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President
H.E. The Spanish Ambassador



1993 is proving to be a memorable year in many ways. In Santiago de Compostela, itself a legitimate focus of attention in Spain and Europe, over six million people had visited the city by mid-September and more than 80,000 pilgrims had received their 'compostelas' from the Pilgrim Office in the rua del Villar. Long queues are usually waiting outside the Holy Door, open, of course, only in Holy Years, and the 'botafumerio' is swung every day at the crowded Pilgrim Mass and sometimes on other occasions as well.

The high point of the year was, as expected, St James's Day - Sunday 25th July - and this Bulletin contains a variety of articles from members on their whereabouts and activities of that day, from a priest concelebrating Mass in Santiago in the presence of the King and Queen, to a Norfolk member quietly walking to a St James church on the outskirts of Norwich.

Pilgrims of all kinds, from Europe and well beyond, have taken to the Camino de Santiago in extraordinary numbers this year, including our own members from Britain, Ireland, Canada, the USA and Spain and, uniquely, our own President, H.E. the Spanish Ambassador. This great wave of pilgrims reached its peak in mid-July, putting the refuges and small villages of the Camino under enormous human pressure. One of the July wardens at Rabanal, Caroline Crossley, gives us a graphic account of the ups and downs at the Refugio Gaucelmo during its busiest ever month. With well over 200 pilgrims starting each morning from Astorga the refuges at Rabanal found themselves on the front line and the wardens faced with the unenviable task of turning away more people than they could accept. Mercifully, the 'rain in Spain' fell unceasingly in May and ensured that Rabanal's water supply was more plentiful than in July and August of 1992, with pilgrims and residents having to tolerate crowded but not unbearable conditions this summer.

As this Holy Year enters its last three months it is time to think of 1994 and the period leading up to the next Holy Year of 1999. The Committee of the Confraternity is anxious to utilise the skills of as many members as possible in the future, which will inevitably see changes in officers and others carrying out essential tasks. Hence the questionnaire you find with this Bulletin; your answers will contribute to the Confraternity of 1999. PQ

CONFRATERNITY EVENTS, AUTUMN/WINTER 1993/4

Wednesday 13 October – **The Spirituality of the Pilgrimage** – the penultimate Wednesday Lecture by the **Very Revd David Stancliffe**, Santiago pilgrim and Bishop-elect of Salisbury. 7pm in the medieval crypt of St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London EC1, followed by refreshments. Entrance: £2-50. The latest publications on the pilgrimage will also be on sale.

Wednesday 10 November – **County Coordinators' Meeting** – at the Department of Hispanic Studies, University of Birmingham, 2pm. Details will be sent to participants nearer the time.

Wednesday 17 November – **Camino de Santiago, Camino de Europa** – the final lecture in the Holy Year series by **Pat Quaife**, **Chairman of the Confraternity**. 7pm at St Etheldreda's, London EC1, followed by refreshments. Entrance: £2-50.

Saturday 4 December – it is with great regret that we have to announce the postponement of the concert **Music from the *Codex Calixtinus*** by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge until spring 1994. It is hoped to have the revised date in time for the next Bulletin.

Saturday 22 January 1994 – **11th Confraternity Annual General Meeting** – to be held at the St Alban's Social Centre, Baldwins Gardens, London EC1. Doors open from 12 noon, reunions of Camino Inglés and October pilgrimage groups. Business meeting, tea, presentation on the Camino Inglés, late New Year party. Please put the date in your diary now; further details in the AGM papers.

Other Events of Interest

4 to 6 November – **Congreso de Estudios Jacobeos** – international conference organised by the Xunta de Galicia on routes, the return journey of the pilgrim, symbolism and miracles and new research. Professor Brian Tate is one of the speakers and the Confraternity

will be officially represented by vice-chairman, Laurie Dennett. To obtain an application form please either telephone the office of the Comisario Xacobeo de Galicia on (01034) 81.54.49.51 or send a fax to (01034) 81.54.49.55. There is no fee to attend the conference.

Saturday 6 November – The Pilgrims' Road to Santiago – an afternoon day school with **Dr Steven Blake** at the Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Time: 2 to 5pm; fee: £6–60 (code 93B001RPA). Prior enrolment is essential: ring the University of Bristol's Dept of Continuing Education on (0272)–303629 between 10 and 4 for more details and application form. Booking by Access also possible.

Friday 19 November – 'Trouble in Paradise: Rebels and Critics in the Kingdom of Charles the Bald' – a lecture by Confraternity member **Dr Janet Nelson**, at the University of Reading organised by the Graduate Centre for Medieval Studies. 11 am in Room 229 (Faculty Committee Room) Faculty of Letters, preceded by coffee from 10.30 in the Graduate Centre (Room 157). There is no charge but please let the Secretary of the GCMS, Miss Judith Hunter of the German Department know on (0734)–875123, ex.7944 if you wish to reserve a place. She will also send you full details of the 1993/4 lecture programme. The Confraternity is a member of the Graduate Centre.

Monday 29 November – Pilgrims and Music on the Way of St James – a Holy Year lecture/recital by **Mary Remnant** based on the travels of Baron Leo of Rosmital and Arnold von Harff, and with the Confraternity of St James choir. 8pm at the Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1. Tickets: £10, £8 and £6 from the Festival Hall Box Office. Members often choose to sit in the front three rows (which should be the £6 tickets). Anyone interested in meeting beforehand for supper in the Festival Hall is invited to contact Pat Quaife on (081)–883 4893.

Wednesday 5 January 1994 – From the Auvergne to Galicia: the pilgrimage on foot from Le Puy to Santiago de Compostela – an illustrated talk by CSJ member, **Roger Cocks**: 7.30pm at the Dorset County Museum, High West Street, Dorchester. Fourth in the Museum's 'Travellers' Tales series in aid of the Museum. A retiring collection will be made after the talk.

From the Secretary's Notebook

The Future of the Confraternity

It is not always easy to plan strategically for the future when one is in the midst of a busy year's work. But with ten years behind us and the support of 950 or so members the Committee decided recently that a review of its activities and contributions from members would be timely and appropriate. May I therefore commend to you Phinella Henderson's introduction (below) to the subject and the questionnaire that comes to you with this Bulletin. I would be very grateful if you would complete it and thus help the Confraternity with its planning for the next ten years. Thank you.

CSJ on Fax

The Secretary now has a fax machine in her living room! Although it is probably more useful for sending out information some members may like use to use the in-coming facility on (071)-620 4356. I shall be happy to learn of members' fax numbers too.

Pilgrimage by CD

Philip Pickett, Director of the New London Consort, has kindly offered to supply members with his recent double CD *The Pilgrimage to Santiago* at a bargain price of £20 (compared with about £28 in the shops). Enthusiastically reviewed in all quarters, it has outsold most other early music works fourfold. Orders, with cheques payable to the Confraternity, to Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 0UQ.

The Slide Library

a) Borrowing slides: if you would like to borrow slides from the slide library to illustrate a talk or lecture it is very important to contact John Hatfield in good time, preferably a month before they are needed. There have been a few problems with the post this summer and slides have not always arrived in time.

b) Donating slides: please remember the slide library when you are looking at your 1993 pilgrimage slides. A list of all the gaps is available from John Hatfield and he would be very pleased to hear about any possible contributions. He can be contacted at 9 Vicary Way, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0EJ, tel.: (0622)-757814.

Pilgrim Guides 1994

1993 guide editors will be delighted to receive amendments, corrections and suggestions for the 1994 editions (or amendment sheets) from members who have followed the different routes this year. Contributions should be sent as follows:

Pilgrim Guide to Spain – to Pat Quaife, 57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG. (Many thanks for contributions already received.)

Le Puy to the Pyrenees, The Camino Mozárabe and *Finisterre ...* – to Alison Raju, 21 Hall Street, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 4BB.

Vézelay to the Pyrenees – to John Hatfield (address etc. above). In addition John would be glad to hear personally from anyone who has travelled the Vézelay route this summer by whatever means to exchange information and discuss problems.

Paris Route and Arles Route

We should also be grateful for feedback on both these routes to help us complete new editions for 1994. Please send any information to Marion Marples in the first instance.

Cyclists in Galicia

Cyclists wishing to explore more of Galicia may like to contact a newly formed organisation, 'La Coruña en Bici', devoted to cycling and cycling issues. One of its founder members is Joaquin Vilas who helped so much with the Confraternity's recent pilgrimage along the Camino Inglés. As membership increases they hope to extend their activities and information to Santiago. Meanwhile they can give advice on cycling on lesser known roads in Galicia. Contact: La Coruña en Bici, Apartado 1236, 15080 La Coruña, tel. (01034 81) 10.62.21 (afternoons and evenings).

New Occasional Paper

We are delighted to announce the publication of the Confraternity's third Occasional Paper, *The Pilgrimage and Path to Saint James* by Hermann König von Vach, translated with an introduction and notes by John Durant. The original guide was first published in Strasbourg in 1495 or 1496 and consists of 662 lines of rhyming couplets. König was a Servant of Mary (or Servite Friar) and completed the account of his pilgrimage on St Anne's Day (July 26th) 1495. Nearly 500 years later John Durant has provided us with a very readable prose translation, the first in English, as well as

a substantial introduction in which he speculates on how König's pilgrimage might really have ended. The cost is £2-50 (£2-75 overseas) including postage and it can be ordered on the form at the back of the Bulletin.

