes to great pains to stress that the journey is more than just a long walk on a historic route, emphasising that the inner, reflective aspects of the pilgrim's path are equally if not more important than the physical ones. The historical and background information provided is somewhat sketchy but the guide will take its user safely from his starting point in Porto to his goal - the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

This book is obtainable from the CSJ Bookshop.

*Reviewed by Alison Raju*

# Refugio Gaucelmo Update

Stuart Shaw



This year the refugio will open on Good Friday and a working party of eight volunteers will be in residence the previous week. Based on a report from Alison Raju, who closed up in November, the refugio needs decorating throughout as well as the usual preparation work. We have been warned that Rabanal is a touch chilly in March and to take our thermal underwear and arctic sleeping bags!

Safety lights have been installed in the barn and plans are in place to put a door in the end wall opening into the field. At the moment there is only one exit from the barn and this additional door is to provide a second fire escape, although I think it will add some welcome ventilation in the busier months.

In the upstairs showers extractor fans have been fitted so, hopefully, this will reduce the amount of condensation and resultant black mould which is a continual chore to clean off the walls and ceilings.

We offer a sincere thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in acting as a hospitalero either this year or in the future; the list for 2005 is complete but it is not too early to declare an interest for 2006. If any member would like more information please contact us via the CSJ office or email us direct at [stuartandtricia@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartandtricia@btinternet.com)

You will have noticed that we are no longer 'Wardens' but are *hospitaleros*, suggesting hospitality is our root and not 'wardening' which was thought to have a prison ring about it.

# New Refugio Development Project

Maureen Young

**T**his project has engaged the interest of many Confraternity members, many of whom have offered help in specific areas. Skills included chartered surveying, journalism and dry stone walling! Members are interested in all phases of the development including the subsequent ongoing maintenance and warden duties.

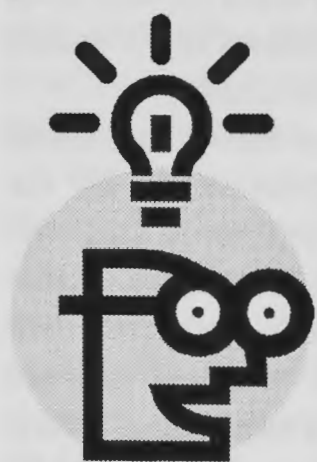
The development group has now begun to look at possible places for a new refugio on the Caminos del Norte and the Via de la Plata. Several sites have been identified and are being investigated in areas where there are gaps in the provision of refugios.

There are requirements to make sure the project fits in with the ethos of the Confraternity and that we work with local amigos and communities. The idea is to try and reduce the numbers on the Camino Frances.

For any comments, suggestions or contributions please contact Maureen Young at [maureenyoung100@hotmail.com](mailto:maureenyoung100@hotmail.com)

A fund raising sub-group has also been set up to finance this new development.

*Colin Jones writes:*  
**JUST IMAGINE!**



Discussions about the new refugio project are still in the very early stages – but it's not too early to start thinking about how we are going to fund the new refugio. The fund-raising group of the New Refugio Development Group has already put its thinking cap on and come up with ideas such as walks round London, marathon runs, parachute jumps, and wine tasting. But we need lots more ideas, so that when the refugio appeal is launched it will really take-off. Send your suggestions, no matter how big or small, to Colin Jones, The Vicarage, Church Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham B42 2LB; email: [pacharan@btinternet.com](mailto:pacharan@btinternet.com)



# Members Page

## **From Marigold and Maurice Fox**

We would like to thank everyone who has written or telephoned in connection with Maurice's illness. There are too many kind messages to reply to each individually at this time, but we are both most appreciative of your support. Foxes

## **From Jacek and Joasia Bernasinska**

We are planning to do our Camino Portugués starting 5 May 2005. We will be leaving from Stansted Airport by Ryanair at 6.40am flying to Porto. We are looking for contact with any pilgrim leaving to do the Camino Portugués around the same time. Please call: 020 8373 0262

## **From Helen Willson**

Intent on for once actually doing the homework for my French class, I was browsing through the December/January issue of *La Vie Outre-Manche*, the magazine which we use as a course text. We had been asked to read and translate an article *Un monde en chocolat* which describes the Art of Chocolate Museum in Lisle sur Tarn, 40 km north east of Toulouse. I was rather intrigued to learn that one of the exhibits in the museum is "a life-size statue of a pilgrim en route for Saint Jacques de Compostele. The figure weighs 100 kilos, has a long beard and has looks pleased with life".

