

# The Confraternity of Saint James



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H.E. The Spanish Ambassador



## CONFRATERNITY EVENTS AUTUMN 1995

**Tuesday 3 October - The Musical Road to Santiago de Compostela** - Mary Remnant's lecture-recital to be held at 11 Downing Street, London SW1, at 7pm, by kind invitation of Gillian Clarke. This event, which is strictly by invitation only, is in aid of the Rabanal Appeal. The Secretary reports a huge response and the committee has decided to limit tickets to two per applicant. Even so it is possible some members will be disappointed. Tickets will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and dispatched in September.

**Saturday 7 October - 'Ovaltine, the Pope and St James' -  
a walk to St Alban's Abbey**

In 1980 London Transport published a walk in the series *Country Walks* called 'The Pope, the President and Ovaltine', recalling the famous advertisement slogan 'The Pope and Bovril - the two infallible powers'. We shall follow half of this walk in reverse and encounter the Ovaltine factory and model farms, pass the birthplace village of the only English Pope, Adrian IV, and see the newly restored wall-painting of St James in St Alban's Abbey.

**Public Transport Travellers from London:** catch the 8.34am train from Euston to King's Langley, arriving at 8.58. (But check the winter timetable for any alteration.) The return will be from St Alban's so single tickets will be needed.

**Car Travellers:** meet at the church of St Lawrence at Abbots Langley at 9.30am. (Or come to King's Langley for 9am if you prefer, but note that transport back from St Alban's is more difficult than to Abbots Langley.)

For pilgrims coming by public transport the walk will start from King's Langley station at 9am. Edward III's palace and birthplace of his son, Edmund of Langley, lie below the town; Edmund and his wife, Isabel of Castile, are buried in the parish church. We climb out of the valley to reach Abbots Langley

and the church of St Lawrence, which is an alternative starting point for those coming by car (9.30am). From here we walk past the Ovaltine Dairy Farm, built in 1935 to produce milk for the manufacture of Ovaltine (and much used in advertisements), and on past Bedmond, where Nicholas Breakspear was born in c.1100. He visited here in c.1150 as cardinal, four years before becoming Pope. After negotiating crossings of the M25 and M1 we continue past the grounds of the National Rose Society, see the Roman walls of Verulamium, pass the Old Fighting Cocks Inn and up to the noble abbey church, now cathedral, of St Alban.

**Timetable:** 12.45 – picnic lunch or Cathedral refectory lunch;  
1.45 – guided tour of Cathedral (non-walkers very welcome to join in); cost: £2  
4.30 – refectory closes  
5.00 – Evensong

Please fill in the form at the back of the Bulletin if you hope to come on the walk or the tour, indicating whether you are travelling by train or car so that a car shuttle can be arranged back to Abbots Langley. Otherwise the return journey from St Alban's to Abbots Langley is by train and bus (times available on the day).

#### **21 to 28 October – Confraternity Visit to Navarre**

This visit is now fully booked, with a waiting-list of two members. Details of flights and hotels were dispatched to participants on 25 July.

**Thursday 16 November – The Routes in Spain** – new members particularly welcome. Full details in Bulletin 54.

7pm at St Etheldreda's Crypt, Ely Place London EC1.

**Saturday 9 December – Pilgrims and Pilgrimage – a Day Colloquium** organised by King's College London (Centre for Late Antique and Medieval Studies (CLAMS)) and the Confraternity. Professor Janet (Jinty) Nelson (a CSJ member along with husband, Howard Nelson) has been arranging

CLAMS' colloquia in December for several years and this year's is devoted to pilgrimage, with speakers including Professor Robert Bartlett, Dr Peter Linehan and Dr Mary Remnant.

### 1996 Events

**Saturday 20 January 1996 – Confraternity AGM** – the date for your 1996 diary.

**25 May to 1 June 1996 (approx) – Proposed Confraternity  
Visit to Ireland: Kerry and Dingle**

A visit to explore Dingle is proposed for the late May Bank Holiday week next year. It would combine sightseeing and walks along the long-distance Dingle Way and Saints' Way. The whole area has many interesting connections with Spain. Our guide would be Aileen O'Sullivan who now lives most of the time in nearby Killorglin. It is hoped the package will include flights from Luton to Kerry airport, return coach travel, accommodation in guest houses or small hotels, at a cost of around £250 to £300 per person in twin rooms. See later note from Aileen O'Sullivan later in this Bulletin. *Early indications of interest in this visit would be helpful for planning purposes; please complete the form at the back of the Bulletin if you are interested.*

## OTHER EVENTS

**2 July to 31 December – Chartres Cathedral: presentation of the newly restored window of the life of St James;** the text of the explanatory panels is provided by Humbert Jacomet, member of the Amis de St-Jacques de France and guide to the Confraternity in Paris in October 1994. (See also below)

**Monday 28 August – Walk from St Uny, Redruth to St Day  
with the Bredereth Sen Jago**

11.00 at St Uny, Redruth Churchtown, to walk across Carnmath and Little Carharrack to St Day. Bring a picnic and be prepared for rain or sun.

**Saturday 2 September - Gorseth Kernow, Marazion, Cornwall**  
Part of the Marazion Charter celebrations, the Gorseth will be held at the community centre in Marazion, site of splendiferous tea served to pilgrims after the opening of the St Michael's Way walk in May 1994.

**Sunday 8 October - Visit to Holy Wells in Cornwall**  
Meet at St Breward to see the recently restored well of St James. Then walk up Rowtor to see another recently restored one near the site of St Michael's Chapel. Pub lunch; car safari with some walking.

*For further information on the Bredereth Sen Jago  
and all the above events, contact Hilary Shaw,  
The Old Kiln, Port Navas, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 5RJ,  
tel.: (01326)-40562*

**16 to 17 September - Weekend 'jacquaire' in Troyes  
(Champagne)**

A weekend organised by the Société des Amis de St-Jacques en France, with visits to 'monuments jacquaires' (stained glass, statues of St James), museums, illuminations. For details contact Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier, 4 Square du Pont de Sèvres, 92100 Boulogne-sur-Seine, France.

**22 to 24 September 1995 - 6th Autumn University of the Chemins de Saint-Jacques at Aumont-Aubrac:** lectures, films, excursions on the Le Puy route. For further information contact the Association Européenne de Coopération Inter-Régionale, 42 rue des Saules, 31400 Toulouse. Tel.: (00.33)-61.25.57.31, fax: 61.25.59.33

**22 to 24 September - Pilgrim Prayer Days at Santo Domingo de Silos.** The meeting will start on Friday 22nd at 6pm and finish on Sunday 24th at around 3pm (after lunch). Pilgrims who have already been to Santiago and who are interested in attending should contact the magazine PEREGRINO at Apartado 60, 26250 Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Spain.

**20 to 22 October 1995 – Second International Colloquium on  
the Way of St James**

This second colloquium to be held in Bordeaux and organised by the Association Européenne de Coopération Inter-Régionale 'Les Chemins de Saint-Jacques de Compostelle' will be devoted to 'Confraternities of St James in Europe'. The social dimension of the European cultural itinerary will also be studied through five different workshops devoted to training, rural development, integration and education, communications, creative activities and traditions. The overall objectives of the colloquium are to prepare a corpus of confraternities of St James in Europe and to draw up a programme of activities related to the social dimensions of the pilgrim route in contemporary society. If you are interested in attending (good French necessary) Marion Marples has a pre-enrolment form, completion of which will bring you further details. For a copy please send Marion a s.a.e marked 'Bordeaux' to the office address. The 1993 Colloquium, proceedings of which are expected shortly, was a very worthwhile event and its 1995 successor should be equally so.

**27 to 29 October – Meeting of 1995 refuge wardens, Santo Domingo de la Calzada**, to reflect on 1995 experiences and to identify objectives for 1996. Further details from the magazine PEREGRINO (details as above).

**9 to 13 April 1996 – 'Anden los que saben y sapen los que andan'** – ('May those who know go and those who go know) – a conference on aspects of the spirituality of the pilgrimage organised by the Amigos del Camino de Santiago de Navarra in Pamplona. Further details in subsequent Bulletins.

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## From the Secretary's Notebook

### *Leicestershire and the Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela*

We are delighted to announce the publication on St James's Day of the first of the Confraternity's county guides, based on the work of the Research Working Party. **Edward and Marguerite (Ted and Peggy) Harper's** 32-page Leicestershire booklet is a clear and concise guide to churches dedicated to St James or churches with interesting artefacts related to St James and the pilgrimage in their county. Aimed at both residents and visitors the booklet is well illustrated and contains precise details on the location of churches, their opening hours, key holders, times of services, nearest stations, and wheelchair access. Notes on the historical background and possible routes, church dedications in the county and a bibliography complete this very useful guide. It costs £2-25 (or £2-50 overseas) including postage and can be ordered on the form at the back of this bulletin. If Leicestershire members have suggestions for marketing and selling the guide in places other than Leicester, I would be pleased to hear from you.

### **Library Loans (Vazquez de Parga et al)**

The 3-volume CSJ library set of the important work *Las peregrinaciones a Santiago de Compostela* (1948) is missing from our shelves. If you borrowed it and did not enter it in the loans book please let me know immediately at the office on (0171)-593 0013. Our edition has sentimental value as it belonged to Constance Storrs, who generously presented it to the Confraternity.

### **Calling Student Pilgrims**

We hope to have a mini-membership campaign for students in the autumn term, with special membership offers etc. If you are a student wishing to make, or who has made, the pilgrimage and would be interested in helping to spread the word, please contact me at the office



### **Madame Debril, Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port**

Pilgrims arriving in St-Jean this summer and autumn, please note that Madame Debril's new address is 27 rue de la Citadelle. If not there, she may be found at the refuge at no.55. Madame Debril, who is a fount of knowledge about the pilgrimage, is happy to stamp pilgrim records but she does not keep a stock of the Spanish 'credencial'. You are asked to avoid knocking on her door early in the morning or after 7pm.

### **Coach to Europe**

Eurolines (tel.0345-626452) has started a coach service through the Channel Tunnel between London and Paris. The trip takes around 6 hours and costs £49 return.

