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President:
H.E. The Spanish Ambassador



1988, our 5th birthday year, was a very full one indeed. James Maple, in his chairman's report to the AGM, outlined the main events that took place - see page 4 .

Several changes were also made in the way the Confraternity's work is organised. The most important of these was the devolution from the Secretary to other committee members of various tasks. In particular Walter Ivens is now membership secretary and responsible for collecting subscriptions, Stephen Badger became librarian as well as Treasurer, and Amanda Bath became publications officer.

Three working parties have also been set up, (not restricted to committee members) and these, the Research working party, the Hostel Project sub-committee and the new Hengrave Hall sub-committee (details in the next Bulletin) have led to more members sharing in the work.

After 3 years as Chairman, James Maple, a member since the early days of 1983, has decided to stand down from the Committee. The only time James has missed a meeting has been when on the road to Santiago, and the Committee for 1986, 1987 and 1988 are grateful for his consistently calm, wise leadership.

The first Committee meeting of 1989 elected Marion Marples as Secretary, and I was honoured to be elected Chairman for the year. Stephen Badger was re-elected as Treasurer.

As you can see from the events listed for 1989 this year promises to be a busy one too; the new Committee will continue to care for the Confraternity and past and future pilgrims to the very best of its ability.

Patricia Quaife

SPRING EVENTS 1989

Thursday 16 March 7.30pm

(PLEASE note the different date from one given at AGM)

A Taste of the Pilgrimage

A social evening with Tapas and wine and a chance to view the slides which we have collected for the CSJ Slide Library.

Venue: The Grotto Club, Basement 24 Golden Square, London W1 (north of Piccadilly Circus)

If you think you have slides to donate but wonder if they would duplicate existing slides or if you have always been 'meaning to sort some out', or if you would just like to delight in other people's pilgrimages, this is your opportunity!

Price: £2 Members (incl Tapas) £2.50 (non-members)
Please return form on the back page to Marion Marples so we can have some idea of numbers.

Saturday 22 April

A Day in Malmesbury

All members and friends are invited to a day in Malmesbury which is being arranged by Geraldine Thomson-Glover and Susan Morgan. The Day will include a visit to Malmesbury Abbey, a guided walk around the town and a visit to the church of St James at Dauntsey (about 4 mls SE of Malmesbury.)

Lunch and Tea will be available at the Old Bell, next to the Abbey.

NB Public Transport only goes as far as Chippenham 10 miles south of Malmesbury. We are hoping that lifts can be offered from there, but if necessary transport will be hired.

A small charge will be made to cover expenses.

Please return the form at the back of the Bulletin to Susan Morgan, 6 Chapel Green Lane, Bristol 6 (0272 733853). Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for more details and confirmation of travel arrangements.

Useful train times :	Paddington	8.30 am		
	Chippenham	9.34 am		
Bristol	9.20 am	**	Chippenham	5.53 pm
Chippenham	9.45 am		Paddington	7.06 pm
Chippenham	6.04	6.34 pm		
Bristol	6.30	6.57 pm		

Saturday 6 May - Sunday 7 May

PRACTICAL PILGRIM WEEKEND

To include Practical Pilgrim at 11 am, a St James walk around Oxford in the afternoon, Mary Remnant's Lecture Recital on the 'Way Of St James' in the evening. On Sunday there will be a Thameside walk near Oxford all day. Accommodation will be arranged for those who wish - please return the form at the back of the Bulletin.

Saturday's morning and evening events will take place at Worcester College, by kind permission of the Provost.

Further details will appear in the ~~March~~ Bulletin.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Saturday 7 January 1989 was another happy and successful Confraternity event, with about 100 members attending. The business part of the AGM passed easily, and included tributes to Pat Quaife and James Maple for all their hard work. The new Committee members are listed on the back of the Bulletin. We print an abridged version of the Chairman's report below and Laurie Dennett describes the interesting talk by Roger Cocks and John Richling. The evening party was most enjoyable with excellent food provided by members, for which many thanks, and well-organised by Mary Ivens and Katherine Badger, assisted by a number of others. A short slide show of the year's events with contributions from Mary Remnant, Marion Marples and Ted Harper rounded off an extremely full day.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

James Maple

Not quite a year has passed since our 5th birthday AGM, and it has been a very active and fruitful year. The success of the Confraternity, which has grown from 300 to 400 members has depended heavily on the work of the Committee. Committee members have worked enormously hard to ensure that lectures and other events have been well thought out and organised. Most important of all has been the almost full-time job that Pat Quaife continued to perform for us all.

