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St James, St Gerris de
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Editorial

Gosia Brykczynska

We are almost there. It is hard to believe that time has flown so fast – yet we have the evidence and we also have the proof. It is not Christmas festivities that I have in mind, although those are fast approaching also, rather I have in mind the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Confraternity of Saint James – two whole decades of the existence of the CSJ!

On the feast of St Hilary 1983, six English pilgrims met at Dr Mary Remnant's house in London and from this single innocuous action a whole new world opened up – a world consisting of a new pilgrim confraternity, with a pilgrim choir and library, and support publications for thousands of modern pilgrims. A world was created where a medieval hospice was restored into a functioning modern refugio, contacts were made with other confraternities of St James on the continent and even further afield, and friendships were confirmed and deepened and much, much more. There will be time and opportunity to recollect and reminisce about all of this next year, but we are already full of joyful anticipation of the great date now. Like CSJ cyclists over the Pyrenees, we are beginning to gear up in advance for the activities, festivities and events of next year.

It seems therefore warmly providential that the CSJ 2003 annual party and AGM should fall within the octave of the feast of St Hilaire, and that in anticipation of the great date, a party of CSJ members as reported in this *Bulletin*, have already visited and prayed at the saint's tomb in Poitiers, thanking St Hilaire for twenty years of patronage and hoping for many more fruitful pilgrim years to come.

Just how much the CSJ has grown over the years is reflected in the content of this *Bulletin* with contributions from all over the world, demonstrating an ever expanding and lively interest in St James both past and present, in a historical and academic context and in the current patronage of churches, pilgrim groups, pilgrim hospitality and pilgrim spirituality. In this *Bulletin* there is Kathy Gower's report from California of nostalgic pilgrim gatherings, a statement of deep personal and spiritual insight by Paul Wright, and poems reminding us of the wonders of the camino and preparations for what lies ahead for the Pilgrim. There are articles submitted from as far apart as South Africa

and Wales, and a report by Alison Raju of newly way-marked pilgrim routes through Germany and Switzerland.

Let us start therefore our Christmas, New Year and anniversary celebrations with the ancient words of Aimery Picaud's pilgrim hymn:

*Ad honorem Regis summi qui condidit omnia
Venerantes jubilemus Jacobi magnalia...*



Shrine/reliquary of St Hilaire (Photo: Gosia Brykczynska)

Obituaries

Alison Shrubsole 1925-2002

Members, especially those living in Spain who may have had correspondence with her, will be sad to learn of the death of Alison Shrubsole on 4 October, after a short illness. She joined the CSJ in 1989 and walked to Santiago from León that same year. She was an early and active supporter of the Refugio Gaucelmo, having spent a night in Rabanal at Chonina's during her pilgrimage. After her return she wrote a prescient letter to Walter Ivens, then Coordinator of the Rabanal Project, making a number of practical suggestions regarding the future maintenance and supervision of the refuge, noting that 'the cleanliness and attractiveness of even the most modest refugio was in direct proportion to the amount of supervision it received'. She even offered a plan of a good cheap 'home' incinerator for rubbish disposal, based no doubt on her experience of living on a remote farm in the province of Granada (Andalucia).

Prior to her marriage to George Hilton-Brown (former District Commissioner for Machakos in Kenya) in 1983, Alison had had a distinguished career in education and teacher-training both in the UK and in Africa. She first lectured in history at Stockwell College in London before being appointed Principal of Machakos Training College, Kenya's first training college for African women. In 1962 she returned to London, first to become Principal of Philippa Fawcett College and subsequently, for 14 years, Principal of Homerton College, Cambridge. Her contribution to the college is encapsulated in the sub-heading of the obituary which appeared in *The Times* of 16 October: 'Deeply Christian educationist who negotiated the survival of Homerton College, Cambridge'. Alison was appointed CBE for services to education in 1982 and was awarded an honorary degree by the Open University three years later. Her life changed radically on retirement, with marriage and residence in southern Spain where her husband farmed in the Alpujarras area. As well as involving herself in the life of Rubite, their nearest village, Alison also became interested in the pilgrimage to Santiago. George, who died earlier this year, shared this interest and contributed articles to the *Bulletin*.

The Confraternity is grateful to Alison for her help with membership matters in Spain and for her encouraging and tireless support of the Refugio Gaucelmo. She will be missed.

Pat Quaife

Edmund Blood 1946-2002

We were very sorry to learn of the untimely death from a heart attack of Edmund Blood, aged 55.

In earlier years he was a gifted art teacher in Lake District schools, full of humour and energy, and inspiring a generation of pupils. Already established as an artist he left teaching in 1997 to work full-time at his art. Apart from exhibitions he had commissions for illustrations for tourist projects, storyboards for museums, theatre work and portraits. Latterly he had designed a series of Celtic saints for St Michael's Church, Workington. He continued travelling in Spain, always with a sketchbook. "The ambition to make the most Spanish of all journeys grew ever stronger" and in autumn 1999 he set off along the Camino.

Bulletin readers will know of Edmund's work through the cover illustration for *Bulletin* 74 of Rabanal church and his associated article about his exhibition 'Pilgrim's Progress'. In a note in *Bulletin* 76 he revealed how touched he was by the number of fellow pilgrims who went to see the exhibition, with whom he could share the stirred up emotions. He hung and dismantled that exhibition himself, being a part of the pilgrim readjustment process. Several paintings were sold and he wanted to replace them with new ones worked up from his sketchbooks. A further exhibition planned for 2003 will not now take place, but we hope to show some of his work in the projected CSJ Art Exhibition. Other works can be seen on his web site, designed by his graphic designer wife Mary, www.edmundblood-art.co.uk, which she hopes to update shortly. The Celtic saints can be seen on www.smcworkington.org.uk/page14. A celebration of his life was held at St Michael's in Workington which has been redeveloped as a cultural centre as well as a church after a serious fire in 1994.

Mary has very generously offered the Confraternity an annotated drawing of Edmund's journey along the Camino for use in the Office. For this we offer her our grateful thanks, with prayers and condolences in her painful loss.

Marion Marples

Garlic Soup

Kathy Gower

Ofentimes pilgrims return home to family and friends who do not understand the experiences they have had, or how they have changed. Friends and Family are impressed with the distance the pilgrims had walked, the weight he or she has carried, photographs of people and places, and other rather external accomplishments. These external aspects are not to be diminished, but to the pilgrim, these often seem rather pale compared to what has happened inside them. Often pilgrims talk of “parallel pilgrimages,” the inner and the outer. One pilgrim said he wished he would continue to remember the “essence” of the gratitude he felt during his pilgrimage, and hoped his Camino stories would not just become dinner anecdotes.

A fellow San Francisco Bay area pilgrim, who I had met on a list-serve and who was interviewed became a good friend. She had organized several pilgrim gatherings, most notably in Virginia, San Francisco (where I met her for the first time), and Santa Fe, New Mexico. We loved talking about our experiences and decided to have a different, less organized type of gathering in November 2001.

For this gathering, we decided we wouldn't worry about meals and accommodations for whoever showed up, and that we wouldn't have a set agenda or a local pilgrimage. Instead, we would put the word out that people could come and tell their pilgrimage stories as we shared a meal, much like pilgrims did that at the refugio at San Juan de Ortega. There, Don Alonso, the local priest, and his sister prepared a simple garlic soup each night for whoever showed up at the refugio. The pilgrims shared the soup, whatever food offerings they chose to provide, and stories about themselves.

A simple public announcement listed the date, place, and time and suggested that pilgrims bring accompaniments for a garlic soup we would prepare. On the appointed morning, more than 30 people arrived, traveling from as near as a block from the church and as far away as Ontario, Canada, and Colorado. An on-line chat room was hooked up in the vestry of the church, through which participants could communicate with pilgrims from Holland, Africa, and all across the United States. The lure of Camino storytelling was compelling indeed. Many more people wrote to express their regrets and asked to

be included at another time.

Early arrivals helped to set up a circle of colorfully decorated tables and stir the pot of soup. The gathering was initiated with the same prayer most of the pilgrims had heard at the Pilgrim's Mass at Roncesvalles. As once or future pilgrims introduced themselves and gave their names or a tiny snippet of their Camino biography, I felt transported back to my Camino experiences in refugios, cafes, and bars in which people shared a common experience, breaking down barriers and talking about what was important to them.

Just as on the Camino, there were people from various walks of life: retirees, a superior court judge, teachers, lobbyists, priests (Episcopal and Dominican Catholic), booksellers, professors, housewives, survivors of breast and other cancers, therapists, real estate brokers, students, and even a young girl who had walked with her mother. Some had not made the journey yet but wanted to, or wanted to better understand why their loved one would leave home to carry a heavy backpack in a foreign country. One couple came because the woman had found her father's diary describing the time he was involved in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Basque Spain, and she wanted her future husband to understand what had drawn her to want to travel to and walk in that area.

With the introductions completed, the garlic soup was brought out and shared, along with the many and varied offerings ranging from plastic packages of carrots and cheese, to splendid wine. Offerings also included music from the Camino, and foot oils for each participant prepared by a *peregrina* (pilgrim) who had a love of herbs. I shared books and articles from my rapidly burgeoning Camino library, and began the afternoon by asking everyone to reflect on their experiences and how these had affected their daily lives now that they had returned home. Even those who hadn't gone shared their observations and desires.

I observed first hand the importance of the act of "witnessing" people as they spoke of "learning to see" in their internal, present moments. One woman who had walked with her parents and a friend (now her future husband, as a result of the Camino), spoke of being given the gift of tears as she recognized how much the physical touch of another human being giving her a drink of water could mean. She usually just had water in bottles, but was deeply touched by the kindness of strangers offering what water they had from their garden hoses.

Others spoke of Camino serendipities and miracles that highlighted the kindness of strangers – people going out of their way to give care

and directions or small gifts of food. Still others talked of vulnerability and openness and authentic interaction, themes that I resonated with and had heard so many times before.

The Camino is not just a way, it is a metaphor for life. Those who typically helped others sometimes found that they were in need of help and could (reluctantly at first) accept the kindness of others without question. It was a wonderful discovery for some that they had something to contribute when help was needed, as well.

The Camino also seemed to force a “present,” a “being in this moment,” an existing outside of normal time in which stress was reduced to a minimum. Many pilgrims said that hours of walking had prompted them to reflect on their past and think their future.

Themes of healing and challenge came up over and over. Inner explorations were shared as poetry. People talked about pre-Camino transition points in work, depressions, or feelings of being spiritually bereft. We talked about traveling with family groups, or going alone for the first time. We heard certain “urban legends” of the Camino, like one about the Danish woman who walked over 500 miles pushing her two-and four-year old children in a carriage. These “legends” varied depending on who saw her at what time of day – happy in the sunshine or miserable when the children were tired or hungry.

Motivations for doing the Camino weren’t the same at the end as they had been at the beginning. What was a “pilgrim attitude”? Did it have to do with finding out how much one really needs and what one could do without? Did it have to do with singing up and down mountains, or being ready to assist whoever might need it and accepting that assistance when one was in need oneself? Perhaps it had to do with people and walking, one step at a time.

These are some of the Camino lessons that were shared that day. The many wonderful, painful, laughter-filled and even negative moments had taught those who had let their outer experiences in, lessons about the importance of balance, of pace, attention and attending, living authentically, connectedness and love.

A short time later, I received this note from one of the coordinators of the event: This might help explain why our Garlic Soup day was so effective without seeming to do much. “...First of all, we validated our experience by creating a ritual for it – even the setting lent itself to the feeling of ritual. It wasn’t even necessary to actually tell the story – it was the mutual acknowledgement of something we all held, i.e., an important story of change, transition, etc., that was important.”

Not travelling the Camino

Paul Wright

In the March 2002 *Bulletin* John Blackwell took a sideways look at the reasons for traveling the Camino. This prompted me to recall the times when I had brief flirtations with the yellow arrows, and realise that I never really had any valid reasons for becoming a pilgrim on that particular road. Nevertheless I am a pilgrim on an unknown road more demanding and more perilous, because I am on the road of change. If that sounds pompous and arrogant then bear with me as leaving those traits behind is part of the change.

I've consumed travel books, mainly nautical, ever since I learned to sail in my teens. I decided at an early age that long distance voyaging would be something that I wanted to do on my own and accepted that it would probably be an extremely selfish part of my life. I know I am selfish by nature, less so now that the years have passed, but in the end the opportunity did not arise and the dream faded. In the early 90s by chance I was flipping through the film and photography section of my college library when I happened upon a large bound volume of monochrome prints from the Camino de Santiago. Some of the landscapes were stunning with fields like giant waves rolling away to the horizon. I sat and dreamed. Spain was probably my favourite holiday destination and to walk across it suddenly refuelled the urge to travel, this time with more achievable goals.

I went on a camping trip to the Aragon valley with my two daughters, both in their twenties but generally behaving like twelve year olds, despite my warnings of violence and persecution. A practice walk with full pack was the plan, just one day to see what it felt like. My daughters dropped me off, Sarah, the eldest, asking how much water I had. "About two litres..." she shook her head, "Dad that's not enough and your pack is too heavy". I took another bottle but kept the pack intact, "See you at 6pm in Sangüesa". They left with the car to go shopping in Jaca, I crossed the little bridge at the head of Yesa reservoir and started to follow my map intending to use the forest route, not the road. During the first two hours I slipped into the mantle of a pilgrim, with steady progress, nice thoughts and cheered on by passing cars that tooted and waved, all smiles. Later when I turned off the road on to farm tracks things became more difficult.

