

# BULLETIN



## THE CONFRATERNITY OF SAINT JAMES

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*President:*  
**H.E. The Spanish Ambassador**





**Visit to Malmesbury - Saturday 22 April**

Members and friends are invited to the day in Malmesbury arranged by Geraldine Thomson-Glover and Susan Morgan. Meeting-point (1) is Chippenham Station at 9.45 am and lifts to Malmesbury will be offered from there. Meeting-point (2) is the Old Bell at Malmesbury (next to the Abbey) at 10.30.

Public transport only goes as far as Chippenham and useful train times are:

Paddington: dep. 8.30am	arrive Chippenham 9.34am
Bristol: dep. 9.20am	arrive Chippenham 9.45am
Chippenham: dep. 5.53pm	arrive Paddington 7.06pm
Chippenham: dep. 6.04 and 6.34	arrive Bristol 6.30 and 6.57

NB for London members: Paddington Station ticket office on a spring Saturday morning is very busy. On 22 April it will be busier than ever because this day is a BR Network South-east day. Chippenham is not, alas, in Network South-east. You are strongly advised to buy your Blue Saver return in advance at any main-line station or a BR travel agent. Anyone without access to a rail-card may like to contact Marion Marples on (01)-633 0603.

**Programme**

- 10.30 - arrive at Malmesbury for coffee at Old Bell (next to Abbey) and meet the Revd Peter Barton.
- 11.00 - guided tour of Abbey with Mr John Bowen
- 12.00 - guided walk around town with Mr Bowen
- 1.15 - lunch at Old Bell
- 2.15 - drive (4 miles) to St James, Dauntsey
- 4.15 - tea at Old Bell

**Charge** - a charge of £1-50 for members and £2-00 for non-members (children free) will be made to cover expenses, ie guided tour & walk and donations to churches.

**Malmesbury Late Enrolments:** please ensure you return the form at the back of Bulletin 29, with your telephone number, to Susan Morgan as soon as you can. Please do not hesitate to ring Susan on (0272)-733853 or Geraldine Thomson-Glover on (0666)-840209 if you have any queries.

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PRACTICAL PILGRIM AND OXFORD WEEKEND

6-7 May 1989

Saturday 6 May

11am **Practical Pilgrim**, by kind permission of the Provost, at Worcester College, Worcester Street. Parking in the Gloucester Street car-park by the station. Ask at the Worcester Porter's Lodge for directions to meeting place.

Anyone who has travelled the pilgrim routes by any means or who is contemplating such a journey is most welcome to this informal meeting to exchange information, ideas and experiences.

12.30 (approx.) - lunch: picnic in grounds if fine, or choice of eating places nearby (could be very crowded).

2.15 Meet outside entrance to the Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street. Laurie Dennett will lead a walk around Oxford, looking for St James in Town and Gown. (An information pack will be available.) The walk ends at around 5pm.

Tea-Supper - some people may prefer to miss out 'tea' and join a group for an early supper (6pm) at Go Dutch, a recommended pancake restaurant near the station, with savoury and sweet dishes under £5. Others may prefer to eat later: could we ask you to make your own arrangements as places can be crowded on Saturday evenings in term time. A list of places & map will be provided.

7.30 pm **The Musical Road to Santiago de Compostela** - a lecture-recital by Mary Remnant, with music from France and Spain played on authentic medieval instruments and related to places along the routes. This is an opportunity for out-of-London members to hear Mary's excellent, illustrated lecture. Tickets £2-50, children £1-50.

Overnight Accommodation has been booked for those who returned their form from Bulletin 30. If anyone else would like bed and breakfast accommodation for Saturday 6 May please telephone Marion Marples (01)-633 0603 immediately. The charge is £15 per person and cheques, either in advance or on the day should be made payable to the Confraternity of St James. All those who sent an s.a.e. will receive details of accommodation and maps shortly.

### Sunday 7 May

There are two alternatives for Sunday morning:

1) Take bus to attend 10am Parish Mass (Anglican) at St James Church Colwy, and meet members of the congregation who hope to go on Pilgrimage to Santiago, informally over coffee afterwards. Then short walk of around 1 mile to Iffley church.

2) Meet 10.30 at Osney Bridge (west of station) to walk south along Thames Towpath to Iffley lock and Iffley church (2½ miles).

St Mary, Iffley is a very fine, well-preserved romanesque church, 1170-1180, full of carvings, some similar Reading Abbey.

12.30 to 1pm - rendez-vous at Isis pub at Iffley Lock for a drink and (we hope) lunch.

1.30 - leave the Isis to return to Oxford along towpath, continuing north to Binsey church (St Margaret) and St Frideswide's Well.

(Frideswide was a pious child of Oxford who fled the town to avoid the attentions of an unwelcome suitor, King Algar, who was struck blind when he tried to take her by force. She returned to Oxford and founded a nunnery on the site of Christ Church Cathedral, where her shrine still is. A medieval pilgrim to Santiago is supposed to have been robbed while visiting St Frideswide's shrine.)

The energetic can continue along the towpath to Godstow (4 mile round trip) to see the ruins of the nunnery found in 1138. Return to Oxford via canal or by towpath if other route flooded.