Much greater emphasis has been placed this year on devolution. Several working parties or sub-committees have met regularly. Some, like the Spanish Hostel Project and the Research Working Party, are long-term and need to see their work both as immediate and continuing in future years.

Because our Bulletin is so good I will assume that you have all read every number. I shall

not therefore go into too much detail about the past year but will highlight a few important developments.

Shall I start with what might be considered trivia? The tie (£6.50) and the sweatshirt (£11.50) for which we are grateful to Patric Emerson and Anthea Hopkins respectively. I understand that many of our great cathedrals rely heavily on the profits made by the shops within their precincts to keep going. In the years to come the Confraternity will be grateful to the tie, the sweatshirt and its own excellent publications, as well as highly successful books written by members - this year notably Laurie Dennett's A Hug for the Apostle.

I will now turn to more important matters. In April Professor Derek Lomax attended his first Council of Europe meeting in Strasbourg as our representative on the specialist Santiago Committee. Since then members have met twice at the University of Birmingham and this official Research Working Party has agreed on a programme of work which links with that of our colleagues in Europe.

At the end of September nine of our members attended the Council of Europe's conference at Bamberg on the pilgrim routes. This successful international meeting is well reported in the November Bulletin.

Walter Ivens initiated and carried out an excellent survey. This revealed the wide range of resources that exists within our membership. It is important that we know the interests and skills of our members and that if it is their wish we may all benefit from their skills.

The most important event of 1988 was certainly the magnificent reception held at the Spanish Embassy by our President, Senor Puig de la Bellacasa and his wife on the 17th March. I was particularly

impressed by the interest in the Confraternity shown by the Embassy staff. The First Secretary suggested to me that pilgrims might consider presenting their 'pilgrim records' at the Embassy ~~before setting out~~ for Compostela and receive the Embassy's official stamp and blessing. Formalities at the Reception were kept to a minimum but the Ambassador accepted a copy of The Pilgrim Route to Santiago which had recently been published by Brian and Marcus Tate with photographs by Pablo Keller. We are all grateful to the Ambassador for marking so significantly our Fifth Anniversary.

The Hostal Project will be dealt with later but I should like to suggest one way in which it might be assured of success. While we must work with the full agreement and support of the Spanish people and authorities, at the same time I believe some of us, who may have more time to devote to the project, should consider how we can help 'on the ground' in Spain in the future.

I have said that Committee members have worked hard. We are lucky to have another excellent Treasurer: Stephen Badger has brought a highly professional approach to our finances and implemented various modern procedures. I would like to thank Stephen as well for undertaking to run the Library, which is gradually becoming worthy of the name.

Two highly successful weekends were organised. I should like to thank Sue Morgan for all she did in Bristol to make us all so welcome. Our second weekend in Herefordshire in October was enormously enjoyable and educative and I know those involved will forgive me if I single out Marion Marples for all her careful planning.

Part of the Bristol weekend was the Practical

Pilgrim session. Helping and advising pilgrims is in my opinion an important role for the Confraternity. We intend to include the Practical Pilgrim in an Oxford weekend in early May, probably meeting in the beautiful grounds of Worcester College.

This year has seen several of our members making the pilgrimage to Compostela. I congratulate them all. It would be right to single out Paul Graham and Charles Paternina who went by penny-farthing and raised a large sum for Help the Hospices. Already members are making plans for this year. As I have said before 1993 is getting nearer and nearer. Do not wait until then before you take up walking or before buying your bicycle, or tandem-or horse. If you want help or advice, please ask. Several members who have made the pilgrimage on foot or cycle are only too pleased to talk to would-be pilgrims. I think it is a sensible suggestion by Jonathan Ingham that we should include in the Bulletin a list of members who are prepared to give advice.

We decided to keep a Register of Pilgrims - so far 23 have responded; no doubt before 10 years have passed Volume II will be needed!