I wasn't lost but took enough wrong turnings to add another fifteen km to my route. My heels were very badly blistered making walking absolute torture and above all I became seriously dehydrated on probably the hottest day of the summer. I should have abandoned my pack, we could have picked it up later, but I am a stubborn man and refused to be sensible. At 6pm I was nowhere near Sangüesa and although I was lightheaded and had blurred vision I could imagine my daughters becoming concerned as the minutes passed. Had I been walking just for myself I would have stopped and pitched camp, but I could see two anxious faces waiting for me to turn the corner so I kept going.

I turned into the courtyard at 9pm, just becoming dusk and they were outside a bar sitting at a table, with a map. I knew I looked rough but when they saw me they were absolutely shocked, apparently they began searching for me in turns from 6.30 onwards and were about to call the police. Three hours overdue is not earth shattering, but at the time it seemed to be. I reject help as part of my character, but on this occasion I needed someone to be there for me. Next day I began to see more clearly, like Saul, the scales dropped from my eyes and I continued my journey, not to Santiago or Damascus but to my family. I silently vowed not to put them through an experience like that again, also recalling all the other events where I had given my family a hard time.

Some years later I flew to Reus with my trusty mountain bike and cycled back to Sangüesa over the Tarragon Mountains and then via the Aragon valley. I was fit and well equipped and it was easy, even getting a couple of stamps on my Pilgrim's record. I rode to Sos Del Rey Católico then suddenly turned south and back to Reus. I thought that after 900km cycling I would somehow have a desire to return and complete the journey to Santiago, maybe the following year. but I have no reason to go back on the Camino and I did not go there originally for any spiritual or practical reason.

Looking back to that single day's torture I know that since then I have made major and significant changes to my life and maybe that single simple event was the catalyst. My faith in God has always been there, but God does not sort out your everyday problems. The Camino will always be there, but you may never find any answers no matter how many times you make the journey. I am fairly certain that you will find something though, surely that's enough of a reason to take up your staff, shell and hat, and take the first step.

From Nürnberg to Konstanz and through Geneva to Le Puy

Alison Raju

Part I: The Niederstrasse - a German *camino*: Nürnberg - Konstanz

The network of pilgrim roads through France will already be familiar to those using guidebooks to these and the Spanish routes to Santiago. It will also be obvious that pilgrims in former centuries started walking (or riding) from their own front doors and probably evident, too, that the routes that they followed (from Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Austria, for example) became established channels for reaching the four main departure points in France: Paris, Vézelay, Le Puy and Arles. What may be less well-known, however, is that the web of *caminos de Santiago* “behind” the French network have not only been carefully studied and researched but that they are also fully way marked today, albeit without, at present, the refugio and gîte infrastructure that now exists on the Le Puy route and *Camino francés*.

One of these pilgrim roads coming from “further back” is the so-called *Niederstrasse* or “lower road.” This leads through Germany via Nürnberg, Ulm and Konstanz, from where it continues, “end-to-end,” through Switzerland to Geneva, thus enabling the pilgrim to journey on to Le Puy and beyond. It begins, ultimately, in Prague, and the route from there to the Czech frontier is due to be way-marked this summer; the section from Tillyschanz (on the German side) is not only fully way-marked already but has a detailed guide book as well. The *Oberstrasse* or ‘upper road,’ on the other hand, goes via Aachen and connects up with the French network in Vézelay.

The 400km *Jakobusweg* (i.e. “St James’ Way”) from Nürnberg to the Swiss border has been completely way marked since the mid-1990s, due to the efforts of the energetic Gerhilde Fleischer. She organises a group every spring, to walk the route and update and repair the way marking. This particular *camino* is not very strenuous physically, leading through undulating countryside on paths through agricultural land alternating with forest tracks, but it is extremely interesting historically. There are important cathedrals and other monuments in the larger cities such as Nürnberg, Ulm (its minister has the tallest spire

in Europe) and Konstanz, smaller fortified towns – Günzenhausen and Nordlingen, for example, but there are also several St James' churches and an incredible number of others that contain statues, paintings and other representations of the saint. He is often portrayed in full pilgrim attire (with hat, stick, scrip, scallop shell, etc.), while as apostle (with halo and book) he frequently has additional "trimmings," such as scallop shell(s) on his clothing, which identify him with the pilgrim tradition. It is also interesting to note that his type of dress is often very "German" in style, with high felt hat, knee-length leather boots and clothing typical of the era the works were produced in. The pilgrim walking this route will also see several St. Roch statues (both as a saint in his own right and combined with St. James iconography), depictions of St. Sebald (another pilgrim saint), scallop shells in windows, arches and on pews ends, as well as on the coats of arms (on church walls and ceilings) of noble families who had made the pilgrimage to Santiago.

But what about the "nuts and bolts" of actually walking this *Jakobsweg*? Winter is obviously not recommended, not just for the weather but because the daylight hours are so short, but the rest of the year is suitable. Gerhilde Fleischer has written a guide to the route in four small booklets and accommodation is readily available all along the way though there is little at the inexpensive end of the market. There are also very few campsites so that pilgrims on a tight budget will find it difficult at present. You can, of course, walk the route on your own or, alternatively, join Gerhilde's group, for all or a part of the three weeks it takes to go on foot from Nürnberg to Konstanz (remember that they will be walking along with pots of paint, brushes, hammer, secateurs and other way-marking material in hand and having to stop as and when the way-marking needs attention). In May 2002 there were only two of us who completed the whole pilgrimage, with some members of the group walking the first part (we had a rest day in Ulm) while others, many of whom had done the section from Nürnberg last year, for example, joined us for the second. Other participants, with only a weekend or a few days to spare, joined us when they were free. There was an average core of about twenty people at any one time though walking clubs and other local groups sometimes joined us for the day through their own area and over the Whitsunday bank holiday the numbers swelled to as many as fifty. Each regular member was issued with a songbook and a personalised pilgrim passport when they joined and paid for his or her meals and accommodation as they went along, having pre-booked their place in the group ahead of time. This year

all the people on the pilgrimage were from different parts of Germany, apart from myself and one other CSJ member who joined for a few days, but in previous years it has been a more international affair, with participants from Holland, Sweden, Australia, Spain and elsewhere. (Readers are referred to Pamela Harris' article *Jakobus Pilgerwanderung: Nürnberg to Konstanz*, which appeared in the June 2000 issue of the CSJ Bulletin.)

Each day began, typically after the usual enormous German breakfast, with a short morning service in the local church, sometimes catholic, sometimes *evangelisch* (i.e. Lutheran). This service was often taken by the parish priest or minister, but on other occasions it was conducted by a member of our group, though with no obligation to attend for those who prefer not to. After that we would set off for our day's walk (and way-marking), somewhere between 16 and 28km, according to terrain and availability of accommodation, stopping and starting frequently on some days, very rarely on others, depending on the state of the way-marking. For much of the walk in 2002 the weather was very hot so we had regular rest stops to restore ourselves, often in the open air but not infrequently in what in Swabian dialect is euphemistically referred to as the "Nebenkirche" (literally "next-to-the-church," i.e. the pub...) Almost all the churches we passed were open so we stopped either to visit those of some special interest (there were many of these) or just to sit in the cool for a while and sing/learn a couple of numbers from the songbook, pilgrims who can sight-read will obviously enjoy this more as the majority of the tunes were unfamiliar. And in the evening, of course, as well as all day long, there were opportunities to chat over a lengthy dinner. Several members of the group had already walked to Santiago from different departure points while others were thinking of doing so therefore these occasions functioned as informal "practical pilgrim" sessions as well.

Anyone who has already made the journey to Santiago from places in France and/or Spain may like to explore this route. Those interested in joining Gerhilde's group should contact her in the autumn (Rainstrasse 11/3, 88316 Isny, Germany). Otherwise look out for a Confraternity guide to this *Jakobusweg* which is currently in preparation.

Part II: Geneva - Le Puy: the *Via Gebennensis*

Unlike the Le Puy, Arles, Vézelay and Paris roads through France, which pilgrims have used following more or less fixed itineraries for several hundreds of years, the *Via Gebennensis* is a “designer route,” set up in the mid 1990s by the Association Rhone-Alpes des Amis de Saint-Jacques as a continuation of the GR 65 to enable pilgrims coming from Switzerland, Germany and Central Europe to walk to Le Puy in order to continue on to Santiago from there. It is therefore not a historic route (presumably pilgrims in previous centuries would have used what have now become busy main roads to travel through this part of France), but a means of walking from Geneva to Le Puy-en-Velay on quiet, way-marked forest tracks, old lanes, footpaths and minor roads. It passes through innumerable very small hamlets, some villages large enough to have banks, post offices, restaurants and shops, but no place of any size between its starting and finishing points: as a glance at a map will reveal, it is a sort of “corridor route,” by-passing Annecy, Chambéry, Grenoble and Valence on the one-side and Lyon and Saint-Etienne on the other. It is 350km long and extremely well way-marked throughout, with small blue and yellow Council of Europe stylised scallop shells. It is also, for the most part, a very energetic route, as it crosses the grain of the land a lot of the time, climbing up hills only to come straight down again on the other side in order to cross a river and then start climbing up again immediately – the equivalent of the ascent and descent of El Cebreiro several times a day... A considerable part of the route passes through forest and woodland and much of it lies between 600 and 1000 metres above sea level. The beginnings of a “branch line” to connect with the Arles route has now been way-marked as well.

If the *Via Gebennensis* is a “designer route,” a bridging service between two points, the prospective walker may perhaps expect to find little Jacobean evidence along the way but it is not without its pilgrim iconography. There are no St. James’ churches as such along the way though there is one chapel in Charly that shares its dedication with Saints Sebastian and Clair but ten churches on the route have one or more scallop shells on pillars, windows and so on. There is a very fine stained glass window of St James as a rich pilgrim in the apse in the protestant cathedral in Geneva, where he is portrayed as a wealthy pilgrim, barefoot but with a golden stick, a felt hat with a scallop shell and wearing a green robe and a red ermine-trimmed cloak. There is also a wooden *bas-relief* of St James as a pilgrim in the choir stalls in

the same cathedral and other windows depicting him in the churches in Bessey and St Jacques d'Atticieux, where there is also a statue. The pilgrim on this route will see further statues of St. James as apostle/pilgrim outside the village of Saint-Maurice de Rotherens and in the church Saint-Julien Chapeuil, while five centres of population along the way have streets named *Place, Rue* or *Chemin* Saint-Jacques/des Pèlerins. There is also one St Roch church in Auberives-sur-Vareze and another in Faramans where he shares the dedication with St. Joseph. All of these items are historic though the *Via Gebennensis* seems to be inspiring modern artists, sculptors in particular, to produce work influenced by the pilgrimage as well; thus there are statues of St. James-the-pilgrim outside the church in Beaumont, for example, and in the woods near the Chartreuse de Pommier, while in the village of Contamine-Sarzan there is also a statue representing the *De pouillement du pèlerin*.

It is difficult to establish how many pilgrims are using this route at present. I met hardly any pilgrims in June 2002. Talking to people who live along the way and to those who provide accommodation, the pilgrims would seem to be mainly German and Swiss, with some French pilgrims who live along the route and therefore start from home. They were almost invariably people walking all the way to Santiago in one go, and one or two each day appear to pass by during the period April to September. As regards the “nuts and bolts” of actually following this route, the indefatigable Henri Jarnier and the Association Rhone-Alpes have done a splendid job, apart from the way-marking referred to above, in two other respects. They have produced an A5-size, bilingual (French and German) guide to accommodation and other services – shops, restaurants, tourist offices, etc., churches and places to visit, which is revised annually. However, apart from simply listing hotels, *chambres d'hote*, *gîtes d'etape* and other places to stay, they have also established a comprehensive network of *accueils jacquaires*, individuals who, with 24 hours notice, will provide overnight accommodation, breakfast and an evening meal for pilgrims carrying a *credencial* and a sleeping-bag. There is no charge as such but a donation helps them to be able to continue the service. These voluntary hosts were not, as I expected, all ex-pilgrims themselves, but often older people with a spare room or two who enjoyed meeting people and these *accueils* helped to make the journey from Geneva to Le Puy a much more “pilgrim” one than it would have otherwise been. A short Confraternity guide to this route is in preparation.

Confraternity visit to Poitiers & Saintes 26 October to 1 November 2002

Rosalind Billingham



When seventeen members of the Confraternity met at Waterloo Station to travel to Poitiers, few of us could have guessed just how enjoyable the expedition would be. The shared interest in Romanesque churches was promising, but the special bond of Confraternity membership proved to be the important element. This surfaced particularly through Marion Marples' leadership and the invaluable help of Barbara Reed.

Experienced pilgrims will know that Poitiers was an important stop on the Paris route. The Pilgrim's Guide is quite definite about this: *"In the town of Poitiers the most holy remains of Hilary [Hilaire] bishop and confessor must be visited"*¹ Accordingly, our first serious act together was to attend Sunday Mass at his church, after which we visited his tomb and some of the major monuments nearby. By the time the Guide was written (c.1140-50), Poitiers was already an ancient city. Roman in origin, it had become an important Christian centre by the 4th century,

and the baptistery which we visited made this quite tangible. St Hilaire, a scholar who taught St Martin of Tours, was a 4th century bishop of Poitiers, who eloquently opposed the Arian heresy, when the Arian heresy was an issue which threatened to split the church. Hilary was eventually canonised for his defence of the church and he is designated as one of the Fathers of the Holy Church. He is chiefly remembered in England as the herald of school time, because his feast-day falls of January 13th, and this gives rise to the expression Hilary Term which indicates the start of schooling after the Christmas break. It is also the anniversary date of the founding of the CSJ in 1983. Architecturally, his church is still impressive. The crypt and east end date from 1049, and it was satisfying to see that his relics are still honoured here today. The nave however, is a reconstruction of the mid-nineteenth century, and it is not entirely a happy one.