Other New Publications in Stock

We are at last on the point of receiving copies of Elias Valiña's long awaited cartography, *The Way of Saint James* with an introduction by Laurie Dennett, from the publisher Roger Lascelles. Those members who ordered the book some time ago should therefore receive their copies shortly and new orders can also be dispatched without delay (see form at end of Bulletin). This handsome and historic book - it is the late Elías Valiña's last publication - costs £8-95 (£9-50 overseas) including postage. It will also be available at St Etheldreda's on 13 October and 17 November (see page 2) for £7-95.

Other new additions to the publications list include Channel Four's *Maiden Voyages* - the book of the spring programmes on women travellers, including CSJ member, Bettina Selby, en route to Santiago - available at £2-50 (£3 overseas); and *En Chemin Vers Saint Jacques*, the 91-page, pocket-sized spiritual guide for pilgrims that was reviewed in the last Bulletin. This also costs £2-50 (£3 abroad).

Exhibition Extension at the Horniman Museum

The photographic exhibition, **The Pilgrim Route to Santiago de Compostela**, organised by Mike Houlihan, the Museum's deputy director, has been extended until the end of December. This is good news for those who were not able to see it in the summer but if you are planning a special visit to the Horniman you are advised to telephone them first on (081)-699 1872 or 4911 as it is occasionally closed because of lack of staff. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10.30 to 5.30 and Sunday 2 to 5.30, admission free. Address: 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23. 176 bus from Waterloo passes the door.

Colourful CSJ Teeshirts (and Sweatshirts)

William Griffiths, who coordinates these matters, reports a vibrant new range of colours for teeshirts, including fuschia, emerald, canary, teal, grey heather, royal blue, bottle green, red, black, navy and ... shrimp. They come in four sizes, S,M, L and XL and the

price remains at £7 (£7-50 overseas) including postage. Sweatshirt colours are slightly more restrained and include white, navy, bottle green, red, burgundy, royal blue, charcoal, canary and grey heather. Sizes as above and the price is £14-50 (£15-25 overseas). All items have to be specially ordered and a telephone call to William is advisable to discuss your requirements. His number is (081)-549 2080, address: 37 Queen's Court, Liverpool Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT2 7SY.

Marion Marples

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Refugio Gaucelmo News

1993 Pilgrims and Wardens

We are deeply indebted to all our 1993 wardens for the diplomatic and flexible way they have dealt with the tidal wave of pilgrims in this Holy Year. It must have been chaotic at times along the Camino and not least in the village of Rabanal situated as it is mid-way between the towns of Astorga and Ponferrada. An account by one of the July wardens, Caroline Crossley, will be found below.

This year's figures to date are:

Warden	Month	Pilgrims
Roger Cocks	April	401
Etienne and Nelly van)	May	652
Wonterghem Teirlinck)	June	866
Caroline Crossley, Veronica Santorum, Stuart Goldie	July	1657
Richard Hankinson, with Spanish wardens	August	1276
	TOTAL	4852

Last year the total for the same period was 2137 pilgrims, so this year's figures are well over double, with 80 to 90% Spanish and the remainder from almost every country you can think of. In the peak months the Refugio housed at times 70 or more pilgrims a night, ie double the number for whom beds were available. This meant that half the pilgrims were sleeping on the floor, with or without mattresses, throughout the refugio.

It is difficult to imagine the physical and mental stamina required by the wardens, particularly when you have to turn away so many through lack of room, including our own kind and understanding pilgrim President, H.E. the Spanish Ambassador, D. Alberto Aza Arias and his family group. Above all, a special thanks is due to the 'high-season' wardens, Caroline Crossley, Veronica Santorum, Stuart Goldie and Richard Hankinson who dealt with literally thousands of pilgrims in July and August.

September and October 1993

Holy Year continues and our experienced September wardens, David and Diane Wesson, report that although there are now slightly fewer pilgrims it certainly doesn't feel like it at times. Eric Talbot from Ringwood (Hants) will see the pilgrimage season out as the October warden and will also receive the 16-strong Confraternity (mini-bus) pilgrimage group on 24 October when they are en route from Oviedo to Santiago.

Wardens for 1994

When the Año Santo comes to an end we assume that the number of pilgrims will revert to more normal proportions in 1994. But the call for new wardens still remains paramount, as the success of the Refugio depends on the devotion that has been so readily given by all wardens. We will be writing shortly to our list of potential wardens for 1994, including past and present wardens, but we would welcome new names to enlarge the list further. It is most gratifying that every warden so far has offered to return to the Refugio and several have indeed done so.

Joe May is joining me in the future administration of wardens for the Refugio. Joe will basically be dealing with the UK side while I, Walter Ivens, will liaise on the Spanish side. Members wishing to be

included in the potential wardens' list for 1994 are invited to contact Mr Joseph May, 5 Ayot Green, Ayot St Peter, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9AB. Telephone: (0707)-333178.

Appeal Total and Donors (July to September 1993)

The appeal has now reached £70,000 with an objective of £75,000, with help from recent donors: John Cowl, Valeriano de Castro, Friends of Little St Mary's (Cambridge), Robert Ivens, Frank Melling, John Page, Hugh Saxton, Jocelyn Underwood, Christabel Watson and Luis Manuel Zavala-Roman.

Walter Ivens

PS We hear that a small, affectionate cat called Maruja (Galician for María) joined the Refugio in the summer and no doubt received a lot of attention. She will be looked after by Antonio and his family in the nearby Bar/Mesón Refugio during the winter.

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The Future of the Confraternity

Most readers of the Bulletin will know that the Confraternity celebrated its tenth birthday earlier this year. What of the future? How should the Confraternity develop? Should it change or modify any of its activities or the way they are organised? Should it branch out into new areas? Five years ago a questionnaire appeared in the Bulletin asking for members' views on the future of the Confraternity. Since then, the number of members has more than doubled and the major task of organising and funding the rebuilding of what is now the Refugio Gaucelmo in Rabanal has been undertaken. Another survey of members' opinions should therefore produce fresh ideas about where we might go from here.

The functioning of the Confraternity is entirely dependent on our energy, enthusiasm and skills as members. As it grows and branches out, there is more and more to do. A number of people, both on and off the Committee, devote much time and effort to the Confraternity but additional help is always needed, both for general

tasks and in relation to specific functions. There is a varied and impressive range of expertise in the membership but at present there is no ready way of finding out who is willing and able to do what. The Committee therefore thinks that a directory setting out the skills of members who are prepared to assist in some aspect of the Confraternity's activities either on an occasional or on a regular basis would be a useful aid.

To ascertain members' wishes for the future of the Confraternity and learn how members would be willing to help in ensuring that it continues to flourish the Committee has prepared the two-part questionnaire included with this issue of the Bulletin. It would be much appreciated if members could complete both parts and return it to Phinella Henderson at 10 Solon Road, Brixton, London SW2 5UY as soon as possible and by 30 November at the latest. The responses will be carefully considered and can, it is hoped, be discussed at the next AGM.

The Confraternity is applying for registration as a data user under the Data Protection Act 1984. Once registration is obtained the information on members' skills will be stored on disc for ease of reference. It will be used only by Confraternity committee members and officers and for Confraternity purposes.

If anyone has thoughts on any actual or potential activities of the Confraternity which are not reflected in the questionnaire, or indeed any suggestions on how its organisation and management could be improved, Phinella (or any other Committee members) will be very interested in receiving them. As members, we are all responsible for choosing what the Confraternity is and may become. Now is your opportunity to make known your preferences, wishes and hopes in this respect.

Phinella Henderson

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St James's Day in Santiago de Compostela 1993

Four members of the Confraternity, at least, were in Santiago in their different capacities on the 25th of July: Father John Rogers of California as a temporary English language confessor in the Cathedral, the Revd Robert Llewelyn of Gloucester as Anglican chaplain to a tour group, Christabel Watson of Warwickshire as a student of Romanesque architecture and John Davies of London NW6 as a member of another English tour group. Each of them has provided an account of the day's activities from their varied view (and viewing) points, which together combine to give members an excellent idea of 'what it was like' to be in Santiago on St James's Day 1993.

I The Confessor - John Rogers

When I arrived at the Curia building in Santiago at 9.30 on Sunday morning, July 25th, my name was on the list of those invited to concelebrate the Mass: "Father John Rogers (Confessor of the Cathedral)". That phrase described what I had been doing for the previous month, spending about five hours a day as the English language confessor at the Cathedral, and beginning the day with an English Mass. Most visitors and pilgrims spend a few hours in the cathedral, I felt as though I lived there.

As we vested for the Mass, I discovered that I was one of twenty-five invited priests. About fifteen bishops were present, including the Cardinal Archbishop of Madrid and the Archbishop of Santiago, Antonio Maria Rouco Varela. As the procession formed we were joined by the canons of the cathedral and the grand masters of the branches of the Order of Santiago. Eventually the procession, now headed by a shrine containing a relic of St James, wound its way into the Plaza del Obradoiro where the crowd was overwhelming and a band played with great fervour. King Juan Carlos, accompanied by Queen Sofia, the President of Spain (ie the Prime Minister) and the President of Galicia, were greeted by the Archbishop and the

procession entered the cathedral. The congregation included the President of Portugal, diplomats, officials, military leaders and pilgrims (who must have arrived very early to get a place inside).

