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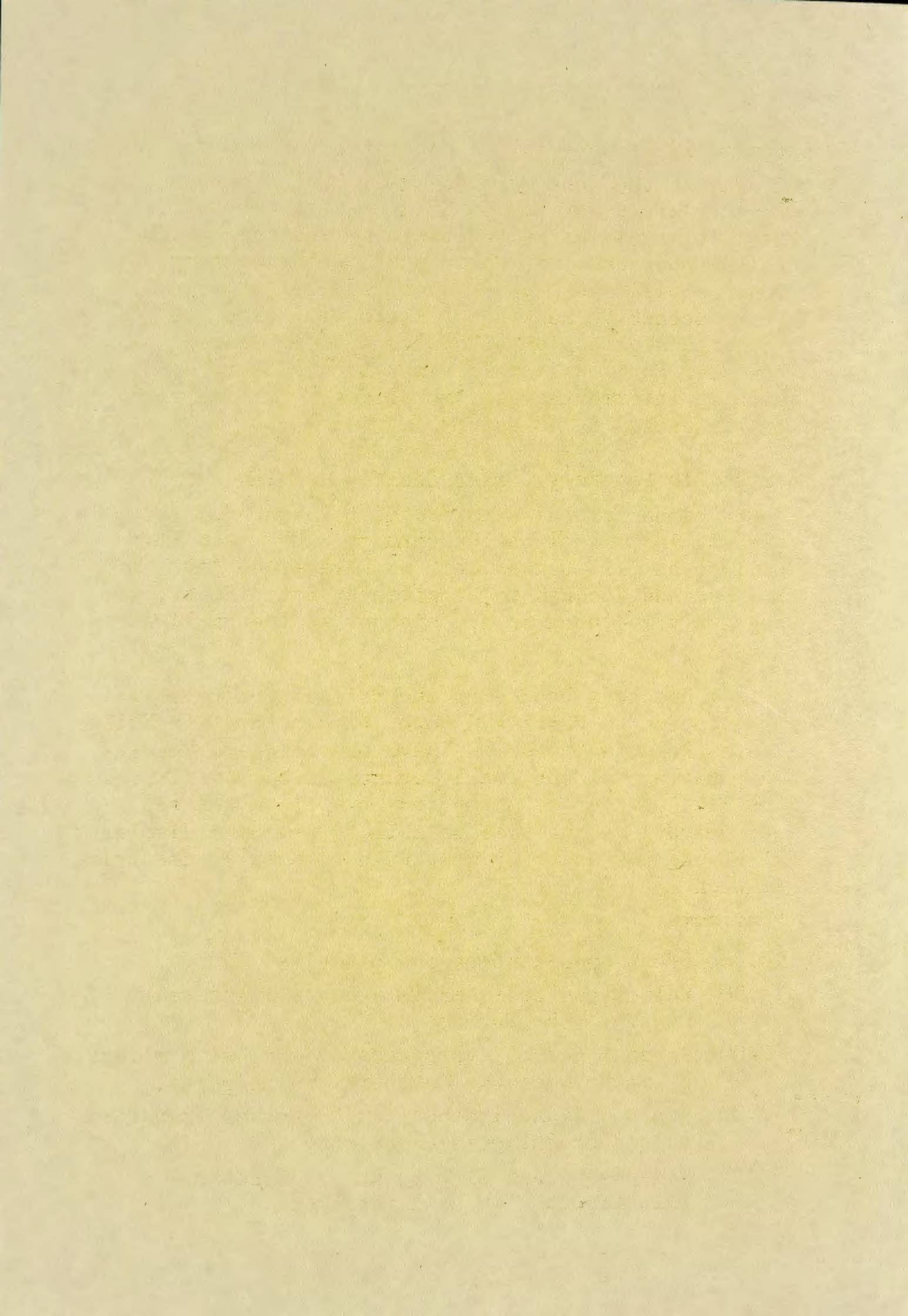


THE CONFRATERNITY OF SAINT JAMES

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President:
H.E. The Spanish Ambassador



Saturday 12 January 1991 - Confraternity A G M

2.30pm at the John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Blackfriars Road, London SE1 (nearest tube: Blackfriars). After the business meeting, which lasts about an hour, **Robin and Louella Hanbury-Tenison** will speak about their 1989 pilgrimage on horseback to Santiago. Robin will also be happy to sign copies of his book. The annual **New Year Party** will take place from 5.30 to 7.30, with an informal showing of slides. Full details in the enclosed AGM papers.

Saturday 16 February - West Country Meeting

Members and friends are invited to a one-day indoor meeting in Bristol on 16 February. The main item will be an illustrated talk on **Romanesque Art of Moissac and Conques** to be given by Brian Scott, who regularly lectures on art history at The Hill, Aber-gavenny.

A room has been booked at the Bristol Conservative Association, 5 Westfield Park, Bristol 6, (off White-ladies Road, and where we have met before. We will have the use of the small downstairs bar for lunch. You may, of course, bring your own lunch, or eat out nearby. As we will be able to set up a display, if anyone has anything they wish to show please bring it with you.

Programme

- 10.30 Doors open; coffee and biscuits.
- 11.30 **Relics and Reliquaries** - an illustrated half-hour by John Durant.
- 12.00 **Rabanal Hostel** - progress report, with slides, by members of the October working party.
- 12.30 Lunch - light lunches can be booked (see form at end of Bulletin - bar open
- 2.15 **Romanesque Art of Moissac and Conques** - an illustrated talk by Brian Scott.

4.00 Tea, followed by local news

Cost £1-50 (members), £2-00 (non-members), payable at the door.

Please could all those hoping to attend complete and return the booking form at the end of the Bulletin. Do not hesitate to ring Susan Morgan on (0272)-733853 if you have any queries. If you would like a location map please also send an sae (not too minuscule).

Thursday 28 February

A Musical Evening
in aid of the Rabanal Hostel Appeal

with

Petronella Dittmer (violin)

John Martin (piano)

A programme of French and Spanish music

Joaquin Turina - El Poema de una Sanluquena

Gabriel Faure - Sonata in A major, op. 13

Petronella Dittmer performs regularly throughout Europe and is currently Director of Music at St Martin within Ludgate in the City of London.

John Martin was born and trained in Australia and has developed his career as an accompanist in Sydney and London.

7pm (note earlier than usual starting time)

St Giles, Cripplegate, Barbican, London EC2
(nearest tube: Moorgate)

Tickets: £5, to include a glass of wine. In advance, with sae and cheque made out to CSJ Appeal, from Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 OUQ, or at the door.

Other dates for your diary:

Thursday 14 March: New Members' Evening - with talk on the history of the Confraternity and a short slide presentation. (Central London location)

Weekend of 27/28 April: Practical Pilgrim in Leicester information and advice to prospective 1991 pilgrims at St James the Great, Leicester. City tour and Sunday walk.

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2 - 3 March - Weekend Conference and AGM of the Swiss Amis du Chemin de Saint-Jacques (Association Helvétique) to be held at St Maurice.