Apparently he has elephants, fish, the four seasons and Tintin and Milou, among others, as company in the museum. Has anyone ever found him.....unless of course he's been already eaten or melted down!

## **From A Pilgrim Cinema-Goer**

On Friday January 14 2005, a group of predominantly London and home counties based members of the CSJ watched the UK preview of *Ultreia! Within the Way Without*, a film directed by Larry Boulting concerning three pilgrims to Santiago and their internal and external pilgrimages with a follow-up of the three upon return to their homes, in Japan, Brazil and The Netherlands- respectively. The showing was hosted at the BAFTA centre in Piccadilly – next to Saint James's Church and a wonderful finger reception with excellent Spanish wine

was also provided. The film was very well made and provoked much discussion. Larry Boulting and one of the pilgrims – Rob, a Dutchman, currently living in Australia, were also present at the showing. The film will be made into a DVD and it will be more widely available for film-buffs and CSJ members around the country to watch. The film as a DVD will be shown in Sydney – Australia shortly, see message from Australian members below.

### From Andrea Higginson

#### Pedal Pilgrims



#### Castelfranc

Seven years ago (1997), John & I made the pilgrimage from le Puy to Santiago by bike. We knew le Puy well because we had been returning there many times over the years when our family had been young. The journey was tough and made a profound impact on both of us both spiritually and mentally. On our return, as with many other pilgrims, we had a burning desire to share our experiences and were privileged to give illustrated lectures to groups all over the country. We also used our chosen occupations (post-teaching) to try to explain and share our experiences. John wrote the Cyclists' Guide (published by Cicerone) and I made an embroidered wall hanging which also became the subject of a lecture to many branches of the Embroiderers' Guild. Our dream had always been to live in France and in 2001 this became possible. Because of the French section of the Pilgrimage (cycled three times), we found ourselves led to Cahors and the Lot Valley and eventually to a spot 25 kilometres away from the Camino.

In 2003 our house was finished and we moved out here. This year it was necessary to update the Cyclists' Guide and whilst at Estaing we were asked if we would help with the Pilgrim Accueil in Cahors Cathedral. This we were privileged to do during the summer months. Whilst previously in the UK we met with many would-be pilgrims and made many contacts around the world as a result of our first journey. This September, two of these Pilgrim cyclists, from North Dakota, stayed with us — a minor diversion from the camino. – and on their triumphant return sent us the above stamp to endorse our home as a pilgrim etape. The previous day, we had two members of the Confraternity whom we had met when they were hosts at Rabanal visit us.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, the pilgrimage has changed our lives and provided new encounters and a renewed spiritual focus — even to the extent that in our small village there is another English pilgrim and author. The French association, Amis de St. Jacques (Haltes Spirituelles en Quercy) has warmly welcomed us and next September I have been invited to exhibit the wall hanging in Cahors Cathedral along with a photographic exhibition of the Camino. We give thanks for all our experiences and continue to place our trust in God wherever He leads us.

Incidentally, the motif on our stamp was taken from part of my wall hanging – the Solomon’s Knot or hidden cross from the Roman Villa at Quintanilla.

### **From John Hatfield**

Many CSJ members, having completed the camino or other pilgrim routes, wish to give something back to the movement. A number of possibilities arise, including that of serving as hospitalleros at the refugio Gualcelmo at Rabanal del Camino. Over the last 12 years, many have given their time at the Refugio Gaucelmo at Rabanal del Camino. If you speak good French however, the opportunity of being an *accueillant*, at a quiet refuge at one of the small recently developed hostels on the *Voie de Vézelay*, is also a possibility. The season runs from 15 March to 15 October.

Since 2000, the enthusiastic and dedicated Association de Amis de St Jacques de la Voie de Vézelay (ASJVV) have waymarked the historic pilgrim route from Vézelay to St Jean-Pied-de-Port, led by the dynamic couple Monique and Jean-Charles Chassain. Though based in Perigord, they monitor all the activities on the route and are often at the Vézelay office to welcome pilgrims. They have produced an excellent guide, which is regularly updated and they are energetically negotiating with local municipalities along the route for the establishment of new pilgrim refuges.