May I now end on a personal note. I have greatly enjoyed being a member of the Confraternity since 1983. I then came on to the Committee and for the past three years have been honoured to be your Chairman.

It is my belief that the Confraternity will only continue to grow in strength if new members and new people become interested in running it. Certainly the practice of retaining the same Chairman year in, year out seems to be a recipe for disaster. I am therefore standing down from the Committee for the time being. The Confraternity is in good heart and the new Committee I know will ensure that you all continue to be well served in the year ahead.

WALKING THE CAMINO: Le Puy to Aire-sur-Adour
A talk by Roger Cocks and John Richling
Reported by Laurie Dennett

Over the past three summers, Roger and John, with a third companion, Alice, have followed the GR65 from Le Puy to Aire-sur-Adour. Thanks to their penchant for photographing the route and many churches and landscapes along the way (not to mention each other in unguarded moments) we were able to make a visual journey with them along some 500 km of the pilgrim route. One strong impression was of a great variety of terrain. Passing from Haute Loire into Lozere and Aveyron, the route crosses the Montagne de la Margaride and the Montagnes d'Aubrac and offers the walker, in contrast to these rocky challenges, easier stretches through woodland, scrub and grassy meadows before dropping down into the valley of the Lot.

Farther west and south the changes in landscape continue. The route passes through such towns of architectural interest as Conques, Figeac, Cahors and Moissac, but these really significant pilgrim halts were not permitted by Roger and John to overshadow to greatly the discoveries to be made in smaller places. We were told that in this region St James is often portrayed as a pilgrim to his own shrine, and representations of St Roch sometimes come complete with scallop shells. Slides of ancient bridges that must have borne pilgrim traffic, together with numerous hotels and bars named after St Jacques, combined to give the impression that the route is rich in reminders of the pilgrimage.

Parts of the journey in 1987 and 1988 were undertaken in less-than-perfect weather conditions. Intense heat is something pilgrims expect in southern France in July and August. (There was a memorable shot of Alice apparently about to take an Olympic style dive into a public fountain after a dusty afternoon on 'Le Chemin'. Infact, she was trying to get a drink). Heavy rain was more of a surprise. The response of our three travellers when halted by downpours in Cabrerets was to send their

rucksacks on ahead and take to Kayak and canoe - surely a novel form of pilgrim transport! Some of their accommodation was novel too. They arranged in advance to stay in gitesd'etape, which at an average of 30F a night were excellent value, and comfortable, as several slides showed. All in all, the account of their journey presented by Roger and John contained many useful hints for prospective pilgrims on the Le Puy route and with its personal vignettes persuaded us that even the arduous parts of the route had their lighter side.

CONFRATERNITY TRIP TO BURGOS 1989

October 21/22 to October 28/29 1989 (to be confirmed)

The Confraternity hopes this year to arrange a visit to Burgos instead of the normal two-yearly trip to Santiago. This is to give members the opportunity to see parts of the route they would otherwise only reach on foot or by bike!

We would fly from London to Bilbao, transfer by train to Burgos, and stay 7 nights at the Hotel Ciudad de Burgos. Days in Burgos would give time for visits to the Cathedral, Las Huelgas and a guided walk around the town. There would be trips on 3 consecutive days along the Camino to Santo Domingo de Silos, Santo Domingo de la Calzada and Castrogeriz /Fromista, by mini-bus.

The cost per person will be approx £350, including return flight to Bilbao, 7 nights B&B, 3 days hire of minibus. Single room supplement £25, otherwise accommodation is in twin rooms.

PLEASE return the form at the back of the Bulletin if you think you might be interested in this trip. A party of 20 would bring the price down to approx £300

Herefordshire Weekend, October 14th -16th 1988
by Alfred S. Peacock

Herefordshire has a special place for those who have travelled the Road to Santiago de Compostela and marvelled at the sculpture and architecture to be found along it. Sculpture of the kind we see in so many churches, both in France and Spain, is very seldom found in England, but Herefordshire, the destination for the Confraternity's autumn weekend, is an exception. It was appropriate therefore that we were joined by Madame H el ene Leroux, President of the Brittany Association of the Amis de St Jacques and her friend Madame Arlette, for the weekend.