Saxon Churches of Northamptonshire 21 to 21 April

This is the fifth spring tour of the Berkshire Archaeological Society, visiting Oundle, Peterborough, Crowland Abbey and churches at Barnack, Wittering, Castor, Brixworth and Earls Barton among others. The starting and finishing points are the Abbey Gateway at Reading. The cost of the weekend, including transport and meals, is £95. To enquire about vacancies please telephone the tour leader, Mrs Edna Goodburn, immediately on Bracknell 425774.

Tuesday 2 May - Saints, Pilgrims and Dedications of Churches in the Middle Ages

The village of Deeping St James in Lincolnshire is celebrating the 850th anniversary of the dedication of the church and on 2 May at 7.30 Professor Christopher Brooke is giving a talk under the above title in the church itself. There are fast and frequent trains from London to Peterborough, from where it is a further 8 miles by car. Anyone from London interested in attending and travelling by train and taxi is invited to contact Pat Quaife (883 4893) or Marion Marples on 633 0603. Further details from the Vicar, the Revd S.R.Haworth, tel. (0778)- 347995.

Bredereth Sen Jago: the Cornish Society of St James of Compostela, are arranging the following events:

- 1) Saturday 6 May: Pilgrimage to St Michael's Mount. A walk from one or more of local medieval parish churches and by kind permission of Lord St Levan, owner of the Mount, to have a service in the Chapel on the Mount.
- 2) Saturday 27 May: 'Pilgrimage' Concert organised by member Jane Lofthouse.

Mount's Bay was the westernmost point where ships were licensed to take pilgrims to Santiago from Britain and also a place of pilgrimage in its own right. It still has a pilgrim beacon used to mark the path of the causeway.

Details of these two events from: Hilary Shaw,  
The Old Kiln,  
Port Navas,  
Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5RJ.  
Tel. (0326)-40562



19 - 21 May:

Pilgrimage and Romanesque

A weekend course at Urchfont Manor, Wiltshire, with tutors Jacques Paul, Ph.D, FRIBA and Catherine Oakes, MA. Fees: £57 to £63.

From the 9th century the Church emerged as a triumphant and unifying force in Western Europe. The revival of monasticism inspired by the reforms at Cluny, and the increased emphasis on the value of pilgrimage and the holy war as an aid to salvation led to a flowering of Christian art and architecture on a scale unknown since the Roman period. During the weekend the course will explore the nature of this artistic revival and its links with the social and historical events of the time.

For further details contact Urchfont Manor on (038084)-495.

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A Walking Holiday in France: Conques to Moissac, 11 - 25 June

As an experiment, a walk from Conques to Moissac, on the GR65, led by Pat Quaife, has been arranged for a fortnight in mid-June, from the 11th to the 25th, staying in comfortable one and two-star hotels, with luggage carried by taxi. There will be 9 walking days, 4 rest days and 2 travelling days (flying to and from Toulouse). Like the better-known Le Puy to Conques stretch, the GR65 from Conques to Moissac crosses some spectacularly beautiful and varied countryside. As well as Conques with its famous abbey church and the destination, Moissac, with its unique 12th century cloister, nights will be spent in Figeac, a well-known stopping place for pilgrims with its two churches and network of old streets, in the cathedral city of Cahors, as well as the hill towns of Lauzerte and Montcuq and smaller villages.

Confraternity members are invited to take part at cost:

£425 (with flights) or £325 (without flights). These prices include 14 nights dinner (traditional French cooking), bed and breakfast and all land transport. Single rooms, where available will cost slightly more.

Please ring Pat on (01)-883 4893 as soon as possible for further details.

## A Spanish Pilgrimage to Santiago - 22 July to 17 August

The Amigos del Camino de Santiago of Pamplona invite us to take part in a pilgrimage on foot in the summer. They hope to have representatives from all existing Associations and study together the problems of both pilgrims and of the Camino itself. If you would like further details please write immediately to Andrés Muñoz Garde, C/Sierra de Alaiz, no.3, 10º, Iz., Pamplona 31006, Spain. Tel: 948-240975.

## The Association Régionale des Amis de St-Jacques en Aquitaine

has arranged two walks in April and August to which Confraternity members are invited:

- 1) 23 April: a day walk from the 'Commande' to Oloron;
- 2) 13 to 18 August: a 6-day walk from Dax to Pamplona entitled 'Culture et Découverte'. Details from Odile Lutard of the Aquitaine Association at the Prieuré de Cayac, 257A - Av du Général de Gaulle, 33170, Gradignan. Tel: (01033)-56.89.47.92.

## An Exhibition in Switzerland

The Musée Historique de Lucerne is mounting a special exhibition on Les Chemins de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle en Suisse from 14 September to 19 November. The Museum is at Pfistergasse 24, Lucerne 7 and the exhibition will be open Tuesday to Friday from 10 till 12 and 14 to 17 hours, weekends 10 - 17 hours, closed on Mondays. The Museum has also arranged a linked series of lectures in Lucerne about the pilgrimage in Switzerland, and a day's walk in the steps of St James on Saturday 30 September. Further details from the Musée Historique de Lucerne, Casa Postale 164, CH-6000, Lucerne 7, Switzerland.