Some of the solemnity faltered when the microphones would not work and when one of the honour guard fainted. The end of the Mass was memorable: the priests were sitting on benches placed along the sides of the transept that happens also to be the path of the 'botafumeiro'. As the great silver censer made its first pass twelve inches from my head I sat down. A few of those sitting next to me almost fainted, and the King started to laugh. He certainly got a good show from both the 'botafumeiro' and the clergy.

The rest of the afternoon and evening were given over to the celebration of the 'Day of the Galician Homeland'. According to the local press 300,000 people visited Santiago on the 24th and 25th. There was praying, dancing, music, food and a lot of happy merchants and restaurant owners. The beggars, pickpockets and the police all kept each other occupied as well.

Having a ring-side seat for the ceremonies was delightful, but did not compare with my experience of walking the Camino from Ponferrada to Santiago in six days. In June I had most days entirely to myself and the local cows. However by the feast day 22,300 'compostelas' had been granted by the Pilgrim Office and seven million visitors expected in Santiago in 1993.

One of the canons of the cathedral told me that the pilgrimage had been 'asleep' but is now 'wideawake'. That 'awake' experience is what I take back with me to California as I resume my somewhat routine life as a university chaplain and lecturer.

The next Holy Year is 1999; it might be a good idea to make a reservation now.

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II The Chaplain – Robert Llewelyn

July in Holy Year 1993 was an auspicious but possibly foolhardy time to make my first visit to Santiago de Compostela. While envying those who could make their pilgrimage on foot or cycle, I had to recognise my limitations. The opportunity to accompany a Pelegrinaggio coach tour as Anglican chaplain at least gave the chance to travel overland and trace the route of the Camino.

So the balmy Sunday evening of 17th July saw twenty-two of us at the Tour Saint-Jacques in Paris, as excited but less fearful than our medieval forebears. We were more or less certain to reach the end of our journey -- wild wolves or rapacious ferrymen did not lie in our path. Santiago and St James's Day were seven days and over a thousand miles away and the Camino beckoned. We were able to walk odd fragments of the route, including the first half-mile or so down the rue Saint-Jacques. I recalled that forty-two years ago, more or less to the day, I had made my first incursion into mainland Europe in a school party which stayed in that famous road. I knew nothing of the Camino then. I know now that I shall be making up for lost time and it will not be long before I revisit some of the places along the way which are indelibly etched in the memory. Among them will be Aulnay, the Roland statue at the Col de Roncesvalles and Eunate, where the corn field seemed close to the simplicity of Jesus and his disciples. Not everything in the Santiago experience would remind us that James came from Galilee.

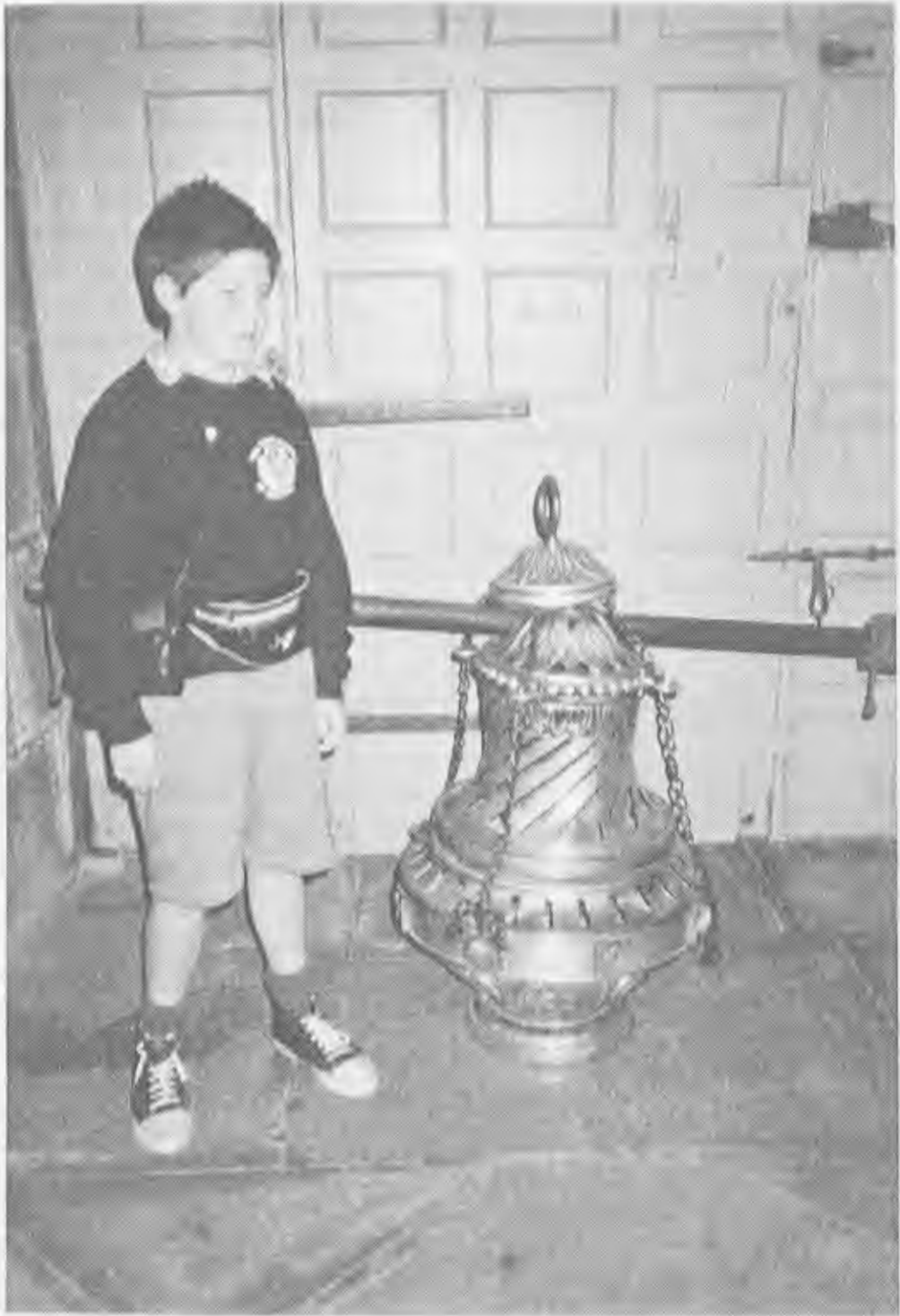
Our approach to Santiago took us past the airport. It was late on Saturday afternoon and the road was lined with police and military. It would have been gratifying to think that this was in our honour. It was, in fact, a foretaste of what was to come. The King and Queen were due at any moment! They too were coming to honour St James. We could not walk, as planned, the last mile along the traditional route into the city; there were road diversions for the Royals. We did nevertheless work our way into the Plaza de la Inmaculada; we, like countless numbers over the ages had made it! Meanwhile the royal party was establishing itself in the Hotel de los Reyes Católicos. All the hotels were, of course, full to overflowing and we had to stay about two miles out of town. The compensation for this was a fine view of the Pico Sacro.

Son et Lumière

At eleven pm that night, with just about everybody else in Santiago, we crowded into the Plaza del Obradoiro. It was dangerously packed. The King and Queen were on the balcony of the town hall opposite, the Pazo de Raxoi, along with the Prime Minister and the President of Portugal who was to be honoured next day. A lone rocket heralded the start of the Son et Lumière show. Most movingly the outline figure of a pilgrim was illuminated on the walls of the parador and made its measured way around to the cathedral to the cheers of the crowd. From the opposite side, to an even greater cheer, came the figure of St James on his charger. Then the fireworks began. Behind the cathedral was an explosion of sound and light, but the best was still to come. Imposed on the west front of the cathedral was the facade of a mosque. Fireworks were attached to this frame and at midnight, as if to celebrate the triumph of St James at the battle of Clavijo in 844AD, the mosque was devoured by flames. The crowd was by this time wildly excited and the cathedral shone in all its Christian glory. This spectacle of the mosque being set alight and destroyed is a traditional part of the celebrations in Santiago, not a special effect for Holy Year or for the watching King and Queen.

Sunday Mass (with Botafumeiro)

We had to be in the Cathedral early the next morning for the Mass celebrated by the Archbishop of Santiago. The doors were shut quite early and thousands packed the squares outside. Inside, the organisation was not completely impressive. Scuffles broke out when officials asked early arrivals to vacate front seats for the VIPs. Somebody had forgotten to put out the 'Reserved' cards. The police had to be called who were then promptly booed and jeered. Another incongruous note, among the robed clergy, acolytes, vergers and plumed Knights of St James, was a little man in an old grey sweater who lit the candles on the altar. This made for an odd contrast with the assembled morning suits and mantillas. The Mass was billed for 10am but it was gone 10.40 by the time we started. There were still microphone troubles to come. I had the feeling that my own churchwardens might have managed better. There was one definite link with home, for spotted in the procession was Bishop Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London.