For pilgrims, the Vézelay route is a “Route de Solitude” as yet unspoiled by commercialism. The aim of the ASJW is to keep it that way. In 2003 just over 400 pilgrims were recorded as coming down that route to St Jean-Pied-de-Port

In 2004, the CSJ has collaborated with them so that four of our members have served as wardens at the new refuge at Corbigny, on the Southern branch out of Vézelay. They have all returned speaking of



their warm experiences there. In 2005, there are further opportunities for *accueillants* – again at Corbigny and at Sorges.

If this opportunity appeals to you John Hatfield, (9 Vicary Way, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0EJ. tel: 01622 757 814) will be happy to give you background information, after which you may wish to contact Monique Chassain to negotiate in French the possibilities and to arrange dates for your *accueillant* sojourn.

### **From American Members**

Margaret (Meg) Cormack is planning a conference on Geography and Saints, to be held at the Agricultural College at Holar, Northern Iceland, probably in the last week of June, 2006. The College is located on the site of the former bishopric, and the conference is intended to contribute to the 900th anniversary celebration of its founding in 1106. The conference will focus on issues of geographical analysis and mapping of saints' cults, including but not limited to technological issues. A formal call for papers will go out in the summer of 2005. In the meantime, those with questions or suggestions are invited to submit them by email to Meg, at [cormackm@cofc.edu](mailto:cormackm@cofc.edu).

### **From Peter Fitzgerald**

May I put in a request to any member of the CSJ as to whether you may have a copy of *The Blessings of Pilgrimage* Edited by Robert Ousterhout, Published by The University of Illinois Press, 1990 – which you may consider selling to me, or alerting me if you find it in a bookshop. Would you please contact me on 01243 785681 or email me on: [peter\\_of\\_chichester@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peter_of_chichester@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Sponsored Pilgrimage**

Veronica O'Connor has already walked from Canterbury to Rome and now she is walking from Winchester to Santiago to raise money for research into the causes of brain tumours. See [www.wayahead-btrc.org](http://www.wayahead-btrc.org) for more information.

### **French pilgrim seeks companion with donkey**

To walk from Vézelay or Le Puy in 2005 to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. Contact M Guy Lojou, 0033 4 91 68 54 94.

**From John Hatfield – Slide Librarian**

May I remind members about the CSJ slide library. In 2004 the slides were borrowed 31 times and we now have a growing collection of slides from the alternative pilgrim routes. These slides are available to illustrate any pilgrimage talks you may be giving this spring in the UK. Please give me at least one month's notice, so that a catalogue can be sent and your choices made. I have to operate on a first come, first served basis, so the sooner I hear from you, the sooner I can reserve the slides for your talk. I can be contacted at: 9 Vicary Way, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0EJ Tel: 01622 757814

# From the Secretary's Notebook

Marion Marples

## **RIP**

Henry Branthomme, the oldest member of the *Société des Amis de Saint-Jacques* in Paris, died in November, aged 96. Those who attended the Confraternity's conference, Body & Soul: hospitality on the roads to Santiago, will remember the showing of a stunning black and white film *Chemin de Compostelle*. In 1951 Henry Branthomme filmed fellow seminarians walking to Santiago, but the Spain shown was still firmly in the Middle Ages. He studied and wrote about Les Chemins de Saint-Jacques throughout his life and was working on a book about world pilgrimage at the time of his death.

## **New Confraternity Publications**

In January we published the Pilgrim Guides to Spain 1: the Camino Francés 2005, ed William Bissett, 96pp, £6 plus postage

In March we published a new edition of The Pilgrim Guides to Spain 4: Los Caminos del Norte, A: Ruta de la Costa, 2. Villaviciosa-Gijon-Arzua by Eric Walker, price £5 plus postage

## **New Postcards**

Piers Nicholson has created sets of 24 Camino scenes plus a poem for sale at £5 plus postage. Each card represents a day of pilgrimage and shows four scenes

All publications are available through the online bookshop on our website.