## León Conference Reminder

3 to 8 July are the dates for this international conference on The Pilgrim's Way to Santiago - Monastic Hospitality to be held at the Collegiate Church of San Isidoro. Papers will be in Spanish. Please apply to Dr H. Santiago-Otero, Departamento de Historia Medieval, Centro de Estudios Historicos, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, C.Duque de Medinaceli 6, 28014 Madrid.

## Confraternity Visit to Burgos, October 21/22 to October 28/29

Places are still available on this trip and members are asked to refer to the notice and form in Bulletin no.30.



## CONFRATERNITY DEVOLUTION

Since the middle of last year a number of tasks formerly undertaken by the Secretary are being carried out by Committee members and volunteers. While general enquiries and enquiries about meetings and events should be directed to the Secretary, Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 0UQ, tel: (01)-633 0603, other tasks are being undertaken as follows:

Treasurer and Librarian: Stephen Badger (address etc on back cover);

Bulletin: Pat Quaife (address etc on back cover);

Membership Secretary: Walter Ivens, 37 Holland Villas Road, London W.14 8DH. Tel.: (01)-603 3774.

Publications: Amanda Bath, 111a Englefield Road, Islington, London N.1 3LH. Tel.: (01)-359 1901

Ties and Sweatshirts: Susan Morgan, 6 Chapel Green Lane, Redland, Bristol 6. tel.: (0272)-733853

Slide Library: George McHardy, 48 Crescent Lane, London SW4 9PU, tel.: (01)-622 0420

Bibliography: Laurie Dennett, 24 Andrewes House, The Barbican, London EC2Y 8AX. Tel.: (01)-638 2612

Pilgrim Records: James Maple, 12 Donne Court, Burbage Road, London SE24 9HH. Tel.: (01)-274 8131.

Mailing List: Br. Anthony Brunning, De La Salle House, 24 Half Moon Lane, London SE24 9JU. Tel. (01)-733 2732.

Confraternity Album: Gosia Brykczynska, 48 Stanley Ave, Greenford, Middlesex. Tel.: (01)-578 1881.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER AND THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

#### Subscriptions & Banker's Orders

If you receive a form to renew your membership for 1989 with this Bulletin, please return it immediately with your subscription.

If you pay by banker's order still at the old rate, please ask your bank to update your order (£6 for individual membership, £9 for joint membership (2 people or family at the same address), £7-50 for institutions).

Thank you for your assistance.

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## TWO ALSATIAN PILGRIMS

Richard Maguire

Alsace lies at the heart of a network of pilgrim routes, the narrow plain between the Vosges mountains and the Rhine providing a natural north/south conduit for the faithful. However it is likely that there were spurs from the main routes up into the mountains to join secondary routes.

We know, for example, that at Obersteigen a hospice existed on the highest point on a route from Saverne whose goal, Mont Sainte-Odile, was and remains the premier place of pilgrimage in the region. Beyond Alsace, Compostela was not the only destination for pilgrims; travellers to Rome, even from as far away as Iceland<sup>1</sup>, made their way through the Upper Rhine.



The 12th century provides two examples of architectural sculpture in Alsace which purport to show pilgrims. Identification might be based on the presence of three attributes, a staff, a scrip or satchel and some sort of identifying headwear; the short cloak and broad-brimmed hat belong to later iconography. In the following examples two attributes are present; neither presents all three.

Believers on their way south to venerate the tomb of

Sainte-Petronille, the presumed daughter of St Peter, at Dompeter or to view a bone from the arm of Saint Cyriacus at Altorf, would probably have travelled through the small village of Odratzhiem.



Three of the four storeys of the former choir-tower of the church of Sainte-Marguerite are Romanesque. In the south wall of the second storey, set above a slit window, is the low relief of a full-length figure. The clumsy sway of his body suggests that he is walking. He clasps his pointed beard with his right hand and in his left hand he carries a staff, decorated with coils<sup>2</sup>. His conical cap bears a large cross. The treatment is crude and rustic.

A second example is more accomplished and belongs to a recognisably local workshop.

In 1049 the Alsatian Pope, Leo IX, canonized Richardis, the founder of the Abbey of Andlau, and ordered that her remains be interred in the new church then being constructed by Leo's niece/cousin, the Abbess Mathilde. In effect two different parts of the church sustained pilgrimages; the bones of the Saint set in a stone sarcophagus behind the high altar and the crypt which was dedicated to Notre-Dame-sous-Terre. While the first pilgrimage was largely confined to the Middle Ages, the second lasted into the 19th century. One Easter night in 1160/61 the church was destroyed by fire. Of this



building the crypt and the ground and first upper storey of the west end remain. Immediately below the cornice between the two storeys there runs a frieze occupying the north and the majority of the west wall of this part of the building. Largely constructed from red sandstone blocks, the frieze is 29.50 metres long and 0.6 metres high. Its course is articulated by corner pilasters and pilaster strips dividing the walls into a series of fields filled with fabulous animals, legends and moral tales. Immediately to the south of the raised section of wall, the lower half of which contains the entrance to the porch, a two-part panel<sup>5</sup> deals with the theme of the fraudulent measure.