**Marion Marples**

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#### ***Note to Contributors***

*Contributions to the Bulletin are very welcome. It helps enormously if they are typed or word-processed in 1½ or double spacing, on one side only of A4 paper. If hand-writing is the only possibility, so be it, but please write clearly and observe the other requests above. 'One picture is worth a thousand words' runs the old adage so do think about illustrations for your article whether photographs (with clearly delineated people or building(s)), non-copyright line drawings eg of churches, or sketch-maps. Contributions should be sent to Pat Quafe, 57 Leopold Road, East Finchley, London N2 8BG (rather than to the office).*

## In Memoriam 1995

We record with sadness the deaths of three Confraternity members in the course of the past few months.

**John Humphreys** of South Wales was a modest and unassuming man who first joined the young Confraternity in 1984. His daughter recently wrote to say that he very much enjoyed his membership even though he was not able to attend meetings. Thanks to his eagle eye and his desire to help he tracked down in an obscure second-hand shop a large number of remaindered copies of Edwin Mullins' *The Pilgrimage to Santiago* which had then recently gone out of print. This happy discovery enabled us to offer the book to members and enquirers for several years at an advantageous price. Many of us have reason to be grateful to John Humphreys, whose passing we mourn.

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**Jim Blewitt**, whose untimely death at the age of 43 was mentioned in Bulletin 52 (page 45), is commemorated at Rabanal where a handsome painted glass panel now adorns the Refugio Gaucelmo library. Future MS Ireland walkers - and Jim Blewitt inspired many of them - will now have additional cause to visit the Refugio, to pay tribute to someone who was a driving force behind the annual Irish pilgrimages to Santiago.

**Dr Patrick Hurley** of Tyne and Wear died suddenly of pneumonia on 21 July, less than a month before his 69th birthday; he was also suffering from cancer. Only a few weeks earlier he had been in the Jura mountains in eastern France enjoying one of his favourite activities - walking.

Pat read medicine at the University of Newcastle and, after qualifying, had two years with the RAF in Vienna, followed by two years as a general practitioner at Barton-on-Humber. From 1955 until his retirement in 1991 he practised medicine

in Felling, a major suburb of Tyneside. In the mid-1960s he went to Afghanistan with a climbing expedition from the University of Newcastle as their medic. This inspired him to undertake further climbs in Europe and Britain, until his later years when he turned to walking. In 1992 he made the pilgrimage to Compostella from Le Puy, walking all of the 921 miles - an event which he subsequently described as a watershed in his life.

Pat was a stalwart supporter of all the activities of the Confraternity, particularly those in the North. His funeral on Wednesday 26 July was attended by the best part of 400 people, including four CSJ members, Alison Raju, Ann and Simon Clark and myself. Walker, keen photographer, local historian, as well as a dedicated doctor, Pat Hurley was a man of many talents who will be very much missed by all who knew him. A great character; a great person. I am proud to have known him. May he rest in peace.

**Barry Humpidge**

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Son tres días,  
Hoy,  
Mañana,  
Y tuve ayer.

Son tres días,  
Ayer,  
Mañana,  
Y tengo hoy.

Son tres tiempos,  
Ayer,  
Hoy,  
Y con Dios, tendré mañana.

Patrick Hurley, 6 vi 94

# Spring News (1995) from Rabanal

David Wesson

The opening months of the 1995 season have seen the most significant improvements in the facilities available in the Refugio Gaucelmo since it first opened in June in 1991. The first, and the most obvious to everyone, was the provision from day 1 this year of hot showers for the pilgrims. These were welcome from the start but, after a hot spell which lasted throughout the first three weeks of April, winter returned with a vengeance on the 21st, complete with gale-force winds, snow and frost, and then they were doubly welcome. Pilgrims during this cold spell included a couple from Denmark. He had been to Rabanal in 1994 and had spent the walk from Astorga this time conditioning his wife to the prospect of the rigours of the famously cold showers in the refugio. Their joint relief at finding the change in facilities and temperature was a joy to behold. There was a downside to hot showers. People stayed in the freezing water for a very short time. Not so when it's hot. This means they use much more water, which revealed a previously unknown problem for the excess water flowed under the shower doors and on into the dormitory. The fitting of shower curtains inside the cubicles solved this difficulty.

The same change back to cold weather also highlighted the second major improvement: the fitting of a new wood-burning stove in the 'salón'. Its efficiency is remarkable not only in making the salón a much pleasanter place but warm air from it is ducted into the dormitory above in sufficient quantity to take the chill off the air. The two bunks adjoining the duct instantly become the best beds in the house!

The third improvement which pilgrims will notice is that the barn is now tiled throughout. This not only makes it a much better storage area for bicycles but it means that in the peak months it will provide space for a dozen extra bunk beds in the far section, and extra floor space under cover when they are all taken.

### **The Ted Dickinson Room**

The fourth major change, and in many ways the most dramatic, will not be seen by the pilgrims at all, and that is the conversion, in mid-April, of the room next to the warden's quarters into a bathroom, and a luxury bathroom at that. Floor and walls are completely tiled; the fixtures comprise shower, fitted washbasin, bidet, w.c. and an automatic washing machine. Only previous wardens will be able fully to appreciate the extent to which this is the biggest single improvement to have been effected since the Refugio first opened. No longer that long trek along the corridor, down the stairs and across the patio to use facilities which more properly belong to the pilgrims, particularly in the busy months. Suddenly wardens feel they have a rightful place, and that their services are that much more appreciated.

I would like to think that this marvellous facility could be known as 'The Ted Dickinson Room' since it is the room he slept in and which he was very happy to share with Barry Aston on the visit which proved, tragically, to be his last to Rabanal and the Refugio. That was as a member of the Barn Working Party in 1992. It would be a fitting tribute to a wonderful person who enjoyed very much being in the Refugio and in the village even though, as always, he played down his own contribution which was in fact considerable.

### **Memorial to Jim Blewitt**

The morning of May 26th saw the arrival at the Refugio of a group of 47 Irish pilgrims led by Bert Slader and Lorna Mitchell. Bert leads such a group every year. They complete 10 selected stages of the Camino and, in the process, raise considerable amounts of money for the Irish Multiple Sclerosis Society. They have visited Rabanal before but this time it was for a very different purpose since it was to present to the Refugio a stained-glass window as a memorial to a man who was a driving force in MS Ireland and a regular member of these annual pilgrimages. Jim Blewitt, who was also a Confraternity member (see Bulletin 52, page 45) died of a heart attack earlier this year at the tragically early age of 43.

Regular pilgrim he may have been, but ordinary, clearly, he was not. In his speech at the formal presentation Bert Slader recalled a kind and gentle man who inspired others, a man whose sole concern was always for others, and for their welfare. A man of rare gifts, the perfect companion, a true pilgrim. Bert said that the occasion was intended to be not a wake but a celebration of the life of Jim Blewitt. For many of those present, long-standing friends of Jim this was clearly easier to say than sustain and it was an occasion highly charged with emotion.



*David Wesson (right) accepts the Jim Blewitt memorial from Frank Muldowney (left), Bert Slader and Lorna Mitchell*

I accepted the window on behalf of the Committee and the Confraternity and formally welcomed the group to the Refugio. They were invited to look around and to partake of the refreshments provided by the resident wardens for May, Max and Ida Rittler from Switzerland, with assistance, as always, from the Madrileñas, Charo and Asumpta. Certainly the tea and coffee, not to mention the wine, helped to raise the spirits of our visitors and, as they left, I felt that Bert's objective had been achieved and that it was indeed the celebratory aspect of the occasion that had prevailed.

### **Pilgrims and More Pilgrims ...**

So far 1995 is proving to be much busier than last year, second only to the Holy Year of 1993 in terms of pilgrim numbers. In April there were 203 (105 in 1994) and in May 366 (261 in 1994). As always the whole world is beating a parth to Santiago with visitors to Rabanal and the Refugio from more than 20 different countries already, including Angola, Ivory Coast and Finland (all 'firsts', and the young man from Angola almost certainly the first black African on the Camino). Other 'rarities' include pilgrims from Bolivia, Venezuela and Russia. The UK has been relatively well represented in these early months and Confraternity members passing through have included Maurice and Marigold Fox, who had just walked from Seville on the Vía de la Plata; John and Shirley Snell on bicycles and John and Audrey Timmins from Derbyshire. He is 75, she 69 and having walked from Le Puy to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port last year they were en route from Saint-Jean this year. Their ambition was to reach Santiago for June 16th so that they could celebrate their Golden Wedding in appropriate style! I was delighted to hear that this duly happened.

### **Wedding Bells**

The social event of the year took place on May 14th when Chonina's youngest son, Miguel-Angel, married his girl-friend of many years, Pili. The ceremonies included many Maragato traditions, starting with a 'ronda' around Rabanal led by Maxi (the Maragato drummer) playing his flute and drum. The wedding itself took place in Pili's home village of Murias de Pedredo, and although there were probably over 200 people packed into the village church there were as many again waiting outside. So much for a small village wedding! The bride arrived at 12.30 to the second and after the ceremony there were more traditional customs enacted in and around the village before we adjourned to Riego de la Vega for the reception. When I had asked Miguel Angel soon after my arrival why it was being held so far away (8kms south of Astorga) his reply was that there wasn't a room big enough in Astorga. In the event I saw what he meant, for some 300

people sat down to a six-course banquet that lasted over three hours, with unlimited servings and drink. This was followed by music and dancing that lasted until 2am (all without a single moment's break for bride or groom since the previous noon - not that they minded for afterwards they went on to 'karaoke' in Astorga until 6.30am).

Among the guests at the wedding were six former wardens from Gaucelmo: Etienne and Nelly van Wonterghem Teirlink, George and Katrien Philips, plus Diane and I. I had thought it surprising enough that the date of the wedding coincided with my birthday, but it also turned out to be Etienne's too! So we were able to stand up and sing 'Happy birthday to us' ...

### **A 'Hostal' for Rabanal**

Finally, I can report that Antonio's (of the nearby Bar/Mesón Refugio) new establishment, the 'Hostería el Refugio' opened on schedule on May 25th. It is graded 1-star and is a very impressive addition to the facilities in Rabanal. It has 16 en-suite rooms with telephone, and TV if required. The total capacity is 25 people. A feature of the lounge is a particularly fine oil painting of the Refugio itself by an Asturian artist. At the time I left, the brochure had not been printed or final prices settled (they were talking around 6000 pesetas). The main feature of the building is that it looks traditionally built from the exterior, with stone cladding and roof tiles like those on the barn; inside too has a traditional feel. 'I don't like modern design', said Antonio when I complimented him on the end product.