As befitted all good pilgrims we met at an inn- our one being in the shadow of Hereford Cathedral. Food and drink were partaken, introductions made and we broke up into small groups to make our way to the various country guest houses to which we had been allocated.

On Saturday morning Kilpeck church was our prime objective. In the 12th century, Oliver de Merlimond who was steward to Hugh Mortimer, Lord of Wigmore, set out on his pilgrimage to Compostela and on his return built on his manor of Shobdon a church similar to those that he had seen on the Pilgrim Road. This church no longer exists, except for a few transplanted arches, but a kinsman, Hugh of Kilpeck, employed the same craftsmen to build a similar church at Kilpeck. This has survived in excellent order and is a riot of decorated stone. Mystical animals and strange men entwine on the south porch jambs, these all probably representing the fall of man. On the tympanum is depicted the Tree of Life, whose three arches represent the Triune Godhead.

There are over seventy carvings on the external corbels, all but two being secular in inspiration. Several are charming including a lovely dog and a rabbit, wrestlers, lovers and other subjects.

Inside six carved apostles, three on either side, support the chancel arch which is richly decorated with dog-tooth motifs.

From Kilpeck our route took us up the 'Golden Valley' to **Abbey Dore** where part of the old abbey church is now the parish church. The proportions of the building, even in its present state, are impressive and in its heyday it must have been majestic and hopefully brought some peace and prosperity to that part of the march of Wales. The monastery was founded in 1147 and the remaining parts of the church, the chancel and transepts, are 12th century.

Leominster, once a cell of Reading Abbey, came as a surprise. I do not think many of us were ready for the large minster, its treasures and history. A church was built here by St David in the 6th century and in 660 AD the Anglo-Saxon settlers founded a religious community. A church has been on this site ever since. The present building has twice been extended southwards, each time in a different style. The Normans built the first church in Romanesque style (1130), the first extension was Early English (1239) and the second Decorated (1329). A tiny carving on the Norman west door is in the Herefordshire School style. One of the Minster's treasures is a pre-reformation chalice but this was unfortunately not on view. A ducking-stool used on dishonest shopkeepers who gave short measure, and 'scolds' are kept by the north wall and were last used in 1809, the last time this form of punishment was used in England.

The main afternoon objective was the **Shobdon Arches**, all that now remains of Oliver de Merlimond's church. The three arches were transplanted in the 18th century from their original site to form a visual backdrop at the end of a grassy avenue of trees. The carvings have suffered badly from weathering and if not protected will soon be unrecognisable. The tympana depict Christ in Majesty and the Harrowing of Hell, both popular subjects on French and Spanish churches.

The present church, built in the 1750s, a superb example of 'Strawberry Hill Gothic', is painted inside in white and light blue and has the Bateman pew complete with comfortable chairs and fireplace!

By this time some of us were suffering from a surfeit of churches and refreshments at the **Eardisland** tea room were most welcome and we returned to our lodgings by way of more 'black and white' villages such as Weobley.

The pathfinding abilities of Confraternity members were put to a severe test in the early evening mist and darkness. Our Saturday dinner was to take place at Ty Caradog, a remote farmhouse in the Black Mountains, up many long, winding lanes. Only one car ended up in a ditch and we all arrived safely - to a warm welcome and huge log fire. The parlour where we dined (more than amply) seemed not to have changed since the turn of the century, and we are grateful to local member, Frances Edge, who joined us there, for arranging such a splendid venue.

A detailed black and white line drawing of a large, traditional stone farmhouse with a tiled roof, multiple chimneys, and a large front porch. The house is surrounded by a garden with various plants and flowers. A small path leads to the front steps. A few birds are flying in the sky above the house.

Welcome to Ty-Caradog

(Home of Caradog)

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Mr & Mrs Wood-Cole
Ty-Caradog Farm
Michaelchurch, Euseley
Herefordshire

Telephone Longtown Castle 284

'In all thy ways acknowledge HIM, and he shall direct thy paths' Proverbs 3:6

Sunday's visits are summarised by Pat Quaife and Marion Marples

Sunday morning was devoted to a variety of activities. Some chose Choral Eucharist at Hereford Cathedral, others walked locally near their guest houses and a third party joined Pat Quaife on a guided walk round historic Hereford.