A very interesting programme has been arranged, to include a visit to the Abbey of St Maurice, lectures by Humbert Jacomet (Paris) on the symbols and equipment of pilgrimage, by Francis Rapp on the evolution of medieval spirituality and the pilgrimage, by Swiss President, Joseph Theubet, on the Tours route, and by Hanspeter Schneider on the rehabilitation of pilgrim routes in Switzerland, visit to a hospice of St James and to the chapel of Notre Dame du Scex.

Confraternity members interested in attending should contact Marion Marples on (071)-633 0603.

1 - 14 April The Medieval Road to Santiago
a study tour to explore the medieval pilgrim route organised by the University of Durham's Department of Adult and Continuing Education.

Cost: £820 per person (in double/twin room), single room supplement: £110

Includes: all travel (luxury coach and ferry)
all accommodation (ensuite facilities) and twin cabins on ferry
dinner and breakfast; insurance;
guide and tuition en route

Does not include: meals on ferries, lunches,
museum etc admission charges.

Itinerary: St Malo, Bordeaux*, Moissac, Toulouse*,
Jaca*, Puente la Reina, Estella*, Santo
Domingo, Burgos**, Fromista, Carrion,
Leon**, Astorga, Ponferrada, El Cebrero,
Santiago**, Oviedo*, Santander.

* = 1 night, ** = 2 nights.

For further details / discussion telephone Mrs Linda
Rollason (Confraternity member) on (091)-384 6293.
Or write to her at the University of Durham, Dept.
of Adult and Continuing Education, 32 Old Elvet,
Durham DH1 3HN. NB The phone number is her home no.

And, looking forward to 1992

MEDIEVAL EUROPE 1992

Medieval Europe 1992 is an international conference of medieval archaeology, being held from 21 to 24 September 1992 at the University of York. Organisers are the York Archaeological Trust, the Society for Medieval Archaeology and the Department of Archaeology of the University of York. To commemorate the beginning of the Single Market medieval archaeologists and historians from both western and eastern Europe and Scandinavia will come together and cover as many aspects of the subject as possible. Main areas include: urbanism, maritime studies, technology and innovation, death and burial, exchange and trade, religion and belief (including pilgrimage, architecture, archaeology of religion and of religious communities), art and symbolism, rural settlement.



Probable Cost: £175 (fully residential, with conference fee)
£75 (conference fee only)

Further Details: Medieval Europe 1992,
1 Pavement, York YO1 2NA.
Tel.: (0904)-643211

From the Secretary's Notebook

Early Warning

A new sub-committee has recently been formed - the grandly-titled 1993 Committee - to discuss and plan ideas to celebrate the Confraternity's 10th birthday and the next Holy Year in 1993. We shall be asking at the AGM for anyone who would like to help develop the programme for 1993; perhaps you would like to think about this beforehand.

Subscriptions in Spain

Thanks to Alison Shrubsole members living in Spain are now able to pay their Confraternity subscriptions in pesetas, which may be convenient for those without an English bank account. The subscription for 1991, if paid before 31 December 1990 (subscriptions are due to rise after the AGM on 12 January), is 1100 pesetas. Please send a 'giro postal' or use 'correos certificados' to Alison Shrubsole at this address: Cortijo Abulagar, 18711 Rubite (Granada). Alison asks that you do not send cheques and that if you need a receipt you enclose a stamped addressed envelope. General enquiries should continue to be sent to me - Marion Marples - at 45 Dolben Street, London, SE1 0UQ.

Pilgrim Records

James Maple asks that 1990 pilgrims who have pilgrim record forms should please complete and return them either to him or direct to Rosemary Clarke at 6 Alexandra Terrace, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1UE. Rosemary has kindly undertaken the task of keeping the records next year.

Jacobean Floral Tribute

Mrs Sheila de Groose recently took part in a flower festival held to celebrate the 700th anniversary of her church, All Saints, Great Oakley, near Harwich, Essex. She chose St James as her theme and included a boat-shaped vase with fishing nets and scallop shell, as well as a shell-shaped arrangement of white flowers.

Early Warning no.2

From 14 to 16 June 1991 the Hilton Hotel at Basingstoke is arranging a walking weekend along two stretches of St James's Way in Hampshire. Walk leaders are Marion Marples and Leigh Hatts, who will be taking the party from Sulhamstead to Basingstoke, and from Dummer to Arlesford. Cost will be about £100, including talk on the route. Full details in the next Bulletin.

Marion Marples

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - CAMINO DE EUROPA

Pat Quaife

The second international conference of St James' associations, organised by the Spanish associations took place from 30 August to 2 September 1990 in Estella, which this year is celebrating its 900th anniversary.

The Confraternity was represented by Laurie Dennett, Fiona Macaire and myself - three among the 150 or so delegates from all over Europe. A very varied programme had been arranged: lectures, round tables, working groups, plenary sessions, visits to Puente la Reina and Eunate, receptions, dinner in the Cistercian monastery of Iranzu, a lecture-concert of pilgrim music, a folklore festival ... so we worked very hard!

Different venues gave added interest - the formal conference opening took place in the 12th century Palace of the Kings of Navarre (one of the few remaining secular romanesque buildings in Spain), while the majority of sessions were held in an intriguing 1930s building which housed the Conservatorium of Music at the front (where we were) and the municipal bus station at the back. By contrast, the gracious 16th century Casa de Fray Diego was the venue for a lunchtime reception offered by the Ayuntamiento of Estella. Most delegates stayed in hotels in town, but Laurie, Fiona and I were lucky enough to stay in the tiny village of Ibiricu, some 10kms north of Estella, where a friend of mine has the house next to the fountain. It was probably the first time an English car, Fiona's, had been seen in Ibiricu, which is not on the road to anywhere else, and foreigners were apparently an equally rare sight.

Participation

The overall theme of the conference was the revitalization of the Camino, in a European context, with the emphasis on services for and hospitality to pilgrims, both historic and present-day. Early on we were invited to register for one of three workshops: Pilgrim Credentials, Hostels and Refuges for Pilgrims, and Reception of Pilgrims on the Camino, each of which met for two two-hour sessions. With Rabanal in mind, I attended the one on Hostels and Refuges, along with a committee member of the El Bierzo Association. A number of useful pointers for Rabanal came up, which I hope can be

put into practice there in 1991 and thereafter. Conclusions from the different workshop sessions were reported to the final plenary meeting at the end of the conference and now appear in the Actas of the conference, distributed with the November 1990 issue of PEREGRINO, the Spanish journal. It is hoped to include a translation of the main workshop conclusions in a future Bulletin.



CAMINO DE SANTIAGO, CAMINO DE EUROPA



Another feature of the conference was the number of short, 10-minute talks given by participants. One session consisted largely of Spanish contributions and a second of contributions from other associations; among the latter was an excellent talk in Spanish by Laurie Dennett on the Rabanal project, which drew sympathetic applause from the audience. (As most members are familiar with the project, Laurie's talk is published on page 8 in Spanish.) A round-table speaker was Odile Lutard on Pilgrims and Tourists, which sparked off a lively discussion on the differences between the two categories and how they can be reconciled. Barbara Haab, from Switzerland, who knows Rabanal well, spoke of the exterior physical pilgrimage along the Camino and how it interacts with the interior spiritual journey that we make at the same time. For Professor Paolo Caucci von Saucken of the University of Perugia, the most immediate and urgent problem was the safeguarding of the Camino itself and protecting it from further degradation that new road works and thoughtless development can produce. This was confirmed by Joseph Theubet, president of the Swiss Association, who said that his association had recently lost a long battle with the authorities over obliterating part of the route in Switzerland.