And that's about all from that quiet little village in the Montes de León.

### **Note from Walter Ivens**

In addition to the very fine painted glass memorial to Jim Blewitt, the Irish MS pilgrims have also made a most generous donation to the appeal fund. The money has been used to buy a washing-machine for the wardens' bathroom - chosen by our good neighbours, Charo and Asumpta. We thank everyone who contributed to these items, particularly Bert Slader and Lorna Mitchell.



## Now and Then (1974)

Barry Aston

In the summer of 1974 I walked from Valcarlos on the French frontier to Santiago de Compostela, and twenty-one years on provides an opportunity to reflect on my experiences and offer some comparisons, as far as I am able, with those of today's pilgrims.

Clearly Spain has changed. From the point of view of the long-distance walker the towns and cities are bigger and the highways are wider and more intrusive on the landscape and on the physical comfort of those walking along certain sections of the Camino. However, the greatest change has been the burgeoning interest in the Camino, immediately apparent from the 6,437 pilgrims overnighing at the Refugio Gaucelmo in 1993, and in the plethora of information, both practical and cultural, available to the intending pilgrim.

People walk the Camino from various motives and I shall attempt to explain mine. I first visited Spain in 1958 and subsequent years in my long summer vacations. The highlight of these years was a visit to the caves at Altamira where the old custodian switched off the electric light and held up a smoky candle pronouncing, 'La luz verdadera de los prehistoricos'. I next visited Spain in 1972 to find that the country had changed beyond belief. Altamira, for example, was no longer in an isolated meadow but a huge car park chocked with tourist buses. I resolved then to renew my acquaintance with Spain before it changed even further.

The most intimate form of travel is on foot and the footpath existed: the famous Camino de Santiago. I knew that the Camino crossed the Pyrenees and passed through Pamplona, Burgos and León to Santiago, but more than this was difficult to ferret out. All that I could find in English was one chapter in Sacheverel Sitwells's *Spain* though I knew of the existence of

Walter Starkie's book and of an unpublished MA thesis in London University Library. This left the Spanish Institute library in Eaton Square where I was fortunate to find several books in Spanish detailing the route. From these books (the titles of which I failed to note) I copied into a spiral notebook the names of every town and village referred to in sequence, in the belief that once started I would be able to ask my way to the next village. Maps were even more elusive than books. Stanfords had a huge selection of 'mapas militares' but these were on an enormous scale and I would have needed hundreds. They were also very expensive. The road maps I had at home showed roads linking most of the places in my notebook except between Burgos and León and between Astorga and Ponferrada. Still, I reasoned that if there were villages then so must there be local roads too insignificant for my grand map. Such proved to be the case. Finally, I was anxious about the availability of accommodation in the remoter areas.

I arrived in Spain in early July and had my first piece of luck with the discovery in a Pamplona bookshop of *Rutas Jacobeas* by Eusebio Goicoechea Arrondo. This, among its many virtues, listed all the accommodation available along the Camino and was the answer to a pilgrim's prayer in spite of its great weight. I walked alone for the first five or so days, mostly along paved roads as any attempt to leave the highway resulted in getting hopelessly lost as there was no waymarking at all. There is little to say about the actual walking that is not summed up in R.L. Stevenson's observation that I do not know what was more pleasurable, to put my pack on in the morning or to take it off in the evening. In Estella I had my second piece of good fortune when I met Alain, a French pilgrim who had walked via the Somport and Jaca. We continued to Compostella together and were very fortunate to meet as our routes converged only a short distance to the east of Estella and we could easily have been separated by a couple of days. Not only did we not meet any other walkers but we were never told of any apart from a group of Dutch who had passed about a week ahead of us. Alain was a member of the Société des Amis de St-Jacques de Compostelle and had an up-to-date

guide book of theirs, most notable for its information on the location of good drinking water (a veritable source book). This saved us from the ravages of thirst but did not prevent us getting lost, most horrendously between Navarrete and Nájera and between Villafranca Montes de Oca and San Juan de Ortega.

When we arrived in Rabanal the fonda, now Chonina's Bar Santiago de Compostela, was full and all other accommodation was occupied by forestry workers billeted in the village. There was nothing to be done until the village 'presidente' returned from his daily work. The 'presidente' received us coolly and very reluctantly allowed us to sleep on the floor of the disused village school. It was 18 years later, when with a working party at the Refugio Gaucelmo, that I learned the reason for this cold reception. One evening in Chonina's I recognised Maximiliano as the former 'presidente' and he remembered the incident when I spoke of it. The reason for the uncharacteristic welcome had been the offensive behaviour of a group of foreign walkers the previous week who, amongst other things, had mutilated a portrait of Franco hanging in the old school.

When we arrived in Compostella I was happy merely to have achieved my goal. Alain, however, was better informed and we presented ourselves, lean and travel stained, at the sacristy of the Cathedral and received our 'compostelas'. In those days before philately there were no problems about this, merely some polite enquiries about our journey. We stayed in a Franciscan monastery, then used as a university residence, close to the Cathedral and were the sole residents of the enormous place. This, apart from the floor in Rabanal, was the only non-commercial accommodation that I used, not from choice but because none other existed. Along the way I saw things now long past: for example, wheat being harvested by sickle (Villambistia), and by primitive binder (west of Carrión) and on several occasions I saw the once ubiquitous 'era' (threshing floor) still in use. I saw few ox-carts east of Astorga, though there were plenty west of there and the eerie



*Bread oven and ox-plough near Sarria (1974)*

noise made by a cart pulled by a team of eight up a near-perpendicular track east of El Cebrero was audible for about 45 minutes before we passed it.

I am pleased that I made my pilgrimage when I did, although, paradoxically, I think that the experience of pilgrims today, sharing the road and accommodation with hordes of diverse companions, is closer to that of our medieval counterparts than was my solitary meandering. I am also pleased that my interest in the Camino de Santiago is now shared with so many and I am grateful to the founders of the Confraternity for their vision and energy in promoting this interest and providing a focus for it.

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## The Tale of the Pilgrim Staff *or* 'Un nouveau miracle de St-Jacques'

Once upon a time, not all that long ago, there was a very kind man who lived in the depths of the county of Norfolk. In the winter this is a cold and snowy place and to pass the time the kind man, who was very interested in pilgrimages, used to make special walking sticks for pilgrims. In mid-January he would make the long journey to London, with several of his very special sticks, and go to St Alban's at Clerkenwell for the annual general meeting of a society that dedicated itself to the pilgrimage to St James of Compostella, in far-off Galicia in north-west Spain. Every year the society had a raffle at this meeting and the kind man gave his sticks as raffle prizes. The winners of a pilgrim stick, or staff, as it should really be called, were always delighted with their prizes, took great care of them and used them on their next pilgrimage.

One year there was a member of this society who was most disappointed that she had not won one of the kind man's pilgrims staffs in the raffle. So he offered to make her one specially - even made to measure - and a few weeks later the postman delivered a long and interesting parcel to her little house in north London. She unwrapped the package with great excitement and was very pleased indeed to have her very own pilgrim staff. (She didn't always wear suitable boots when on pilgrimage and really needed a stick to help her over streams or muddy stretches, and to wave at large, barking dogs.)

The kind man had thoughtfully enclosed a note telling her exactly what her new pilgrim staff was made of and where the different bits had come from. This seemed so original that the new owner copied the information on to a sticky label and attached it to the top of her staff, thus making it even more

original. The label read:

ferrule - Birmingham	antler - Scotland
hazel-stick - Wales	buckhorn - South Africa
glue - Norwich (Sainsbury).	

And so it was a most unusual staff but, best of all, about a third of the way down the Welsh hazel stick was a tiny silver image of St James of Compostella which the kind man had cleverly stuck into a notch on the stick. He had in the past visited the city of Santiago de Compostela where many merchants sell mementoes of St James to pilgrims and visitors.

For quite a long time the new owner kept her pilgrim staff in the kitchen, where she could see it every day. But pilgrim staffs, which often have minds of their own, really like to be used and one day last spring the owner decided that she would take it with her on a pilgrimage walk from Le Puy to Conques, the very first stage of the long road to Santiago de Compostela. The pilgrim staff was very excited about this, as at last it was going to be used for the purpose intended by its maker in Norfolk.

So one day in late May owner and staff made the long journey to Le Puy, by tube, aeroplane and coach, accompanied by some other pilgrims who were also going to walk from Le Puy to Conques. The owner, who has a reputation for carelessness, nearly left the pilgrim staff in the coach but remembered it just in time, much to the relief of the staff, who had not at all liked the idea of languishing in a coach somewhere in France.

The next morning, in Le Puy, the owner had a lot to do. She had to make sure that all her companions knew where to buy their picnic food, where to find the Cathedral and where to meet when it was time to start off. On her back she had a small rucksack, over one shoulder a map-case and in her right hand her new pilgrim staff. She too had to buy her picnic for the day and soon she was holding not only half a 'baguette', but cheese, a tomato and some fruit. Suddenly she

remembered she had left her sun-cream at home and looked around for a pharmacy that was open on a Sunday. So many things to do in a short time and so many different objects to hold and look after. When it was time to meet her companions on the steps of the Cathedral of Le Puy (from where pilgrims have set off for over a thousand years) she realized, to her horror, that she no longer had her precious pilgrim staff in her right hand. Where could she have left it? How could she have forgotten it the very first time it had come to France with her? Could she keep her companions waiting while she re-traced all her steps? There was just time to return to one place - a tiny Casino supermarket - but, no, it wasn't there, and she felt more mortified than ever. It was now after 11am and her group of pilgrims had a long way to go to St Privat d'Allier, some 21 kilometres further on, and she knew they mustn't wait any longer. She felt very sad indeed as they climbed out of Le Puy and thought she was never going to see her special pilgrim staff again. Her only comforting thought was that as Le Puy was a pilgrimage town anyone who found her staff might recognise it for what it was and keep it carefully or even hand it in to the lost property office.