This group met at the Cathedral's north door, which includes a pilgrim figure in its carvings- a reminder that Hereford has been a pilgrim destination for hundreds of years, the cathedral being dedicated to St Ethelbert and St Thomas Cantilupe.

Apart from its Cathedral, Hereford is also well-known for its almshouses. St Ethelbert's Hospital in Castle Street, founded in 1225, and the early 17th century Coningsby Hospital on the site of a house of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem were visited. The dining hall of the latter is a medieval museum, but was sadly not open on an October Sunday. Nearby were the ruins of Blackfriars set in delightful gardens- all quite ignored by the tourist literature.

At 12 noon we re-assembled outside the cathedral for the short drive to Fownhope, to St Mary's church to see the Herefordshire school tympanum, now placed inside the church to protect the carving.

After lunch, (see the next report), the convoy set off cross-country to Kempley and the Old Church of St Mary. Now in the care of English Heritage, it has not only contemporary 1130-40 frescoes, including a pilgrim figure but also 13th century wall paintings in the nave including the Wheel of Life.

Our final call was at St Mary's Dymock to see some 'Dymock' school of carving, with a Tree of Life tympanum.

Impressions of the weekend were also received from James Hatts (7½) and George F. Tull. The former writes:

On Friday I left school early to get the 2.00pm train to Swansea. I got off at Newport and got a two-coach sprinter on which you had to sprint for a seat! to Hereford. Then I went to Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. At 7.00pm I went to the Spread Eagle pub and I had a big bowl of spaghetti bolognaise and for pudding I had profiteroles with chocolate sauce. I was late for bed.

On Saturday I looked at Kilpeck church. We looked at about 6 churches and we had our lunch in a pub and we went to some more churches and we all had cream tea and then we went along a single track road to Ty Caradog we overshot the drive and got stuck in a ditch. At Ty Caradog the farmer's wife cooked us a wonderful supper I had trifol (sic) for pudding. I got to bed at 12.00 pm.

On Sunday I had beans on toast and a croissant. Then we went to church in the cathedral then we went to some more churches. We had our lunch in the Green Man pub. I had chips and a toasted ham sandwich. Then we went to some more churches and we came home.

George F. Tull summed up the weekend:

The accommodation at the Team Vicarage, Ewyas Harold, could not have been bettered: excellent food, a friendly warm welcome and as a bonus, the sight (through the bedroom window) of sheep coming down the hillside each morning to graze; real country sights and sounds at a beautiful time of year. To one who had not previously set foot in Herefordshire, it was a delightful weekend full of interest, historical and otherwise.

*** We owe Marion Marples our deep gratitude for arranging the weekend so competently and giving us a fascinating two days in one of England's lesser known counties.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

A PILGRIMAGE BY CANON ANTHONY LATHE & ARCHDEACON MICHAEL
HANDLEY: May 8th - June 17th 1988 from Caen to Santiago
by bicycle.

We went on two journeys. One was just under 2000 km by bicycle and the other was a spiritual journey inwards. Quite by chance, the time we spent away from England was exactly 40 days. We saw some beautiful places, met many lovely people, and lost our hearts to Spain and its people. We gained a growing understanding of the saying 'Con pan y vino se andar el camino', and did some preliminary research on the distribution of custard-based pastry - the Millefeuille of France and the Milhojer in Spain. We found that the area from Bordeaux to Leon seemed poorly served.

A list of birds seen between St Jean Pied de Port and Cape Finistere might interest birdwatching members of the Confraternity, and others. At any rate it makes a change from Baroque churches! The birds we saw were:

Shag, White Stork, Honey Buzzard, Black Kite, Red Kite, Griffon Vulture, Short Toed Eagle, Hen Harrier, Montagu's Harrier, Goshawk, Buzzard, Imperial Eagle (near San Milan), Golden Eagle, Booted Eagle, Bonelli's Eagle, Lesser Kestrel, Kestrel, Hobby, Peregrine, Red Legged Partridge, Quail, Pheasant, Moorhen, Lapwing, Common Sandpiper, Herring Gull, Kittiwake, Rock Dove, Stock Dove, Wood Pigeon, Collared Dove, Turtle Dove, Cuckoo, Barn Owl, Scops Owl, Little Owl, Swift, Alpine Swift, Bee Eater, Hoopoo, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Calandra Lark, Short Toed Lark, Crested Lark, Woodlark, Skylark, Sand Martin, Crag Martin, Swallow, Red Rumped Swallow (Meseta), House Martin, Tawny Pipit, Tree Pipit, Water Pipit, Spanish Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, White Wagtail, Wren, Dunnock, Robin, Nightingale, Black Redstart, Stonechat, Wheatear, Blackbird, Song Thrush, Mistle Thrush, Cetti's Warbler, Reed Warbler, Great Reed Warbler, Melodious Warbler, Dartford Warbler, Subalpine Warbler, Orphaen Warbler, Whitethroat, Garden

Warbler, Blackcap, Bonelli's Warbler, Chiffchaff, Firecrest, Spotted Flycatcher, Long Tailed Tit, Marsh Tit, Great Tit, Coal Tit, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Nuthatch, Golden Oriole, Great Grey Shrike, Jay, Magpie, Chough, Jackdaw, Carrion Crow, Raven, Starling(Pyrenees), Spotless Starling, House Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, Chaffinch, Serin, Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, Bullfinch, yellowhammer, Cirl Bunting, Rock Bunting, Ortolan Bunting, Corn Bunting.

It was interesting to see that many of the common British lowland birds were only to be found in the more mountainous areas of Spain. **Michael Handley** would be pleased to give more detailed information (including the journey from Caen to St Jean) if asked, and to receive reports in return. His address is 40 Heigham Road, Norwich NR2 3AU. Further information on the Millefeuille- Milhojer distribution would also be welcome.



Papal Visit to Santiago - August 1989

translated from Vida Nueva, 9 April 1988 by Frank Turner

It was during the Palm Sunday gathering in Rome that the Pope, in his homily before thousands of young people announced that he would be visiting Spain in 1989.

He has now confirmed that he will visit Santiago de Compostela on August 19th and 20th to preside over a world youth assembly. Pope John Paul's journey to the Galician capital will be a pilgrim visit, said the Archbishop of Santiago. The young people will be making their way to Santiago from every continent, but mainly from European countries, with a great number of them retracing the Camino de Santiago on foot or by bicycle.

According to Monseigneur Rouco, Archbishop of Santiago, the Pope has expressed his desire to complete the final part of his journey on foot and to follow all the pilgrim rituals, in company with other pilgrims, security precautions permitting.

The programme has yet to be finalised but there will be two important ceremonies. The first will be the culmination of the young people's pilgrimage, when they will witness their faith, give expression to the problems they experience, and receive a reply from the Pope. The second will be a Mass for all participants.

At the conclusion of these two days in Santiago the Pope will visit the shrine of La Virgen de Covadonga in the diocese of Oviedo. From Oviedo airport he will travel by helicopter to the sanctuary.

This will be the third occasion on which the Pope John Paul II will have been on Spanish soil, the first being in Autumn 1982 and the second at Santo Domingo for the 5th centenary of the evangelisation of America, during which he spent a day at the shrine of our Lady of the Pillar at Saragossa.

COMPOSTELA IN EDINBURGH

On Saturday 3 December, an all-day lecture/seminar "The Road to Compostela" was mounted by the Extra-Mural Department of Edinburg University.

It was led by Professor E.C. Fernie, Professor of Fine Art in the University and attracted more than sixty people including two Confraternity members.

After a lively and sympathetic outline of the reasons for pilgrimage and the importance people attached to relics, Professor Fernie gave a clear and balanced account of the Moorish/Christian situation in Spain and the development of the interegst.in Santiago, including the important role of the Cluniac clergy.

His main theme was a comparison of the close parallels in the art and architecture of the great pilgrim churches at Tours, Limoges, Conques and Toulouse with the cathedral at Compostela. His explanations and suggestions were well illustrated by many attractive and informative slides.

There were three valuable audience-participation sessions in which many interesting questions were discussed and in which people who knew some of the important places along the Camino(s) offered contributions. Few seemed to be familiar with any of the complete roads.

The opportunity was given, and taken, to outline our interests and activities and over thirty leaflets were borne off.