James Hatts with the 'botafumeiro' of Santiago Cathedral

Mozart's Coronation Mass was played and sung by a lofted orchestra and choir. The King made a speech after the reading of the Gospel and paid tribute to Galicia in Holy Year. Communion was available to all. What we were really waiting for, of course, was the swinging of the 'botafumeiro', the huge incense thurible which hangs by a stout rope from a pulley high in the central lantern dome. Originally its purpose was to fumigate the Cathedral to rid it of the stench of pilgrims. Now it does not have much more than a popular cultic significance, almost the star of the show! Eight strong men in maroon vergers' robes strained on the rope to swing it increasingly high across the transepts, almost parallel with the roof at the top of its fearsome arc. Flames and smoke poured forth. The King and Queen seemed in mortal peril. On two occasions in the distant past the 'botafumeiro' has slipped its moorings and shot out through the north door. Now though, it slowly came to rest, neatly arrested by the chief thurifer who blushing took a bow to the amused applause of the congregation. At the pilgrims' Mass next day it would swing again, though not, it seemed to me, so triumphantly high.

The King and Queen's departure out into the square was the signal for the Cathedral doors to be opened. The biggest queue was waiting outside the Holy Door, open only in this jubilee year. The tradition is that in Holy Year those who attend Mass in the cathedral on St James's Day, having made confession, are granted full remission from purgatory. This thought was no more than gratifying for the modern Anglican pilgrim. Judging by the queues at the confessional boxes it was much more than an academic point for the Roman Catholic faithful. Such devotion was impressive. I knew for myself, though, that I must make the traditional acts of worship at this holy shrine. I made a point next day of entering through the Holy Door. Under the famous Portico de la Gloria I placed my fingers in the carved stone stem of the tree of Jesse and knocked my forehead against its pedestal, hoping thus to draw wisdom. I climbed the steps behind the richly Baroque reredos and embraced from behind the benevolent figure of St James, giving thanks like countless generations of pilgrims, that I had made my pilgrimage. Finally, I went down the steps beneath the high altar to worship at the very shrine of St James.

In these ritual acts I was joining a vast company of pilgrims of a thousand years who have made their way to Santiago. Perhaps it is in that mystical fellowship that a modern pilgrim finds such satisfaction in following the ancient way. Those who walk, cycle or ride to Santiago probably come closer than any of us to the medieval pilgrim who faced innumerable perils along the way. I envied the tired queue waiting to receive their 'compostelas' for a traditionally completed pilgrimage.

After St James's Day

There was much else to see in Santiago. Informal groups of street entertainers were delighting the crowds in every square. Small pipe bands marched through the narrow streets. A large stage in the Plaza de Quintana housed more formal events from rock groups to symphony orchestras. There was just time to visit the fine exhibition of treasures from the Cathedral and along the Camino on display for the summer in the monastery of San Martín Pinario. After the Sunday it was quieter, although the Pilgrim Mass on the Monday drew packed crowds as more were allowed in than on the formal Sunday occasion, and the confessional boxes were busy.

What is remarkable to contemporary travellers, even to those who still walk the Camino, is the thought that earlier generations, having taken months to reach their goal, were then faced with an equally daunting return journey. We came home in two and a half days! At least that was better than flying home in two and a half hours. Leaving Santiago by the way we had come, we were met by a vastly impressive column of young Spanish people, about two thousand strong, making their way on foot towards the Holy City for a European Youth Pilgrimage. Adventure was probably as much the impetus as religious faith, but whatever the motive it was all very impressive and one elderly member of our party stated that it had restored her faith in young people.

It seemed as if Santiago was the focus for a celebration of Galician and national pride. The religious centre was the focus for a less clearly defined enthusiasm. There is nothing new in that in pilgrimage. I was glad to have been in Santiago even if my journey was by air-conditioned coach. I was even glad to have been there on St James's Day in Holy Year.

III The Architecture Student – Christabel Watson

The festivities for the great day of the Holy Year began on the Saturday: at about midday giant models of figures (the traditional 'gigantes') suddenly appeared on one side of the already crowded cathedral bookshop. The day before I had seen them lining the south side of the nave triforium. The girls at the till were unsure when they would form a procession, but the fireworks would definitely be let off that evening.

The next bit of excitement was the appearance of barriers at around 5pm. Crowds formed behind them, and I edged my way forward to the steps that led down under the archway from the Plaza de la Inmaculada to the Plaza del Obradoiro. Tension mounted when a van roared up, screeched to a grinding halt, and out jumped a gang of tough-looking guys who wrenched up the manhole cover in front of us and thrust down rods to inspect, I imagine, for bombs. Now the bands marched past; a woman fainted two steps behind, and immediately a stretcher was brought at the double by a team of volunteers wearing their emblazoned teeshirts. Finally I discovered what we were waiting for: a cavalcade of cars raced past, drew up in front of the Reyes Católicos hotel and out stepped King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofía. The national anthem was played while they stood on a podium, and vigorous clapping accompanied their walk to the modernised hostel for pilgrims built by their forebears.

The evening entertainment began at 11.30pm when the royal party took their positions on the balcony of the Rajoy Palace. They had no doubt attended a sumptuous banquet, while the likes of us had been waiting for hours to ensure a good view of the spectacle – but it was worth every stomach rumble! To the accompaniment of stirring music a pilgrim, formed by laser lights, was beamed on to the facade of Gelmírez's palace; it tottered forward to meet, at the Portico de la Gloria, another pilgrim on horseback who lolloped from the opposite cloisters end. Other images appeared but by far the most popular was St James the Moorslayer. Rockets and clouds of smoke issued from behind the towers, no doubt telling the tale of the smoking-out of Bishop Diego Gelmírez and Queen Urraca in 1117. At one moment the entire facade of the Cathedral was lit and in front, on a framework erected over the double stairway, fireworks made up of

every form of Catherine wheel and giant sparkler created an amazing display. There followed rocket after rocket, bursting high in the sky from the direction of San Martín Pinario, each one bigger and better than its predecessor, so that one always thought that the climax had been reached, only to be followed by another shower of golden lights and louder bangs. There was no anti-climax at the end for getting out of the square resembled what I imagine to be the equivalent of a football crowd trying to enter a stadium. Gangs of people formed lines, and physically pushed – hard.

The doors of the Cathedral were closed for the High Mass of Sunday 25th July. Perhaps I should have entered earlier and refused to budge? However, with a place to sit on the stone parapet at the south-west corner of the Obradoiro – and with the sun shining – I watched the procession of ecclesiastical dignitaries who followed a reliquary carried under a canopy that managed not to topple over when manoeuvred up the stairway at a terrifying tilt. The Royal couple followed, emerging from the Reyes Católicos and walking between lines of well-behaved horses mounted by soldiers in shining armour. As the great doors clanged shut the crowd quietly dispersed.

The service could be heard – and watched – on television screens set up in the Plaza de Quintana. After an hour and a half everything occurred in reverse order and the the public entered the Cathedral for two consecutive services, with a break in the afternoon before they began again at 5pm.

I kept glancing into the bookshop throughout the day, presuming that the procession of giant models would now be in the evening. At 6 they had disappeared. Neither were they in the Plaza del Obradoiro, but I traced them to the Platerías square where the shortest two, one dressed as a woman and the other a pipe-smoking male, were girating to the sound of music. The remainder, all considerably taller and wearing – I presumed – Galician dress, stood in a line watching. They slowly lumbered back to the bookshop, avoiding any steps, and the following afternoon were hoisted from the nave, swung unceremoniously through the triforium archways, and placed with their backs to the wall for another year.

Entertainment continued in the streets surrounding the cathedral. The Galician folk-band of bagpipes and drums could be heard from most areas, the processions of school children and a miscellany of groups managed to avoid colliding at street junctions; the clarinettist, the pipe player, the mummer and the 'longest standing still' youth, plastered in flour for a statuesque effect, continued day after day to display their talents (donations gratefully accepted). The cathedral was full to capacity on the Monday, with no room for circulation, surely a situation unforeseen by the original architects of Santiago de Compostela.

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IV The Modern Pilgrim - John Davies

We had arrived the lazy way, as part of an Inter-Church Travel group, from all over the UK and a mixture of denominations, though mainly Anglican. Our route had been via Burgos, León and Lugo with some interesting deviations or stops at places such as Frómista, San Miguel de la Escalada and El Cebrero.

On Friday, the day of our arrival in Santiago, there was time for a quick visit to the cathedral to get our bearings but the first memorable experience was the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass on Saturday. One was prepared to see the 'botafumeiro' in action but totally unprepared for the whoosh! bang! of the rockets overhead during the first half of Mass.

I imagine most of us had to be content to hear the St James's Day Mass while sitting outside the Cathedral in the Quintana Square watching the TV screen. Some early birds may have got inside but with the King and Queen of Spain, the President of Portugal and Galician and foreign guests there wasn't much chance.

The King's visit caused us a little problem, which turned into a blessing. Arrangements had been made for Anglicans to celebrate the Eucharist on both the eve and St James's Day itself in the seminary chapel at San Martín Pinario. This duly took place on the Saturday at 7.30pm but at that time on St James's Day the King and his party were still inside San Martín. What had been an afternoon

event (for the annual 25th of July presentation of medals for distinguished service to Galicia) was extended to a reception and access for others was denied. However, thanks to the kindness of the Vicar-General of the diocese, a chapel was made available in the Cathedral, much to the joy of the celebrant, Bishop Graham Leonard.