The small band of pilgrims walked nearly every day on their long journey and in the fullness of time reached the wondrous village of Conques where the abbey church of Ste Foy (St Faith) remains hidden from walkers until the very last minute. On the way the owner of the pilgrim staff had found a stick in a forest and used it to help her over difficult and muddy stretches, but it wasn't at all the same as having her very own staff and she felt most ashamed of her carelessness in Le Puy. At Conques she left her forest stick discreetly beside the Romanesque church and asked St Faith to help her recover her pilgrim staff.

Then she remembered that this year the pilgrim coach would be taking her group back not to Montpellier (as normally happened) but to Lyon airport, and would be travelling via Le Puy where they were to stop for an hour. That gave her an idea and as soon as they arrived in the town she went

straight to the Hotel Bristol where they had stayed a fortnight earlier. The hotel was run by a very friendly couple called Guy and Annick. Annick, who was on duty when the owner of the staff arrived, was most understanding and said that she had a friend who worked in the 'mairie' of Le Puy and would ask her to look in the mairie's lost property office.

Two days later the pilgrim staff owner telephoned the hotel to see if by any chance her special staff had been found. It was Guy who answered the telephone and he told her that although the staff was not in the lost property office he had contacted Le Puy's local newspaper, *L'Eveil du Puy* and talked to one of their journalists, Jean Grimaud, about the English pilgrim's missing staff and how precious it was. Monsieur Grimaud had agreed to write a piece in his newspaper in the hope that whoever now had the staff might read about it and return it to Guy and Annick.

Later that week the telephone rang in north London and when the owner picked it up she found it was Guy, who sounded very excited. 'Tiens, un nouveau miracle de St-Jacques', he said, 'the pilgrim staff has been found and do you know where you left it?' 'Non' said the owner, also getting very excited. 'Well, you left it right next door to the hotel, in the pharmacy, where you bought some sun-cream. The 'pharmacien' read the piece in *L'Eveil* and came straight in with your staff.' Guy had told Jean Grimaud the good news and Jean had written another short piece for *L'Eveil* to tell all its readers in Le Puy that the pilgrim staff had been found. He also said that the handsome stick had memories of its owner's many travels, from Scotland to Africa, but a little poetic licence can sometimes be a good thing. One of *L'Eveil's* readers was a lady who lived in the town and who was herself very interested in the pilgrimage to St James of Compostella. She called at the Hotel Bristol, with her camera, and took three photographs of the pilgrim staff from England, which had been lost and found again.



## **ON RECHERCHE BATON DE PELERIN**

Guy Mallet, gérant de l'*Hôtel Bristol* au Puy, nous écrit :

"Je suis confronté à un petit problème et peut-être pourrez-vous m'aider à le résoudre par l'intermédiaire du journal.

Une dame anglaise, très gentille, amoureuse de notre région et qui accompagne des groupes sur le chemin de Saint-Jacques via Conques, a égaré son "bâton de pèlerin". Elle m'a téléphoné de Londres car elle est très désireuse de le retrouver, et ceci pour des raisons affectives. Elle pense l'avoir perdu au Puy. Pour ma part, j'ai essayé de contacter la mairie aux objets perdus, mais en vain !

Peut-être *L'Eveil* pourra-t-il réaliser ce miracle !"

*L'Eveil* transmet donc à ses lecteurs. Si l'un d'entre eux a trouvé le bâton, il peut contacter directement Guy Mallet.

## **LE BATON N'ETAIT PAS LOIN...**

Dans notre précédent numéro, nous lançons un appel pour tenter de retrouver le bâton de pèlerin d'une citoyenne britannique, guide d'un groupe de pèlerins de Saint-Jacques, et qui avait perdu au Puy cet objet auquel elle attachait une grande valeur affective.

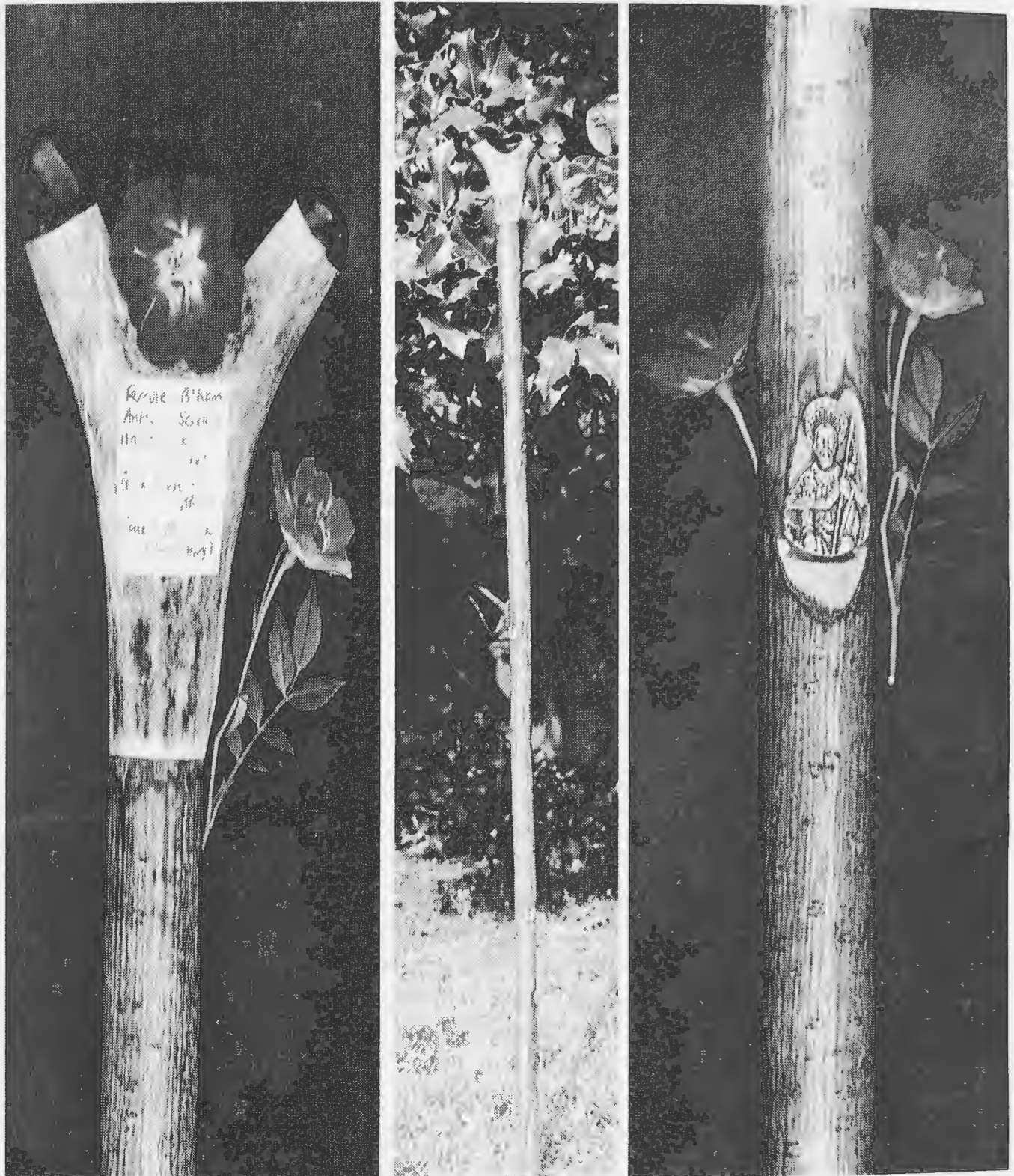
Ca n'a pas traîné : à peine « *L'Eveil* » paru, Guy Mallet, l'hôtelier du Bristol qui nous avait sollicité pour cette annonce, recevait la visite de... son voisin pharmacien de l'avenue Foch.

La guide anglaise qui pensait avoir égaré son bâton place du Plot l'avait en fait oublié dans la pharmacie. C'est un très beau bâton avec plein de souvenirs des multiples voyages de sa propriétaire, de l'Ecosse à l'Afrique. Aussitôt Guy Mallet l'a appelée au téléphone pour lui annoncer la bonne nouvelle : un nouveau miracle de Saint-Jacques.

*From L'Eveil du Puy, June 1995*

The owner was very happy to hear the good news and decided that she must write to Monsieur Grimaud and to Guy and to Annick, to thank them all for the trouble they had gone to. Needless to say the pilgrim staff was also delighted to have been discovered, as it felt quite at home at the Hotel Bristol, although looking forward to being reunited with its owner. Guy had kindly sent her a copy of the two articles that had appeared in *L'Eveil* and copies of the splendid photographs taken by the interested resident of Le Puy.

After writing long thank-you letters to Le Puy the owner now felt she must make a big effort to retrieve the pilgrim staff, which was anxious to return to north London and its rightful place. Fortunately, her work took her to Paris on July 13th, a very hot day indeed, and as July 14th was the French national holiday and then it was the weekend, she decided she would give herself two days in Le Puy, staying, of course, at the Hotel Bristol. This duly came to pass and at the Gare de Lyon



*Three views of a 'bâton de pèlerin' taken in  
Le Puy-en-Velay, 17 June 1995  
(with thanks to the unknown photographer of that town)*

she first of all caught a Train à Grande Vitesse (TGV) to Lyon, then a smaller train to St-Etienne and then a very small train indeed to Le Puy. The very small train stopped at every station and took almost as long as Paris to Lyon on the TGV. But at last the tower of the Cathedral and the great red statue of Notre Dame high on its volcanic cone came into view; the staff owner was at Le Puy for the third time in three months. She was glad the hotel was very close to the station and even gladder to see Annick and her very own pilgrim staff again.

The next day she did not take the staff with her on her walks around the town knowing how careless she could be. And on Sunday, when she travelled from Le Puy to north London (by four different trains) she kept a very tight grip on it indeed and carefully counted it in to her many pieces of luggage every time she moved. The pilgrim staff much enjoyed its trip through the Channel Tunnel (not many staffs have done that yet, after all) and on its safe arrival in north London gave thanks to St James and to St Faith for the miracle of 'le baton perdu "déperdu"'.

PS The owner of the special staff now feels she can tell the very kind man who lives in Norfolk all about the adventures of one of his pilgrim staffs. And she has made a vow that next time she goes on pilgrimage she will be very careful indeed with her special staff...