It is hoped that at Edinburg seeds will have been sown which will flower into greater interest and participation.

by Ian Tweedie

NOTES AND NEWS

1. Aimery Picaud's 12th century Pilgrim Guide

This medieval Latin document, part of the Codex Calixtinus or Liber Sancti Jacobi as it is also known, is the essential starting point for research into the Santiago pilgrim route. A parallel Latin/French edition has long existed (although it is not available at even the most scholarly bookshops in this country). Scholars in the U.S. including Confraternity member Annie Shaver-Crandell have been working on an English translation, with appendices on the monuments, but according to their publishers it will not now appear before the autumn.

However, thanks to **James Hogarth** of Edinburgh, members now have the opportunity of reading his excellent translation (with notes) of Aimery Picaud's Guide. He has kindly donated a copy to the Library and Stephen Badger has made several copies of it. If you would like to borrow a copy please contact Stephen at 154 Burbage Road, London SE21 7AG (Tel 01 274 8126). James Hogarth will welcome member's comments.

2. Pilgrimage and Study Tours 1989:

Usually the first Bulletin of the year includes details of pilgrimages and study tours. This year space prevents a full listing, but there are some interesting additions to last year's tours, including an all-coach (ie no flying) visit by Sharon Tours and a luxury train journey from Pamplona to Santiago arranged by Marsan's Travel. If you would like copy of the 1989 list please send a stamped addressed envelope to Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 0UQ.

3. Confraternity Cards, Ties and Sweatshirts:

The card mentioned at the end of the Publications list is a new one depicting a medieval pilgrim in a hurry. As always, there is no message inside and brief details about the Confraternity on the back. Very useful for quick notes to people and for helping to spread the news about CSJ. There are plenty of ties left, now available from Susan Morgan - see below.

Well-dressed members will be wearing one of our new sweatshirts this summer. With a shell logo (without the sword) and the Confraternity's name on the front (small), and back (larger). The sweatshirts come in small, medium large and extra-large and come in a wide range of colours: peach, yellow, Kelly (green), jade, grey, white, light blue, red, turquoise, mint, pink and aqua (all with black logo), and black and royal blue (with white logo). Samples will be on display at the March meeting. If you would like to order one, contact Susan Morgan at 6 Chapel Green Lane, Bristol 6 (Tel:0272 733853) and either enclose a cheque for £11.50, or by telephone, quoting your VISA card number, expiry date and your address. Please consider size and colour very carefully as the sweatshirt will be made to your order and will not be returnable.

4. Killorglin Centenary:

Mention was made in the September Bulletin of the Centenary of St James' church, Killorglin, Co Kerry, Republic of Ireland. Aileen O'Sullivan, who organised the exhibition on St James and the Pilgrimage, reported that a hugely successful week of celebrations was held in mid-September, with the Spanish Ambassador to Ireland being present on several occasions. The Confraternity sent a telegram of congratulations and gained several new members. "It was a week Killorglin will never forget" said Aileen.

5. Pilgrimage companions:

A retired American lady member would like to walk part of the route in southern France or northern Spain in spring or autumn 1989. Route and pace flexible. Contact: Elsa Rockelein, 85-11 Forest Parkway, Woodhaven, NY 11421, USA. Lowell Courtney of 4 Dhu Varren Gardens, Portrush, N.Ireland, would like to hear from anyone else interested in organising a pilgrimage to Compostela from Ireland.

***If you would like to make the pilgrimage (by foot or bicycle) with one or more other people, please send a brief note for inclusion in the Bulletin, giving dates and brief details.

6. Pilgrimage Advice:

If you are planning to walk or cycle to Santiago for the first time and would like some advice from a member who has made the pilgrimage, the following are happy to help:

Jonathan Ingham (cycling) 01 727 3148

Anthony Brunning (walking) 01 733 2732

Laurie Dennett (walking) 01 638 2612

James Maple (cycling) 01 274 8131

Other members willing to give advice please contact
Marion Marples 01 633 0603.

7. Christmas Puzzle:

The impressive coat of arms illustrated in the last Bulletin belongs to the Cathedral of St James the Great in Toronto, Canada. Only one member was bold enough to hazard an intelligent guess, but was too close to home in his identification.