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St James's Day in South-West France

I In Aubeterre-sur-Dronne - Mary Ivens

The golden Romanesque facade of the Eglise St Jacques of Aubeterre-sur-Dronne belies reality. The rest of the church was destroyed by the Huguenots in May 1562 and rebuilt in 1750. Earlier in July I talked to a local craftsman who was painstakingly resculpting by hand the slender columns of its west front. He had come down from his ladder to tell me how money from the commune and from the European Community was paying for his restoration work and we commented on the disappointing absence of anything representing St James, not even a single scallop shell.

The small town of Aubeterre is in southern Charente and lies on a minor route from Vézelay which passes through Angouleme to the north before joining the route through the Landes. Built on a steep hill made of 'white rock' - its original Latin name was *Alba Terra* - it has numerous caves, an 'Eglise Monolithe' built underneath the local hilltop chateau and, of course, the church of St James.

We were staying 9kms away and various visits to the Aubeterre Tourist Office prior to 25th July had convinced us that although there was to be a 6.30pm Mass, a Bal Dansant and fireworks on the 24th, there was little interest in or knowledge of the Camino de Santiago. It was simply 'la fete de St Jacques'. As we had booked ourselves into a festive supper of 'fruits de mer' (complete with seaweed and scallop shells) in a nearby village on the 24th we missed the Aubeterre celebrations and felt unenthusiastic about watching the fireworks on a wet evening after midnight.



David Elliot and Mary Ivens outside the Eglise Saint-Jacques,
Aubeterre-sur-Dronne, on 25 July 1993

I am ashamed to say that my diary for the 25th starts: ' I woke up with a hangover' but we set off for Aubeterre by car and by bicycle in glorious sunshine, carrying cameras and notebooks. My husband, Walter, kept well in the background while two other CSJ members, my brother David Elliot and Roger Tisseau from Paris, took it in turns to take appropriate photos despite the scaffolding covering the facade. Inside the church Roger met a charming local resident who told us how much she regretted the absence of a Mass and procession which used to take place fifteen years ago on July 25th. This had lapsed due to the lack of a resident priest. We then wandered down the rue St Jacques, passing an old house decorated with scallop shells and taking the opportunity to inspect the ruined 14th century pilgrim hospice. In the attractive town square we bought melons and strawberries for our lunch and drank a welcome pastis in the shade of the trees.

After lunch at home we watched the finish of the Tour de France, which included splendid views of Paris, but my mind wandered across the Pyrenees, along the Camino Francés and up to Rabanal where we had originally planned to be on St James's Day. In this Holy Year we knew that instead of the 35 to 40 pilgrims the Refugio Gaucelmo is designed to shelter there were 70 to 80 a night in July and our thoughts and thanks went to the hardworking wardens, their footsore guests and the ever-hospitable residents of Rabanal.

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II 'Dans les Rues de Castres' – information from Jonathan Ingham

Further south, in the town of Castres on the Arles route, the feast of St James was celebrated on the eve with a spectacular theatrical procession through the streets put on by the Toulouse company known as l'Arche de Noé.

According to a report in the local paper by Jean-Marc Guilbert this was their first evocation of pilgrimage which they called a 'spectacle processionnaire'. From the church of La Platé to the church of St Jacques the long procession, preceded by musicians and jugglers, included a range of characters both religious and secular (but related to the pilgrimage) and was accompanied by several hundred

spectators. Giant masked figures (shades of Santiago de Compostela) and more traditional symbols, such as a statue of St James carried high above the heads of its bearers, all paraded at a slow and stately pace as a reminder of the penitential nature of the occasion. On arriving in the Place St Jacques six of the masked characters prostrated themselves on the ground and slowly rose one by one in answer to a summons from the interior of the church. There, in clouds of incense, an organ concert brought the spectacle to a fitting finale before the Arche de Noé participants, tourists, pilgrims and residents of Castres.

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St James's Day in England

I The Confraternity in Gloucestershire – Pat Quaife

While fireworks were exploding in Santiago de Compostela late on July 24th members of the Confraternity group visiting Gloucestershire for a weekend of walking and church architecture were doubtless asleep in their beds in Cheltenham or Duntisbourne Abbots. By then we had already visited the Anglo-Saxon priory church of St Mary in remote Deerhurst and Odda's Chapel, the tiny Saxon chapel nearby, discovered in the 19th century hidden under the plaster of the house called Abbots Court. Earl Odda was a friend of Edward the Confessor and the Odda stone (now in the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford) dates the royal hall which contained the chapel to 1056.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to Tewkesbury Abbey, whose shop was the Chapel of St James and to Hailes Abbey and church, followed by a magical, early evening walk in perfect weather along the Cotswold Way to the village of Winchcomb. Signposting was not quite up to Camino standards, being almost too discreet in places, and this had led to various (urban-based) members floundering around in a large field avoiding inquisitive cows before being led back to the path by some helpful local youths.

At Hailes we arrived just in time to visit both the ruins of the Cistercian Abbey, dedicated to the Holy Blood, and the earlier part-Norman, part-Early English parish church. This church which 'in proportion to its size, contains more and more varied objects of interest than any in the Cotswolds' (U. Daubeney, *Ancient Cotswold Churches*) is remarkable particularly for its variety of wall paintings. Graceful 13th century depictions of St Catherine of Alexandria and St Margaret of Antioch contrast with an eye-catching hunting scene, figures from the medieval bestiary and many more.

St James's Day 1993 in Gloucestershire could not have been in greater contrast to the colourful and crowded royal ceremonies held in Santiago. Sadly, Marion Marples had to take to her sick-bed in Cheltenham and was unable to participate in what she had helped to arrange. For the rest of us some rural walking in the morning took us from St Mary the Virgin at Syde to Daglingworth (Holy Rood) where Chris Masters' mini-bus and assorted cars whisked us to Seven Springs for a lengthy pub lunch.



Syde, St Mary the Virgin



Daglingworth, Holy Rood

The highlight of the day however was the special 3.30 pilgrim service held at the tiny Norman church of St James, Stoke Orchard, celebrated for its faded, 12th/13th century wall paintings depicting the life of St James in 28 continuous scenes round the walls of the nave. Re-discovered in the mid-1950s these are unique in Britain for their detail and variety. Included in the cycle is the conversion of the magician Hermogenes and his disciple Philetus by St James, followed by the latter's execution by Herod Agrippa. Stoke Orchard is thought to have been an important halting place for pilgrims from the north-west on their way to Bristol where they would take ship to France or northern Spain.

The vicar of Stoke Orchard, the Revd John Homfray, gave us a warm welcome at the start of the pilgrim service before the Confraternity choir, led by Mary Remnant, swept into 'Ad Honorem Regis Summi' a hymn from the *Codex Calixtinus* in honour of St James. The service itself was divided into three parts, Departing on Pilgrimage, The Journey and The Arrival, with pilgrim hymns, prayers and readings. Members particularly appreciated a prayer which mentioned the work for pilgrims at Rabanal and that of two prominent deceased members, Mrs Constance Storrs and Professor Derek Lomax. The full order of service is shown on the next page.

A short talk by Pat Quaife on the Confraternitiy and Holy Year, was followed by refreshments and the opportunity to meet Mr Homfray and parishioners to discuss the problems faced by the church and the paintings. The Confraternity will be offering its services to St James, Stoke Orchard to help in the further preservation of the paintings, in consultation with various official bodies.

Our sincere thanks to John Homfray for arranging such an enjoyable and appropriate service and to Chris Masters of Charlton Kings and Marion Marples for their organisation of the Confraternity's Holy Year weekend to celebrate the feast of St James.

Postscript: our help needed - both Stoke Orchard and its near neighbour church, St John the Baptist at Tredington are seeking Friends. Neither is in good condition and need help for maintenance and improvements of the churches and churchyards; the population of the two villages is very small and their current, generous donations only just cover the day-to-day running costs. Last year the **Friends of Tredington and Stoke Orchard Churches** (a registered charity) was set up to raise funds and Confraternity members are invtd to join the Friends. The minimum annual subscription is £5 (£8 family membership) and a single donation of £50 confers life membership. Subscriptions (or requests for a banker's order form) should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. Tilley, South Court, Stoke Orchard, Cheltenham, Glos., GL52 4RY. Attractive teatowels are also available, at £2 each, from Mrs Diana Parry, 10 Archers Lane, Stoke Orchard, Cheltenham, Glos., GL52 4SH. (Mrs Parry's address is a reminder that the 'Orchard' refers not to an orchard but is a comparatively modern corruption of Archer, a powerful local family who held the greater part of the the manor of Stoke from the 12th to the 14th centuries. Constance Storrs shows that a William Archer went on pilgrimage to Santiago in 1314.)

After the Welcome, the service begins with a hymn in honour of St James, from the Codex Calixtinus, sung by the choir
Ad honorem regis summi led by Mary Remnant.

"Departing on Pilgrimage"

Hymn 293 To be a Pilgrim.

Reading Genesis 12, verses 1 to 5. Abraham sets out on his journey

La Grande Chanson - 4 verses in French about some of the places visited on the way: Blaye (near Bordeaux), León (Spain), Santiago de Compostella. To be accompanied with a drum.