It would not be difficult to continue this list of interesting speakers, but may I refer members to the conference Actas, which have been published with admirable speed, and which can already be borrowed from the Confraternity Library.

All in all, there was much food for thought at Estella, as well as problems to be resolved in the future. Those who organised the conference - and there were many - laboured mightily and we thank them for their hospitality, and the town of Estella as it celebrates 900 years of being 'on the Camino'.

REFUGIO DE RABANAL

Laurie Dennett

Quiero agradeceros la oportunidad que me brindais para hablar, aunque sea brevemente, sobre nuestro proyecto de crear un hostel-refugio de peregrinos en Rabanal del Camino. Es un proyecto en el que hemos puesto mucho cariño todos los miembros de la Confraternity of Saint James y seguramente el mas ambicioso que hasta ahora nos propusimos.

Especialmente para vosotros, los que no hayais leído el reportaje que apareció en las páginas de Peregrino, contaré algunas cosas sobre la historia del proyecto. Nuestro propósito de restaurar un edificio ruinoso en algun lugar enclavado a lo largo del Camino de Santiago surgió del afán por ofrecer a otros las experiencias de hospitalidad y el clima propicio para la reflexión que nosotros mismos recibimos como peregrinos. A su vez, considerabamos que debía ser la Asociacion Española de los Amigos del Camino de Santiago quien nos indicara el lugar en donde esta iniciativa prestase mayor utilidad, y en donde podría aportar efectos beneficiosos sobre el medio ambiente ya existente. Esta fue la razón por la que nos hicimos presentes en el pueblo de Rabanal del Camino, y también el motivo por qué compartimos nuestro compromiso con los Amigos de El Bierzo. Ellos organizan la restauración actual utilizando los fondos que nosotros desde Inglaterra hemos traído. Así, juntos, creamos el aparente milagro de una casa que renace de sus ruinas.

El paso concreto mas importante acaeció en la primavera del pasado año, cuando la diócesis de Astorga cedió al grupo de El Bierzo la abandonada casa parroquial de Rabanal del Camino. La impresión que hemos recibido al verla por vez primera, produjo en nosotros una mezcla de sensaciones, de júbilo y de consternación. Por su estética, la casa nos encantó. Por su estructura, era evidente que necesitaba una renovación radical en todas sus partes, y por eso nos comprometíamos a llevar una formidable cantidad de dinero - casi veinte millones de pesetas - para hacer que esta casa llegue a desplazar todas sus potencialidades.

La casa nos presentó un doble desafío: cómo conservar su carácter, mientras se está creando algo nuevo; y cómo conseguir los fondos para traducir nuestros ideas en realidades concretas. Brevemente, describiré el itinerario que hemos recorrido.

Desde el comienzo tomamos la determinación de emplear en la reconstrucción materiales locales, para que en ningún momento se rompiera la armonía con el entorno.

Gracias a la grandeza de la casa - y es propio hablar realmente de dos casas, el edificio mismo con su forma de 'L' y una cuadra separada - junto con la huerta que le rodea, podíamos ampliar nuestra concepción del tipo de acogida que proporcionaría el hostel. Actualmente lo vemos como lugar en donde los peregrinos que viajan de cualquier modo podrán encontrar el descanso y la oportunidad de reflexionar. Será un espacio para todo tipo de viajero: para los que van en bici o a caballo, caminantes y campistas, grupos o familias. Queríamos también crear una característica nueva, ya que el tamaño de la casa lo permite: una biblioteca y un centro de estudios.

Os contare una idea sobre esto último, porque pienso que pone de manifiesto la interacción entre el pasado del Camino, su presente y su futuro. Hemos pensado en la tradición, vivida por tantos peregrinos, de llevar una piedra desde Biduedo hasta Castañeda, como contribución a la construcción de la catedral de Santiago de Compostela. ¿Por qué el peregrino moderno no puede traer de su tierra y escrito en su idioma, un libro sobre el Camino de Santiago como contribución personal a la biblioteca de Rabanal? Ninguna de las ideas que nos surgieron nos han dado mayor placer que ésta: la creación de una biblioteca realmente internacional, formada por peregrinos para todos los peregrinos. Espero que vosotros lleveis esta idea a vuestras tierras y asociaciones respectivas, y que, a partir del próximo verano, resulte una riada constante de libros en todos los idiomas del camino.

En cuanto a nuestro segundo desafío - cómo vamos con nuestro compromiso de reunir los fondos? La campaña para alcanzar la cifra de casi veinte millones de pesetas se inició en el mes de noviembre del año pasado con una recepción por parte de nuestro presidente honorario, el Embajador de España en el Reino Unido. En los últimos nueve meses hemos pedido la ayuda de las grandes empresas relacionadas con España, de las instituciones benéficas y del propio Gobierno, con algo de éxito, pero la mayor parte del dinero llegó hasta este momento de los esfuerzos personales de los seis cien miembros de nuestra asociación.

Algunas de las maneras en que se ha realizado esto merece al menos una descripción, en caso de que alguno de vosotros esté dispuesto a realizar algo similar. Tenemos un miembro - la campeona por la cantidad de dinero que ha llevado - que ha hecho un salto en paracaídas, a cambio de las aportaciones que libremente le ofrecieron; otro que corrió en el maratón de Londres sirviéndose del mismo sistema; otros han dado conciertos, o han entregado al proyecto un porcentaje de los derechos de sus publicaciones; otros han invitado a sus colegas a una cena de comida española, y han solicitado de cada uno el correspondiente donativo. Nuestra rifa, del 25 de julio, ha reunido casi medio millón de pesetas. En cada ocasión que se nos brinda, vendemos los tazones, camisetas y tarjetas con motivos jacobeos. En total, después de ocho meses, tenemos ya casi siete millones de pesetas.

Al final de octubre la entrada principal y la fachada exterior de nuestra casa estarán reconstruídas en su totalidad. Esperamos tener instalados electricidad, agua y servicios para uso de los peregrinos en el próximo año. Para esa misma fecha, podremos renovar el interior de esta primera mitad de la casa, con habitaciones de dos o tres camas y una sala de estar con chimenea.

Es en este momento cuando os pido más que libros sobre el Camino. La terminación de la primera fase de la obra gastará completamente los fondos que hemos conseguido hasta ahora. Todavía tenemos que reconstruir la otra mitad de la casa, y posteriormente la antigua cuadra, que esperamos se transforme dentro de un plazo de dos años en dormitorio y cocina para grupos. Necesitamos ayuda - seguiremos buscándola ante organizaciones oficiales y de nuestros socios - pero esperamos que la mayor fuente sean las otras asociaciones de Amigos del Camino. Esto puede darse de diversos modos: contribuyendo a nuestra campaña durante unos años, o adoptando una parte concreta de la casa (puerta principal, galería, chimenea, estantes para la biblioteca, o una hornacina para colocar sobre ella la imagen de Santiago-Peregrino). La casa ofrece oportunidades varias para todos y para todo nivel de compromiso.