8. A Request for help!

Laurie Dennett asks: Does anyone have slides of the following which they would be prepared to loan for a very short time?

a) Lourdes- general view of the crypt of the Basilica of Pius X b) Pilgrim Chapel- on route out of St Palais, exterior and interior views c) Any other pilgrim chapel? in the Pyrenees or other mountainous region, exterior and interior views. If so, please notify Laurie Dennett, 24 Andrewes House Barbican, London EC2.

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9. STOP PRESS: Leon Conference

We have just received some more information on the International Congress on 'The Pilgrim's Way to Santiago-Monastic hospitality' to be held in Léon from 3-8 July 1989 at the Royal Collegiate Church of San Isidoro. It seems papers will be in Spanish (no mention of translation facilities) but anyone may attend. Requests for further details should be made to Marion Marples or direct 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, Spain.

Additions to the Library

Kieran Foley, History of Killorglin: Killorglin History and Folklore Society, 1988. 128pp, illus. This is a specially bound copy, presented to the Confraternity, inscribed on an illuminated page as follows: To the Confraternity of St James, London, as a token of appreciation for the St James Exhibition, very kindly mounted on the occasion of the Centenary of the Church of St James, Killorglin, September 1988, from the Parish of Killorglin.

Vera and Helmut Hell, The Great Pilgrimage of the Middle Ages, 190 large format plates on the route with commentary. Full introduction by Sir Thomas Kendrick. London, Barrie and Rockcliff. 1966 (269pp, illus)

Jean Secret, Saint Jacques et les Chemin de Compostelle, Paris, Horizons de France, 1955. (146pp in French, illus). Classic work on the routes through France and Spain, esp the latter)

Romar Lopez y Lopez, Santiago de Compostela, the Pilgrim's and the Tourist's Guide, a pictorial and descriptive official guide. 9th edition. No date. 165pp (the most detailed guide I have seen to Santiago). Donated by Constance Storrs.

Brian Kemp and Cecil Slade, Guide to Reading Abbey, Friends of Reading Abbey, 1988. 5pp incl plan. (Useful and much needed guide to the Abbey ruins)

Manuel Vidal Rodriguez; La Tumba del Apostol Santiago, Santiago, 1924. (226pp, in Spanish, historical and archaeological review of the tomb of St James, the cathedral of Santiago and local sites.

M. Lugris Freire, Grammatico do Idioma Galego, 2nd edition, 1931. 187pp (A grammar of Galician in Galician) Donated by Constance Storrs.

Michael Craze, Lectures on Worcester Cathedral, 6 lectures given since 1980. 1988. Donated by Sybil Graham.

We are delighted to announce that two
former Chairmen of the
Confraternity have agreed to
become **Vice-Presidents:**

Robin Neillands James Maple

The names and addresses of new members
will appear in the next edition of the
Bulletin.

Please return the top part of the form to Marion Marples, 45 Dolben Street, London SE1 OUQ, with a stamped addressed-envelope and cheque where required, payable to the Confraternity of St James.

Thursday 16 March:

Please send/save me _____ tickets for A Taste of Pilgrimage
(£2.00 members, £2.50 non-members)

Saturday 22 April: see below

Saturday/Sunday 6/7 May:

I /We would like accommodation for the night of Sat. 6 May in Oxford

double _____ twin _____ single _____ (share twin if necessary) _____

Burgos Trip: October 1989

I may be interested in this trip and would like more details when available. _____

Name(s): _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

PLEASE return this part of the form to Susan Morgan at the address below.

I/We wish to come to Malmesbury on Saturday 22nd April
and bring _____ friends.

I/We would like to have lunch at the Old Bell: (number: _____)

I/We would like tea at the Old Bell: (number: _____)

I could offer _____ places from Chippenham to Malmesbury at 9.45 am

I could offer _____ places from Malmesbury to Chippenham after tea.

I could offer _____ places between Malmesbury and Dauntsey after lunch.

I require transport for _____ people at 9.45 am

I require transport for _____ people after tea.

I require transport for _____ people between Malmesbury and Dauntsey.

Please return the completed form to

Susan Morgan, 6 Chapel Green Lane, Redland, Bristol 6.

Remember to enclose a stamped addressed envelope for more details and confirmation of travel details. **Thank you.**



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