More exciting for Romanesque enthusiasts is Notre-Dame-la-Grande, famous for its bell-tower, its pinecone turrets (an architectural feature of the region), and above all, for its elaborately carved west front and portals, which constitute one of the finest examples of the Poitevin School of sculpture. This includes some touchingly human nativity scenes. The style influenced English Romanesque sculpture, particularly after Henry II married Eleanor of Aquitaine, and it is reflected in the main doorway of Rochester Cathedral and a number of Yorkshire churches.²

Links with English sculpture were seen again the following day, when the group visited the Church of St Pierre at Parthenay-le-Vieux. Professor Zarnecki discovered that the two tympana on the West Front influenced those at Brinsop and Stretton Sugwas in Herefordshire.³ He and Martin Thurlby have written about the linkman Oliver de Merlimond who was chief steward to Roger Mortimer. Merlimond went to Santiago, and the sculptor was probably in his entourage.⁴ However, the main human interest at Parthenay-le-Vieux is that it was the home of Aimery Picaud who may or may not have written *The Pilgrim's Guide*. As James Hogarth points out, "the text of the Guide reflects the strong local patriotism of a native of Poitou."⁵ Just north of his priory church is the main village of Parthenay, which lies on a secondary pilgrim route from the Loire crossings at Samur and Angers. There we gained a good idea of a medieval pilgrim town with its Saint Jacques gate, bridge, and street. Edwin Mullins has pointed out that the former Chapel of St James was across the river from the main area of the town. The pilgrim area was often situated outside the main gates

of a town so that pilgrims could come and go as they pleased.⁶ Our reconstruction of medieval life was further facilitated by our afternoon visit to Lusignan, a naturally fortified hilltop town with a ruined castle above the river Yonne.

On Tuesday, we left Poitiers and drove along a Roman road, now the D.950 which the Chemin de Saint Jacques still follows. Our first stop was Melle, which had ancient wealth from its silver mines, and can still boast three Romanesque churches, St Hilaire, St Pierre and St Savinien. All three were visited, and, as might be expected here, St Hilaire was the finest, with another mounted figure above the main door, clearly reflecting the influence of Roman art and similar to that found at Aulnay.

The latter is, quite simply, the outstanding Romanesque church of the Paris route. Near the boundary of Saintonge and Poitou, it stands like a sentinel at the former meeting place of two Roman roads along which pilgrims came. It is the south door at Aulnay which is its chief claim to fame. As at Santiago, one register depicts the 24 elders from Revelation chapter 4, only here their number is 31! Malcolm Thurlby has demonstrated that this door was an influence on the now demolished Herefordshire church at Shobdon; this is another de Merlimond connection.⁷ Its appearance is known from nineteenth century prints.

We were now halfway through our study tour, and it was an ideal time to go for lunch at James Maple's Charentais farmhouse, *Le Pèlerin* at Les Nouilliers. Long-standing members will recall that James was the second chairman of the Confraternity, and chairman of the Rabanal committee. He provided for us the most magnificent spread which in turn triggered from the "pilgrims" an authentic rendition of the goliard song "*Bache bene venies*" after lunch, as we had all had an opportunity to sample the local wines rather thoroughly. Fortunately we only needed to look at the church at Fenioux before settling down in the coach for the journey to Saintes.

Saintes was a major halt on the Chemin; we too spent three nights there. Also a Roman city, it boasts one of the oldest amphitheatres, as well as the Romanesque Abbaye aux Dames and the church of St Eutrope. Readers may recall that there is a very full account of the passion of St Eutropius of Saintes in the *Guide*, which Marion and Gosia dutifully read to us before entering his shrine in the crypt of the church. Eutropius was supposed to have been the first bishop of Saintes, but there is much confusion about his dates. "*Later*", says the *Guide's*

author “*a great and magnificently built church was erected by the faithful over the most holy body of the blessed Eutropius*”⁸ The impressive crypt was consecrated by Urban II in 1096, while the Abbaye aux Dames was consecrated nearly fifty years earlier. The Abbaye aux Dames was in close proximity to the youth hostel, where five of our party stayed. We noted yet another fine doorway, and most of the party climbed the bell-tower and enjoyed the view over the town.

Thursday was an action packed day, when we visited a number of eleventh and twelfth century churches, all exhibiting various features of the now familiar Poitou-Saintonge style: Colombiers, Arces, Thaims and Retaud. However, the highlights of the day were Pons and Talmont. Pons has a huge and dramatic castle keep, but its chief interest for the Confraternity was the medieval hospital built near the church. Now a World Heritage site, it is the only French pilgrim hospital surviving from the twelfth century, and you can still see contemporary graffiti scratched into the walls.

Talmont was a medieval crossing point over the Gironde and an extraordinarily picturesque one, owing to the situation of the church dedicated to St Radegunde on a cliff and the lapping of the waves against Edward I's fortifications. It was a perfect spot for a most convivial picnic. We did not forget that we were near Cognac, and most of us tasted Pineau de Charentes, the delicious local aperitif derived from the brandy.

By Friday morning, when we made an early start to return home, many of us felt that we had drunk our fill culturally as well. We were now familiar with many architectural terms and one friend suggested that *voussoir* really meant, “See you this evening.” However that may be, we thought, “see you next year”, made a pleasant farewell, and an expression of our intent, for we are hoping for another Confraternity visit to France in the future.

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Parthenay (Photo: Gosia Brykczynska)

St James Kalk Bay, Cape of Good Hope

Deacon Alan Morris

As early as the days of Simon van der Stel, people lived along the shore of a small and protected inlet in False Bay where they fished and burnt shells for a living – so what better name to give the area than Kalk Baai (chalk bay). Gradually fishing became the main occupation and our story really begins in the early 1840s. At that time there was an influx of Filipino seamen, who some say jumped ship in Simonstown, while according to others their sailing ship was wrecked. But whichever story is correct, they made their way to Kalk Bay and settled down. From time to time they were joined by more of their countrymen and so the fishing community took on a strong Latin flavour with very close-knit family ties passed on from one generation to the next – and they also kept their Spanish language alive. And so today we still have the family names of Erispe, Fernandez, Gouveia, Padua and so on.

These people were Catholics and their nearest church was in Simonstown, so to attend Sunday Mass they had either to sail or row across the bay – if the weather was good – or they had a long trek along the coast with the difficult crossing of the Fish Hoek and Glencairn beaches. Then in the mid 1850s Bishop Griffith, the Catholic Bishop of the Cape of Good Hope, petitioned Sir George Grey, the Governor, for a piece of land in the Kalk Bay area on which to build a church. The request was granted and they were given a plot across the road from the site of the present church. The foundation stone was laid in October 1858 and shortly afterwards a small church was opened.

In dedicating the church to St James the Greater, the common livelihood of both patron saint and congregation was recognised. Also, as the patron saint of Spain, the mother tongue of the congregation was acknowledged. But still no resident priest was available, and clergy had to travel from Wynberg to order to celebrate Mass. 1874 was a great year for the community as a resident parish priest was finally appointed – Fr John Duignan – and although he was Irish, he was fluent in Spanish in which language he preached at the 10.30 Sunday mass for the 51 years that he served the parish. The railway reached Kalk Bay in 1883, bringing many new residents and so it wasn't long before the church was far too small for the growing congregation. At this time

the Cape Government Railways wanted to build an 'upmarket' house for the stationmaster and they set their sights on the church property. Negotiations ended with Fr Duignan agreeing to build a new church across the road on condition that the station be called St James, to which the authorities agreed. The new church, the present one, was opened in 1901.

What about St James? Well, to commemorate the golden Jubilee of Fr Duignan, the parishioners donated the stained-glass windows behind the main altar. The one on the left depicts St James as a pilgrim, complete with pilgrim staff, little bundle and of course the scallop shell. Also at the base of the moulding around the great arch, they added carved heads of St James. Fr Doran was appointed as the third parish priest in 1942. A man very interested in church architecture and furnishings, he unfortunately was held back from doing anything creative by the outbreak of the Second World War. But no sooner had the war ended than he started altering and beautifying the interior. One alteration was the addition of a small tower surmounted not by the usual cross but by the sword of St James, complete with a broad red stripe down the blade representing the blood of the Moors. The sword has weathered the storms, but not the blood! Then over the years he installed all of the remaining stained glass windows, three of which concern us, in the choir loft. They depict St James once again as a pilgrim, but also as the slayer of Moors, and finally at his execution.

Advent for Pilgrims

William Griffiths

*Israel was a pilgrim: he whom God
Came to by night, wrestled till dawn and smote.
Shrinking his thigh. Limping that pilgrim trod;
Limped to his son bearing the coloured coat
Good out of evil comes; the son enslaved
In Egypt was to give his brothers bread.
Israel's sons were pilgrims; freedom craved
And wandered where the Cloud and Fire led.
New Israel is pilgrim: longer far
Than forty years our wandering must last.
Though our brother was the Morning Star
Till daybreak we must limp, wander and fast.
Israel saw God's glory while he slept.
Pilgrims do not deserve, but they accept.*

1997



Muriel Broderick

Pilgrimage in Wales: Some Recent Publications

Peter Robins

Sens a mwg ail Sain Siam yw' [Here is the incense and smoke of another St James] wrote a 15th-century poet of St Davids, and in the hierarchy of medieval pilgrimage it was indeed the equivalent of Santiago, two journeys to both cities being equal to one to Rome. Bardsey Island (Ynys Enlli in Welsh) at the other end of the west coast of Wales, known as the Rome of Wales, was one rung down, three pilgrimages there being equivalent of one to Rome, but had the big advantage of having not one but 20,000 saints buried there. Wales's other major destination, the well of St Winefride (various spellings) at the eponymous Holywell is unique in Britain for remaining an active shrine throughout the Reformation up to the present day - where else in Britain except possibly in Walsingham - do B&Bs advertise 'Pilgrims Welcome'?

A cursory glance at a map of Wales shows hundreds of Llan place-names, a 'llan' being an enclosure set up by a holy man or woman. Most of these are of ancient origin, and many were pilgrim destinations, as were the high crosses and the holy wells, of which there are literally hundreds, many of pre-Christian origin. Link these together and you're well on the way to working-out a route pilgrims may well have taken. In addition, the remoteness of many of these sites and the sparse population of much of Wales means that a fair amount of the medieval infrastructure is still around (albeit decayed and neglected) for those who seek it out, and plausible pilgrim roads of yore are, for those who want to explore them, either footpaths or only minor lanes with little traffic.

I have recently been doing just that, and by one of those strange coincidences a flurry of books has recently been published to help me do so. Foremost among these is undoubtedly *Pilgrimage: A Welsh Perspective* by Terry John & Mona Rees (Gomer Press, 2002, £14.95). This thoroughly recommendable and copiously illustrated book is in three parts: a general introduction to pilgrimage (much of this will not be new to fans of the Camino); a discussion of the main shrines, relics and sites in Wales; and (my especial interest) an exploration of the

routes that pilgrims would have taken, along the north coast to Bardsey, the south coast to St David's, and across Wales connecting Holywell with St David's. There is a wealth of information in this book, most of it I'm sure, unknown even to Confraternity members with an interest in pilgrimage, let alone the general public. How many know, for example, that the old Welsh name for the Milky Way was Hynt Sant Ialm - St James's Way? There is an extensive bibliography, as befits this well-researched book.

Another interesting book is *Every Pilgrim's Guide to Celtic Britain and Ireland* by Andrew Jones (Canterbury Press, 2002, £9.99). Though in a very different style to John & Rees - it is a small pocketbook where the other is a larger-format, more academic work - this also however, contains a wealth of information. Though it is not only about Wales, the author is Rural Dean for the Llyn peninsula and Rector of several parish churches on the Bardsey pilgrim routes, so has an especial interest in that area, in fact is involved with an organisation called Dilyn Dewi [Following David] which organises pilgrimages with an emphasis on Welsh Celtic tradition (see www.dilyndewi.co.uk). The book lists the main pilgrim destinations in Wales, Scotland and Ireland, plus some in England (though the Celtic aspect of some of these is rather unclear), combining details of the historical and remaining evidence, practical advice, and discussions of the spiritual aspect of pilgrimage and its relevance to the modern world.

Holy Ways of Wales by Jim Green (Y Lolfa, 2000, £6.95), on the other hand, is a disappointment. Despite the promising title and some nice photos, it is rather lightweight with too much of the text listing the main roads - even in a couple of places the motorway - to take from place to place. Anyone who thinks the M4 is a 'holy way' clearly has a different understanding of the term from mine!