Nosotros y nuestros colegas de El Bierzo pensamos siempre en el hostel como regalo al Camino, como propiedad de todos las peregrinos independientemente de quien haya entregado los fondos o realizado la obra. Expresaría perfectamente el espíritu del Camino si pudiera ser tan internacional en sus contribuyentes como en los peregrinos que lo usen. Con la esperanza de vuestro interés, y de vuestro apoyo, muchas gracias.

side of the village! Joe May, whose bright idea it was, was deafened by the howls of protest in a variety of languages (and language).

Time robbed Maurice of the satisfaction of completing his pathway but the work he did gained the warm approval of Rojelio Valcarce, the builder. John Durant made a beautiful job of splitting, trimming and replanting a mass of iris against the far wall of the garden to make a start at least on the exterior landscaping; and the whole party worked very hard to leave the site as immaculate as we could in the time available.

If this indicates a lot of work in a short time, it was, but it was only part of the fruits of the Rabanal visit. We established a very definite presence in Rabanal and we established a very good relationship with the village. They (and the builder) probably viewed us initially as slightly eccentric collection of foreign bodies. That changed to considerable interest and indeed, respect, for the work we did. There were meetings with the Bishop of Astorga and the El Bierzo Association to discuss and to iron out the problems inevitable with an international cooperation of this kind. The burden of the discussions fell heavily upon the Spanish speakers: Roger Tisseau, John Durant and especially Walter Ivens, who led the discussions and then faithfully reported them to the non-Spanish speakers so that they could feel involved and that we were of one accord in representing the Confraternity. The splendid, typical Maragato dinner given us by Porfirio Fernandex Rodriguex, the newly elected President of the El Bierzo Association, typified the great goodwill that we met from everyone in Spain.

We travelled up to El Cebreiro and were greeted like princes, culminating in a torchlight visit to the newly erected memorial to Don Elias Valina Sampedro, the modern apostle of the Camino de Santiago. It was a quiet party that left Cebreiro that night, rather overwhelmed by a rare experience.

We have to report that, although we heard that he was in the neighbourhood, we did not see the Pilgrim of the Rabanal Appeal. Perhaps we did better. Into the hostel one day came John and Sarah, two young pilgrims from Scotland, who had walked that day from Astorga. Their first question was 'How can we help?' A swift answer came: 'Shovelling the rubble out of the top storey'. John set to with a will. Some time later came the question of where they could stay for the night. They will not mind our disclosing that their financial resources were slender, so we cleared a room, laid out builders' insulation panels on the floor to make the base of a very warm bed, and so they became the first pilgrims to stay in the hostel. If for no other reason, their cheerful pilgrim faces and readiness to help demonstrated the worth of every bit of work that we had done. It provided just a peep into the future of the hostel and showed us all how the project is not just a building, but a living entity that will benefit pilgrims and the local community far into the future.

Our last night was a surprise. Dinner in what Don Alberto insisted on calling 'nuestra casa', organised and prepared by his mother and father. A typical Maragato dinner and the nicest possible ending to our stay.

A very strong bond grew up between the members of the working party. Six men who did not previously know each other well, engaged in hard physical labour and also conducting the essential discussions with the interested Spanish parties, might be expected to yield what, in the modern jargon, would be called inter-personal problems. Not a bit of it. No cross words and no disagreements. Just a comfortable companionship allied to a great determination to do the job as well as possible in the time available. It was a good project, carried through in exactly the right moment in the hostel's creation and helped at all times by the kindness of our Spanish friends.

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CONFRATERNITY VISIT TO THE V & A

15 September 1990

Some 30 members and friends were led round parts of the V and A by George McHardy on September 15th. He concentrated on depictions of St James, either alone or with other Apostles, and on the famous Cast Room which has a reproduction of Santiago Cathedral's great Pórtico de la Gloria.

The following list of exhibits, for which no claim of completeness is made, may be useful for members making their own visit to the V and A.

Medieval Treasury - Room 43

Syon Cope, 1300-1320, from Bridgettine convent at Syon, Middlesex. Linen cope embroidered with metal and silk threads. Depicts life of Christ, Mary, Apostles (including St James with book, staff, shell and bag).

Steeple Aston Cope, 1330-1350, owned by Butler-Bowden family and ancestors. The cope has been converted into an altar frontal and shows the martyrdom of six saints, including St James the Great. Red velvet, with metal and silk threads.

Domed Reliquary, 1180 from Cologne; Benedictine convent of Eltenberg.

Sculpture - Room 50

St James in alabaster relief, 3 pieces in case 10. Date from 1350? and repaired in the 16th c.

Resurrection of Christ, English alabaster relief, found in 18th c. near York. It is fixed to a wooden case of 1689. Apostles are below: the one next to St Peter has a pilgrim hat, shell and staff.

Rooms 22/23

Pulpit, part of upper section with SS Peter, Paul and James. About 1270; marble from workshop of Nicola Pisano (Pisa). Very similar group in pulpit of Siena Cathedral.

Rooms 22/23 ctd.

Terracotta relief of **Virgin and Child** enthroned with St John the Baptist and St James. Italian, from workshop of Michele da Firenze, active about 1440. Belongs to a large series and is stylistically related to an altar in the Cathedral of Modena.

Room 25

Marble effigy of Don Garcia Osorio (died after 1502), in uniform of the Order of Santiago. Shell on hat and insignia of the Order (cross) on his cloak. Spanish Castilian.

Altar triptych in alabaster depicting Life of the Virgin. In scene of the Assumption is St James, below left, with staff and scrip. English, 2nd half of 15th c.

Stained Glass - room 111

Head of St James the Great, English, mid 15th c.
Miniature St James (5 x 12cm), with staff and book, c.1500.

Prophet between St John the Evangelist and St James the Great, with sword. Labelled as St James the Less. English, from Winchester College Chapel, workshop of Thomas Glazier of Oxford. 1393.

Cast Court - Rooms 46A and B

Portico de la Gloria, Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Stone statue of St James, with St John the Evangelist from Oviedo, late 12th c. original.

Stone relief choirstall, from Hildesheim (Germany) with St Michael and St James the Great with St Peter. Original of 1197.

Terracotta relief entitled The Thirsty Drinkers. Loggia of Hospital del Cappel in Pistoia by Santi Buglioni (1494-1576) and Filippo di Lorenzo Paladini (d. 1608). On left is pilgrim with hat, shell and staff.

(With thanks to Werner Streit of Cologne for making his notes available.)

THE SPEYER CONFERENCE

October 5-7, 1990

organised by the Sankt-Jakobusbrüderschaft of Düsseldorf

John Hatfield

The opening session on the Friday evening was interspersed with a wonderful recital of medieval music presented by the Goet Ende Fyn Group of professional musicians, led by Robbert van Lint from Holland. They wore medieval costumes and played most of Mary Remnan favourite instruments.