## **New flights to northern Spain**

Stansted to Santiago: from Monday 11 April [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com) will be flying daily to Santiago, fares start at £1.99 + taxes. (NB 4000 bookings were made in the first 4 days of booking.)

Stansted to Asturias (Oviedo): from Thursday 24 March [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com) will be flying daily to Asturias, fares start at £17.99 + taxes. This route seems to have replaced the flights from Luton to la Coruña which were rumoured earlier in the year.



## **Pilgrim sellos**

Any *Correos* (Post Office) on the Camino francés, Camino del Norte and Via de la Plata will now stamp your Pilgrim record. This is authorised by the Pilgrim office in Santiago.

## **Internet discussion board**

Confraternity members wishing to ask questions and chat about the Santiago pilgrimage may like to try the forum on *www.santiago-today.net*, an English-language site operated from Santiago.

Online Journal '*Peregrinaciones*' is published to make available academic work in the area of pilgrimage. The latest edition has a very interesting article on Pilgrim Badges along with Kathy Gower's article. *www.peregrinaciones.kenyon.edu*

## **Le Puy Jubilee Year**

The co-incidence of Good Friday and 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, is rare– a few times per century. When it happens it is a Jubilee year in le Puy. Festivities are planned from Good Friday 25 March to 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption. The tradition began in 1407 and the Jubilee lasted one day. The next in 1418 lasted 5 days. The Jubilees of 1910, 1921 and 1932 lasted a fortnight, with 300,000 pilgrims.

## **E111 for reciprocal health treatment**

All forms issued before August 2004 have now expired, so it is important, that if you are going on pilgrimage this year, that you obtain a new document from the Post Office. In 2005 all E111s will be replaced by the European Health Insurance certificate.

## ***VII Congreso Internacional de Asociaciones Jacobeas*, Ponferrada, 20–23 October 2005**

Every 3 years since 1987, the Spanish Federation of Associations of *Amigos del Camino de Santiago* has held an international congress. The seventh in the series will take place in Ponferrada from 20–23 October 2005. Its theme is “The Camino de Santiago: a bridge for the creation of a New Europe” and local organisation is being provided by the El Bierzo Amigos (our partners in the creation of Refugio Gaucelmo in Rabanal).

The programme of speakers and events, together with information

for those wishing to attend, will shortly be available on-line. Call the Office for website details from 30 April onwards. This conference aims to be truly international in that papers will be available in several languages, including English.

### **Call for Translators for the above Congress:**

The Confraternity will be providing back-up help to the El Bierzo Amigos in the form of advance translation into English of the papers and presentations being given in Spanish.

If you have strong Spanish and the time during August and September to translate a paper (about 20 pages of A4) or a shorter presentation, please contact the office or Laurie Dennett at *laurie.dennett@britishlibrary.net*

### **Transport to Congress of Wine and Cheeses**

The Confraternity has also been asked to supply the Congress with British cheeses of the varieties that medieval pilgrims would have known and eaten, together with cases of a suitable British wine. If anyone is planning to drive to Spain in September or October and has space in a large car or van, help with the transport of the cheese and wine would be very welcome. The amounts to be transported are as yet uncertain but if you think you may be able to help, please contact the office, or Laurie Dennett at *laurie.dennett@britishlibrary.net*

### **CSJ Digital Image Library**

The establishment of a digital image collection, parallel to the present slide library, was proposed at the last AGM. Since then the Committee have examined the feasibility and the cost of this proposal (including copyright issues), and have decided to go ahead with a fully-indexed, publicly-available, web-based collection of images, intended to provide, in due course, comprehensive coverage of all the routes to Santiago.

This will require a team effort: we envisage a leader and a small number of other contributors to collect the images, edit them as necessary, index them, and mount them on the website. The Project Leader should be based in the UK, and able to report to the Committee on a regular basis, but other team members could be based elsewhere.

We would welcome expressions of interest in leading or contributing to this project, preferably from people who already have some experience of computing, and equipment they are willing to use

for this project – though we will consider subsidising the cost of, for example, broadband access to the Internet.

The Project Specification as it currently stands is available on the CSJ website at [www.csj.org.uk/digilib.htm](http://www.csj.org.uk/digilib.htm)

Please email Howard Nelson [howard.nelson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:howard.nelson@tiscali.co.uk) with any queries, and to express your interest in joining the project.