Prayer.

2.
 "The Journey"



Hymn 296 Guide me O Thou great Redeemer

Reading St Luke 9, verses 23-36. St James on his journey with Jesus, Peter and John, has an experience

Yocundetur et letetur from the Codex Calixtinus accompanied by the Organistrum of Mary Remnant.

Prayer

3.
 "The Arrival"



Hymn 278, Jerusalem The Golden.

Reading Revelation 21, verses 9 to 14, 22-27; Chapter 22, verses 1-3

Dum Pater Familiās - from Codex Calixtinus, accompanied by Organistrum. After Prayers Our Father, & Blessing,

Hymn 527 For all the Saints - verses 1 to 5, and last.

Refreshments for all afterwards and Marion Marples tells us more about Confraternity of St James and our Church.

Postscript 2: a full description of the wall paintings and their background can be found in *Wall Paintings in Stoke Orchard Church, Gloucestershire* by E. Clive Rouse and Audrey Baker, published by the Royal Archaeological Institute in 1967.

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II In Norfolk - Bernard O'Brien

In order to mark St James's Day I walked to St James's Hill, Mousehold Heath, which overlooks the old part of the city of Norwich. Afterwards I descended to St James's Church which is now, and has been for about ten years, a puppet theatre.

Returning home by way of the Colman works at Carrow Abbey, where a thousand years ago there was a parochial church dedicated to St James the Apostle, the round trip amounted to about seventeen miles. Not very exciting, perhaps, but good training for the pilgrimage and also the inspiration, a month after the feast day, to walk from Attleborough to Wymondham calling at St James, Great Ellingham and St James, Crownthorpe.

The church at Great Ellingham was locked and I saw no notice as to where the key may have been obtained. There is a pleasing statue of the Saint, with scrip and staff, neatly sited in a niche over the porch. Unfortunately, a goose-necked light fitting is installed in the obvious place for throwing light at the entrance but completely spoils any photograph taken of the statue. There is a stained glass window that I could see from outside but, for that reason, the effect was lost.

The map shows the symbol for a church at Crownthorpe but also prints the word in Gothick so I expected something of a variation. I was surprised to find the church is now a residence. I had no great cause to disturb the occupants and, in any case, I was thoroughly entertained by a tame jackdaw who fussed about, pecking at my ankles and standing on my shoes tug at the laces. All the while we were watched by a lugubrious sheep.

Two miles to Wymondham and the bus back to Norwich.

Heads Above Water in Rabanal

Caroline Crossley

It was not without some trepidation that Veronica and I offered to work as wardens at the Refugio Gaucelmo during July. It is, after all, Holy Year, and indeed we had been warned that we would probably have to deal with just about the entire population of Spain during our four-week stay there. Our expectations were not to be disappointed. On most nights we had over sixty pilgrims staying and had to learn to be general first-aiders dealing with all sorts of problems from blisters to tendonitis. Even when we were at our busiest, stamping cards, explaining the rules and allotting bits of floor, we had people enthusing about their particular experiences on the Camino. Some had beautifully illustrated diaries, others were keen to show us all the stamps they had collected along the way, and it was a real pleasure to see what a keen and lively interest so many pilgrims had in the Camino.

To keep our heads above water one of the most important skills to be learnt was that of self-assertiveness. It was no easy task turning away groups of twenty priests and hordes of scouts! It was even more difficult when at times a lone priest would knock at our door and ask humbly if we could possibly fit in thirty of his parishioners that night. Fortunately we could point large groups to the municipal refuge in the square, but there were no raised eyebrows when they often returned a few minutes later complaining that it was full and what could we do about it! It was sympathetically but with a firm manner that we had to turn people away.

Unfortunately, in the days leading up to the 25th the Camino had for many become a competition to get as bed in the next refuge along the way. This meant that often groups of pilgrims would congregate outside the refuge from 10am or even earlier. The plus side of this competitive spirit for us was that there was generally no problem having the refuge vacated by 8am. Matters were made easier when Stuart Goldie arrived - this made it possible for one person to rest whilst the other two took care of everything. We were also able

to enlist the help of two Spanish friends we met last year on the Camino and a friend from Cambridge who came by on his way to Portugal.

In an almost absurd kind of way, the busiest time of day was often the most enjoyable and relaxing: breakfast. I admit it's no fun rising before the sun at 5.40am, but with adequate preparation the night before, a warm cup of hot chocolate and some calming music the morning atmosphere in the kitchen can be one of warm congeniality. We also found that serving breakfast until 7am encouraged pilgrims to leave earlier, so that we could start the cleaning before that day's hordes arrived! Needless to say, some pilgrims slept blissfully through breakfast, but a quick blast of loud music at 7.30 usually did the trick.

We did regret that with so many pilgrims to deal with it was generally not possible to offer individuals as much time as they or we would have liked. But, to use an old cliché, a smile goes a long way, and though it sometimes doesn't come naturally, it does make for a better atmosphere all round. Where possible we did offer pilgrims cups of tea and encouragement but we could not follow Timothy Wotherspoon's example of seeing them off personally at the door.

We thought we were having to work hard at the refuge, but in comparison with Chonina and Antonio ours was kids' play. Certainly Antonio for one was up at the crack of dawn every morning clearing up after the previous night and preparing to serve breakfast. We could console ourselves that at least it wasn't our pilgrims keeping him and his family up serving until the early hours (our door was locked at 11pm prompt) but in true Spanish fashion the bar only closes when the last customer finally decides to drag himself home to bed. In addition, daily visits to Astorga were necessary for provisions - a time-consuming process that Veronica and I only had to endure once a week.

The two Madrid ladies, Asumpta and Charo, were absolute angels. They were always around to lend a reassuring ear and to drive us into Astorga when we needed a lift. However, at the height of the season they did the sensible thing and fled to relative normality for a

few days. Living next door to the refuge, they had had enough of opening their windows to rucksacs and pilgrims lined up along their front wall.

Potential disaster was averted on what was surely the most memorable night of our stay, when there was a fierce storm that ruined crops and threatened livestock for miles around. The gas had gone out and the electricity went off shortly afterwards. Luckily the gas was quickly re-connected but the electricity remained cut off. With howling wind, thunder and lashing rain outside, the pilgrims lost no time in making their way to the kitchen to warm up. With the flickering light of hastily lit candles and the comfortably reassuring sound of water simmering on the hob a convivial mood was soon created. The two tables were joined together and as many pilgrims as possible huddled into the kitchen for warmth and light. Chorizo, olives, bread and cheese were shared, stories were told and new friends made, as happens when people feel united in common hardship. This, we agreed, was one of our more successful nights. At 11pm there were no pleas by pilgrims to smoke a last cigarette on the patio or contemplate the stars. For once, Veronica and I were asleep before many of the pilgrims, weary as they were.

The storm passed and with it the number of pilgrims decreased slightly, sighs of relief almost audible in the air. Towards the end of the month there were even moments of peaceful calm. Many of these pilgrims, not bothered that they had missed the riotous celebrations in Santiago, seemed altogether more relaxed, contemplative and committed to the true spirit of the Camino; they transformed the general ambience of the place from being at times like a youth hostel to - well, a pilgrim refuge.

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The history of a nation is not in parliaments and battle-fields, but in what people say to each other on fair days and high days and in how they farm and quarrel and go on pilgrimage.

W.B. Yeats

Some 1993 Pilgrimages

From our honorary President, H.E. The Spanish Ambassador, through a Vice-President (James Maple), the Chairman, the Secretary the Treasurer and countless members, to our honorary assistant secretary, James Hatts (12), the Confraternity has been on pilgrimage in 1993, to Canterbury as well as to Santiago de Compostela. That veteran pilgrim, Chaucer's Wife of Bath, would have been proud of us.

Accounts of the successful Canterbury (walkers and cyclists) and Camino Inglés pilgrimages will have to wait until the next Bulletin but two individual journeys, each distinctive in entirely different ways, may be of particular interest to members.

Pilgrim President

From 10 July to 11 August the Confraternity President, D. Alberto Aza Arias, walked the Camino from Roncesvalles with his wife, Lalla, and ten other family members and friends, the youngest being their 11-year-old son, Miguel. This must surely be the first time that an Ambassador to this country has made the pilgrimage on foot to Santiago during his term of office. The group's experience was a very happy one, according to D. Alberto, and they had no problems apart from a sore knee, which soon mended. Every member of the group walked every step of the way and they found the spirit and tradition of the pilgrimage very much alive. One of the highlights for them was to relive the history of the Camino as they travelled from east to west through the former kingdoms of Navarre, Castile, León and Galicia. On a north-south axis they felt they were walking through a sort of 'no-man's land' between Christendom and the former Moorish-held areas of Spain, thus re-tracing history on the ground. As pilgrims they were treated with respect in the villages and cities they passed through, and for their part they learned to be happy with little in the way of material comforts. D. Alberto concluded that there was a danger of the Camino being promoted too much, with higher numbers of pilgrims meaning a less Jacobean atmosphere, a sentiment many would concur with.