For several years now, the Saints and Stones project (www.saintsandstones.com) in Pembrokeshire has been developing the old pilgrimage routes to St Davids. Tourism and rural development have of course played a role in this, but it is essentially a church-based project, so is not simply the standard tourist fare of listing interesting churches. The routes have been opened/blessed by the bishop and involve what they call a 'ministry of welcome': making sure that the churches on the routes are not only open, but also provide such things as tea-making facilities and even a dog-bowl! There is also a yearly pilgrimage along part of one of the routes. A series of leaflets have been published and now these have been consolidated into a book *Saints and Stones* by

Damian Walford Davies & Anne Eastham (Gomer Press, 2002, £7.95). This is also well illustrated, but as a guidebook it is rather bulky for carrying around. Although some of the route descriptions involve walking, for the most part the assumption is that people travel around by car. I shall be lobbying for a second phase to the project with way-marked walking routes for those of us who think pilgrimage is something you do on foot! Confraternity members will be pleased to note that a photo of a (re-) dedication of a holy well clearly shows that 2 of the children present are carrying scallop shells.

Also from Gomer Press (busy people!) is *I Know Another Way: from Tintern to Saint Davids* edited by Jon Gower (2002, £9.95), which is published as a memorial to Robin Reeves, the late editor of the *New Welsh Review*, who was interested in reviving a pilgrimage-walking route across South Wales. Six writers who knew Robin walked a section across the country from Tintern Abbey, and contribute a chapter on their section. According to the blurb, this is an 'ancient pilgrim route', but it's not one John & Rees or a medieval reader would recognise. The first writer, Jim Perrin, whose religion seems to be the Labour movement, goes from Tintern to Llandaff via Tredegar, so he can enthuse about Aneurin Bevan. Much of his contribution is a tirade against anyone who is of a different persuasion. 'Ancient pilgrim route'? I think not. The last contributor, Christine Evans, does not even walk, but travels mostly by car. Her section though is for me easily the best and the only one which takes much interest in the medieval mindset and its concentration on redemption through visiting shrines and other holy places. Perhaps her affinity comes from her spending part of each year on Bardsey. I too hope that a walking route across S Wales can be revived, but I sincerely hope it isn't this one!

An interesting modern revival is the shrine of St Melangell at Pennant Melangell in a remote valley north of Lake Vyrnwy, restored in the 1990s and linked with a cancer-counselling centre. A small retreat should be open by the time you read this. A way-marked walking route called Pererindod Melangell [Melangell Pilgrimage], linking Glyndwr's Way National Trail, was recently opened by Powys County Council, and a small guidebook in Welsh and English is available from local tourist offices or from the Council offices at Llandrindod (£2.95). This route too isn't very convincing as a pilgrimage trail, but see the excellent website at www.st-melangell.co.uk for further details on church and path.

Though not recently published, the definitive work on wells is *The*

Holy Wells of Wales by Francis Jones (University of Wales Press, 1954, paperback edition 1992, £9.99); hard to imagine there's anything more to say on the subject. One snag is there are no grid references, so matching the descriptions to the wells marked on OS maps can be hard.

Finally, something completely different. A fine exponent of the Welsh triple harp is the playing of Llio Rhydderch, who lives near another atmospheric holy site, Penmon in Anglesey. Her last two CDs, *Melangell* and *Enlli*, were inspired by the pilgrimage to the respective places, and the latter even includes a DVD with video coverage of the pilgrim route to Enlli. See her website at www.llio.rhydderch.freeuk.com for more details and some samples.

I am setting up a website myself, (www.peterrobins.co.uk/wales) with suggestions for walking routes in N Wales; definitely a work still in progress. You start off thinking there is little of interest, and end up thinking every little hamlet has something relevant. All suggestions and comments are welcome.



Melle (Photo: Gosia Brykczynska)

Centaur

Andrew Connolly

I have seen angels and unicorns, moon dogs, whirlwinds, dragonflies, black and yellow lizards, stag, deer, flying horses, medieval monks, knights templars in armour, wizards and roman centurions. A trip to the eternity of the end of the earth and I have plunged right off the edge of existence into a timelesspacelessness that really exists. Been moved by and with the spirit and tasted heights and depths, have struck oil in myself and allowed a timeline of my life to surface free from constraints and agenda. Met fellow global travelers cosmopolitan astral plane riders. The path has been frosted yellow corn emerging from mist in darkness melted and coloured by the sun, burning wood and powderbluegrey ash clouds, earth and cow slurry, streams and rivers. We walked on the water.

Finisterre, October 2000



Muriel Broderick

The Heart's Whisper

Almis Simankevicius

After reading John Blackwell's interesting article in *Bulletin 77* - March 2002, I had the urge to revisit my own reasons for undertaking the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

In 1997 I journeyed to the Holy City with my partner Carol. I now look back at the whole journey with a sense of amazement and again ask - 'Why did I do it?'

I still do not know the full reason for my undertaking the pilgrimage, but I am gradually seeing it from another perspective which asks a related question - having done it, what has changed for me?

The temporal journey presented challenges such as managing tired and sore muscles, sometimes having little sleep, and coping with the blistering sun and the colder temperatures of the Galician heights. As if in compensation for these challenges, most villages and tabernas offered a rich and earthy selection of delicious regional cuisines, including wonderful local red wines.

There was a new language to learn, and after a while it almost felt familiar. The most endearing and enduring memories were of fellow pilgrims we met and shared time and experiences with. After a gruelling climb to O Cebreiro, we had the pleasure of meeting Laurie Dennett (the current chairman of the Confraternity).

The journey, interspersed with vignettes of the rich and violent history of battles between Moorish and Christian armies, added a further dimension to our slow trek along the dusty, rocky paths. Moving through the fractured, arid landscape, the roles of the Knights Templar, the Hospitallers and the Knights of Santiago assumed a larger presence as we walked along the paths they once protected from Moors and bandits. The legends of giants battling knights and stories of miracles all contributed to the growing fascination I had with Spain.

The freshness of travel, where one is reborn every morning, ready to follow the sun westwards as a simple pilgrim, carrying two loads - a visible pack and an unseen (but felt) emotional weight. I became far more aware of the elements, the earth beneath my feet, the need to drink fresh water, the open sky above and the ever-present sun. At night we would sometimes look at the stars twinkling above, mindful of the correlation between the Milky Way and the Camino.

The medieval monasteries and castles fascinated me, and as we passed by, sometimes visiting these ancient buildings, I wondered at the events that had taken place within them.

As within the Spanish churches with their magnificent multi-storied altars, richly embroidered with gold and silver. The ancient stones and pillars that supported these buildings of God were marvellous in their variety. During evensong, I found myself immersed in the hymns and incense and entered an earlier age - when things were simpler and slower.

Walking the Camino may be different from going on pilgrimage (in a strictly religious way), but I went with the intention and hope of experiencing some form of inner change. It may be the inner urge to journey to holy sites that is the common link between all people who decide to tread this ancient path.

Throughout the journey I carried a sense of mystery - what would happen at Santiago?

After twenty-five days of walking, we arrived in Santiago. In the superbly appointed cathedral I experienced a sense of awe at its size and was drawn to its imposing, yet friendly atmosphere. There were small chapels where one could sit and be quiet. In the central altar stood a large statue of the Apostle behind which were some steps allowing the pilgrim to reach Santiago himself. Here I felt able to lay down my burdens as I hugged the Apostle.

Some traditions hold that the journey to Santiago is an initiation, the first of a series of challenges designed to progress the initiate through succeeding learning processes. Some have called it "walking the path of personal power." So what had changed for me?

After returning from Santiago, I wrote my first book titled, *Santiago - walking the pilgrim path*. The process of writing seemed to prolong and enrich the physical and emotional journey I had undertaken from Pamplona to Santiago. I also felt a definite sense of accomplishment, realising that the journey to Santiago is so much like life, where if you begin to follow the whispers of your heart, you will align yourself more closely with your life's purpose.

If fellow members wish they may obtain a copy of my book at \$24 Australian dollars within Australia. I can be reached at Good Walking Books, P.O Box 1112, North Sydney NSW, 2072 Australia or you can e-mail me: goodwalking@aol.com

Members' Page

From John Hatfield

Another reminder that slides are available to illustrate any pilgrimage talks you may be giving this winter in the UK. He asks that you give him at least one month's notice, so that a catalogue can be sent and your choice made. He has to operate on a first come, first served basis, so the sooner he hears from you, the sooner he can reserve the slides for your talk.

He can be contacted at 9 Vicary Way, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0EJ
Tel: (01622) 757814

From John Blackwell

The CSJ *Bulletin* lacks a sports columnist. A person with this responsibility would have surely noted that the Champions League First Phase this week (October 23/24, 2002) included the following results:

Newcastle 1 Juventus 0 at St. James' Park Newcastle

Basel 2 Valencia 2 at St. Jakob Park, Basel

Real Madrid 2 AEK Athens 2 at Santiago Bernabeu, Madrid

The naming of these stadiums is significant. Besides statues of St. James the Pilgrim and St. James the Moorslayer, perhaps we should keep an eye out for St. James the Footballer.

From Nic Cox

Having read the article by Piers Nicholson referencing his website www.santiago-compostela.net in the September 2002 Bulletin, I was motivated to publish the website that I created following my cycling pilgrimage from Bilbao to Santiago in August 2000. When I originally created the website (www.caminodesantiago.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk) I had only intended that it act as a reminder for Carol and myself of our experiences of the camino, and that our close family and friends, having endured us talking endlessly about our journey, would be able to visit the site and have a better understanding of what the pilgrimage was all about for us. However having enjoyed visiting Piers' site I thought that other CSJ members might perhaps enjoy browsing through our site. I appreciate that some of information may be a little dated two years after the event but I hope that much of it will still be relevant as it largely acts as a journal of our pilgrimage. I don't have a comments

section on the site, but I would welcome any feedback that you might have, so please mail me at: tiptonnic_2000@yahoo.co.uk and let me know what you think.

From Liz Keay

Members wishing to be permanently surrounded by visions of St James may be interested to know that the decommissioned church of St James in Bartestree, Hereford is now for sale at £300,000 as a family home of “stunning visual impact”, according to *The Hereford Times*, October 17 2002. The church was rebuilt and much altered in 1887, and according to the newspaper article has a rather splendid Victorian stained glass image of St James holding a staff and book, with a scalloped pilgrim-hat on his head. It's a great pity that this listed Grade II building is no longer in the service of the community, but at least it appears that it will not be pulled down in the near future.

From Alison Raju

To accompany its existing *Pilgrim Guides to Spain* and *Pilgrim Guides to the Routes through France* the Confraternity will shortly be launching a new series to cover pilgrim routes to Santiago from other parts of Europe. Several routes starting from “further back” (than France) have now been fully way-marked and three titles are at present in preparation: Nürnberg – Konstanz, Switzerland, and Geneva – Le Puy. There are also however, other (way-marked) caminos through Germany and Switzerland awaiting description and energetic pilgrims may like to consider researching and walking these routes to prepare further guides for the series.

From Garry Finch

I am making a 9 day sponsored pilgrimage to raise money for a feeding programme for the Homevale High School in Kimberley, South Africa. The school is in a financially depressed area and given the current drought and economic climate might be expected to give up. The parents of the learners are mainly employed as domestic workers and earn less than R500 a month i.e. below the poverty line. Many children, who exist on one meal a day, have single parents or are cared for by grandparents.

I am asking for your sponsorship of my pilgrimage for the pupils feeding programme. Donations can be made directly to Ms W Burgess,

Homevale High School, Kimberley 8300, South Africa or to Garry Finch, Society of the Sacred Mission, 90 Vassall Road, London SW9 6JA, tel 020 7582 2040. I am making the pilgrimage in the weeks just before Holy Week 2003.

And Henry came too

All through the summer of 2002 reports were coming in to the CSJ office from David Snelling and Henry (the Donkey) who together in aid of Cancer patients were making their pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. They had many adventures along the way and made many friends and the full account (a detailed diary) of their successful pilgrimage will be shortly ready and available for interested CSJ pilgrims to read from the CSJ office. Any pilgrim intending to go to Santiago with a donkey or mule or on horseback is advised to get in touch with previous pilgrims like David. There are a growing number of such equestrian pilgrims and specialist books and guides have been published to help such pilgrims plan their routes. Below is a picture of David and Henry in full stride as they go through Cajac. David can be contacted through: www.pilgrims.com/henry



CSJ Charitable Activities

Student Bursary – Established 1997

A Bursary of up to £750 awarded annually to a student aged 18-25 to conduct a piece of research on the Camino or St James. Applications on Bursary Application Form, available from the Office or Higher Education Institution by 6 January each year, assessed (from 2003) by Mark Hassall and James Maple. UK short-listed applicants are called for interview (travel expenses paid); overseas applicants should submit a certified recent substantial piece of work. The award may be shared. The student is to provide the completed piece of work by November of same year. A synopsis will appear in the CSJ's quarterly *Bulletin* and if suitable the whole work will be published.

Pat Quaife Study Grant – Established 1999

An annual grant of up to £500 paid to a CSJ member to complete a piece of research into the pilgrimage. It is not available for those studying for academic qualifications or to those who have received funding support from elsewhere. Preference will be given to those studying British aspects of the pilgrimage. Applications in writing to the Office, giving an outline of the work and estimated expenses, by March each year.

St Christopher Fund – Established 2002

St Christopher Fund is established to provide support in the form of paying for a companion for an elderly, frail or disabled person to make the Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain who would otherwise be unable to contemplate such a journey. Amounts payable may be up to £500. Requests may be made by individuals on their own behalf or on behalf of others. A letter outlining the journey to be made and the financial support required should be sent to the Confraternity at the Office address. The letter should also include brief details of the financial circumstances prevailing, and any other funding applied for. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis by a small subcommittee, with awards made within the annual income available to the Fund. This Fund can be supported by specific donations. It is suggested that monies which members wish to give in memory of relatives, friends or fellow pilgrims can be made into this Fund.