A pilgrim, a large square satchel on a strap across his body, leans forward on a staff topped by a pommel. He appears not to be wearing any sort of hat or cap. A money-changer, enthroned on his treasure-chest, holds a balance in one hand and in the other holds aloft a coin. A winged devil in the top right-hand corner clutches at the banker's shoulder emphasising the dishonesty of the transaction. Will<sup>4</sup> has shown, citing the Oxford Bible, that the reference is to Deuteronomy 25, vv13-15, "Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight..."



Despite a date of 1130-40, the treatment of some details is archaic, the parallel folds, the double creases and the use of twin scorings to enliven surfaces. Nevertheless, the frieze constitutes the high point of narrative sculpture in Romanesque Alsace.

1. In 1963 Les Archives Départementales de Strasbourg published a catalogue which made mention of a little-known pilgrimage from Iceland to Rome whose route ran through Alsace.
2. Robert Will (Répertoire de la Sculpture Romane de l'Alsace, Paris-Strasbourg 1955, p 62) describes the feature as a staff and while a similar coiled motif appears in the guise of a pilgrim to St James in the cloister of Santo Domingo de Silos; the Odratzheim panel is so embedded in render that one cannot be sure that this is not the strap securing his scrip.
3. The relief is listed as No 39 in Robert Forrer's study of the frieze, "Les Frises historiées de l'église romane d'Andlau", Cahiers d'archéologie et d'histoire d'Alsace, 1931-1932, pp57-67.
4. Robert Will, Alsace Romane, La Pierre-qui-Vire, 1965, p 262.

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α PILGRIMAGE YESTERDAY AND TODAY; WHY? WHERE? HOW? by J.G. Davies  
 SCM Press Ltd, 1988. 274pp, illus., £14-95.

Reviewed by John Eade

This book, written by the former Head of the Department of Theology in the University of Birmingham, is a fine example of how someone can combine both intellectual skills and religious convictions to produce a refreshingly eclectic justification of pilgrimage for a primarily Protestant audience.

His book is even more remarkable for its defence of a practice which for long has been derided within the Protestant tradition. Indeed Professor Davies begins his account by quoting Martin Luther's celebrated assertion that 'All pilgrimages should be stopped' and judging by the demonstration in May 1988 against the National Anglican Pilgrimage to Walsingham a number of Protestants still share Luther's opinion. However, as

the later chapters of the book point out, Protestants have themselves contributed to the swelling numbers of pilgrims during the 19th and 20th centuries. Given his professional expertise, Prof. Davies is in a good position to demonstrate how modern theological developments can help to provide a re-interpretation of a practice which involves substantial numbers of contemporary Protestants but which so scandalised Luther and the 16th century Protestant reformers.

After a careful critique of medieval and Reformation approaches the author comes to define pilgrimage as a spiritual exercise designed 'to concentrate one's mind upon God'. The medieval approach towards pilgrimage is typified by the author in terms of feudal relations between Lord and master so that saints were seen as 'wire-pullers in the court of heaven, mediators or go-betweens, advocates pleading before a stern judge'. Therefore:

'... a vow to go on a pilgrimage, if a saint would vouchsafe a particular favour, imposed an obligation on the oath-taker to fulfill his undertaking as well as on the saint to accede to the petition and in this way the vow bound both parties'.

The author proceeds to argue that the growth of individualism associated with the development of 'modern' society calls for a different approach towards pilgrimage even if the role of saints 'and the images and relics connected with their shrines' is still to be celebrated.

'To be a pilgrim is to set time apart to renew faith and obedience by recalling how God has revealed himself to particular men and women in particular places. We open ourselves to the possibility that he will renew our lives. The bodily movement that a journey requires is an effective symbol of the intention to make a personal approach to God which is at the heart of every spiritual exercise.'

Pilgrimage is to be understood, then, as both a physical and spiritual journey which leads to a renewal of faith. In the last chapter of the book he outlines



a series of pilgrimage practices which draw upon the Bible and upon prayers, hymns, psalms and devotions, used, in some instances, by contemporary members of the Eastern Orthodox churches and by medieval pilgrims.

Although Prof. Davies acknowledges the existence of contemporary pilgrimages to Canterbury and Rome, for example, his principal focus is on the journey to the 'Holy Land' given its intimate association with the life of Jesus Christ. His perspective can be located, therefore, within the history of a Protestant re-discovery of pilgrimage which is skillfully outlined in the third chapter of Pilgrimage Yesterday and Today. The 1865 prospectus, for example, of the Palestine Exploration Fund, which was formed to support the work of Protestant biblical scholars, claimed that:

'No country should be of so much interest to us as that in which the documents of our faith were written and the momentous events they describe were enacted.... Even to a casual traveller in the Holy Land the Bible becomes, in its form, and therefore to some extent in its substance, a new book.'