An American Experience

Another member who started walking from Roncesvalles, earlier in the year, was a 30-year-old Texan disc-jockey, Joel Lowden, who completed his pilgrimage in 33 days. On arrival at Santiago he had the great honour of being baptised and confirmed in the Cathedral chapel of la Corticela on 12 May by D. Jaime García Rodríguez, the canon responsible for pilgrims and the pilgrim office. Joel took the baptismal names of Santiago and Jaime and has now started on his new life in America as a Catholic.

Both the Ambassador's and Joel Lowden's pilgrimages were fully reported in the local papers, *La Voz de Galicia* and the *Correo Gallego*, with photographs, as was that of the Camino Inglés group in August.

All 1993 pilgrims are requested to send brief (or longer) details of their journey to Rosemary Clarke, 36 King's Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset BH14 9QG for inclusion in the Confraternity's official pilgrim register. Longer accounts will also be placed in the Library's pilgrim archives.

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Saint James the Greater

James Maple

Butler's *Lives of the Saints* calls him Saint James the Greater. There should, therefore, not be much argument that Sanctus Jacobus Maior should be described in English as Saint James the Greater.

Somewhere or other the title 'the Great' has slipped in - even in our Confraternity literature.

A few saints are described universally as 'Great', for example Albert the Great is so described in the *Missale Romanum*.

Of course all the apostles may be thought of as 'great' for, however little we know about most of them, to have been chosen by Our Lord must mark them out for eternal greatness.

The problem is that books like the *Blue Guide* to mainland Spain talk of 'St James the Great'. However, as we all know, guide books have to draw on other books and 'authorities' and the information they contain is just as good as their sources. Also St James is not of great importance to the authors of such general books, who are hastening the traveller through Spain.

Looking through some of the books about Saint James and the pilgrimage, I was pleased find that most of the 'authorities' call him 'the Greater'. T.A. Layton, Edwin Mullins, Rob Neillands, H. and M.H. Davies, Jonathan Sumption and Hal Bishop all agree. Walter Starkie settles for 'the Elder'.

Saint James, brother of John, may have been older, taller or stronger than the other Saint James, who is rather a '1066 and All That' saint in 'Philip and James'!

My small *Missale Romanum* calls him 'Jacobus Apostolus' but small English missals are confused –some say 'Great', others 'Greater'. This may also be true of some church dedications. As we have discovered some clergy seem unable to differentiate between Saint James Major and Saint James Minor.



In the interests of consistency – and accuracy – I think we should call him 'Saint James the Greater'.

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Ed's Note: David Hugh Farmer in *The Oxford Dictionary of Saints* (2d ed., 1987) calls him James the Great, as does Olwen Reed in her *Illustrated History of Saints and Symbols* (1978). For Donald Attwater (*The Penguin Dictionary of Saints*, 1965) and CSJ member, James Hall (*Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols in Art*, rev.ed., 1979) he is James the Greater. The latter author helpfully includes the following bracketed note (p.165): the Great, the More, the Elder, Major ...

St James and the Chesterbelloc

William Griffiths

I have for some years collected the works of G.K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, and their circle. It was with great excitement therefore that I saw in a dealer's catalogue *Santiago and Other Poems* by Elizabeth Belloc. Elizabeth, Hilaire's youngest daughter, lived a strange vagabond life but inherited her father's poetic gifts. Alas, not in praise of Compostella; the poem turned out to be about Santiago de Chile.

Undeterred, I returned to the vast and varied literary output of that fabulous beast, the Chesterbelloc. Surely something Compostellan is to be found there? Pat Quaipe's pamphlet *St James the Great in English Literature* (1990) ends in the 19th century and could not help. Belloc's two great books in celebration of walking are not Compostellan. *The Path to Rome* (1902) is a boisterous account of his youthful pilgrimage there. (With it, read the essay 'The Idea of a Pilgrimage' in *Hills and the Sea* (1906).) *The Four Men* (1912), also boisterous but tinged with melancholy, describes a walk across Sussex. There must be mention of the Camino in *The Pyrenees* (1909), but it is a scarce book. (Can anyone provide me with a copy?) As I recall, it contains typical Belloc didacticism, laying down the law on matters historical, geographical, anthropological, and even going into great detail on how to prepare bouillon from a Maggi stock cube, then unavailable in Britain.

I have had better fortune so far with Chesterton. *The Queen of Seven Swords* (1906) is a volume of poems which are not included in his *Collected Poems*. Our Lady is addressed by the Seven Champions of Christendom, among them, of course, St James of Spain, as Matamoros rather than Pilgrim:

ST JAMES OF SPAIN

*Mine eyes were strong with sorrows; none other
blood shall say
What lay on my heart for a hundred years ere
the stone was rolled away,
When crushing the vines and statuary, the rock
of Mahound was hurled,
Featureless, faceless, enormous; the rolling
stone of the world.*

*The heaters of wine, the horsemen, came on us
like night at noon.
The veiled knights with the crooked swords that
sware by the crooked moon
We endured to go down under darkness, beholding,
as men that die,
The name of their God of Battles scrawled
backwards across the sky.*

*Queen, if our own gold rotted what no man's
iron could rend,
Bronzed gold, dark wine of the dust; if we
stiffened and stood at the end
A gilded skeleton army brittle and brown in the sun,
Forget not what all have forgotten; this field was
won.*

Doubtless I shall find more of St James anon. In fact, we really need another volume for St James in twentieth-century English literature. What can other members contribute?

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1993 Events – a Roundup

May 1993 events included the Evening of Words and Music at St Mary's, Cadogan Street and the walking and cycling pilgrimage to Canterbury at the end of that month. Marion Marples reviews the former below, while the next Bulletin will include a full account of the two Holy Year pilgrimages, that to Canterbury and the three-day Camino Inglés walk from La Coruña to Santiago in late August. Brian Tate and Jane Lofthouse informed and entertained members in September with a Wednesday lecture and a concert of Cornish and pilgrim music respectively; again more details of these in Bulletin 48.

An Evening of Words and Music

The way in which many members are encouraged to become involved in our activities is a hallmark of the Confraternity. A splendid occasion of many talents was the Evening of Words and Music held in St Joseph's School Hall, Cadogan Street, London SW1 on Thursday 11 May, in the presence of our honorary President, D. Alberto Aza Arias, the Spanish Ambassador, his wife and friends.

David Foster set the scene with a dramatic reading of the legend of St James from Jacques de Voragine's medieval *Golden Legend*. William Griffiths entertained us with his rendering of the Middle English poem by Samuel Purchas, 'Purchas his Pilgrims', noting the author's preoccupation with money-changing, indulgences and women, followed by 'Thurkill's Vision', a dream featuring repeated sightings of St James.

Ian Martin relaxed us further with the sweet sounds of dulcimer, mandolin and bouzouki, playing Irish and Spanish pilgrim songs as well as a piece of his own composed in Santiago.

The programme then leapt forward to the 20th century with readings about Galicia and Santiago by Liz Keay from C. Gasquoine Hartley and Jan Morris. Finally, Neil Curry read from his own recent collection of poems *Walking to Santiago* (1992). Taking us from 'a restless chafing of hooves in the dark' of San Fermin at Pamplona to Easter Sunday at Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Curry arrives at Maestro Mateo's Portico de la Gloria and poses a familiar question to pilgrims arriving in Santiago: 'Now that I am here, I ask myself why'.

Mary Remnant rounded off the programme by conducting the audience in 'La Grande Chanson', a well-known French pilgrim song.

The Confraternity is very grateful to all those members who took part in the evening's entertainment, to Aileen O'Sullivan whose inspiration it was and especially to Phinella Henderson for skilfully achieving a happy pilgrimage through space and time. A collection was taken at the end of the evening in aid of the school and the Rabanal fund.

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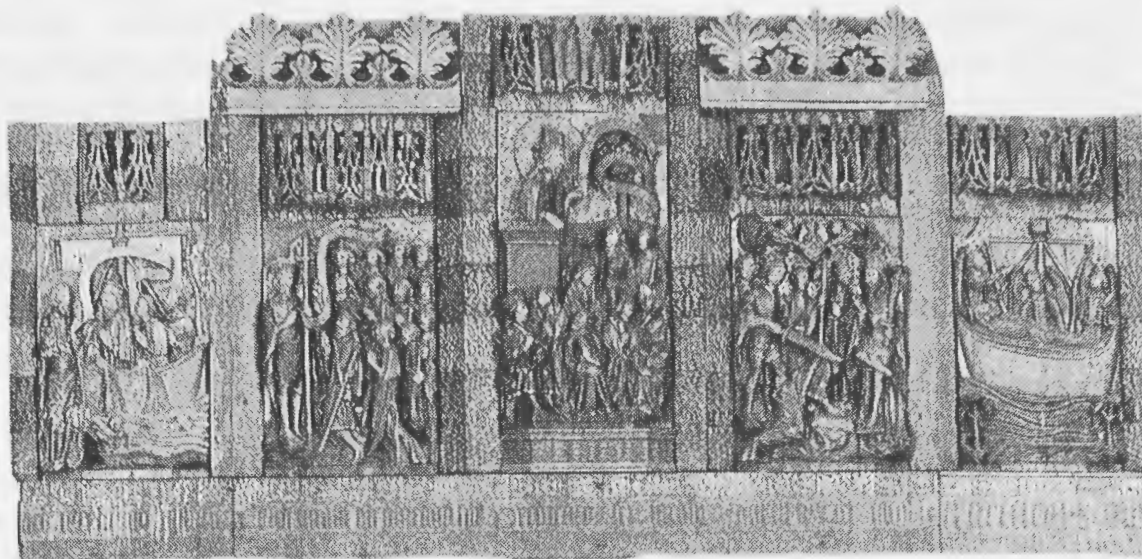
The Confraternity Library

A number of generous donations to the Library have been made this year by members living in Santiago de Compostela and the USA for which we are most grateful.