Refugio Gaucelmo, Rabanal del Camino Sponsor-a-Week

This fund is to support the work done at Gaucelmo, over and above the money received from pilgrims' donations. Sponsors receive a letter from the warden working at Gaucelmo in the chosen week, outlining the happenings during the week. Donations are requested at the Annual meeting, or at any time. £50 per month can be shared by friends. Apply to Walter Ivens, Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens, London W8 7AJ, tel 020 7229 2624



Paris (Photo: Gosia Brykczynska)

From the Secretary's Notebook

Marion Marples

Pilgrim overcrowding

The Camino Francés has been extremely busy for longer this year; the pilgrim season has extended more into May and October than previously. We are suggesting to more adventurous enquirers and experienced pilgrims that they should consider the Northern Routes. It has been suggested that a summary of the Guides available in the series 4 *Los Caminos del Norte* would be helpful.

A: *Introduction*: This booklet serves as an index to the Guides both published and forthcoming, and shows the linking routes between the North Coast and the Camino Francés. £1.50

A. *Ruta de la Costa*

1. Irún to Gijón: 2002 + update: describes the route with alternatives for walkers and cyclists. Some refuges available. Includes Bilbao and Santander. £5.

2. Gijón to Arzua: 2001: describes the route with alternatives for walkers and cyclists along the coast to Ribadeo and inland via Mondoñedo to Arzua, 39km from Santiago on the Camino Francés. £5

B: *Tunnel Route*: 2002: describes the route inland for walkers and cyclists through the Basque country to the Tunnel of San Adrian to the Camino Francés at Santo Domingo de la Calzada. £5.

F: *Camino Primitivo*: 2002: describes the route for walkers and cyclists from Villaviciosa, just east of Gijón (see A1 above), inland to Oviedo and along the earliest route through the mountains via Grado, Tineo and Lugo, to join the Camino Francés at Palas de Rei, c63km from Santiago. £5.

Remember that postage is added to the cost of the Guides.

Forthcoming: Guides to the Routes C: Bilbao to Burgos, D: Santander to Carrión de los Condes and E: Oviedo to León are in various stages of preparation. Information and advice about choosing these routes is available from Eric Walker, 4 Gawthorpe Ave, Bingley, W Yorks, BD16 4DG, eric@gawthorpe40.freemove.co.uk

Tony Roberts can also advise on the Tunnel Route: 19 Linacre Road, Eccleshall, Staffs ST21 6DZ, or e-mail: ctonyroberts@aol.com

New Refuge: help needed – Karel Munsch writes:

Our refugio is situated on the Voie de Vézelay, about 1 day's walk (25km) from Vézelay in Burgundy. The accommodation we offer is that of a gîte d'étape: adequate sleeping possibilities in a dormitory (beds and linen), shower/toilet and a meal. There are at the moment no possibilities for preparing your own meals. Pilgrims eat their meal together with the other visitors and the volunteers. The volunteers by the way are usually (former or future) pilgrims who like to help out.

The building is a very old farm, with details from the 14th century. It is situated right on the pilgrim's way in the hamlet Le Chemin. (What about that name?) The jobs for the volunteers comprise the preparation of the future dormitory and work on the walls, surrounding the farm. The jobs do not require special skills. We offer a programme of work, alternated with visits to the basilica in Vézelay, the chateau in our village and the building site of a medieval castle. Volunteers pay EUR150 (which would be about £100, I guess) per week as a contribution toward the cost of the programme. For the moment we foresee two weeks for volunteers: 3-9 March and 8-14 June. If lots of people want to join us we can also organise a few weeks in the summer holidays.

At the moment I try to get people from Holland, Belgium and France and the UK to join us. We work with a maximum of 7 each week. Le Chemin is part of the commune of Anthien, situated near Corbigny and Clamecy, which has excellent train connections with Paris. Volunteers and visitors will be picked up at the station. The drive by car from Paris is about 2.5 hrs.

Please contact Karel Munsch, Le Chemin, 58800 Anthien, France, email: c.k.munsch@inter.nl.net if you are interested in supporting this project.

New Websites

www.cathport.com

This is a site of resources for trip organisers, useful for people travelling with groups

www.navarria.com

This site written in Spanish describes a detour in La Rioja just before Estella and gives a lot of history about the area.

Reminder for Drivers to France

If you are near the Pyrenees on the Autoroute du Sud, A64, look out for Aire d'Hastings where there is a good exhibition, open daily, about the routes to Santiago. (Recommended by Colin O'Halloran and others.)

Pilgrim(s) wanted

Two independent filmmakers plan to make a documentary following a pilgrim along the Camino in autumn 2003. If you have an unusual story or interesting motivation for making the pilgrimage, and plan to walk next autumn, they would be interested to hear from you. Please contact them via the Office.

New to the Bookshop

Pilgrimage By Jonathan Sumption, 2002, 390pp, UK £14.50 + postage (£1.35), (US £4.77, Australia/NZ £5.21).

This scholarly classic, first published in 1975, of writing on pilgrimage explores the cult of relics, miracles, the medicine of the sick, penitential pilgrimage, medieval Christianity, the Crusades etc. The main focus is on France, northern Spain, and England, central and southern Italy. The history of the pilgrimage to Santiago is woven into these chapters.

Confraternity Events

20-27 July 2003

Walk to Walsingham 2003

Sunday 20 July Bury St Edmunds, St James's Cathedral: Assemble in time for the 3pm service. We then have an hour and a half's stroll to Hengrave Hall. This is a glorious Elizabethan mansion. Quite lovely and now a retreat and conference centre. We are booked for dinner, bed and breakfast. They do ask for a hand with washing up.

Monday 21 July Following the Icknield Way through the forest towards Thetford. From Thetford we walk along the Little Ouse path to the Bidwell Scout and Guide Centre. This is superbly equipped - I am arranging to borrow camp beds

Tuesday 22 July Again a walk through the woods and on minor roads on the Hereward Way until it joins the Peddars Way. Possible camp near Watton.

Wednesday 23 July Along the Peddars Way to Castle Acre. Evensong at St James's church

Thursday 24 July Along tiny back roads to Fakenham.

Friday 25 July A disused railway track leads straight from Fakenham to the Slipper Chapel at Walsingham - This is about 5 miles so we should arrive neatly in time for morning service there or at the Anglican shrine in Walsingham slightly further on. We have already booked the two hostels in town for the Friday night and Saturday 26 July.

Sunday 27 July There is a bus from Wells through to Hunstanton and Kings Lynn in the middle of the day to connect with WAGN trains London etc. A small railway goes from Walsingham to Wells-next-the-Sea. Ambitious walkers may care to finish using the North Norfolk Coast Path.

The current estimate is about £20 a day in total. Pilgrims will need sleeping bags but all baggage can be carried by the accompanying minibus and trailer. I have arranged for pre-booked sandwich meals to be laid on at "pit stops" at lunches on the way. It is a nice route both scenically and historically. There some really pretty parts of Norfolk to pass through. Distances about 15 miles a day so reasonably gentle.

Please return the form, in *Bulletin* 79, with a deposit of £30 or write to the Office if you are interested in joining this pilgrimage-walk.

Other Dates for the 2003 Diary

Please see AGM Papers for more details and forms to return for all events

Saturday 18 January	Annual General Meeting , London
Saturday 22 February	Practical Pilgrim for 'Other Routes' , including the North Coast Routes, the Camino Mozárabe and the Vézelay Route, Nottingham
Saturday 1 March	Practical Pilgrim , Richmond, N. Yorks.
Saturday 8 March	Practical Pilgrim , London
Saturday 15 March	Practical Pilgrim , St James's Church, Coatbridge, Scotland
Saturday 29 March	Practical Pilgrim , Exeter
25-27 April	Weekend School , The Dream of Charlemagne and the Way of St James, Aylesford Friary, Kent. Speakers include Prof Jinty Nelson (King's College, London)
Thursday 18 September	Koen Nys , speaker from the Oikoten organisation in Belgium, on the use of the Camino in working with young offenders.

Other Events

Holy Week Cross-Carrying Pilgrimage to Iona 12-21 April

We walk carrying a wooden cross through forest and glen, and by boat to St Columba's Holy Isle. Scottish Cross is an ecumenical pilgrimage which welcomes all faith traditions. For further details see www.scottishcross.org.uk or contact Nick Adams, 32 West Richmond Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DX.

2003 Season Lectures - British Archaeological Association

Meetings are held at 5pm at the Society of Antiquaries, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Visitors are welcome but are asked to sign the Visitors Book and to make themselves known on arrival.

Wednesday 8 January **Monuments to death: the danse macabre in England and on the continent:** Dr Sophie Oosterwijk (followed by 12th Night Party)

Wednesday 5 February **Women's seal matrices in the Middle Ages: stamps of authority or seals of approval?** James Robinson

Wednesday 2 April **England, Normandy and Sicily: architectural transformations in the Norman kingdoms:** Prof Lisa Reilly (followed by reception)

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 January Weekend Course

On the Origins of Romanesque Architecture & Sculpture

Tutor: John McNeill

In the light of current research the origins of Romanesque will be explored, particularly whether there can be said to be links between the styles of northern and southern Europe.

Residential fee: £172, non Residential £120, ref 520302A
Earnley Concourse, Chichester PO20 7JL, tel 01243 670392

Attention US Pilgrims

The US Friends of the Road are holding their annual gathering on Fri 28-Sun 30 March 2003 in Columbia Missouri, by kind invitation of Ozzie and Barbara Overby. The weekend will include opportunities for sharing stories and experiences of the Camino and a talk by David Gitlitz, co-author with Linda Davidson of *The Pilgrimage Road to Santiago*, a Missouri-style barbecue and a hike along the Katy trail along the Missouri river. Full details, booking etc phone 001-573-442-7882 or email: overboy@missouri.edu Anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Road please contact Zita Macy, 1514 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, CA. 94303, USA or email: zmacy@aol.com

Jakobusweg Pilgerwanderung Nürnberg to Konstanz May 2003

Gerhilde Fleischer will be very pleased to have CSJ Members join next year's "guinea pig" pilgrimage from Nürnberg to Konstanz. You are again invited to join the group to test the way-marking at the beginning of the season. The article in *Bulletin* 67, the note in *Bulletin* 70 by Pamela Harris and Alison Raju's article in this *Bulletin* describe the journey. The pilgrimage will commence on Wednesday 7 May 2003 and based on last year's journey, the schedule is assumed to be as follows:

07/05 Tour of Nürnberg; then 08/05 to 18/05 Nürnberg to Ulm
08/05 Schwabach; 09/05 > Abenberg; 10/05 > Kalbensteinberg
11/05 Gunzenhausen; 12/05 > Heidenheim; 13/05 > Oettingen
14/05 Nordlingen 15/04 > Neresheim; 16/05 > Giengen
17/05 Nerestetten 18/05 > Ulm 19/05 Rest day in Ulm
20/05 to 27/05 Ulm to Konstanz
20/05 Oberdischingen 21/05 > Apfingen 22/05 > Muttensweiler
23/05 Bad Waldsee 24/05 Weingarten 25/05 > Brochenzell
26/05 Markdorf 27/05 > Konstanz (Farewells either at Meersberg or at the Cathedral in Konstanz)

Anyone interested in taking part in all or sections of the journey, should contact Gerhilde Fleischer, Rainstrasse 11-3, Isny, D-88316, Germany or Tel/Fax 0049 7562 55385. Further details and confirmation of the dates will be sent by Gerhilde in due course to those who have expressed an interest by 1 February 2003.

Note: This is not a "package tour" and each participant is expected to pay their own way as we go, get themselves to and from the start/finish under their own arrangements and take life as it comes - just like pilgrims!

Tours for 2003

Walking

Waymark Holidays, 44 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EJ,
www.waymarkholidays.com, tel 01753 516477

The 2003 Programme includes five 14-day walking tours, half board, no single rooms, luggage transported, £685. Walk c 200km from Villafranca del Bierzo, occasional bus, visit to Lugo, 2 nights in Santiago.

4-18 May, 18 May-1 June, 1 –15 June, 14-28 September, 21 September-5 October.

Cycling

Exodus, *www.exodus.co.uk*, tel 020 8675 5550

15 day cycle tour along the North coast route from Bilbao, or along the Camino Francés, average 62km per day, from £1029.