We were welcomed by Dr Gerd Gellisen, chairman of the Dusseldorf Group, who also gave a particular welcome to delegates from abroad, who included Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier (France), Dr Armand Jacquemin, M. Jean-Pierre Renard, Dom Willibrord Mondelaers, Dirk Aerts (all from Belgium), and Koen Dircksens and Frank Claessen (Holland). A Spanish delegation included the priest from Azofra (where the Dusseldorf/Cologne Group is helping rebuild a 'refugio') and Dr Eusebio Goicoechea Arrondo from Madrid.

Pilgrimage Papers Professor Engels, from Cologne, gave a history of the Apostle's grave at Santiago and explained the political background of the middle ages which created a favourable environment for the pilgrimage in the Palatinate. As Speyer was on the river Rhine it was also on the main north-south trade route and equally on the pilgrim routes to Jerusalem, Rome and Santiago, the latter mainly via Basle, Lyon and Le Puy. There are significant remains of churches and hospices in the Palatinate that indicate that Speyer may also have been on a main westward pilgrim route from Nurenberg and on to Vezelay.

The Saturday morning session began with a talk by Dr Karl Heinz Debur, Archivist of Speyer, on the pilgrim routes in the Pfalz region. Dr Eusebio Goicoechea gave a detailed account of the music of the Camino, with illustrations, including Dum Paterfamilias, which is well known to Confraternity members who attended our own Hengrave Hall conference. 'Relics in the Middle Ages' was the subject of Dr Louis Peters of Cologne who recounted some very amusing anecdotes on the extraordinary claims made for them by their guardians. He did conclude, however, that it was more important to believe than to concern ourselves too much about the relics.

A 1990 Statue No wonder that Martin Luther was so opposed to the idea of pilgrimage. This prejudice seems to live to the present day in the strongly Protestant area around Speyer. When the Cathedral authorities commissioned a statue of a St James pilgrim this year, as part of Speyer's 2000-year anniversary celebrations, to be located looking west towards Santiago, halfway down the main Maximilianstrasse but opposite the Protestant church, there was strong opposition from the latter. However, after much diplomatic effort by the Mayor and the Cathedral, the statue is firmly located where it was originally intended. The Mayor, who has also been down the Camino, alluded to these problems during his speech of welcome on Friday night, and it was due to this anniversary and the pilgrim statue that the conference was held at Speyer.

East and West Reunited One of the most poignant and moving aspects of the conference, held the weekend after the reunification of Germany, was the talk by the Auxiliary Bishop of Gorlitz, which is located at the eastern border of the unified Germany. He was accompanied by a large group of teenagers from all over the former GDR, who last year had participated in the Pope's visit to Santiago. Herr Herbert Simon of the Disseldorf Group had met the Bishop there and had invited him to Speyer.

Gorlitz Cathedral is dedicated to St James and was erected in 1900 in the place of a former St James' church. In medieval times, Gorlitz was on the pilgrim route from Silesia and Poland. Although the Poles remained Catholic after the Reformation, the pilgrimage probably then ceased through the Protestant parts of Germany, which were no longer sympathetic. The hope was expressed that perhaps one day an international group of 'Jacques' might revive the route by travelling eastwards, or starting there, as a symbolic gesture.

Historic Speyer On Saturday afternoon we were treated to a magnificent guided tour of the Cathedral and the town of Speyer, whose history goes back to Roman times, when it was Noviomagus. Speyer's most prosperous era was during the reign of the House of Salier. They built what is the largest romanesque cathedral in Germany, its construction having started in 1024. It served as a burial place for several German kings and emperors. Speyer was the meeting place of all the religious and secular authorities for several centuries. It was also the highest court of the Holy Roman Empire.

Speyer was also one of the centres of Jewish life in Germany. Jewish ritual baths date from the 11th century, their construction linked to that of the Cathedral. In 1349, during the Black Death, the Jews, who largely escaped the plague due to their cleanliness, were persecuted by the rest of the suffering population who blamed them for their ailments. (No doubt Chaucer's fluxes were to the fore; the discovery of bugs and Louis Pasteur's work were, unfortunately for the Jews, much later.)



Cathedral



Old Town



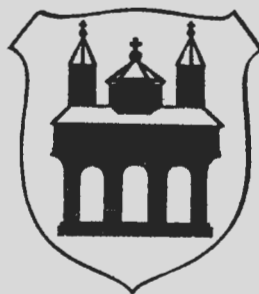
Jewish Bath

Today the appearance of the town is 18th century. After being largely destroyed by the troops of the French King, Louis XIV, Speyer never regained its former importance and it is now medium sized, with some 45,000 inhabitants.

In the Cathedral on Sunday morning we attended a special High Mass which was concelebrated by three bishops (of Munich, Speyer and Gorlitz). In addition to the 150 St Jakobusbrüderschaft delegates, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and their ladies, dressed in their magnificent costumes also attended.

The Düsseldorf Group had prepared an excellent display of maps and pictures concerning St James and the pilgrimage to Santiago. It included part of our Rabanal exhibition, brought up to date by a recent picture, taken by Laurie Dennett, of the partly rebuilt hostel at Rabanal. The display was then going to Gorlitz.

This was a memorable conference, enjoyed by all who attended.



THE SAINT IN ROME
A Note for Visiting Members
Ian Tweedie

There are, in painting and mosaic, very many sets of the Apostles in Rome, often merely heads, but mostly, these lack names and have no distinctive iconography to enables James (Giacomo) to be identified. The presence of a staff is not a sure guide for, often, all the Apostles hold one, particularly when their missionary commissioning is being signified. Several representations of the Transfiguration may also be found but separating James from Peter and John is impossible.



View of the Tiber with the dome of St Peter's (l.) and the Castel S. Angelo (r.)

The (parish) church of **S. Giacomo in Augusta** is at 499 Via del Corso and is sometimes known as S. Giacomo degli Incurabilit by association with the adjacent hospital. Originally a 13th century foundation known as S. Maria in Augusta (from its proximity to the Mausoleum of Augustus), its name was changed in the 14th century. In the second chapel on the right is a 16th century statue of St James by Ippolito Buzio da Viggiu. In the dome is a fresco by Silviero Capparoni (1831-1907) of 'The Glory of St James' (his reception into heaven).

On the right bank of the Tiber and 100 metres downstream from Ponte Mazzini, is the church of **S. Giacomo alla Lungara**. It is not known whether this is 'Greater' or 'Lesser'. Although still (in May 1990) listed in the telephone directory as a (non-parish) church, it seems not now to be in use as one. The domestic entrance is at 12 Lungotevere Faresina and seems to be occupied by a French library. The actual church entrance is at 141 Via della Lungara but has not been found open. It is understood that it is now occasionally in use for art exhibitions.