Although his book is primarily directed towards a Protestant readership those who approach pilgrimage from other perspectives will find much to interest them in this wide ranging account. As many readers of this review are well aware the journey to a sacred place is full of pleasures and pains which need not be located within a 'religious' experience. Like our medieval ancestors we go on our arduous travels for a mixture of reasons and if you want to understand why we continue to be pulled towards Compostela and other sacred places Prof. Davies will help you. To what extent do we differ from the pilgrims to the Holy Land described by Felix Fabri in the late 15th century?

'It requires courage and audacity to attempt this pilgrimage. That many are prompted to it by sinful and idle curiosity cannot be doubted, but to reach the holy places and to return to one's home active and well is the especial gift of God.'

Read the book and find out.

\*\* This is a revised version of an article which appeared in The Tablet during the summer of 1988.

# THE WORCESTER PILGRIM

Frank Turner

In Confraternity Bulletin no. 20 (March 1987) there appeared notification of the finding of a pilgrim's body in an unmarked grave within the Cathedral of Worcester and that further research was being carried out. I have now visited the Cathedral for the second time in order to relate to members the findings to date. It is to be noted that whilst there are numerous examples of medieval pilgrim burials that have been unearthed in Europe, this is the first to have been discovered in England.

It was early in 1987 in the course of excavations at the foot of one of the central columns of the Cathedral that the fully clothed body of a pilgrim was found in a shallow grave. The skull and probably the had had been destroyed during some previous work, but despite this the scientific research that has taken place has much to tell us. As we have so often seen in statuary, stained glass or in manuscripts and early books, pilgrims to Santiago, throughout the Middle Ages adopted a long cloak and a wide-brimmed hat for protection against the sun, and, towards the end of their journey, against the rains of Galicia. They wore stout footwear and carried a long staff for aid in walking and as a simple weapon for their protection.

Now, for all to see, there is in the crypt of the Cathedral, behind glass, a life-size drawing of the pilgrim, probably based on the dimensions of his skeletal remains, together with and in place, his actual square-toed, knee-length leather boots, his staff and a scallop shell badge.

On the adjoining wall is a most informative description. The style of the boots dates the burial to approximately 1500AD. When one reads the information displayed, the painstaking research that has taken place can be appreciated.

In the Bulletin announcement of the discovery, it was stated that the pilgrim was dressed in leather but in fact his clothes consisted of a fine worsted wool cloak



worn over a closer-fitting woollen undergarment reaching to the top of his knee-length leather boots.

Scientific analysis of the pilgrim's skeleton reveals that he was a robust, thick set man of about 5' 7" in height. He had clearly walked long distances and the development of his right arm and shoulder indicates that he made good use of the staff in his travels.

Beside him in the grave lay his staff of ash (on display). It had been painted purple and had a two-pronged spike at the bottom. The top has something missing, perhaps his scap or gourd was attached there. Near this, and pierced for attachment was a scallop shell (also on display), the emblem of Santiago with which we are all so familiar.

There is a possibility that he may have travelled further afield than Spain, for in the shallow grave were found some twigs of palm. Had he journeyed to the Holy Land? These fragments of palm were the symbol of a "palmer" or a pilgrim to Jerusalem.

He appears to have been wounded in earlier life, possibly by arrows as there are three old wounds in the left leg below the knee and one in the thigh. He was aged about 60 and badly crippled with arthritis.

The quality of his clothing indicates that he was comparatively wealthy. From the information displayed one has a physical description of the pilgrim but there are many questions that will remain unanswered and will doubtlessly give food for thought to our members. Who was this unnamed man that earned the privilege of burial in the Cathedral? Had he, from his wounds, been a soldier in earlier life? Was he an important lay-person or a prominent citizen? Why was he buried in pilgrim garb? or did he habitually adopt this clothing, as perhaps due to his arthritis he could travel no more? Did he act as a guide to groups of pilgrims journeying south for embarkation at Bristol? We know from the pilgrim markings on the little church of St James Stoke Orchard, near Tewkesbury, that this was one of the south-



erly routes. The journey to and from the tomb of the Apostle in far-off Galicia, could, on foot take a year. Had it become too much for him? We can only speculate, but may all those who have retraced the Camino de Santiago, in relative comfort, or are considering such a journey, or studying aspects of medieval pilgrimage, try to visit this magnificent Cathedral and see these unique exhibits.

The crypt is open every day. Your visit will be rewarding.

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EXPLORE THE CHEMINS DE ST JACQUES IN S.W. FRANCE

Ancient tower-house (c.1620) to let fully furnished. Sleeps 6 comfortably (3 bedrooms) and more with camp beds. Two bathrooms, hot water, telephone, fridge-freezer, washing-machine etc.

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Albi, Cahors, Conques, Moissac, Toulouse (and also Rocamadour) all within easy reach of the house as day excursions by car.

Further information, brochure and weekly terms from:

Peter Button, Tressider House, 98 Greenwich High Rd.  
London SE10 8JE. Tel.: (01)-853 3887.