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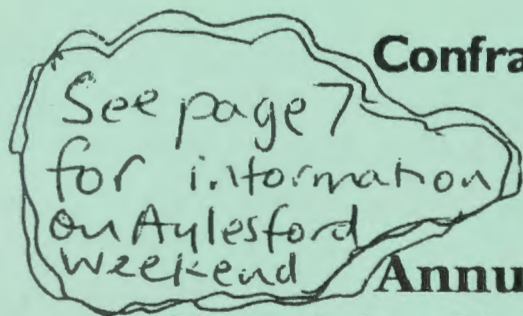
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Confraternity of Saint James



Annual General Meeting

Please bring this booklet and the Accounts with you

Notice of AGM

Notice of the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the
Confraternity of Saint James (the Company) to be held on

Saturday 18 January 2003

at the S Alban's Centre, Baldwin's Gardens, London EC1 at 2.30pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting (26/1/02)
4. Chairman's Report for 2002
5. Tribute to Laurie Dennett, retiring Chairman
6. Annual Report & Accounts 2001-2002
7. Report on the Refugio Gaucelmo
8. Report on the Slide Library
9. Programme for 2003
10. Election of Trustees: Hilary Hugh-Jones, Gosia Brykczynska, Alison Raju, Mary Moseley and Eric Walker stand down. All except Hilary Hugh Jones are standing for reelection.; Laurie Dennett is standing down, Howard Nelson and William Griffiths continue. More nominations needed: please speak to Marion Marples if you would like to be considered as a Trustee.
11. Any Other Business

Programme for the Day

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| 11.30 | Doors open | coffee available |
| 12.00 | Ten Best Slides | main Hall picnic lunch |
| 2.30 | Annual General Meeting | main Hall |
| 3.45 | Tea | main Hall |
| 4.30 | Camino and Confraternity 1995-2002: Gifts and Reflections | |

Laurie Dennett

followed by the

Gaiteros and dancers of the Centro Gallegos de Londres

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| 6.00 | Annual New Year Party | main Hall |
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The **Annual General Meeting** is the main event of the Confraternity's year. It is friendly and fun and a good way of meeting other pilgrims. Please help us by returning the form to avoid delays in Registration and seating problems.

Committee Members: There are many changes for the Confraternity as we reach our 20th anniversary. Laurie Dennett is retiring as chairman after 8 years. A new chairman will be elected at the first meeting of the 2003 committee. Hilary Hugh Jones, Gosia Bryckzynska, Alison Raju, Mary Moseley and Eric Walker stand down this year. All except Hilary Hugh Jones are seeking reelection. Timothy Wotherspoon resigned as a trustee at the 2002 meeting but remained as Company Secretary, a position from which he is now standing down. A successor is being sought and will be appointed at the first meeting of the new trustees.

Badges and Friendship

Everyone attending the AGM is asked to wear their name badge given on arrival. If you have any spare clip badges with your name on (from Conferences, training days etc) please bring them with you for recycling! Those attending for the first time will have a distinctive badge.

Rabanal: Novels: We are reviving our original idea of a collection of novels at Rabanal for pilgrims to exchange for ones they have just finished reading. Books especailly in other languages are sought. Please bring to AGM to save postage.

Blankets: Gaucelmo also needs blankets. If you have one you could donate and bring to the AGM please check with Marion at the Office in advance.

Sponsor-a Week

Keep in touch with events at Rabanal by sponsoring-a-week for £50 (or share with a friend), receive a letter from the wardens telling you of Gaucelmo news and know that you are supporting the pilgrims. See Walter Ivens at the AGM for details of weeks available.

Ten Best Slides

Members are invited to show 10 slides relating to their pilgrimage, perhaps on a specialised topic or 'other' route. A maximum of 10 slides is stressed to allow as many as possible to participate. Please let Marion Marples know in advance if you would like to take part.

New Year Party

As usual we ask people to contribute food rather than pay, if possible. If you would like to help with the food shopping, preparation or serving please contact Marion Marples on 020 7928 9988. If you bring food to the value of £4 you do not have to pay to come to the party.

Raffle

We invite contributions of pilgrimage related prizes ONLY eg shell-shaped objects, related books etc.

Return of Library Books

Outstanding Library loans can be returned to box near entrance.

Jiffy Bags

If you have any surplus jiffy bags to recycle please bring them to the AGM.

Upstairs in the Centre

Publications

Latest publications, including the 2003 edition of the Pilgrim Guide to the Camino Francés and other new publications will be available.

Sweatshirts

William Griffiths will be selling and taking orders for sweatshirts/T shirts.

Exhibitions : East & West Seminar Rooms

John Hatfield's displays on the Vézelay route, Feedback and the development of pilgrim routes stretching back into Eastern Europe and Eric Walker's information on the North Coast Route.

Reunion in West Seminar room for Poitiers visit participants:1.15pm

Minutes of the 2nd AGM of the Confraternity of Saint James (the Company)

Held on Saturday 26 January 2002

1. Welcome and Introductions: The Chairman, Laurie Dennett welcomed all, especially those who had travelled some distance to be present.

2. Apologies: 40 apologies had been received.

3. Minutes of 1st AGM of the CSJ (Company)

Acceptance proposed by David Godfrey, seconded by Heather Coleman: agreed

4. Chairman's Report for 2001: for full text please see Bulletin 77, March 2002.

Laurie Dennett spoke about 3 major events in the year: the Conference *Body & Soul*, the 10th anniversary of Refugio Gaucelmo and the move to a new office. All these events marked the growing maturity of the Confraternity, which now has its own history.

5. Finance: Annual Report & Accounts: Treasurer Timothy Wotherspoon and Peter Tompkins gave a power point presentation of the highlights of the Accounts, which many felt helped explain the material more clearly. Rosemary Wells thanked them, especially for the full Notes. She asked if amounts could be shown gross so that costs and income were more visible and requested more information about Rabanal income and expenses. It was agreed to show these in the 2002 Accounts. Members were reminded that the 'donativos' are banked by El Bierzo and do not come under our Accounts. Basic expenses are paid with this money. Laurie Dennett assured members that donations are far in excess of expenditure. James Maple commended employment of a bookkeeper. The Library is held in the unincorporated association for the time being and does not form part of the assets of the company. Acceptance of Accounts & Annual Report proposed by James Maple, seconded by John Hatfield, carried.

6. Refinement Motions

One minor amendment to the Memorandum and two to the Articles of Association

were explained. Acceptance proposed by Ronnie James, seconded by Peter Tompkins, carried

7. Report on Refugio Gaucelmo:

William Griffiths delivered Walter Ivens's report. 7518 people had stayed at Gaucelmo in the season. Walter thanked the wardens, the Warden coordinator Alison Pinkerton, the Working Party, all members of the Gaucelmo committee. In the year the 60,00th pilgrim was welcomed. A special Mass celebrated by the Bishop of Astorga for the 10th Anniversary with the installation of the Icon in memory of Stephen Badger.

7A: Report on the Bulletin: the editor Gosia Bryckczynska thanked everyone for their contributions and suggestions. She requested proof readers, art work, poems and information on local events.

8. Report on the Slide Library: John Hatfield said slides had been requested for 22 Lectures and 57 new slides donated. Joe May, Maurice and Marigold Fox were thanked for their particular help with the collection. He ended with a plea for the slides on alternative routes to be shown to encourage more pilgrims along the way and reduce the pressure on the Camino Francés.

9. Programmes for 2002: outlined by Marion Marples.

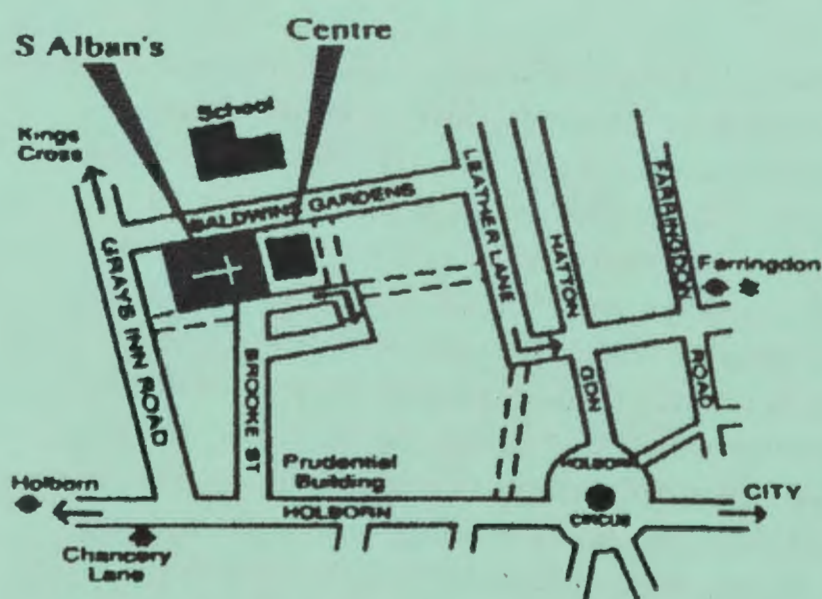
10. Election of Trustees: Laurie Dennett, Howard Nelson, William Griffiths, and Timothy Wotherspoon stood down: all except T Wotherspoon reelected. H Hugh Jones, G Bryckczynska, A Raju, M Moseley, B Mooney, E Walker remain as Trustees. Willy Slavin (Scotland) and A. O'Sullivan (Ireland) coopted.

11. Any Other Business:

1) Canon John Crowe gave a notice about the St Birinus pilgrimage in July.

2) John Hatfield encouraged members to take part in waymarking the Jakobusweg

3) William Griffiths announced a London walk for the Sunday.



You are strongly advised to travel to the AGM by public transport.
Underground Chancery Lane (Central line) or Farringdon (Circle, Metropolitan). **Buses** serving Holborn Circus or Grays Inn Road.

Form 1
Other Routes Practical Pilgrim Form
Saturday 22 February, Nottingham
(Further information will be sent when ready)

* I am a new Pilgrim to these routes and am interested in:

am Caminos del Norte ☐

am Via de la Plata ☐

pm Vézelay route ☐

pm Via de la Plata ☐

* I am a returned pilgrim ☐ with experience on
French routes _____ (specify)
Spanish routes _____ (specify)

I am a walker ☐ [this is to help with arrangements]

I am a cyclist ☐

I am interested in

☐ Morning: Caminos del Norte, Via de la Plata

☐ Afternoon talk on Vézelay, Other Routes

☐ Evening meal (about £10)

Number of people ☐ (specify number)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel (with code) _____ email _____

Please return whole form (1 & 2) with £2 per person per meeting, cheques payable to *Confraternity of Saint James*, and an sae, to Alison Raju, **Practical Pilgrim**, 21 Hall Street, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 4BB

Form 2
Practical Pilgrim Form
Mainly concerning the Camino Francés and Le Puy routes
(Further information will be sent when ready)

Please send Information on the following:

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| *Saturday 1 March | <input type="checkbox"/> | Richmond, N Yorks |
| *Saturday 8 March | <input type="checkbox"/> | John Marshall Hall, SE1 |
| Saturday 15 March | <input type="checkbox"/> | St James's Church, Coatbridge, Scotland |
| *Saturday 29 March | <input type="checkbox"/> | St David's Church, Queens Terrace, Exeter |

I am a new Pilgrim ☐

I am a returned pilgrim ☐ with experience on

French routes _____ (specify)

Spanish routes _____ (specify)

I could give a talk about _____ with slides? ☐

I am a walker ☐ [this is to help with arrangements]

I am a cyclist ☐

I am interested in

- ☐ Morning/early afternoon Question & Answers main sessions
- ☐ Afternoon walk (to encourage exchange of information)
- ☐ Afternoon talk on the pilgrimage
- ☐ Evening meal (about £10)

Number of people ☐ (specify number)

*Would you like to join in a walk on Sunday if organised? ☐

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Tel (with code) _____ email _____

If you are interested in both the Other Routes (Form 1) and regular Practical Pilgrim Days (Form 2) please return the whole form, with cheque, to Alison Raju, who will forward it to the Office

or

Please return Form 2 with £2 per person per meeting, cheques payable to *Confraternity of Saint James*, and an sae, to **Practical Pilgrim, Confraternity of Saint James, 27 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NY**

Form 3

Aylesford Weekend School on Charlemagne and the Pilgrimage to Santiago 6pm Friday 25 April to 2.30pm Sunday 27 April

The Friars, Aylesford, Kent (near Maidstone)

All pilgrims sooner or later become aware of the presence of Charlemagne, Roland, Oliver and the Codex Calixtinus along the Camino de Santiago. This weekend school will explore aspects of the stories of Charlemagne and the pilgrimage to St James as told in the account given in the document known as the Pseudo-Turpin, found as Book IV of the *Codex Calixtinus*. There will be an Introduction to the medieval French poem *The Song of Roland* and a slide presentation of the stained glass windows of Chartres Cathedral which depict the stories of St James and Charlemagne.

We are very fortunate that Prof Janet Nelson of Kings College, London, who is writing a major study of Charlemagne, will be speaking on Sunday. Other speakers and the full programme are to be confirmed.

There are 30 places in single or twin rooms. The Friars is the centre of the Carmelite order in the UK and is close to the M2 in Kent. Cost about £75 for full board, speakers etc: to be confirmed

Aylesford Weekend

I/we am interested in this weekend and would like a single/twin room

Special dietary requirements: _____

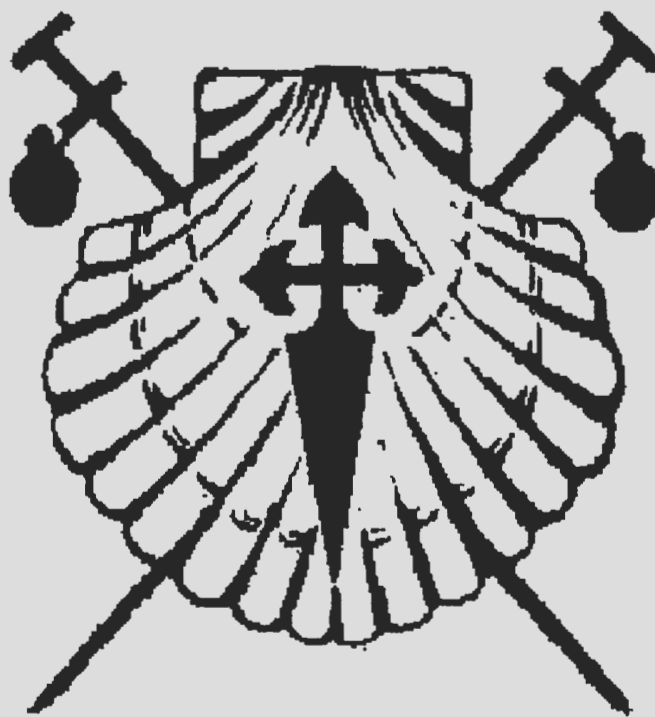
Any special arrangements needed: eg arrival/departure at different times

Name:

Address:

Please send a deposit of £30 to confirm a place for the weekend, or send for more details.