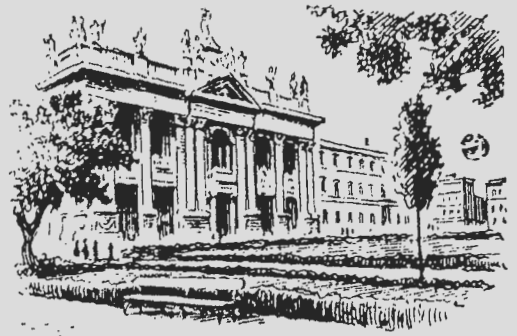
On the east side of the Piazza Navona is an entrance to the church of **Nostra Signora del Sacro Cuore**, which has its main entrance and facade in the Corso Rinascimento. It was formerly known as **S. Giacomo degli Spagnoli** which was built (or rebuilt?) by Pope Nicholas V in 1450 as the Spanish national church. At the time of its restoration in 1879, however, the Spanish association was transferred to **S. Maria in Monserrato** (see below) but it still retains links with St James. In the second chapel from the sacristy is a statue of him with three scallop shells on the shoulder strap of his scrip. On a side wall of this chapel is a painting, by **Giovani da Modena**, of the saint as **Matamoros**.

Surmounting the portico of St Peter's Basilica is a group of large statues showing Christ with Apostles. St James is represented by the second on Christ's right hand. From the front, one sees him holding a sword; viewed from the rear, a staff and pilgrim's hat are visible. There is another (named) statue of the saint in the south-west arc of the ambulatory of the crypt.

The church of **SS Apostoli**, which has strong links with the exiled Stuarts, has, over the balustrade of the facade, a set of statues of the Apostles. Presumably St James will be among them but, in May 1990, all were hidden by the scaffolding and sheeting associated with a restoration.

In **Trastevere** the church of **S. Crisogono** has a mosaic of the school of Pietro Cavallini, in the apse. This shows the Virgin and Child flanked by S. Crisogono and St James with sword and book. (Strictly he ought not to have the latter!)

St John Lateran has a statue of the saint with staff; it is the second from the Confession on the north aisle and is a high relief carving above the window grille of the Massimo chapel. In it he is shown as a pilgrim with staff and gourd. On the ceiling of the portico of the north entrance is a painting of St James with staff and pilgrim's hat; he is to be found between St Paul and St Simon.



San Giovanni in Laterano

St Paul Outside-the-Walls has a statue of the saint with staff; it is the most westerly of those on the south wall of the nave.

At **Tre Fontane** the church of **SS. Vincenzo and Anastasio** has, on the pillars of the nave, partly-restored 16th century frescoes of the Apostles. The fifth from the door on the right hand may well represent St James. (Viewing is difficult as this front part of the church is railed off.)

Santa Maria in Monserrato, in the Via Monserrato and close to the English College, is now the national Spanish church. It seems to be open only on Sundays and on other major feasts. Built by Antonio da Sangallo the Elder (1495) but altered later and with a facade by Fr. da Volterra, it has a statue of St James by Iacomo Sansovino and painting of Madonna and Child which includes the saint. The statue appears to be identical to that in **Nostra Signora del Sacro Cuore**.

Two other churches dedicated to St James are known to have existed, for they are mentioned in a 15th century manuscript held by Canterbury Cathedral. They are des-

cribed as (then) Stational Churches and called respectively 'St James in Portica' and 'St James Below the Aventine Hill'. It has not yet proved possible to locate these or to find out anything about them. Perhaps other Confraternity members can help in identifying their present or former locations and, indeed, in supplementing these various Jacobean connections?

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WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

George F. Tull

As Professor Lomax has pointed out (if my memory is correct), the famous Spanish Order of Santiago had little or no real connection with St James and his shrine at Compostela. The same is true of the Greek Liturgy of St James, c.425 AD. This would seem to have originated in Jerusalem and to have been taken to Antioch, where it was later replaced by the Liturgy of St Basil, but the usage of St James spread from Antioch through west Syria and in adopted forms it survives among the Catholic Syrians and the Syrian Jacobites.

Nearer home, there is a St James' Road and even St James' Garage in Sutton, but there seems never to have been a church nearby of that dedication, or anything remotely connected with the Apostle; nor would this modern road have been part of any pilgrim route. Likewise, the Royal Borough of Kingston-on-Thames has a St James' Road, but no church to correspond. Names are useful for identification, but we should not jump to conclusions.

Even the handsome church of St James, Merton, with its fine, white stone statue attracting passers-by, is a modern foundation not replacing an old ruined church. Many Anglican churches dedicated to individual Apostles date from the second half of the 19th century, but this one is more recent.

Perhaps it would seem cynical to suggest that in some cases no more thought is given to the choice of a patron saint for a new church than to the naming of a road, or a public house!

FROM SANTANDER TO LEÓN
Anthony and Hilary Lathe

It seems obvious really. The boat goes to Santander. Why not pop through the Picos de Europa seeing the marvellous scenery and wildlife, and then go down country lanes to join the Camino at León? Perhaps.

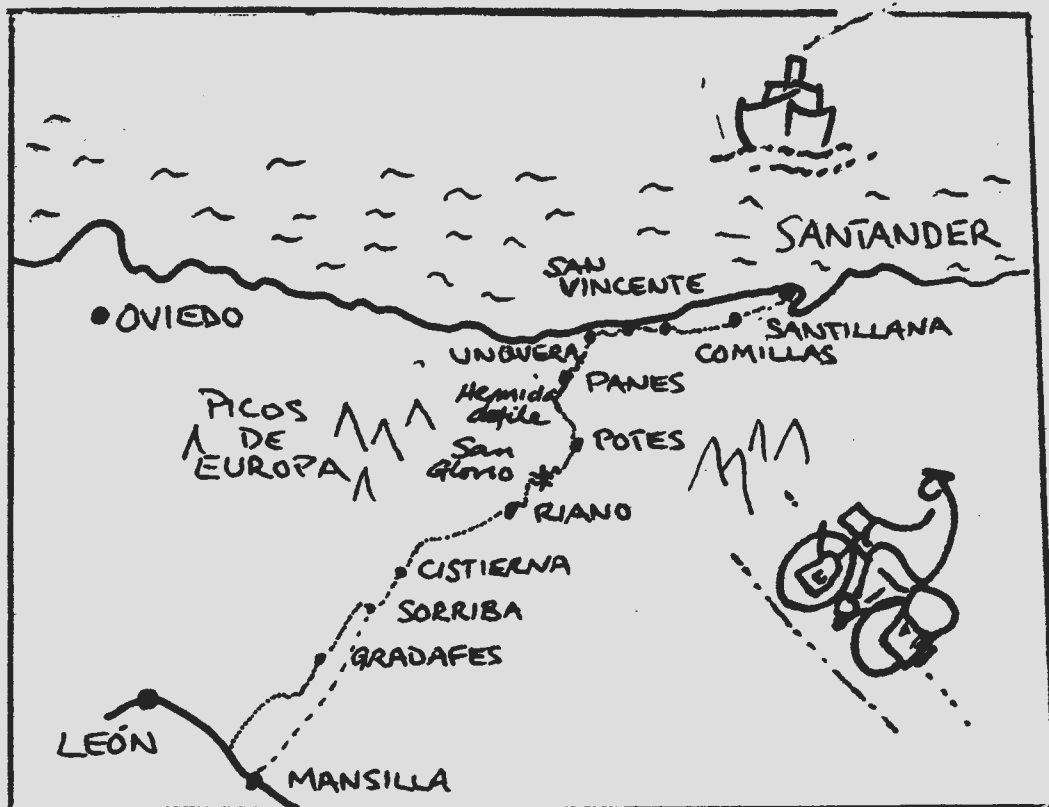
A middle-aged father and a seventeen year old daughter did it, and it was an experience on loaded touring bikes.