(Advertisement)

National Gallery Exhibition: Painting in Spain During  
The Later 18th Century

On the night members were enjoying tapas supplied by the Banco de Bilbao Vizcaya (thanks to Paul Graham), the Queen of Spain was at the nearby National Gallery enjoying another Banco de Bilbao Vizcaya sponsored meal, launching the 'Painting in Spain' exhibition. Among the exhibits are panels from the Chapel of El Pilar at Saragossa, which houses the pillar and statue said to have been presented there to St James by the Virgin Mary shortly after the Crucifixion. There are two versions of the scene by Francisco Bayeu and Gonzalez Velázquez - in both a scallop shell can be seen on St James' shoulder. The excellent 20-minute video contains several references to St James. The exhibition runs daily until 31 May; admission free.

1989 PILGRIMS

Eric Gobell from Chelmsford chose a rainy day (Tuesday 11 April) for the start of his pilgrimage to Santiago. He is travelling by bicycle via Caen and Poitiers.

Laurie Dennett set out on 31 March to walk from El Cebrero to Santiago. But she was snowed in at El Cebrero (something she has secretly always wanted) for four days and had to hire a Land Rover to get further west. After a night or two at Lugo she finally arrived at Santiago having done very much less walking than she intended. Both Señor Ballesteros of the Santiago Oficina de Turismo and Señor Suso of Suso's were in good form and send their greetings to Confraternity members.

Pilgrimage Advice

For those who cannot come to Oxford on 6 May, advice on walking, cycling and caravanning is available by telephone from various members. The full list now reads:

Walking: Anthony Brunning - (01)-733 2732  
Laurie Dennett - (01)-638 2612  
Jocelyn Rix - (0902)-335227



and a good kitchen. After the previous three days I felt as if I was staying at the Hilton.

I could describe all the refugios I stayed at but it would probably become boring. But, to be brief, refugios were often gymnasium floors, seminaries or old houses.

At Najera you can stay in a monastery below the cave-riddled red cliffs. In Villafranca thirty or more of us slept like sardines in a tent of polythene sheeting which was built on to an equally makeshift 'garden centre'. My own favourite refugio was a palloza at El Cebrero. These iron-age style round, stone-built, thatched houses are perched on a high, steep mountain. Clouds pour down into the valley through a nearby gap and the stars ... they are so bright that you feel tempted to pluck them from out of the sky. You sleep on straw here.

It can easily be seen that there is no 'standard' refugio. Some are relatively luxurious; some are near to medieval primitiveness; but all are memorable for one reason or another. Some make a charge; others ask for donations; some appear to be free. I never did use my Bivi-bag. The older refugios are listed in the red Guia del Peregrino (obtainable only in Spain, but can be borrowed from the Confraternity library) but new refugios are being created each year on the Camino. I also obtained a list of them from the Tourist Office at Estella.

Refugios may not be for the unadventurous pilgrim but the 'We're all in this together' camaraderie makes the effort to find them worthwhile. After all it is supposed to be better to travel hopefully than to arrive, and it is the people you meet on the Camino who make the pilgrimage special.

Speaking for myself though, I find it better both to travel hopefully and to arrive!

BON VOYAGE!

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Alan Leask is walking from Le Puy to Santiago, leaving around 27/28 April to arrive around 25 July. He would like to know if other CSJ members are travelling this way at the same time. Address: Prato, 20140 Petreto-Bicchisano, Corse du Sud, France. Warning: there is a postal strike in Corsica at present, so it's perhaps better to look out for a tall Englishman along the way!

John Hatfield is cycling to Santiago in mid-May from the Auvergne and would like to know if anyone else is planning a similar journey about this time. His address is: 9 Vicary Way, Maidstone, Kent ME16 OEJ, tel: (0622)-757814.

Roger Cocks and companion are back-packing and staying in gîtes d'étape and refugios from Aire-sur-l'Adour to Pamplona, leaving early to mid-July for about 2 weeks. They are seeking one or more companions. Tel.: (01)-740 6553.

### CONFRATERNITY SWEATSHIRTS

Now is the time to think about ordering your comfortable Confraternity sweatshirt for summer walking, running, cycling, sailing etc. The notice in the last Bulletin mentioned the shell logo and Confraternity name on both front and back. We have now arranged with our supplier that sweatshirts can be ordered without the logo and name on the back. They come in a wide range of colours in small, medium, large and extra-large sizes, all at £11-50. Susan Morgan can supply you with all the details (she even has a few in stock) and take your order on (0272)-733853.

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### New Institutional Member

We are particularly pleased to welcome the Bredereth Sen Jago (the Cornish Society of St James) as an institutional member of the Confraternity. The Secretary is a long-standing Confraternity member, Miss Hilary Shaw, The Old Kiln, Port Navas, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5RJ, tel.: (0326)-40562.

Cycling: Jonathan Ingham - (01)-727 3148  
James Maple - (01)-274 8131  
Pat Quaife - (01)-883 4893

Caravanning: Ted Harper - (0533)-414269

### St James On the Air Again

I hope some other members of the confraternity have also listened to the interesting programmes 'Spanish Testament' broadcast on Radio 4. In this series David Bean has travelled in the footsteps of the writer George Borrow, who in 1837 began his task of selling Protestant Bibles in Catholic Spain. The fourth of these six programmes concerned Santiago, the Cathedral and Borrow's quaintly bigoted reactions to St James; certainly from his writings he appears as a very negative pilgrim!