Full programme will be sent when confirmed. Cheques payable to *Confraternity of Saint James* to CSJ Aylesford, 27 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NY



The Confraternity of Saint James
(A company limited by guarantee)

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 30 September 2002

Company no. 4096721
Charity no.1091140

Legal and administrative information

Status

The Confraternity of Saint James (CSJ) is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 25 October 2000, registered in England & Wales as company number 4096721, and registered as a charity on 15 March 2002 with the number 1091140. The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association, both as amended on 26 January 2002. The company grew out of an unincorporated association founded on 13 January 1983 and registered as a charity on 19 August 1986 with the number 294461.

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Directors and Trustees

Ms L D Dennett, Chairman

Dr W E O A A G Griffiths, Vice-Chairman

Mr H G H Nelson, Vice-Chairman

Mr T J Wotherspoon, Treasurer (resigned 26 January 2002)

Dr M M Brykczynska

Mrs I H M Hugh-Jones

Ms A B Raju

Mr B Mooney (resigned 26 January 2002)

Mrs M C T Moseley

Miss A O'Sullivan

Revd W J Slavin

Mr E Walker

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Secretary

Ms M F Marples

Company Secretary

Mr T J Wotherspoon

Bankers

Lloyds TSB

364/366 Lordship Lane LONDON. SE22 8NA

Reporting Accountant

Mr I S McLaughlin FCA

Rabanal Committee (appointed annually by the directors)

Paul Graham, Chairman

Alison Pinkerton, Wardens' Coordinator

Laurie Dennett

Alan Howard (appointed 16 May 2002)

Marion Marples

Alison Raju

Timothy Wotherspoon

Membership

Membership at 30 September 2002 stood at 1,713 paying members (at 30 September 2001 it was 1,586) plus 129 honorary, honoured (aged over 70 with 10 years' paid-up membership) and exchange subscriptions with kindred organisations. The paying members were split as follows (2001 numbers are shown in brackets) :

	Individual	Joint	Institutional
UK	1,010 (952)	349 (310)	23 (21)
Europe	67 (68)	24 (20)	3 (2)
Rest of World	151 (141)	83 (70)	3 (2)
Total	1,228 (1,161)	456 (400)	29 (25)

Registered Office

1 Talbot Yard, Borough High St, LONDON. SE1 1YP (until November 2001)

27 Blackfriars Road, LONDON. SE1 8NY (from December 2001)

Telephone 020 7928 9988

Fax 020 7928 2844

Website

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<http://www.csj.org.uk>

office@csj.org.uk

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2002

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2002.

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Structure and Objects of the charity

The principal objects of the Confraternity are to advance the education of the public in the pilgrimage to Saint James of Compostela in the north-western Spanish region of Galicia and the related history, art, architecture and music. Activities include promoting research, presenting educational programmes, identifying and preserving monuments, providing information on routes, establishing paths, maintaining hostels, and working in close co-operation with other bodies in furthering similar aims and objectives.

The primary purpose of a charity is the provision of benefit to its beneficiaries rather than the corporate pursuit of gain for the profit of shareholders. Our duty as a charity is to care for the public at large rather than confine our attention to those who provide the funds. In particular it is important to note that the Confraternity is a company whose funds do not belong to the subscribers.

Under the Articles of the company, the members of the Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of two years, half of their number being subject to re-election each year. All Committee members serve as directors of the company. The directors of the company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen are appointed by the Committee at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

Review of Progress and Achievements for 2001-2002

The CSJ has settled well into its new larger premises at 27 Blackfriars Road, SE1 and welcomed visitors from all over the English speaking world who come for advice, encouragement and to buy publications. Students have used the Library for research. The web site and associated online bookshop have been expanded and generate more enquiries than ever; these are handled by the Secretary and a team of regular volunteers.

Over 600 Pilgrim Records have been issued by Alan Hooton and, since April, the new Pilgrim Record Secretary Eric Walker. The Membership Secretary Tim Siney has handled a record 461 new membership applications and Peter Tompkins issued two rounds of reminder letters which led to a high renewal rate. Mailing labels are printed by John Hatfield who keeps a watchful eye on the database. All involved with the administration of the CSJ have experienced pressure on their time as the numbers grow.

After the resignation of Timothy Wotherspoon as Treasurer in January 2002 the committee agreed to employ a Systems and Finance Manager. Alison Thorp started work in mid-May on a 2-year contract; her brief is to handle the financial activities of the CSJ, to review and streamline the existing procedures and to train a successor. Timothy Wotherspoon has however remained as Company Secretary, a post he will relinquish in January 2003; a successor will be required as a statutory requirement of Company status.

The committee has developed the annual Programme, both for 2002 and for the 20th Anniversary Year 2003. A History of the first Twenty Years has been commissioned from Pat Quaife; this will appear in June as Bulletin 82. Gosia Brykczynska has developed her own editorial style for the Bulletin, assisted by James Hatts in production.

International links have been maintained with a visit to the Library of the Centro de Informacion in Carrión de los Condes, to the El Bierzo Association at Rabanal and with the Portuguese on a project on Romanesque routes. New French links are growing with the Association Normande des Amis de Saint-Jacques through the participation of CSJ members in several of their activities and a pilgrimage along the Chemins de Mont-Saint-Michel. These links will be strengthened in July 2003 as the Normandy Association have accepted our invitation to participate in a walking pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Guest speakers have included author Ben Nimmo. Unfortunately M Humbert Jacomet of Paris was prevented, by illness, from giving the Constance Storrs Lecture VII; it was translated by Miranda Jones and delivered by William Griffiths in his absence. CSJ members have spoken at meetings about the History of the Refugio Gaucelmo and, for 'At Your Own Pace: Special Pilgrims on the Camino', Tim O'Neill, Paul Darke and Andrée Norman Taylor spoke about the challenge of disability or age in making the pilgrimage. Others gave accounts of their pilgrimages at the four 'Practical Pilgrim' days held in March.

Amongst our publications, the 'Guide to the Camino Francés' is still very popular. We have published new Guides to the North Coast routes in Spain, and these, along with the Guides to the four historic routes in France, mean that we can encourage pilgrims along alternative routes as the Camino becomes more crowded through the year.

The Rabanal Committee

The Rabanal Gaucelmo in the village of Rabanal, lying between Astorga and Ponferrada in the Montes de León. It is a refuge for pilgrims travelling to Santiago de Compostela and is owned by the Diocese of Astorga.

Following the Confraternity's offer of help, made via the Federation of Spanish Associations, the Diocese entered into a contract in 1989 with the Asociación de Amigos del Camino de Santiago del Bierzo ('El Bierzo') whereby, for a peppercorn rent, El Bierzo would develop what was at that time a tumble-down house and orchard, making it available for the overnight accommodation of pilgrims. Thanks to the Federation, El Bierzo had by then formed an alliance with the Confraternity for the necessary fund-raising for the rebuilding of the house and its subsequent administration.

The cost of administering the refuge on a day-to-day basis during the pilgrim season (April to October) and maintaining the fabric of the building is largely met from the voluntary donations of pilgrims staying there overnight. Ten percent of these donations are given to El Bierzo to help fund their other activities. El Bierzo is responsible for organising the insurance of the property, accounting for the income and expenditure of the refuge and for compliance with all statutory and local regulations.

During the pilgrim season, postcards, pilgrim passports and Pilgrim Guides are sold at the refuge and the proceeds are retained by the Confraternity.

Rabanal during 2001-2002

Since its opening in 1991, Refugio Gaucelmo has been run by the CSJ with the object of providing simple overnight accommodation for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. So far (by October 2002) 67,000 pilgrims have stayed there.

Between April and October each year, a relay of wardens welcome and care for any pilgrim who wishes to stay there overnight – provided there is sufficient accommodation. There are about 45 beds and floorspace is utilised when necessary. Wardens work in pairs (sometimes threes) and usually stay for a period of two or four weeks. Apart from providing a bed for the night, the wardens also provide a simple free breakfast and are responsible for maintaining the property in a clean and tidy condition.

Each Spring, before opening the refuge for the season, a group of about 8 volunteers forms a working party for a period of a week, during which they re-paint and thoroughly clean the place and replace any equipment as necessary. More extensive building or maintenance work is usually done in the autumn or early spring. In the autumn of 2000 the drainage system was replaced and extra showers and lavatories constructed. This Spring, the orchard was levelled and sown with grass with a view to making it a place of peaceful enjoyment for pilgrims in the Summer. Also, twenty-four of the old bunk beds were replaced by new ones and a new large boiler was installed to replace the water heaters that are used to serve the showers. This Winter, we are hoping to improve the ventilation in the shower area and install push-button timer switches on all the showers as a way of preserving water.

The Confraternity's objects include the maintenance of buildings on the Camino de Santiago and the provision of pilgrim accommodation. The Rabanal Committee fulfils both these functions, attempting always to enhance the service that it provides to pilgrims. In the less-busy months of April, May and October there is a greater opportunity for the wardens to assist with other chores such as supervising the use of the spin dryer or cutting wood, and to provide a particularly 'homely' atmosphere with freshly-picked flowers on the table, home-made jam for breakfast and cups of tea on a pilgrim's arrival. We are often told that it is appreciated.

Paul Graham
Chairman of Rabanal Committee.

Risk Management

The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These include:

- loss of premises through fire or accident
- third party liabilities
- loss of property through theft
- loss of key personnel through illness or death
- security associated with use of computerised information
- decline in membership given fixed annual expenditure commitments

To address these risks, the trustees have ensured an adequate level of insurance of the charity's premises, contents and liabilities. Over-reliance on any one individual is avoided by ensuring that a wide selection of trustees and members is involved in managing and organising the charity's activities. Off-site backups are maintained of key databases and transactions through the online bookshop are protected by 128 bit encryption.

Faced with the need for higher expenditure on rental for new premises and the need to increase the amount of salaried support, the trustees embarked in September 2000 on a strategy that all UK members donate their subscriptions under Gift Aid. The Trustees also sought to encourage members to donate additional sums, which has enabled the CSJ to hold subscription rates unchanged.

A business continuity plan is being prepared. The CSJ is registered as a data controller under the Data Protection Act 1998. Access to the membership database is severely restricted.

Investment Powers

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit. However, the only tangible investments currently held are interest-bearing deposits with the Charities Official Investment Fund and one interest-bearing account with Lloyds TSB. The charity also holds a number of historic and contemporary artifacts related to Saint James and to the Camino de Santiago which are recorded in the accounts at their cost.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. Mid-year accounts are prepared on the same basis as the annual accounts and are available to any member who wishes to inspect them.

Audit Exemption

- (a) For the year ended 30 September 2002 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act").
- (b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Act.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act; and
 - ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226 of the Act, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company;
- (d) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part VII of the Act relating to small companies.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by


Ms L D Dennett, Chairman
7 November 2002

Report of Reporting Accountant

As described above, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they consider that the company is exempt from an audit. It is my responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable me to report my opinion.

Basis of Opinion

My work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so my procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the company, and making such limited enquiries as I considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in my opinion.

Opinion

- (a) The accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records;
 - (i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C (6) of the Act; and
 - (ii) the company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(4) of the Act, as modified by section 249A(5), and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1)

Signed

I S McLaughlin FCA
Reporting Accountant
25 November 2002

21 West Farm Avenue
Ashted, Surrey, KT21 2LG

Statement of Financial Activities for the year to 30 September 2002

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted Funds (Note 2)		Total	2001
		General Fund	Rabanal	Bursary Dickinson		
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£	£	£
Donations, Legacies etc						
Donations	3	8,341	2,808	-	11,149	6,128
Subscriptions	4	41,581	-	-	41,581	38,068
		49,922	2,808	-	52,730	44,196
Operating Activities						
Books and Publications - Sales	5	22,297	-	-	22,297	19,244
Other Items - Sales	6	1,586	-	-	1,586	1,561
Conference Income		-	-	-	-	17,000
Visit Income	7	14,042	-	-	14,042	-
		37,925	-	-	37,925	37,805
Investment Income	8	1,104	402	408	85	1,999
Total Incoming Resources		88,951	3,210	408	85	92,654
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Grants	9	-	-	750	-	750
Charitable Activities						
Refugio Gaucelmo	10	-	5,184	-	-	5,184
Holy Year Mailing		-	-	-	-	-
Bulletin	11	10,302	-	-	-	10,302
Libraries	12	2,800	-	-	-	2,800
Speaker Meetings	13	715	-	-	-	715
Books and Publications - Costs		12,655	-	-	-	12,655
Other Items - Costs		1,216	-	-	-	1,216
Conference Expenditure		-	-	-	-	-
Visit Expenditure		12,224	-	-	-	12,224
		39,912	5,184	-	-	45,096
Support Costs	14	20,114	-	-	-	20,114
Administration	15	15,910	500	-	-	16,410
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		75,936	5,684	750	-	82,370
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	16	13,015	(2,474)	(342)	85	10,284
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		29,263	11,571	10,167	2,223	53,224
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		42,278	9,097	9,825	2,308	63,508

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2002

	Notes	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 2) Rabanal Bursary Dickinson	Total	2001
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	17				
Computer		75	-	75	699
Works of Art		3,900	890	4,790	4,790
		3,975	890	4,865	5,489
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks and Work-in-progress					
Books and Publications for Sale		5,311	-	5,311	4,465
Other Items for Sale		835	-	835	1,167
Postage Paid Envelopes		4,766	-	4,766	133
		10,912	-	10,912	5,765
Debtors	18	2,330	-	2,330	4,304
Cash at Bank and In Hand		35,774	8,207	50,114	54,803
		49,016	8,207	69,356	64,872
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	19,20	(10,713)	-	(10,713)	(17,137)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		38,303	8,207	58,643	47,735
TOTAL ASSETS		42,278	9,097	63,508	53,224

Approved by the Directors of the Confraternity of Saint James on 7 November 2002 and signed on their behalf by:

L. D. Dennett

Ms. L D Dennett, Chairman
7 November 2002

**Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2002**

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement Of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities (SORP) issued in October 2000, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. The length of the current and previous accounting periods was one full year.