### **New routes in Poland: The Jakubów Project**

The aim: Restoring the pilgrimage center at the St. James Apostle parish in Jakubów which was famous and well-known in Central Europe from the Middle Ages until the 18th-century.

Plans include:

1. Building the first St James road from Jakubów (Poland) to Görlitz (Lausitz, Germany) which is to link the Lower Silesia region to European network of the Jacobean pilgrim roads to Santiago de Compostela.
2. Making up pilgrims infrastructure along the planned route: doing shell waymarkings for pilgrims, publishing the guide-book for walkers, cyclists and horsemen, distributing the Pilgrim Passports (Credential del Peregrino), setting up pilgrim refuges, campsites and parkings.
3. Renovation of St James Church in Jakubów, stabilizing and strengthening the premises of the St James's Holy Spring, which has been flowing out nearby for centuries.
4. Promotion of the St James Apostle parish and the village Jakubów as the start of the journey for pilgrims travelling from Lower Silesia via Germany, France to Compostela.

Contact [h.karas@data.pl](mailto:h.karas@data.pl) or write to The Confraternity of Saint James in Jakubów, 59-160 Radwanice, Jakubów 34, Lower Silesia, Poland.

### **Personal Note**

On Monday 20 June at 7pm Marion will be commissioned by the Bishop of Southwark in Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, SE1 as a Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary (SPA) to work in the Cathedral parish. Any member passing through London on that day is very welcome to attend – it would be very helpful if you could let me know if you would like to come.



# CSJ Events

## **Saturday 30 April**

## **Office Open Day**

10.30am–3pm for visitors to use the Library, browse publications and obtain information about making the Pilgrimage.

## **Thursday 5 May**

## **Lecture Recital**

*A musical pilgrimage with Saint Francis of Assisi to Santiago de Compostela* Lecture Recital by Dr Mary Remnant with the CSJ Choir, 7.30pm at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, 89 Addison Road, London W14, in aid of the St Francis Leprosy Guild.

## **Saturday 21 May**

## **Office Open Day**

Details as above.

## **Saturday 25 June**

## **Office Open Day**

Details as above.

## **Sunday 17-27/28/29 July**

## **Walking pilgrimage**

Starts on Sunday 3pm with Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral, via Fordingbridge, Wimborne to Poole. Thursday 21 night crossing to Cherbourg, bus to Barfleur, walk to St Vaast and Ile Tatihou to arrive in Montebourg for the crowning of the St James statue before evening Mass on Saturday 23 July. After this there is the possibility of more walking in La Manche. If you would like to take part you are requested to contact Alison Parkes, 9 The Vale, Kirk Ella, Hull HU10 7PR, tel 01482 652237 as soon as possible. Alison took part in last year's walk (see account in *Bulletin* 88) and can advise on practical details.

## **Saturday 23, Sunday 24 July**

## **St James's Weekend**

Various activities –services, walks, picnics, visits 'St James in London' to include St James's Church, Spanish Place, St James Garlickhythe etc Please contact the Office for more details.

## **Monday 25 July**

## **St James's Day**

St James Peckham – Centenary Mass (evening)

## **Saturday 24 September**

## **Office Open Day**

Details as above.

## **October**

## **Retreat**

Returning Pilgrim and Gathering Retreat; Ampleforth, Yorkshire

## **Thursday 20 - Sunday 23 October**

## **Conference**

Federación de Amigos del Camino de Santiago, Ponferrada. For full details see Secretary's Notebook. Marion is proposing, if there is sufficient interest, to organise a group to attend the Conference and then stay 3 more nights in Lugo, to visit the city itself, Sobrado de los Monjes and other sites in Galicia. Please let her know at the Office as soon as possible if you are interested.

## **Saturday 22 October**

## **Office Open Day**

Details as above.

## **Saturday 26 November**

## **Office Open Day**

Details as above.

## **New Members Evening – more information to follow**

## Other Events

### **Wednesday 6 April**

### **Lecture**

'Who, where, what and why? Trondheim Cathedral and its decoration in the 12<sup>th</sup> century' lecture by James F. King. British Archeological Association, at the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Please make yourself known to the Director on arrival and sign the Visitors' Book.