George F. Tull

### PILGRIM RECORDS

As many members are now preparing for their pilgrimages to Santiago, you are reminded that a pilgrim to the shrine of St James can take a Confraternity Pilgrim Record, confirming membership etc., to be stamped at monasteries, churches, town halls, cathedrals etc along the route as proof of true pilgrim status. These are available to walking and cycling members only, at £1, from James Maple, 12 Donne Court, Burbage Road, London SE24 9HH. (James Maple is also the keeper of the Confraternity Pilgrim Register and would be grateful if members who have made the pilgrimage but not yet returned the register form (or been sent one) would get in touch with him.)

### 1989 Pilgrim Companions

Phinella Henderson is setting out in the second half of August to walk from Le Puy to Conques, staying in gîtes d'étape, and wonders if any Confraternity member would like to join her. Please write to her at 10 Solon Road, London SW2 5UY.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Southern England

### Special Interests

Mr W.D. Morgan	47 Sandecotes Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset BH14 8PA.	General
Mr Colin H. Tovey	11 Robin Close, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 9DE. Tel.: (0985)-213618	Geography of the regions through which the route passes; history of places along the road.
Mr Tony Bambridge Mrs Diana Bambridge	20 Horwood Close, Headington, Oxford OX3 7RF. Tel.: (0865)-64527	
Mrs Celia Lane	West House, 12 West Street, Warminster, Wiltshire BA12 8JJ. Tel.: (0985)-213936	Medieval history
The Hon. Mrs Bryan Bourke	Dashells Dog Village, Broad Clyst, Exeter, Devon EX5 3AQ. Tel.: (0392)-61334	Medieval pilgrimages, route and spread of sculptural motifs
Mr Roderick MacPherson	6 Sun Court, Rye Close, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 5EG, Tel.: (0903)-501435	Romanesque architecture and art

### Scotland

Mr Robert L.C. Chalmers	Tassithill, Auchmacoy, Ellon AB4 9HN.	
Mr Edmund Mason Mrs Dorrien Mason	'Chestnuts', 33 Broadleys Avenue, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4LY. Tel.: (0272)-620256	

### Abroad

Ms Diane McDonald Dr Heinz Feibelman	Polopos 18712, Provincia Granada, Spain. Tel.: Polopos 18	Templar connections, ie churches, castles
Association Régionale Bretagne (CREC), (Madame Hélène Leroux)	Les Croix, 44880 Sautron, France.	
Gabriele Latzel	Grüner Weg 1, 4400 Münster-Wolbeck Germany. Tel.: 02506 7692	Publications and audio- visual materials (has this role for the German Confrat- ernity.



### Additions to the Library

- \* BONE, GERTRUDE: Days in Old Spain. An account of travels in Spain with illustrations 251 pp. 1938
- \* BORROW, GEORGE: The Bible in Spain. The experiences of the author while distributing the Bible. 795 pp., 1907
- KELLER, LEMON & KERR: How to cook scallops (US Department of the Interior 1964)
- MARTIN, HELEN: Le Lot, a travelscape of the department 305 pp., 1988
- LOPEZ, EMILIO GONZALEZ: Grandeza y Decadencia del Reino de Galicia. A history of Galicia and Portugal 313 pp., 1957
- \* STARKIE, WALTER: Spanish Raggle-Taggle. Adventures with a fiddle in N. Spain (from Irun to Madrid). 481 pp., first edition 1934.
- DIGBY STUART COLLEGE: 24 papers in typescript from an inter-disciplinary conference covering a very wide range of aspects of pilgrimage. July 1988
- SAMPEDRO, ELIAS VALIÑA: El Camino de Santiago, Estudio Historico - Juridico. Description of the legal status of pilgrims and detailed background of the route between Villafranca del Bierzo and Triacastela. 251 pp., 1971
- SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA. Everything under the sun, a travel guide by Harrap Columbus, 159 pp., 1988.
- DAVIES, J.G.: Pilgrimage Yesterday and Today; Why? Where? How? London, SCM Press Ltd., 1988. 274pp, illus. (See review on page 11.)
- CRAM, Leslie: Reading Abbey. Reading Museum & Art Gallery, 1988. (36pp, illus., bibliography).
  
- \* These items have gratefully been inherited from the Prudential. A complete list of the library is available in return for a large SAE from Stephen Badger, 154 Burbage Road, London SE21 7AG.