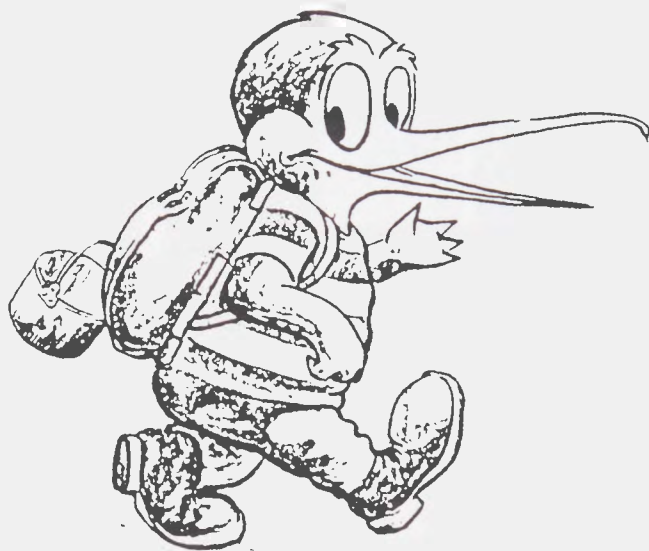
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## A Kiwi on the Camino

By an accident of geography, New Zealand is the precise antipodes of Spain, having reverse latitude and longitude and thus being exactly on the opposite side of the globe. A New Zealander therefore makes the longest possible journey to Santiago, not less than 19,900 kilometres.

On 12 May 1995 Richard Spence of Napier (on the east coast of the North Island) commenced his pilgrimage by visiting the exact antipodean spot to Santiago de Compostela in the Southern Alps of the South Island. One of only two New Zealand members of the Confraternity - the other is Molly Norris of Auckland - he believes he is the first person to make this, the longest possible pilgrimage.



Benefiting from the advice of Pat Quaife who visited Richard and his wife, Gail, last Christmas, he will set out on 1 August from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, reach Rabanal del Camino on 22 August and Santiago de Compostela (where Gail will meet him) on 31 August.

Richard began training in January and, as a former long-distance runner, is confident of meeting his long-planned timetable. His painstaking preparations are described in

'Getting Ready for the Camino' (below). A self-supporting Anglican minister, ordained Deacon in 1994, he is fluent in the Maori language, his latest publication being a biography of a famous Maori clergyman, Canon Wi te Tau Huata. While a small number of New Zealanders have walked or cycled to Santiago in recent years, Richard Spence is likely to be the first Maori-speaking pilgrim on the Camino - another 'first' to match the longest possible pilgrimage.

PQ/RJS

## Getting Ready for the Camino

Richard Spence

It's five-thirty in the morning, and apart from the moon and the stars, you're in pitch darkness. Darkness that is punctuated occasionally by the lights of an approaching vehicle, because it is a public highway you're walking along, and even at this hour there is a surprising amount of traffic about. About half are trucks, roaring along with their trailers of unknown produce; the other half are private cars driven by early workers starting their day at nearby processing plants.

You've a torch in your hand and when a vehicle approaches you turn it on and point it vaguely forward in the hope the driver will see you and leave you enough space on the verge of the road to walk on. In case he doesn't, you keep an eye on the ditch beside you - you'll leap into it if you must, but without enthusiasm, for there's a depth of water there and it's too early for a swim.

You don't really need the torch for illumination., Even under starlight, the white line at the edge of the road is clearly visible and if it weren't for the traffic you wouldn't need to do the business with the torch. You also wouldn't need the dinky little tail-light you've attached to the back of your pack to protect you from being struck down from behind.

You reach the little settlement of Waiohiki (between Napier and Hastings) and at a certain point you flash your torch along the fences to see if a particular gate is open or closed. Damn - it's open, so the Dog That Never Sleeps will be out to have a go at you on the verge instead of just baying at you from its own front lawn. It's not a huge dog, but its looks and its disposition are nasty, and seem worse by torchlight. So you have your little altercation, and escape with limbs intact, hoping uncharitably that the racket has at least deprived the Hound from Hell's owners of some of their early morning shut-eye.

Have your feet got any new blisters today, you wonder. How they feel won't tell you - it's been months since the nerves of your lower extremities could give you information so precise. From mid-thigh downwards, there's just a generalized ache covering knees, muscles, ankles, heels, soles and toes. It'll take a visual inspection to discover anything new, and by the time you get your boots off you won't care anyway.

About three-quarters of an hour to the next settlement, Pakowhai. A car would do the distance in three minutes. There, you see the local garage opening up to catch some early customers, and you know it must be six-thirty. By now there's a definite pink tinge to the clouds on your right and you know that sunrise is on the way. If things work out well, the dawn will actually occur when you're at the highest point of the morning's journey, the Chesterhope bridge, and you'll get a nice view of the sun rising out of the sea.

It does, and you do. Quite suddenly the darkness dissipates and you can see clearly for quite a distance. Cars and trucks still have their lights on, but you can see them without that. From now on things will be much easier. You still have an hour's walking in front of you, but it will be straightforward.

So you get to work, you sneak in by the side entrance and head for the men's room where you clean up and put on the work clothes you brought in your pack, along with the other

stuff you put in there as make-weights. You emerge, greet your workmates and start the working day. Nine hours from now, you'll be doing the walk again, in reverse.

And if you do the whole business a hundred times or more over half a year, your hope is that you'll get fit enough to tackle the Camino, the pilgrims' route to Santiago de Compostela.

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## Praying with Our Feet

Heather Coleman

In 1993 members walked from Reading to Canterbury to mark the first Holy Year at Santiago since the foundation of the Confraternity. Their route covered about two-thirds of the more or less combined Pilgrims' and North Downs Ways, and it was suggested that it would be pleasant to complete the former to end at Winchester sometime in the future.

At Easter this year two of us made a complete reconnaissance of this final third, a real necessity, as, from Farnham where the North Downs Way ends, the path is not an official long-distance one. The original way now lies partly under the A31 and opinions differ on alternative routes. This walk ended on a high note in Winchester Cathedral where full choral evensong, complete with the presence of the Bishop and a procession, was being held when we arrived.

Three weeks later, eight walkers met at Gomshall Station in Surrey, the nearest practical point to where the 1993 party had joined the Ways. Our first stop was at St James the Greater in **Shere** where a short DIY service was held, with the Rector's permission, using an adaptation of the Roncesvalles rite to ask for a blessing on us and our equipment. We then headed westward in bright sunshine to **St Martha's-on-the-Hill** (or Martyrs) near Guildford on our way to the ruins of St Catherine's Chapel, high above the River Wey, for a lunch break.

During the afternoon we passed to the north of Loseley House, built with stone taken from Waverley Abbey, to a very welcome tea stop at the Watts Gallery in the village of **Compton**. This was followed by visits to the Watts Memorial Chapel (wrapped in scaffolding) and the church of St Nicholas, with its two-storied Romanesque sanctuary unique in Europe. A less than generous donation of water at **Puttenham** somewhat marred the final section of the day, though this was lifted by a visit to the church of St John the Baptist there. We arrived in **Farnham** in time for everyone to attend Mass at the modern Church of St Joan of Arc. In the evening we enjoyed a most convivial meal in a quiet restaurant, one of the few places in the town not surrounding their customers with 'karaoke' or pop music at full blast.

After a sound night's sleep and ample breakfasts we started from the huge St Andrew's, burial place of William Cobbett. Within minutes we had left the town behind and were headed for a line of small villages to the west of the A31. Passing via **Bentley** and **Lower Froyle**, we had lunch at **Upper Froyle**, known as the village of the saints from the number of Italian statues which decorate the houses here. Its Church of the Assumption has many interesting features including its stained glass and a fine carved wooden statue of the Madonna. Before **Holybourne**, definitely visited by pilgrims, came the site of Vindomis, a small Roman settlement. A network of paths and alleys brought us to **Alton** and St Laurence's, where an imminent christening curtailed our visit. On our way out of this somewhat attenuated town we passed under a railway bridge which now carries the steam engines of the Watercress line and we were fortunate enough to see - and hear - one of them. The sun had shone all day and we were very grateful to pause for tea at **Chawton**, opposite Jane Austen's home, before a long steady climb through Chawton Park Wood to the little village of **Medstead** where our party occupied almost all the available accommodation.

Our final day dawned with a thick white mist, but this lifted in time for us to follow paths and almost deserted roads through **Bighton** to the source of the Alre and the watercress beds of



**Old and New Alresford.** We decided to keep the VE Day silence at 11am, while we were all together, and during the pause the bells of Old Alresford Church started a lengthy peal. Skirting New Alresford, we followed the fast-flowing river to **Ovington** where The Bush serves speedy and substantial lunches. Still following the river, but now the Itchen, which we crossed near Avington House, we made a brief stop at St Swithun's, **Martyr Worthy**, then a slight detour over the river and back again to see St Mary's at **Easton**, which, from the north bank appears to be a particularly striking building having something reminiscent of a French fortified church about it. The southern aspect is rather disappointing. Like Holybourne, Easton has no guide book or information about itself. Once under the M3 and past St Mary's at **King's Worthy**, the path narrowed along the Monk's (or Nun's) walk beside the Abbey stream, a tributary of the Itchen, eventually leading us to **Winchester** and the gatehouse which is all that remains of **Hyde Abbey**. Soon the Cathedral came into view where we were welcomed by one our members, Canon Philip Morgan (formerly of St James, Bushey (Herts)). During choral evensong the Confraternity and its pilgrims were included in the public prayers, along with, by coincidence, the Community of Fleury, based at St-Benoit-sur-Loire, on the Paris route to Santiago.

Our journey complete, we parted, somewhat regretfully, towards our homes. Those taking part were Judith Bennett, Tim Bowly, Joseph Cheer, William Griffiths, Mark Hassall, Hilary Hugh-Jones and Christine Pleasants. My thanks to all of them for fellowship and keeping to the schedule so that we could fit everything in on the way, but particularly to Joe for doing the walk twice with me.