(b) Donations and similar incoming resources

These are included in the year in which they are receivable, (which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource), provided that any conditions for receipt are met and that the Trustees are reasonably certain that they will receive it and that the value can be reliably measured.

(c) Investment income

Income from investments is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) in the year in which it is receivable.

(d) Resources Expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for it. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(e) Tangible Fixed Assets & Depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Fixed assets currently include Works of Art both historic and contemporary. Depreciation is not charged on these as their residual value is considered to be higher than their carrying value. The Library is held in the unincorporated association for the time being for the benefit of the public and does not form part of the assets of the company. It is however insured by the company for the considerable expenditure which would be incurred by replacing it.

Depreciation of computer equipment is charged over two years.

2. Restricted Funds

Each of the three restricted funds consists of expendable endowment. All three funds have accumulated through donations, interest and allocations by the trustees, and have therefore already been recognised as income rather than capital receipts.

(a) Rabanal Fund - for capital projects and upkeep of the fabric at Refugio Gaucelmo.

(b) Bursary Fund - for educational scholarships for young people. It was established by the committee in 1995-1996 and allocated an endowment of £10,000. It is intended that the Bursary Fund be maintained around the £10,000 mark and awards from time to time be paid out of interest.

(c) Dickinson Fund - raised by special subscription in memory of a member who died in 1994, is for helping pilgrims in financial hardship and associated purposes.

3. Donations

The donations for this year are significantly higher than the previous year as a result of the many generous voluntary contributions made by members in addition to their subscriptions. These are to be encouraged, especially because they help postpone the need for increases in subscription rates.

4. Subscriptions

Net subscription income rose by 6% to £33,915 (2001 £31,969). The drive to collect Gift Aid declarations from UK taxpayers continued. As a result, income tax was recovered on 99% of applicable donations, a truly impressive achievement. Tax reclaimed rose to £7,384 (2001- £6,099)

5. Books and Publications

Turnover rose by 16% to £22,297, due to the continuing popularity of our secure, on-line bookshop. The income from postage has been split between the books and publications on a pro-rata basis, giving rise to a trading surplus of £630 for books and £9,012 for publications, £9,642 in total. This compares with an overall trading surplus of £9,013 in 2001.

6. Other Items

Sales of other items (principally badges and sweatshirts) produced a surplus of £370 compared to £403 the previous year.

7. Visits

Advance receipts and payments have been made in the year in respect of visits to Aylesford, Walsingham and to Poitiers in France, in 2002-03. These transactions have therefore been carried forward as Creditors (Deferred Income) and Debtors (Prepayments) in the Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2002 and will be included as income and expenditure in next year's accounts.

8. Investment Income

Investments which generate income consist of interest-bearing deposits with the Charities Official Investment Fund and one interest-bearing account with Lloyds TSB.

9. Grants

Bursary application forms are issued to all universities and colleges of further education at the start of the academic year. Students between 18 and 25 are asked to submit proposals for the research they wish to undertake and to indicate how it would be facilitated by financial assistance from the Confraternity. Short-listed applicants are invited to interview before a panel consisting of Janet Nelson, Professor of Mediaeval History at Kings College, London, and James Maple, Hon. Vice President of the CSJ, and awards may be made for one outstanding project, or shared between several, up to a maximum of £1,000. They are generally paid in two tranches, part in advance of the research and the balance when the resulting dissertation has been commended after being academically reviewed. The best of these are published in the Bulletin.

Two grants were made this year, one of £250 to Jennifer Constantine for her study "The role of women in the pilgrimage, particularly Dona Isabel, Holy Queen of Portugal" and the other of £500 to Hannah-Louise Clarke for "Royal Resting Places on the way to Compostela".

10. Refugio Gaucelmo, Rabanal del Camino

Expenditure for this year includes	£
- Annual Working Party	1,221
- Wardens – workshop and first-aid courses	495

- 24 new bunk beds	901
- New boiler and plumbing repairs	1,695
- Other eg. insurance, printing, translations, etc	872

NB: Pilgrim donations for the period Apr-Sep 2002 amounted to 19,219 Euros (£12,399 @ exchange rate of 1.55 Euros to £1), and related expenditure on food, hospitality, cleaning etc was 11,062 Euros (£7,137). 10% of donations are paid to El Bierzo and any surplus is put towards overheads such as electricity, bank charges, repairs etc. These sums are for the benefit of the refugio and do not form part of the Confraternity funds or accounts.

11. Bulletin

The Bulletin is published quarterly and the costs include printing and distribution.

12. Library

Resources expended in the Library include a proportion of the total accommodation costs. At Talbot Yard the Library occupied one room out of two and the costs therefore estimated at 50% of the total; at the new premises at Blackfriars Road it is one room out of three and therefore estimated at 33%.

13. Speaker Meetings

Speaker Meetings are those held to further the charitable objectives of the Confraternity.

14. Support Costs

The trustees allocate the costs of the following activities to directly charitable expenditure:

- promoting the Camino de Santiago
- lobbying for protection of the path and against adverse developments
- fostering European networking
- making foreign-language Jacobean scholarship available in English
- being a source of practical advice and specialised information
- operating a web site
- selling books & publications
- issuing the quarterly bulletin
- maintaining text and slide libraries as educational resources
- holding meetings and presenting lectures
- sponsoring research and offering bursaries
- supporting pilgrims
- running the Refugio Gaucelmo

Those costs not specifically identifiable to any one of these activities are included as Administration costs (see note 15 below):

- Salaries & National Insurance £ 16,254

The company employs 2 part-time staff, a Secretary and a Finance & Systems Manager. The latter is contracted from May 2002 for a period of up to 2 years, to review the administration and accounting systems of the company, to recommend improvements and implement agreed changes.

80% of all salary costs have been assigned to the support of the Confraternity's charitable activities. The total salary & NI costs this year include:

Secretary - Marion Marples - 12 months plus backpay wef 1/1/01	£11,820
Finance & Systems Manager - Alison Thorp - 4.5 months	£ 4,623
Bulletin Production & Graphics - James Hatts - occasional	£ 250
Company Secretary - *Timothy Wotherspoon - 3.6 months	£ 3,625

* Timothy Wotherspoon resigned as a trustee on 26 January 2002 and received no remuneration whilst still a trustee, or relating to the period when he was a trustee.

Apart from the above, the Confraternity has been wholly dependent on the goodwill of its volunteers. No trustee or any connected person received remuneration of any kind for any service.

- Travel Costs – for volunteers & staff £ 309
- Bank Charges £ 838

Bank charges are split between support and administration on the basis of the level of turnover relating to respective activities.

- Telephone & Postage £ 1,696
- Printing and Stationery £ 1,017

15. Administration

Apart from fundraising there is an irreducible minimum of administrative costs that cannot be assigned to any directly charitable purpose, eg the costs of the AGM, processing subscriptions, balancing the books, and just keeping the organisation ticking over.

- Salaries & National Insurance £4,064

20% of salary costs have been assigned to administration.

- Travel Costs £ 813

This represents attendance at Committee meetings by 4 trustees, ordinarily resident outside London.

- Bank Charges £1,163
- Office expenses £2,340

This includes office equipment and maintenance (£596), computer software and consumables (£905), depreciation (£774) and fees for Companies House & the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner (£65).

- Postage and Telephone £ 595
- Printing and Stationery £2,851
- Office Rent, Rates and Insurance £4,612

These costs are split between administration and the Library on the basis of the space occupied, (see note 12 above). The insurance covers contents of our premises, employer's and public liabilities. We have no trustee indemnity insurance.

- Member Meetings -£28

Receipts totalled £794 and payments amounted to £766. The Annual General Meeting is classified as a Member meeting. When the AGM includes an educational lecture, half the cost of the hire of the hall is allocated to Speaker Meetings. Social gatherings in themselves do not count as charitable activity

General Administrative Services £500

Provided for the Refugio Gaucelmo by the office in London, at a current rate of £500 p.a.

16. Net Movement in Funds

The strong levels of income and donations mean that there is a healthy surplus and therefore the trustees have decided to retain subscription rates at their current level for the time being, whilst continuing to keep the situation under review.

17. Fixed Assets

	Works of Art	Computers	Total
Costs	£	£	£
At 1 Oct 2001	4,790	3,859	8,649
Additions		<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
At 30 Sep 2002	<u>4,790</u>	<u>4,009</u>	<u>8,799</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 Oct 2001	-	3,010	3,010
Charge for year		<u>774</u>	<u>774</u>
At 30 Sep 2002		<u>3,784</u>	<u>3,784</u>
Net Book Value			
At 1 Oct 2001	<u>4,790</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>5,489</u>
At 30 Sep 2002	<u>4,790</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>4,865</u>

Works of Art comprise a mediaeval oak carving of Saint James (valued at £3,400) and an embroidered banner (valued at £500) in the assets of the General Fund and an icon of Saint James (valued at its cost of £890, covered by donations in memory of Stephen Badger) in the Rabanal Fund.

18. Debtors

	2002	2001
Trade Debtors	-	-
Other Debtors	-	£188
Prepayments & Accrued Income (see also note 7 above)	<u>£2,330</u>	<u>£4,116</u>
	<u>£2,330</u>	<u>£4,304</u>

19. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2002	2001
Grants Payable	-	£800
Trade Creditors	£2,696	£6,160
Tax and Social Security	£1,476	-
Deferred Income (see note 20)	£4,498	£10,177
Accruals	£1,729	-
Sundry Creditors	<u>£314</u>	
	<u>£10,713</u>	<u>£17,137</u>

20. Deferred Income

£4,263 was received during the year for the visit to Poitiers in October 2002. This will be included as income in the financial year 2002-03.

Subscriptions paid in advance total £235. The trustees are not offering this facility generally in future.

21. Reserves Policy

The trustees believe it to be prudent, given the seasonal nature of the Confraternity's income and expenditure, to maintain working balances which represent a reserve sufficient to cover six months' general income to unrestricted funds.

Forecast of Financial Activities for the year to 30 September 2003

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds Rabanal	Bursary	Dickinson	Total	2002
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations, Legacies etc						
Donations	7,000	2,800	-	-	9,800	11,149
Subscriptions	41,000	-	-	-	41,000	41,581
	48,000	2,800	-	-	50,800	52,730
Operating Activities						
Books and Publications - Sales	21,800	-	-	-	21,800	22,297
Other Items - Sales	1,600	-	-	-	1,600	1,586
Conference Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visit Income	12,000	-	-	-	12,000	14,042
	35,400	-	-	-	35,400	37,925
Investment Income	1,000	400	400	85	1,885	1,999
Total Incoming Resources	84,400	3,200	400	85	88,085	92,654
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Grants	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	750
Charitable Activities						
Refugio Gaucelmo	-	5,500	-	-	5,500	5,184
Bulletin	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	10,302
Libraries	2,800	-	-	-	2,800	2,800
Speaker Meetings	700	-	-	-	700	715
Books and Publications - Costs	12,600	-	-	-	12,600	12,655
Other Items - Costs	1,200	-	-	-	1,200	1,216
Conference Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-
Visit Expenditure	12,000	-	-	-	12,000	12,224
	39,300	5,500	-	-	44,800	45,096
Support Costs	22,073	-	-	-	22,073	20,114
Administration	18,527	1,000	-	-	19,527	16,410
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	79,900	6,500	1,000	-	87,400	82,370
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	4,500	(3,300)	(600)	85	685	10,284
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	42,278	9,097	9,824	2,309	63,508	53,224
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	46,778	5,797	9,224	2,394	64,193	63,508

Notes

- The above forecast does not form part of the Annual Report & Accounts
- Income is conservatively forecast to remain at similar levels to 2002 although it is likely to increase if the trend of recent years continues.
- Expenditure has been assumed to increase in line with inflation except as shown below.
- Salaries include a pay rise for the Secretary, a full year's pay for the Finance & Systems Manager and an allowance towards partial remuneration of the member services operation
- Rental costs include a full year at Blackfriars Road