Mrs Mary Milne-Day Mr Rodney	19 Nassau Road Barnes London Sw13 9QF 01 748 1671	
Mr Joseph May	5 Ayot Green, Ayot St Peter, Welwyn, Herts	The pilgrimage as a as a walking route.
Mrs Anne James	3 Bowling Green Court, Hospital Road, Moreton-Marsh, Glos. 0608 51964	Interested in the English end of the pilgrimage
Mrs S C Degroose	The Rectory, Great Oakley, Nr Harwich, Essex, CO12 5BJ 0255 880230	Art, History, Music
Miss Jane Lofthouse Mr Richard Bowden-Dan	28 Disraeli Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9JD 01 534 2503	Cornish Music Guild, London Cornish Assocn
Mrs Alice Howells	Ty Pica Colwinston, Nr Cowbridge, South Glamorgan CF7 7NL	Walking, special deals for pilgrims, cycling
Mr Clive Swaffer	Room 5A Nurses Residence, Brighton General Hospital, Elm Grove, Brighton BN3 2EW	Shrines on the way, memorabilia of shrines and saints
Canon Donald Nicholson	The Convent of St Margaret's 17 Spital, Aberdeen AB2 3HT 0224 638407	Travelling to Compostela April 1989
Cmmndr Walter Blunt,	1 Barliath, Minard, Argyll PA32 8YQ	History of the Reconquest
Miss Muriel Furbank	22 Oakfield Park, Much Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6HJ 0952 727578	Romanesque architecture
Mr Brian McMahon Mr Brian (Jr) Mr Mark	St Flannan's Drive, Clonroadmore, Ennis, Co Clare. 065 22518	Cycling from Le Puy to arrive August 19/20 in Santiago. Like to make contact with other Irish pilgrims
Miss Lorna Newton	11 Palmerston House, Kensington Place, London W8 7PU	

Special interests

Miss Susan Cunnington	29 Orchard Rd Highgate, London N6 5TR Tel. 01 340 9552	Art history, music associated with the pilgrimage
Mrs Janet Hardman Miss Alice Hardman	48 Thorne Rd., London SW8 2BY Tel. 01 622 4036	church architecture; 1982 visit to France and pilgrimage churches
Ms Hazel Alport	4 Fisher Close, Greenford, Middx UB6 9UF	
V G & C R Cowley	3 Gainsborough Close Farnborough, Hants. Tel. 0252 524304	
Mr Patrick Lourie Mrs Margaret Lourie	35 Bankfield Rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 4RD	May attempt pilgrimage
Miss D V Goodier	74 Herondale Rd., Liverpool L18 1LB	12th cent. Spanish history
Mr Robert H Samuel	Hill End, High Close, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbott, Devon TQ13 9EX	Routes thro' France
Mr Edward Caffery	Lowgill, Worth Matravers, Swanage, Dorset BH19 3LQ	Shrines, military and ecclesiastical architecture
Mr David Steeds	Dept of International University College of Wales, Aberystwyth Dyfed SY23 3DB Tel: Aberystwyth 24637 311 (home)	Politics, History of pilg, exploring routes in France & Spain.
Mr Michael O'Hanlon	4 Marmion Court, North Berwick, East Lothian EH39 4PB Scotland	Spanish medieval history and arch.. Spanish lang.



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OXFORD WEEKEND - Concert & Sunday lunch

6-7 May 1989

1. The Musical Road to Santiago - lecture/recital  
by Mary Remnant.

Please send me..... tickets for the lecture-recital  
at £2-50 per adult and £1-50 per child.

I enclose £..... and stamped addressed envelope.  
(Cheques payable to Confraternity of St James)

\*\* I/We would like to eat before the lecture;  
please reserve ..... places.

2. Overnight Accommodation: see page 3.

3. Sunday Pub Lunch

I/We shall be joining the walk on Sunday and  
would like a pub lunch. Number of People:.....

Maps: if you would like a map and other details in  
advance, please send an s.a.e and mark it 'Map'. The  
same s.a.e. can be used for both map and tickets.

Name/s: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone number: .....

Please return this whole form to:

Marion Marples,  
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Special Interests

Miss Lorna Newton	11 Palmerston House Kensington Place, London W8 7PU	
Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison Mrs Louella	Maidenwell, Cardinham, Bodmin, Cornwall PL30 4DW 020 882 224	Riding the Camino summer 89 on horses to write a book on the Pilgrimage
Mrs Magdalena Stork de Yepes	El Valle, Fonte do Espino, 15179 Porto de Santa Cruz, La Coruña, Galicia, Spain 010 34 81 614769	Connections between Spain and Britain due to St James
Mr David Rowe	2 Melplash Road, Ipswich, Suffolk 0473 710409	Cycling
The Hon. Julia Stonor	90 Burnthwaite Road, London SW6 5BG  01 385 8528	
Mr Leslie J Newcombe (John)	The Hill Residential College, Pen-y-Pound, Abergavenny, Gwent NP7 7RP Tel. 0873 5221	organising study tours to Santiago and the route.
Sister Margaret Murphy	Catholic Chaplaincy 111 Gower St London WC1E 6AR Tel 01 387 6370	walking pilg in July 89
Miss Fiona Macaire	Nedging Hall Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7HG	mainly architec- ture and art, St Jean P deP to Sant.
Mr Eric Gobell	51 Gloucester Ave Chelmsford Essex CM2 9DR 0245 252788	Cycling mid April thro' France and Spain
<u>Abroad:</u>		
Ramon Castele	Av Chile 42-11-3 Barcelona Spain	Walking in stages, Barcelona to Santiago
Dr Leopoldo Cancio Dr Patricia Wathen	6772-9 Willowbrook Drive Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314 USA (919) 867 7647	cycling May 89











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