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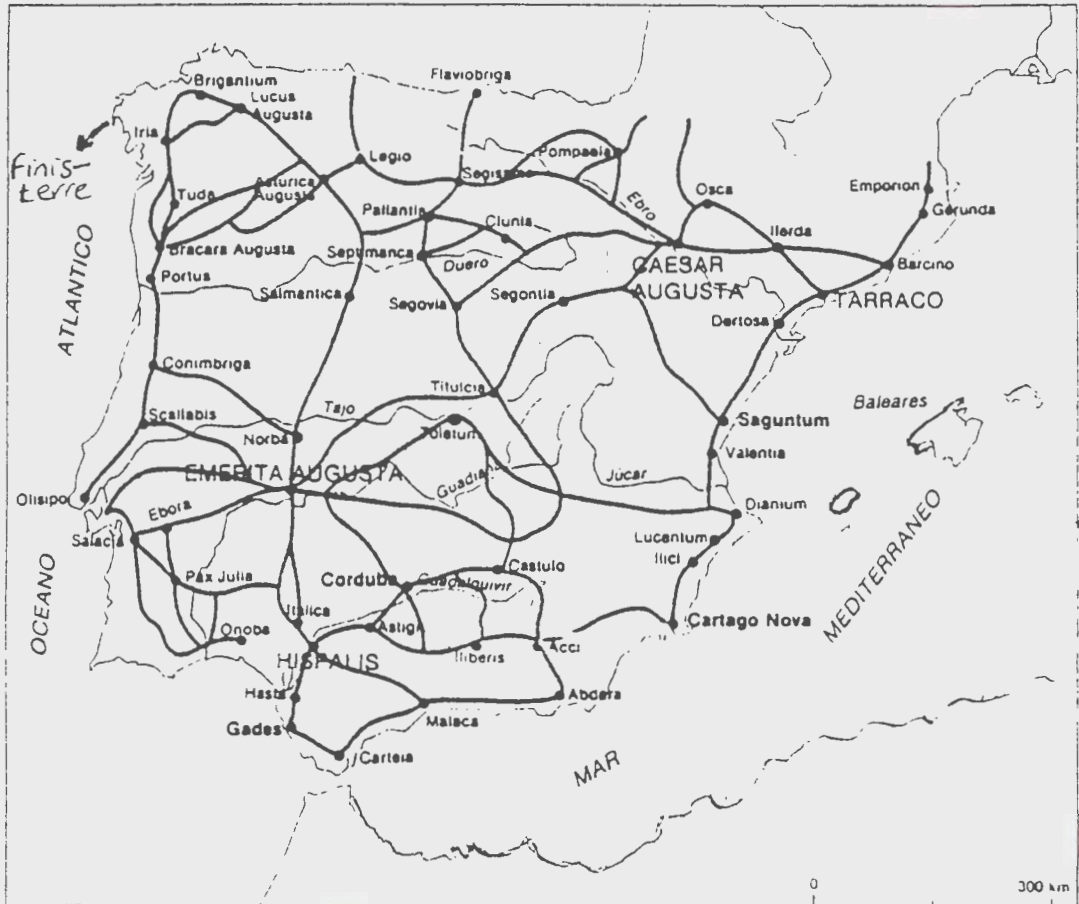
# St James in Spain

Magdalena Stork de Yepes

Nigel Elbourne's article, 'Confessions of an Anti-Social Pilgrim' in Bulletin 51 in which he describes his 1993 St James's Day in Padrón attracted my attention for two reasons.

First of all because he achieved what I have never been able to do, although I live in Galicia: to spend St James's Day in Padrón. Secondly, the well-known route up the Ria de Arousa, which traditionally the Apostle's remains took after his martyrdom, he also ascribes to his first coming to Iberia. This ought to make us think a little. Bearing in mind both the strong tradition of the 'Virgen del Pilar' at Zaragoza where St James was cheered by Our Lady standing on the pillar of an old Roman temple and the network of Roman roads that crossed the peninsula, we can easily envisage him coming by land to Galicia. I began by studying these Roman roads (or 'calzadas') and I began to see the Apostle's way with some probability. The Ara Solis (altar or shrine of the setting sun) at the end of the world (Galicia) was a strong attraction for the people of the Mediterranean lands; multitudes gathered there, so a good place and opportunity for exposing Christian doctrine.

He is sure to have landed at the important port of Tarraco (Tarragona) or at the smaller one of Barcino (Barcelona). The Roman highway brings him to Caesar-Augusta (Zaragoza) on the River Ebro where Our Lady's appearance to him encouraged him and restored his natural bravery. He goes on to Legio (León) from where, always following good Roman roads he has two options for his journey to Finisterre: to go south-west to Asturica-Augusta (Astorga) then to Lucus (Lugo), Brigantium (Betanzos) and Iria Flavia (now Padrón and Pontecesuras) very close to Finisterre; or to go down south to Bracara (Braga, in Portugal), and thence to Tui and Iria.



### *Roman Roads of the Iberian Peninsula*

Whichever route he took he would then have gone from Iria Flavia to Promontorio (headland) Nerio, where the ancients were moved to venerate the setting sun. This is the magic way we followed in October 1993: Noeya (Noya), Buro (Muros), Carnota, after which there is a chain of mountains close to the sea with its highest peak of El Pindo. The Celtic race that inhabited these parts were the Nerios, who had a very prosperous city called Dugium. Its port was always full of vessels coming and going, but with the ages it disappeared under the sands of the sea.

As for the very interesting word 'ara' (stone for a sacrifice), some of the rocks, abundant in these parts, bear clear signs of pagan cults through the inscriptions and carvings found on them ('petroglifos'). And the word 'Arosa' or 'Arousa' (Ria of) is said to come from Ara Solis, the destination of so many pilgrims over thousands of years.

## Pilgrimage Book News

A fascinating variety of books on pilgrimage, historical, spiritual and photographic, has appeared in recent months. We describe or review four of them.

First, and of particular interest to CSJ members, is *Two Pilgrim Itineraries of the Later Middle Ages* by Robert Brian Tate and Thorlac Turville Petre (Xunta de Galicia, 1995, 183pp). Published by the Xunta de Galicia in a similar format to Constance Storrs' thesis, this book is an edition of two accounts (in English) of pilgrimage to Santiago and elsewhere in Europe, one in verse and one in prose. The first deals with part of the account of the anonymous pilgrimage to Santiago, Rome and the Holy Land found in the collection by Samuel Purchas known as *Purchas his Pilgrimes*, first published in 1625. The second account is that of Robert Langton who probably followed a similar route but got only as far as Italy. The Purchas account comes from a collection of texts relating to voyages all over the world and here appears in both the original verse and as a modern 'translation'. The original Langton account appears in facsimile, reproduced from a 16th century pamphlet printed in Fleet Street, now to be found in the Chapter Library of Lincoln Cathedral. Tate has brought together useful biographical information about the Langton family. Thomas Langton, Robert's uncle, was Provost of Queen's College, Oxford (which, incidentally, is linked with our Confraternity Reading-Southampton footpath in several ways) and later Archbishop of Canterbury in 1501. Young Robert Langton was appointed Archdeacon of Salisbury at the age of 16 and studied at Queen's College. His pilgrimage started in 1511 and may have lasted two years.

*Two Pilgrim Itineraries* ... is available at £7-00 (£8 overseas) including postage. To order, complete the form at the end of the Bulletin. A fuller review will appear in the next Bulletin.

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A new, general account of pilgrimage is **Simon Coleman and John Elsner's *Pilgrimage – Past and Present in the World Religions***, (British Museum Press, 1995, 240pp., £20), reviewed by **Robert Llewelyn**.

The latter part of the 20th century has seen a considerable growth in the phenomenon of Pilgrimage. What is it that compels vast numbers to converge on, say, Lourdes, Mecca, Benares and other sacred sites in many countries and many faiths? Modern means of communication have made these pilgrimage centres more readily available. The inaccessibility of previous times is no more, and yet even here there is the converse reaction of many pilgrims deliberately choosing the hard way of walking or, for some Confraternity members, cycling the historic routes. This new book examines pilgrimage motives as part of its study of the age-long and world-wide endeavour of pilgrimage.

Simon Coleman is an anthropologist at Durham University; John Elsner an art historian at the Courtauld Institute in London. They have combined their disciplines in an imaginative way. Their book is beautifully illustrated with over one hundred photographs of pilgrimage sites and artefacts. There is a wealth of information about pilgrimage practice world-wide, from Graeco-Roman to modern times and encompassing secular pilgrimage to places such as the grave of Elvis Presley. At the same time there is a searching enquiry into the exact nature of pilgrimage as a universal human activity. The closing chapter is particularly academic in its analysis of anthropological debate in recent years in pilgrimage studies. This is not likely to prove of much interest to the general reader who is unlikely to be conversant with the theories, first propounded about thirty years, of Victor Turner. More recently John Eade and Michael Sallnow, in their *Contesting the Sacred*, found some of Turner's ideas to be less than convincing. They proposed models of sacred sites as places, not so much of pure, single-minded endeavour but rather as arenas for competing social and religious forces. The

anthropological debate is now further developed by examining some aspects of museum visiting as containing secular ingredients of traditional pilgrimage.

Confraternity members will be delighted to see the familiar west front of the cathedral at Santiago as a full-page illustration and the detail of the sculptures of the Apostles, with St James prominent, as another full-page photograph. In the text Santiago is mentioned only three times, rather less than some other Christian sites, and there is scant reference to the fascination of the Camino. Those who have toiled over the Camino will happily identify with the striking front jacket cover. This shows a crocodile of pilgrims trudging through a high mountain pass on their way to the 'The Secret Valley'. We are not told where this secret valley is to be found.

This is a book in which the text is more for the serious student of pilgrimage. Fully documented, its world-wide coverage is a masterly summary in only 240 pages, many of which are illustrations anyway, of the strange phenomenon of pilgrimage. Its very comprehensive bibliographies come handily at the end of each chapter. For most people this fine book is probably worth its modest £20 price for the sensitively and comprehensively selected illustrations.