Leaving Santander quickly we cycled the 18 miles to Santillana down roads which are fairly clear of traffic. Santillana is a medieval village retaining its attraction in spite of being overwhelmed by tourists like ourselves.

Next day we had intended to stay in Panes, but it is a bit of a dump so we cycled on a bit to Puente Iles. Here there is a fairly primitive 'hostal'. The beds did not seem to have been slept in for years. The food was good, and one of the owners speaks French if you are not feeling too confident with Spanish.

We were at the northern end of the Hermida defile. This meant a short ride of some 18 miles to Potes. What a ride! It is alpine scenery without the effort. The road is virtually flat and one wonderful mountain view is presented after another. You can use up a lot of film.

Potes is a mountain tourist town with everything, including two campsites about 3 miles out on the road to Fuente De. We camped and spent a day taking in the postcard scenery and watching birds of prey about their business. The parish priest at Potes has walked the Camino and is glad to stamp pilgrim cards. He eats at the bar El Bodegou and lives in a flat opposite.



Then comes the reason why not so many people seem to have taken this route. It is a climb of some 3500 feet in 17 miles over the San Glorio pass. It was hard work on a very hot day in late July. We were actually overtaken by two other English cyclists, a rare breed in Northern Spain. They waved to us happily as they passed by - but in a farm trailer in which they had been offered a lift. After they had bought us a beer in Riano, it was almost possible to forgive them.

Riano is a developing tourist town. There is good accommodation and places to eat, cheaper than the more touristified Picos.

Then down and down still toward León. In scorching heat we went too far, 61 miles. It might be best to go straight to Mansilla. We turned right to go down remote country lanes via Gradafes. Here there is a Romanesque monastery. The key can be collected from the enclosed Cistercian nuns next door. They also stamped our pilgrim cards, but it was quite difficult. It was hard to hear and understand the elderly nuns on the other side of the enclosure. In the end we resorted to writing notes to each other, eventually being

rewarded with laughter and a free postcard. The final few miles into León are best forgotten - the temperature was over 100, shadeless, a thundering main road full of exhaust fumes and traffic.

Later as we were taking the old road up to Cebreiro it seemed very modest. We kept saying, "Isn't this easy after the San Glorio?" Maybe that is not the right pilgrim spirit. We had seen some wonderful scenery and wildlife, cycled many quiet roads. A cyclist we met in Santiago thought it was a miracle to go up the San Glorio on a loaded touring bike. Modestly, we agreed.

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The Road to Compostela

Members who feel that cycling over the Picos de Europa might be a little strenuous may be interested in the Association for Cultural Exchange's (ACE) popular 15-day study tour, **The Road to Compostela**, led by Christie Arno.

1991 dates are May 29 to June 12 and the cost is £985 (single room supplement: £185).

Included are air travel from London (Heathrow), 14 nights' accommodation in good hotels, dinner and breakfast, coach travel and excursions. There are three nights at the monastic hotel of San Salvador de Leyre and 2 nights at the Reyes Católicos in Santiago, plus stays at Burgos, León, Oviedo, and Lugo. Other highlights include visits to Santo Domingo de Silos, San Miguel de Escalada and various Asturian churches.

'This is a tiring tour and much walking is required' say ACE, with more honesty than most tour operators. Art historian Christie Arno has been leading this tour for many years and it always gets booked up very quickly. For further details you should contact ACE Study Tours, Babraham, Cambridge, CB2 4AP. Tel.: (0223)-835055.



NOTES AND NEWS

Confraternity Sweatshirts

A selection of sweatshirts will be available at the AGM, as well as by mail order as usual from Susan Morgan (address, p.35). Colours are navy, red, white, royal blue, grey and black; sizes are:

	S	M	L	XL	
Chest	40	44	48	50	These are <u>actual</u> measurements.
Length	26	27	29	30	

Logo can be on both front and back, or front only.

Price: £12-50 (UK), £13-50 (abroad). If postage is not necessary it is suggested that the same sum is paid, with 50p going to the Rabanal Hostel Appeal.

... and Teeshirts

Light blue with logo on front: usually in stock.

White with logo on front - to order

Either colour with logo on front and back - to order.

Sizes: S, L, XL

Price: £6-50 (UK), £7-00 (abroad) 50p goes to Rabanal Appeal for each one sold.

... and Ties

Navy blue, with discreet gold shell logo.

Price: £7-50

Pilgrim Music on CD

Ultreia! Sur la Route de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle, by Polyphonia Antiqua: a CD that evokes the pilgrimage through a variety of medieval music. Disque Paul V é r a n y, PV790042. Seen in a Bath record shop and can no doubt be ordered from your local shop. Many thanks to John Burgess of Trowbridge for the information.

List of New Members

Despite four pages of new members in this Bulletin, we are still not quite up to date with the list, because of the large number of applications received in 1990 (nearly 200 according to Membership Secretary, Walter Ivens). We hope to succeed in listing them all by February - and also hope to see a good number of 1990 and 1991 members at the meeting on 14 March (see p.3).

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

- Antonia de Jesus, Maria: Edificio Espiritual. Biblioteca de Galicia, 1954. 276pp. (Spanish account of the life of the founder of the Carmelites at Santiago.)
- Davis, R.H.C.: A History of Medieval Europe - from Constantine to St Louis. London, Longmans Green, 1957. 409pp.
- Mandeville, Sir John: The Travels of Sir John Mandeville, ed. by Norman Denny and Josephine Filmer-Sankey. London, Collins, 1973. 95pp, illus. (Abridged version with commentary)
- Menendez Pidal, R.: Manual de Gramatica Historica Espanola. 1958. 340pp. (In Spanish)
- Suarez Fernandez, Luis: Navigacion y Comercio en el Golfo de Vizcaya. Madrid, C.S.I.C., 1959. 239 pp. (In Spanish)
- Compostellanum, vol.II, no.4, 1957. 170pp. (Various articles on Jacobean studies, including a report of excavations at the Cathedral of Santiago. In Spanish)
- Vazquez de Parga, Luis, Lacarra, Jose Maria and Riu, Juan Uria: Las Peregrinaciones a Santiago de Compostela. Madrid, 1948. 3 vols, 586pp. (Perhaps the principal work covering all aspects of the pilgrimage.)
- Bradford, Emile: The Shield and the Sword - the Knights of St John. London, 1972. 234pp. (A history of the Order)
- MacCulloch, J.A.: Medieval Faith and Fable. London, 1932. 306pp. (An account of some of the thoughts and beliefs characteristic of the Middle Ages.)

We are most grateful to Mr Francis Storrs, widower of the late Constance Storrs, for the gift of these books, in addition to many others given by Mrs Storrs in her lifetime. The work by Vazquez de Parga and others, Las Peregrinaciones a Santiago de Compostela, in particular is an extremely valuable and otherwise unobtainable addition to the Library.