### **Tuesday 5 to Saturday 16 April**

### **Exhibition**

The Romanesque Arch - A Visual Language for Europe, an exhibition of paintings by Janet Q Treloar, presented by Benjamin Hargreaves at the Piers Feetham Gallery, 475 Fulham road, London SW6 (opposite Chelsea football ground). Tuesday-Friday 10-6pm, Saturday 10-1pm.

CSJ member Janet Treloar has made this collection of her paintings as a personal record of the Romanesque arch in various forms. They are paintings of churches, rather than cathedrals, where people have praised, wept and prayed and include some from England as well as extensively from Europe.

### **Saturday 28 May to Friday 3 June**

### **Pilgrimage**

The 50 mile Aldhelm Way from Malmesbury to St Aldhelm's Head on Dorset's Coast Path is being followed by a core group of 30 pilgrims from Salisbury Diocese. (NB Two of the three bishops are CSJ members!) They go via *Sherborne Abbey*, *St Lawrence's church, Bradford-on-Avon*, *St James & St Mary's church, Hazelbury Bryan*, *St James's Milton Abbas*, *St John the Baptist, Bere Regis* (fine St James boss in the roof), *Bloxworth*, *Wareham*, *Corfe Castle*. (*Italics denote overnight stops*). Each day begins with worship at 10am and 4pm at the overnight stops. All are welcome to join in but need to make their own arrangements. The walk finishes with a celebration with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Renscombe Farm (3 miles from Corfe Castle) at 4pm. The walking pilgrims continue to St Aldhelm's chapel on the Head for the blessing of a new stone altar in the isolated and atmospheric chapel before returning to Renscombe Farm for 4pm.

More details from the Co-ordinator 01722 411955 or [info@thealdhelmway.org.uk](mailto:info@thealdhelmway.org.uk), [www.thealdhelmway.org.uk](http://www.thealdhelmway.org.uk) Interestingly the route will link a number of St James's churches.



## **Summer 2005**

## **The Cistercian Way Pilgrimage**

This is a new pilgrimage/walking route in Wales linking the Cistercian sites.

Church and chapel communities across Wales are organising themselves to play host and guides to those visiting and walking the Cistercian Way. Through this network visitors are offered a first hand knowledge of the history and importance of the sacred sites that continue to have meaning today. Through this experience it is hoped that host and visiting communities develop exchange journeys to explore their respective sacred traditions.

It is possible to join a group from Wales who this summer will walk the route in sections between May and September as part of the celebrations of the route's development. Concluding this pilgrimage will be a workshop on the value and purpose of pilgrimage in the 21<sup>st</sup> century giving visitors a chance to air their thoughts and experiences to those that have helped bring the Cistercian Way into being.

Dr Maddy Gray, UWN on 01633 432675 & [Madeleine.Gray@newport.ac.uk](mailto:Madeleine.Gray@newport.ac.uk)

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## **24 August–2 September**

## **Santiago Pilgrimage**

*Walking the ancient pilgrim way of Santiago de Compostela*

Pilgrimage to Santiago with Assumption Lay Volunteer Programme

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### Spring 2005 Diary

*please note changes and additional items \*\*\*NEW*

Saturday 30 April

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Thursday 5 May

Lecture Recital

A musical pilgrimage with Saint Francis of Assisi and his Companions to Santiago de Compostela Lecture Recital by Dr Mary Remnant with the CSJ Choir, 7.30pm at

**\*\* NEW VENUE**

The Servite Church, 264 Fulham Road, SW10, £5 at the door

*(NB this programme will be repeated in the autumn in aid of the St Francis Leprosy Guild, date tba)*

Saturday 21 May

Office Open Day

Saturday 25 June

Office Open Day

**\*\* Sunday 17-27/28/29 July** Walking pilgrimage *see Bulletin 89, p 48*

**\*\* Saturday 23, Sunday 24 July** St James's London Weekend *see Bulletin 89, p 48*

Monday 25 July St James's Day St James Elm Grove, SE15 – Centenary Mass (evening)

Saturday 24 September

Office Open Day

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Saturday 22 October

Office Open Day

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Office Open Day

New Members Evening – more information to follow

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