**José Carlos Rodríguez Fernández's *Guía para una peregrinación a Compostela*** (Asociación Riojana de Amigos del Camino de Santiago, 1995, 160pp, 800 ptas) is a spiritual and religious guide written for Christian pilgrims walking the Camino. Its author, both cyclist and walker, is President of the Asociación Riojana de Amigos, and was present at the inauguration of the Refugio Gaucelmo in October 1991. In his introduction José Carlos Rodríguez states that there are many guides to the geographical route but that his book looks to the 'camino interior'. After useful sections on physical and spiritual preparation and a chart of the Camino showing kilometres and suggested day stages for walkers and cyclists, the bulk of the book is taken up with brief descriptions of the route and

interesting monuments, prayers, Bible readings and spiritual exercises for each of the 29 days, or walking stages. An example of Day 23, from Villafranca del Bierzo to El Cebrero will perhaps give a flavour of the book. Half a page describing the route and interesting places to visit, plus a note about the refuge, is followed by a specially written prayer to be said en route, based on 1 Corinthians 15, 14. Readings from the Gospel of Mathew, with commentaries follow, then an afternoon or evening prayer (Oración a la luz de la Biblia). The day ends with a reflection and questions or exercises (Balance del día) and a final prayer, poem or hymn. For pilgrims who read Spanish and who want to make the religious pilgrimage in the true sense, this guide (available in bookshops and some refuges in Spain) will be a wonderful companion.



PQ

T. Porter reviews a very different book, Clive Gamble's *Timewalkers: the Prehistory of Global Colonization*, published by Alan Sutton in 1994.

Clive Gamble has written an important book that may well interest many members of the Confraternity. He is a palaeo-anthropologist and his radical theory is that modern humankind evolved as wanderers. We didn't appear, then start spreading. It was the hominid turn to a nomad life that shaped and made us *Homo Sapiens* what we are. That statement simplifies to the level of crudity.

His evidence and arguments might be too specialised for general appeal, but if his theory is right, it might begin to

explain much; for one thing, the deep and constant significance of travel for us, whether as holiday-makers or pilgrims. Why else does a holiday seem so good for us, physically and mentally? Why does the chance and change of the open road, of foreign parts, so often affect and change us so profoundly?

I stress, this is a *theory*, amongst rival theories, in a realm of numerous unknowns. Interested readers must judge its merits for themselves. But how significant is the mention of shells and beads in Neanderthal burials, 300 kilometres from the nearest sea. The point is not the question of what they signified, but that so early our ancestors were using symbols and emblems. This branch of science has come a long way from simple materialist-determinist theory.

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## Dingle Gems

Aileen O'Sullivan

From early times Dingle, in the far west of Ireland, and pilgrimages to the shrine of St James in Compostella have been connected. It was one of the Irish ports from which ships sailed to Santiago. The old pier was called Spanish Pier and was much in use from the 13th to the 17th centuries. Smuggling was rife. The present port has been reconstructed and a new deep-water pier complete. The nearby scallop beds at Ventry Bay provide today's exports, together with fish and lamb, to Europe and Galicia.

In the 16th century in Dingle there was a Spanish garrison of about 300 soldiers. They built the now Church of Ireland church of St James. In 1680 600 Spaniards were put to death at Dun an Oir, near Ballyferrit on the shore of Smerwick Harbour, by a British army led by Lord Grey, Sir Edmund Denny, Sir Walter Raleigh and others, including the poet Spenser.



The town is famous for its fishing boats not to mention Fungi, the local, nearly tame, dolphin. In the evenings dining out and visiting the local pubs are a great attraction; it is said there are 52 pubs in Dingle, all well worth a visit for local history, music and dancing etc. Dick Mac's is unique among them. You can sit up on a high stool with a glass of what we are told is good-for-you Guinness, and have your shoes mended on the other side of the bar without having to move.

The present Catholic church was built by the late Bishop Diarmuid O'Sullivan (cousin of Aileen). Its roof is an upturned boat shape, from the tradition that St Brendan sailed from here in 484 and discovered America. The area is still Gaelic speaking and some small islands are bird sanctuaries. The old pilgrims' path was recently restored and is called the Saints' Road. The scenery is spectacular.

It is possible that these gems may inspire Confraternity members to walk the Dingle Way next year. In the meantime 'May the road of life go with you and God keep you in the palm of His hand till we meet'.

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## Round-up of Confraternity Events

### First Constance Storrs Memorial Lecture

We were delighted to welcome Dr Robert Plötz to London and to the crypt of St Etheldreda's on Saturday 11 March when he delivered the inaugural lecture in honour of the late Constance Storrs. The title of his lecture was 'Ad limina Beati Iacobi - the origins and early development of the cult of St James in the German-speaking world'. Phinella Henderson, who organised Dr Plötz's visit writes:

'Dr Plötz delivered a fascinating lecture on the origins of the cult of St James, the first part of the title (above) meaning 'to the threshold of the blessed James'. He enumerated the 7th and 8th century literary and devotional references to the saint's evangelisation of Spain and explained



how convenient the finding of the tomb in Galicia had been, given the continuing Moorish threat and the increasing assertiveness of the small Christian kingdom of the Asturias. He compared the cults of St James and St Martin, both fostered by the monks of Cluny. Dr Plötz went on to describe how legends of Charlemagne's deeds became linked with the pilgrimage to Santiago but noted that in Spain a more realistic view was taken than elsewhere of the emperor's supposed exploits against the Moors. The talk make it clear that by the end of the first millennium AD religious and economic forces were at work which would mould both the High Middle Ages and one of their most characteristic manifestations, the pilgrimage to Santiago.' It is hoped to publish the full text of the lecture later in the year.

The meeting, chaired by Laurie Dennett, the newly elected chairman of the Confraternity, was opened by Mary Remnant who explained to the audience the significance of Constance Storrs and her work, both for pilgrimage scholarship generally and for the Confraternity in particular. She also gave an entertaining account of how she had tracked down Mrs Storrs to a village in Suffolk and how, happily, the latter had been able to attend the Confraternity's conference at Hengrave Hall, Suffolk in March 1990 only a few months before her death. We were very pleased that the Storrs' son, Dr John Storrs, and his wife were able to be present, and that the Xunta de Galicia had, after many delays, published Constance Storrs' 1964 University of London MA thesis *Jacobean Pilgrims from England to St James of Compostella from the Early 12th to the Late 15th Century* a few weeks earlier. Dr and Mrs Storrs were presented with a copy of the book, a further copy having been dispatched to Constance Storrs' widower, Francis, who had not been well enough to attend the lecture.

Laurie Dennett's predecessor as chairman, Pat Quaife, was presented with a very generous cheque, as a gift from Confraternity members, to recognise her 12 years of service, as founder member, secretary and chairman. She said, in reply, that she was most touched by the generosity of members and that, as an honorary member and vice-president, she would be continuing her work on the Confraternity's Bulletins and other publications and keeping in touch with the many friends she had made through the organisation over the years.

#### **Northern Group Practical Pilgrim Day, Durham**

Fifty-four of us gathered in the Cathedral's Prior's Hall on Saturday morning, 25 March, including Marion Marples and her appropriately named 14-year old son, James.

Over a period of two hours seven short talks were given by past pilgrims to highlight various aspects of interest or importance to future pilgrims. We were admonished to prepare ourselves: physically, mentally and spiritually, geographically and historically. To which one of the audience added: 'linguistically'. With regard to the physical side we were told not only to walk 15 miles at a stretch, but to carry a 20-pound load as well! Clothing and other essentials to take were well illustrated by slides: two changes of all clothing being essential. Hopefully one could wash clothing and have it dry by the morning. 'Travel wash' was not necessary, just use the soap provided at overnight stops! If you forget a clothes line extend your staff from bed to bedside table.

We heard a great deal about the lack of signs for the Camino in France and also the difficulties of getting one's pilgrim record stamped. We also heard much about dealing with ferocious dogs; presumably the cats are better behaved. I wonder what happened to St Francis when he made his pilgrimage? Cows can also present a problem, if one is in a field with them near milking time. Dogs were a problem too on the less frequented Via de la Plata (Seville to Astorga). I felt less footsore and weary listening to a cyclist. Mountain bikes must make life much easier for pilgrims. Wearing gloves for long downhill stretches was said to be essential.

April, September and October were said to be the best months to go to avoid the strong Spanish sun and over-crowding in the 'refugios'. Presumably the Camino is never over-crowded? Accounts of places for overnight accommodation made me think that stars should be awarded. Rabanal would have a rosette from all accounts. Snoring was said to be a serious problem; surely ear-plugs would not add considerably to the pilgrim's load?

After lunch Patrick Musset (Archivist in the University Library) gave an informative talk on the origins of the cathedral. He dealt with the life of St Cuthbert and how the cathedral was built as his final resting place - 'half house of God and half castle 'gainst the Scots'. He then took us on a tour which included a prolonged stay at St Cuthbert's tomb behind the high altar. Those of us who thought we knew the cathedral well found many more points of interest. Who will now forget the un-geometrical vaulting in the Chapel of the Nine Altars?

Our tour was slightly delayed by the wedding at the high altar of the Senior Tutor and Ethics Tutor from St John's College. On our return from the tour we avoided their wedding reception and were revived by tea in the Bailey

Room. After this there was just time for choral evensong before we returned to the Prior's Hall for dinner. This was followed by a show of past pilgrims' best slides. These included France as well as Spain: the cathedral at Orléans and Notre Dame La Grande at Poitiers, both inside and out. Nothing surpassed the tranquility of Puente la Reina.

Thirty of us were accommodated in St John's College. It was less comfortable than San Marcos in León or the Reyes Católicos in Compostella, but far more comfortable than any 'refugio'.

**Laura Milbanke**

### **Practical Pilgrim Day in Salisbury**

A week later a similarly good crowd of southern pilgrims, past and future, gathered at Salisbury for the now traditional day of exchange of information and advice on the pilgrimage. A recent and welcome feature of Practical Pilgrim is John Hatfield's displays, covering cycling and the Vézelay route, which surely will have inspired some members who were wondering which route to follow through France. John, Marion Marples and Laurie Dennett then chaired a cyclists' and two walkers' groups respectively. Vice-chairman and 'pèlerin extraordinaire', William Griffiths, gave an entertaining account of making the most of showers in Spanish refuges - maybe William's methods will transform pilgrim habits on the Camino from now on. There was also plenty of time for informal advice, discussion and reminiscence, which those present particularly appreciated.

(Heather Coleman's account of the May bank holiday weekend pilgrimage from Gomshall to Winchester ('Praying With Our Feet') will be found earlier in this Bulletin.