Other recent acquisitions include:

Jacomet, Humbert: 'Le Bourdon, la Besace et la Coquille' in Archéologie, no.258, June 1990. 10pp. (Article on the significance of the staff, purse and shell in the lives of medieval pilgrims.) Donated by the author.

Il Pellegrino, la Forca e il Gallo: Sacra Rappresentazione Compostelliana. Perugia, Confraternita di San Jacopo di Compostella, 1990 (?). 43pp. (Dramatized Italian version of the famous legend of the cock and the hen.) Donated by Professor Paolo Caucci von Saucken.

Tate, Brian: Pilgrimages to St James of Compostella from the British Isles during the Middle Ages. Liverpool University Press, 1990. 25pp.

Santa Maria de Miraflores, por un monje cartujo. 1989. 68pp. (Account in Spanish of the famous monastery near Burgos.)

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I / We wish to attend the meeting in Bristol on 16 February and bring friends.

NameTel. No.Address

Lunch I / We would like to book lunch - please indicate choice and numbers

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| | vegetarian lasagne | £1-95 | |
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| | Lancashire hotpot | £1-90 | |
| | cottage pie | £1-80 | all served with French or
garlic bread |
| | Cheddar ploughman's | £1-50 | |
| | Stilton ploughman's | £1-75 | |
| | paté ploughman's | £1-65 | |
| | smoked mackerel ploughman's | £1-65 | |
| | jacket potatoes, various fillings | £1-25+ | |
| | soup, vegetarian | approx £1-00 | |
| | soup, non-vegetarian | " " | |

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Return this form, by 2 February 1991, to Susan Morgan, 6 Chapel Green Lane, Redland, Bristol BS6 6UA.

HENGRAVE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Production of the Proceedings of the Hengrave Hall conference held in March 1990 is well under way and they will be available at the AGM on 12 January 1991, and thereafter by post in the normal way.



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RABANAL HOSTEL APPEAL NEWS

No. 7 - December 1990

First Pilgrims at Rabanal

A scrap of paper, written during the Working Party's October visit, has now been placed in the Confraternity's archives. Its significance? It records the very first occasion on which pilgrims - two young Scottish walkers-officially slept the night in the 'new' hostel at Rabanal del Camino.

For the CSJ members -
just for future information
the first two pilgrims to stay at
the new Rabanal refugio
were John Budd and
Sarah Cummings from
Edinburgh. Thanks for your
welcome and your hospitality.
We had a surprisingly warm and
comfortable night! Hope the work
goes OK.

A full account of the Working Party's week at Rabanal and how they met John and Sarah there, will be found on p.12 of Bulletin 37. But it seems appropriate to record here this historic event, which took place some six months before it was meant to happen!

The New Leaflet - ONE YEAR ON

This leaflet has been produced to show what has been achieved in the first year of the Appeal. It has good cause to be optimistic because a great deal has been achieved, but there is still a long way to go to meet the 'Target 1992' described in it.

The purpose of the leaflet is three-fold - a most sincere thanks to everybody who has contributed to the Appeal; an explanation of what we have done so far with the contributions, and future plans; and above all the hope that donations will continue in our second year at an even higher rate than the first year, as the Appeal becomes more widely known in more European countries.

The new leaflet is being sent to all Confraternity members, and also, though it will take a little longer, to all non-members who have donated, as in our thank-you letter we promised to keep them informed. It is not meant to replace our original Appeal leaflet but to supplement it, and of course we have ample copies of both leaflets available for distribution through members.

New President of El Bierzo Association

During the Working Party's visit we were wonderfully looked after, not only by Padre Alberto Moran, who lent us his house (see Bulletin 37), but also by the new El Bierzo President, Don Porfirio Fernandex Rodriguex, and his very charming wife who is equally interested in the Hostel. Porfirio met us on several occasions, including visits to the Hostel at Rabanal, and it was he who organised the meeting with the El Bierzo Association, leading on to a superb dinner for everybody at his home.

Porfirio is some 64 years old, athletic and still the head of his own construction company which he started 40 years ago and has developed nationally, constructing roads, buildings, plants etc. He is president of many local organisations which have included the Red Cross, football clubs and other sports clubs. He is a successful businessman with useful connections, a local benefactor and has the friendship and respect of the El Bierzo Committee who wisely sought and elected him as President from outside the Association.

Whilst we in the UK can provide funds and help, the detail of the planning and building of the Hostel must rest with the El Bierzo Association and the builder, Rogelio Valcarce. Porfirio seems the perfect choice to unite the Association and get things done.

German Generosity

At the Hengrave Hall conference last March Heinrich Bahnen, Secretary of the Deutsche St Jakobus Gesellschaft at Aachen, affirmed support from Germany for the Appeal. After searching, without success, for a German tax-deductible method of donating, Heinrich Bahnen included an article in their journal about the Hostel, with a donation form for payment by Eurocheque direct to the Confraternity.

Around the same time Marion Marples was invited by Dr Robert Plötz, the President, and Heinrich Bahnen to attend their AGM and conference in Münster in early November, and to give a short talk, with slides, about the Hostel. Marion's speech, in German, was well prepared and she received

the unexpected reward of a spontaneous whip-round which raised over £700. Heinrich's article has continued to bring in a response and to date the total figure is over £1300. We are truly grateful for such encouragement.

Hostel Administration and Warden

So far the answer has not been found as to how the Hostel will be run, nor who will run it. As it would be difficult to find someone locally to fill the post, we must look further afield and it may be necessary to have different wardens during the April to October pilgrimage season, the busiest time being July, leading up to St James's Day on 25 July.

It is possible that someone, or a couple, or two friends, from the UK or from other European countries, might volunteer to act as warden on a short-term basis, thus splitting the season between them. We need to gain knowledge on how effectively to run the Hostel and we would be grateful for any information from members with previous experience, or for any further ideas. One source of ideas that we shall be tapping is the conclusions of the Estella conference working group on 'Albergues y Refugios', which have just been published in the conference Actas.

Appeal Fund

We are pleased to say that the **One Year On** leaflet is already out of date and the appeal total now stands at £37,000. Our Maragato Pilgrim has passed Ponferrada and is half way to Villafranca del Bierzo. (We are keeping it a secret from him that when he gets to Santiago we are thinking of asking him to walk back again! After all this is what most medieval pilgrims had to do.) He had a good leg on from the German donations and also from the splendid contributions collected by **Kathleen Timmis** through her summer pilgrims' walks at St David's, Pembrokeshire, and by **Bert Slader** through his lecture on the pilgrimage at Queen's University, Belfast. There have been some English contributions as well, most notably from **Mary Remnant's** lecture-recital given in aid of the Appeal in London on 21 November, a full account of which appears on p.11 of Bulletin 37.

January and February Fund-Raising

a) Second-hand Bookstall at AGM

Books on history, art, travel, literature etc, in good condition, are requested for the AGM. If you live outside London and are unable to come, it may be possible to let you know of a member in your area who could bring them to London. For all queries about books, please contact Marion Marples on (071)-633 0603.

b) **Petronella Dittmer's Recital** on 28 February, 7pm at St Giles, Cripplegate, Barbican, London EC2. Please put this date in your diary and try to bring some friends along. Full details on p. 2 of Bulletin 37.

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