The largest, in size and scope, and without any doubt the heaviest in weight, is the 555-page blockbuster catalogue of the recent exhibition in Santiago, *Santiago, Camino de Europa: Culto y Cultura en la Peregrinación a Compostela*, held in the monastery of San Martín Pinario in August to September of this year. A hard-back copy has been given by the 'vicecomisario' of the exhibition, Fernando López Alsina of the University of Santiago, who has recently joined the Confraternity. The catalogue contains illustrated notices of all 186 pieces in the exhibition which included all (bar one?) of the extant copies of the Codex Calixtinus (Santiago, c.1160, the Vatican Library, British Library and Salamanca copies (all 14th century) and the Ripoll manuscript of 1173).

Another piece of particular interest is the English retable in Nottingham alabaster offered to the Cathedral in 1456 by John Goodyear, a priest from Chale in the Isle of Wight. The retable, which depicts scenes from the life of St James, was registered as a gift in Tumbo F of the Cathedral archives on 25 May 1456. Twelve scholarly articles precede the catalogue entries and include one on sea pilgrimages by Brian Tate and others on manuscripts, music, hospitals, the cult of St James in France, the Low Countries and Scandinavia, on lyric poetry, on writers and propagators of the cult and many other topics. Confraternity members stuck on a desert island would be well advised to choose this catalogue as their one book - provided they read Spanish, as the catalogue exists only in Spanish and Galician. The exhibition video, a compact disc and a 78-page guide, also lavishly illustrated,

by the 'comisario', art-historian, Serafín Moralejo, complete the Library's documentation on this outstanding exhibition.



The Goodyear Retable, normally kept in the Capilla de las Reliquias of Santiago Cathedral

José Carro Otero, the Xunta's Commissioner for Holy Year, is another generous donor and in August presented us with a copy of Pablo Arribas Briones' very new book, *Picaros y Picaresca en el Camino de Santiago*, published in Burgos in July 1993 by Ediciones Aldecoa. Its 445 pages treat a wide array of pilgrim themes, including hunger, begging, singing, sinning, hospitals, relics and forgeries, miracles, penitents, Walter Starkie, thieves, nobles and dogs, to name just a few.

From New York Ronald R. Atkins continues to supply us with interesting American works, most recently William Melczer's *The Pilgrim's Guide to Santiago de Compostela*, published by the Italica Press (New York) in 1993, with 345 pages and costing \$17-50. The cover proclaims it as the first full English translation of Book V of the Codex Calixtinus although it is of course the second, James Hogarth's translation published by the Confraternity in 1992 having preceded it. Nonetheless William Melczer, who is Professor of Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Syracuse University, New York, has provided us with an excellent edition which includes a lengthy, scholarly introduction, commentaries and notes, bibliography, gazeteer and hagiographic register. A very valuable addition to the library for which we are grateful to Ron Atkins.

Santiago bookshops are full of guides to the Camino de Santiago, but one of the best in terms of quality of information, handy size and low price (1300 pesetas) is the *Camino Santiago Andando/Bicicleta: guía Federación Asociaciones*, produced specially for 1993 by the Spanish Associations in July. At half the price of existing, full-length guides it represents excellent value with a wealth of information both historic and practical on the route plus useful sections on walking, cycling, first-aid, bike repairs and a handy guide to services all along the way. It's a pity the maps are hard to read, especially the town plans with turquoise lettering on a cream background and odd there is no ISBN number, but gratifying to know that profits from its sale will be returned to the Camino and the refugios along the way. With thanks to the Spanish Federation, who have given one copy to each of the other European societies.

The first of two extensive bibliographies compiled by Maryjane Dunn-Wood and Linda Kay Davidson, *Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages: a Research Guide* (New York, Garland Publishing Inc, 1993) has also reached the Library's shelves. With its 480 pages it is a major contribution to the subject, and possibly the first English-language bibliography on pilgrimage to appear as a separate publication.

Compostellanum, the well-known scholarly journal produced twice a year by the Archdiocese of Santiago de Compostela, also (at last) joins the Library, our first number being Vol.XXXVII, num.1-2, enero-junio 1992, (Seccion de Ciencias Eclesiasticas). While letters requesting a subscription had not brought any reply a personal visit to the office in San Martín Pinario last year was more fruitful.

Last winter a team of 5 Confraternity translators was hard at work translating into English *El Apóstol Santiago y su proyección en la Historia: 10 temas didácticos*, produced by the Cathedral at Santiago as a contribution to Holy Year. This is a well-illustrated book of 10 short chapters by different specialist authors on St James and his mission and the history and archaeology of Santiago and the Cathedral. The Spanish version is in the Library and we will shortly be receiving copies of the English translation which will be on sale at £6-50.

Finally, as members will know, good maps of Spain are hard to find and the Library has recently acquired a copy of the AA's *Big Road Atlas of Spain* published in 1992. Too big for all but motorists, the beauty of the maps is that most of them are on a scale of 1:200,000, compared with the 1:400,000 of existing fold-out maps. Inevitably it doesn't show all the little roads of eg Galicia but a useful reference document for use before setting out.

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NOTES AND NEWS

In South Africa on 25 July 1993

The St James's Day evening service in Cape Town's St James's Church turned into a horrifying massacre as five gunmen hurled grenades and directed rifle fire at the 1000-strong congregation. Eleven people were killed including three young men who died as they tried to shield those nearby. Four days later a memorial service, attended by more than 2000 mourners, was held in the church where the carpet was still stained with blood and bullet holes marked the furniture.

The Scallop

Thanks to the sharp eyes and generosity of Sylvia Black of Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, we now have a stock of five copies (in good condition) of this splendid volume, sub-titled *Studies of a Shell and its Influences on Humankind* and published by Shell in 1957. Five of the chapters at least are relevant to members' interests and include 'The badge of St James' by Christopher Hohler and 'Escallops in Armory' by the Hon. Sir George Bellw. Sylvia Black is donating the books, or rather the proceeds to the Rabanal Appeal and copies are available for £5 each plus £2 postage (inland) or £2-75 (overseas surface). If you would like a copy please send 1) a cheque for £5 made out to CSJ Appeal and 2) stamps to the value of £2, or (overseas members only) a sterling cheque for £7-75, to Pat Quaipe, 57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG. If more than five members apply we will set up a waiting list and ask Sylvia and others who frequent second-hand bookshops to look out for further copies.

Reading Muscum re-opened to the public on September 16th after a lengthy period of re-design and refurbishment. According to James and Leigh Hatts and Marion Marples, who were among the crowds present on opening day, a visit is thoroughly recommended. New displays include the Abbey set in the context of the history of the town and a facsimile of the Bayeux tapestry. Entrance is free; the Muscum is closed on Mondays.

Bravo! is Iberia's very recent (October 2nd) special winter offer of two tickets to Spain for the price of one, from 9 October to 23 March 1994, with bookings to be made before 14 December. There is no minimum or maximum length of stay but a Saturday night must be included. Destinations include Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao, Seville, Valencia and Santiago (from Heathrow) and Oviedo and Zaragoza from Stansted. The offer applies to a limited number of seats on selected flights and days only; it is not available to groups. Detailed information from travel agents or direct from Iberia on (071)-830 0011.

Vía de la Plata - 2nd edition of guide

This guide has already been mentioned briefly on page 5, but the length and degree of difficulty of the route make amendments and new information particularly important. Alison Raju is preparing a 2nd edition for 1994, considerably enlarged and expanded and covering the entire route from Seville to Astorga. Anyone who has travelled this route recently, in full or in part, on foot, by bicycle, on horseback, by car or using public transport and who has information they think may be useful is requested to contact Alison at 21 Hall Street, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 4BB, preferably by the end of the year. Anyone who intends to do this route before the publication of the 2nd edition next March (particularly the section between Cáceres and Astorga) is welcome to contact her for a copy of the draft version.

Note from the editor: I have had several articles written by members for a long time in a 'forthcoming' folder. They will be used in the fullness of time, but please accept my apologies for the delay.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

The purpose of this list is to enable members in the same country, county or town to make contact with each other. Full regional listings of members are available from the Secretary, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

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Pilgrimage to Santiago in October/November 1993

Novice pilgrim (training hard) desperately wishes to contact travelling companions. Am intending to cycle from France and to spend approximately one month. No definite route or leaving date yet, as am flexible. Please call to discuss: Sam Reeve (0633)-838038

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You will see that members are being invited to save their small change in the enclosed model of the barn at Rabanal. You are invited to do the same between now and St James's Day but instead of sending the coins on 25 July we would be grateful if you could either send the equivalent in the form of a £sterling cheque (if you have an English bank account) or use your Access/Mastercard or Visa, quoting card number and date of expiry to Walter Ivens, Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens. London W8 7AJ. We do hope this will not be too much trouble and thank you in advance for your help.