### *Members' Page*

*Judy Foot, a new member from Dorset, is walking the Way of St James in September in aid of the charity Breakthrough Breast Cancer (reg. no.328323). The charity aims to create a Research Centre next to the Royal Marsden Hospital in London. Inspired by the example of her friend Lesley Elliot, who raised awareness and money for research before her death, Judy aims to raise £338,000 - £1 for every woman in Dorset. If you would like to support her walk contact her at Higher Ashton Farm, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9EZ; cheques should be made*

payable to Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Or, if you want to spread the word, ask Judy Foot to send you her sponsorship card which depicts a splendid map of the Camino.

Double congratulations are due to **Audrey and John Timmins** from Chelluston in Derbyshire who celebrated their Golden Wedding in Santiago on 16 June. But they didn't fly there - they walked - from St-Jean-Pied-de-Port this year and from Le Puy to St-Jean in 1994 - undeterred by various setbacks including Audrey's being ill in France and John having to carry two rucksacks for a week. Wearing their Confraternity teeshirts they featured, on their arrival, in both the *Voz de Galicia* and *El Correo Gallego*, sharing the headlines in the latter with a Belgian pilgrim who was accompanied by his donkey, Rosalia. In



***Audrey and John Timmins celebrate their Golden Wedding in the rúa del Villar, Santiago de Compostela***

(Photo: FA of El Correo Gallego, 17 June 1995)

a letter to the Bulletin editor Audrey and John note that 'one of our happiest memories is of the stay at Rabanal where we experienced loving care and help - a five-star refugio'.

*Vicente Calderon, a new member from Madrid, who speaks excellent English, would like to meet up with young British pilgrims who are considering walking the Camino in August. He is starting off from León quite shortly and would therefore welcome telephone calls as soon as possible on 00.34.1.543 1911 after 7pm. He is interested in speaking English but no doubt a Spanish/English conversation exchange could take place by arrangement.*



**STOP PRESS - Meeting for Refuge Wardens in Antwerp,  
28 October 1995**

Not all 1995 wardens will be able to attend the October weekend in Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Those from more northerly countries are invited to Antwerp on Saturday 28 October for a working meeting in the restaurant, Den Scilt van Antwerpen. If you are interested in attending please write (in English) to Vlaams Genootschap van Santiago, Sint Andriesabdij, Zevenkercken, 8200 Brugge 2, Belgium.

## International Karl Leisner Circle

We have been sent some information about the Karl Leisner Circle by Gabriele Latzel, who is a member of the Deutsche Sanktjakobus Gesellschaft and the Confraternity. The Circle seeks to promote an ideal for the youth of Europe and Karl Leisner and a young French martyr, Marcel Callo, are offered as role models of lives lived in the face of persecution and hardship, but strengthened through total dedication to Christ and the sacraments.

Karl Leisner grew up in Germany and struggled with his vocation to the Catholic priesthood. In March 1939 he was ordained deacon. However he succumbed to tuberculosis and went to Switzerland for a cure. He was arrested by the Gestapo after a comment on the assassination attempt on Hitler, imprisoned and eventually taken to Dachau concentration camp in 1940.

His TB reappeared but he continued to minister secretly to those in the camp and was ordained secretly by a fellow prisoner, French bishop Gabriel Piquet, in December 1944.

Karl Leisner was liberated from Dachau in May 1945. He was still ill and longed to celebrate mass. At that time you had to have a special permit to celebrate mass outside a church; he was granted one by Cardinal Faulhaber of München. He celebrated mass on St James's Day 1945, which was also the date of the last entry in his diary. In it he expressed his great devotion to St James, and 'the whole and deep joy of being allowed to celebrate the Holy Eucharist together with my friend runs through me. Jacobus maior - name day of the two dear dead persons (Provost J. Küppers and Köbes Koch, both killed in action). The first Holy Mass in seven months in which I may take part 'praesentia corporis'... There is such a wonderfully fine quietness ... Afterwards a festive breakfast ... there was strong coffee and liver paste, jam and butter. Everything in abundance. Joyful feast. I had a plate of gruel, tea and rusks. Good! I was very tired after the exertion ... So now, time to sleep. It is twenty past nine. Good night, eternal holy God, dear Mother, dear saints, all dear persons alive or dead, near or far. Bless also, Highest One, my enemies.'

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## NOTES AND NEWS

**Chartres** and medieval stained glass are virtually synonymous, France's most famous Gothic cathedral being illuminated by the most magnificent set of windows in the country, if not in all Europe. Visitors to Chartres in the second half of 1995 should not miss the exhibition (west end) and restored window of St James the Greater in the north corner of the ambulatory. The 'vitrail de Saint-Jacques' which relates the life and legends of the saint in intricate detail has been carefully restored, thanks to the readers of *Pèlerin Magazine* who in 6 months donated nearly 400,000 francs to the project, matched by 230,000 from the Ministry of Culture. For those interested in technical details the window is nearly 9 metres high, 2.23m wide and covers an area of 23.57m<sup>2</sup>. It contains 90 panels, half of which have their original 13th c. lead, 30 scenes, 93 characters and 12 devils. The restoration was undertaken by 11 craftspeople ('compagnons') who between them spent some 1620 hours on the work. Humbert Jacomet (see also p.2) is responsible for the texts on the exhibition panels and in an excellent 24-page, 10F booklet produced by the magazine and available in Chartres. It is essential reading as you study this complex window. NB: slide librarian, John Hatfield, tel.: (01622)-757814 would be pleased to know if there is a set of slides available of the 'new' Saint-Jacques window.

### **Hastings on the A64**

No, not our seaside town but a 'bastide' village in the far south of France just off a motorway service area. Founded in 1289 by Edward I's seneschal, John Hastings, when England and Aquitaine were one, its late 20th c. claim to fame is a permanent exhibition on the pilgrimage in a circular building, the Centre d'Exposition Saint-Jacques de Compostelle. In the service area, not the village, the exhibition is free and open from 8 to 8 in summer and 9 to 6 in winter (October to April). Close to Peyrehorade and the abbeys of Arthous and Sorde, the Aire d'Hastings is also very near the meeting point of the three routes from Tours, Vézelay and Le Puy. Research for the exhibition was undertaken by René de la Coste Messelière, director of the Centre Européen d'Etudes Compostellanes and Hélène Mamou Guillaut. An attractive leaflet is available which is also in the CSJ library. An idea to put before our own (new) Minister of Transport for the M4 or M2 perhaps?

### **St James in Sydney**

On recent (separate) visits to Sydney two members came upon the handsome, Neo-Classical church of St James in the city of Sydney, better known for its opera house and surf beaches. Designed by Francis Greenway (an architect transported to Australia for forgery) and consecrated in 1824, St James is the oldest church in the city. The mosaic floor in the chancel, dating from around 1900, contains a roundel in which a pilgrim staff, a hat and a stylised scallop are represented against a background of laurel sprigs.

### **'Liebe Freunde von St Jacobus' - a card from Saint Jean d'Angély**

A nice card of thanks arrived recently from Gabriele Latzel and her Klasse 10 of the Gymnasium St Michael, in Ahlen, Germany. The Ted Dickinson Fund had made a small donation towards the expenses of some of Gabriele's students who attended a two-week long, three-nation European seminar on the pilgrimage route at the Abbey of St Jean d'Angély in Poitou-Charentes. These are regular events organised by the Centre de Culture Européenne - 'Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle' which is based in the restored abbey of this pilgrimage (Paris route) town and which aims to bring together 16 to 18-year olds from all European countries to study the pilgrimage and our common European heritage.

**La Salasse, Lectoure** is the address of Marie-Françoise Migeot, president of the regional Association de Saint-Jacques du Gers, a department through which a good deal of the Le Puy route runs. In mid-May a small group of English walkers who happened to be having a rest day in Lectoure while en route between Moissac and Lectoure were royally entertained to lunch by Madame Migeot and her husband, Bernard. The house is an intriguing mixture of ancient and modern, including a 13th century great hall as well as a 20th century swimming pool in the garden. The Migeots do 'chambre d'hôte' for one or two people and also have a 'gîte' in the grounds which can sleep up to 6 people. The swimming pool and large, wooded grounds are available to guests and there is walking (the GR65), tennis and riding nearby. For further details and an illustrated brochure contact the Migeots (in French) at La Salasse, 32700 Lectoure; tel. and fax: 62.68.79.29.

## LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

It is a pleasure to welcome the following new members to the Confraternity. There are so many since the last list was produced in Bulletin 52 that a more compact format is being used so as to cover more members in the same space. Interests are shown in brackets.

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- Miss Tracy Michelle Clarke, 1 Wilga Street, Dubbo, NSW 2830, Australia.  
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- Mr Anthony Dyson, 20 Crowlea Street, Greenwood, Western Australia 6204.  
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#### CANADA

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- Dr James Schmeiser, Dept. of Philosophy and Religious Studies, King's College,  
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#### NORWAY

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#### FRANCE

- Mr Mark Flynn, Keryuwoc, 29880 Plouguerweau, Finistère, France. Tel.: (0033) 98.04.  
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#### IRELAND

- Mr Séamus Mac Aogáin, 'Iverahane', Rindoon Park, Coosan, Athlone,  
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religious, adventure, therapy)
- Mr Kieran McCourt, 31 Clanmawr, Corbawn Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin,  
Ireland. Tel.:(353.1)-282 0305. (To complete the pil-  
grimage and study its history)
- William Goode, 11 Fairgreen Heights, Tuam, Co. Galway, Ireland. Tel.: (093)-28482  
(Hoping to cycle at Easter '95)
- Parish of St James,  
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- Becki McChesney, 1303 Iida-cho, Ota-shi, Gunma-ken, 373 **Japan**.

- Mr Stephen Poverello, 42 Carisbrook Street, Sydenham, Johannesburg, **South  
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#### USA

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of the pilgrims)
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- Fr Stephen Bould St Saviour's Vicarage, Wood Hill, Leicester LE5 3JB.  
Mrs Trish Bould Tel.: (0116)-251 3396. (Present car journey, future  
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- Ronnie James 'Tregenna'. 31 Woodthorne Road, Tetterton, Wolverhampton, Staffs.,  
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- Mr Eugene Molloy 5 Dark Lane, Alrewas, Nr Burton-on-Trent, Staffs DE13  
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#### ENGLAND, SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST

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7 October 1995**

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- 1) the walk to St Alban's
- 2) the guided tour of the abbey church/cathedral

I / We will be (please tick mode of transport):

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