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President
H.E. The Spanish Ambassador

CONFRATERNITY EVENTS

SPRING/SUMMER 1994

Saturday 16 April - Practical Pilgrim Day in Cambridge

11am in the Emmanuel United Reformed Church Hall, Trumpington Street, Cambridge. If you intend to come you are invited to complete the form at the back of Bulletin 48. Emmanuel URC is on the same side of Trumpington Street as the Fitzwilliam Museum, a little nearer the city centre. Members coming from the station, without a map, should walk down Station Road, turn right into Hills Road, then left at busy junction into Lensfield Road, then right into Trumpington Street (NB Street, not Road, Trumpington Road being a long extension of Trumpington Street going out of the city). Both museum and church are on the left-hand side of the Street. Parking is extremely difficult in Cambridge and almost impossible in the centre; so car-drivers should leave plenty of time to hunt for a parking place.

Saturday 4 June - Visit to Reading and Caversham

Rosemary Clarke is arranging a visit to Reading Abbey ruins, the Catholic church of St James and to Reading Museum to see the new displays on the Abbey and a facsimile of the Bayeux Tapestry. An afternoon (short) walk to Caversham will include a little-known shrine. Further details in the May newsletter.

Sunday 5 June - Walk along St James's Way from Reading to Basingstoke, via Silchester and Bramley (church of St James). This day is linked with the Saturday and members wishing to attend both days will be supplied with details of bed and breakfast accommodation in Reading.

Saturday 25 June - Northern Group walk in Yorkshire Dales

Kettlewell is the starting point of a 5-hour (approximately) walk being arranged by Pat Hurley. A good watering hole half-way round will serve as a lunch stop. Further details will be sent to Northern Group members nearer the time, but any other members interested should write to Barry Humpidge at 2A Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL, enclosing an s.a.e.

Saturday 23 July - Library Open Day in Dulwich

To celebrate St James's Day, albeit two days in advance, Stephen (CSJ Librarian) and Katharine Badger invite members to visit the Confraternity Library, currently located at their home, 154 Burbage Road, Dulwich, London SE21 7AG. The library will be open from 10am for book to be perused or borrowed and CDs/cassettes/videos to be played. A limited number of duplicate books will be available for sale, at fair rather than reduced prices. A barbecue will be available at lunch time or you may bring sandwiches to eat in the garden. Other local attractions are the Dulwich Picture Gallery, croquet or the Horniman Museum (to which transport may be provided). In the evening a table will be reserved at Jacques restaurant. Detailed directions and a form to complete will be found in the May newsletter, but in the meantime please put the date in your summer diary.

20 to 26 August - Pilgrim Walk from Bayonne to Pamplona kindly arranged for the Confraternity by the Amis de Saint-Jacques des Pyrénées Atlantiques. This is now full, with a waiting list. Those who expressed interest, via a yellow form, will find a letter enclosed with this Bulletin asking them to confirm their intention to take part.

20/24 October - Confraternity Visit to Paris

For the last three years we have had autumn visits to Spain but in 1994 it is the turn of Paris where, in addition to many places of Jacobean interest, there is a wealth of museums, galleries and other attractions. Committee member Hilary Hugh-Jones is organising the visit and contact has already been made with Jeannine Warcollier and Humbert Jacomet of the Société des Amis de St-Jacques de France.

Other Spring/Summer 1994 Events

Easter Monday, 4 April - Musical Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, with the New London Consort, directed by Philip Pickett. 7.30pm at Snape Maltings (Suffolk) Concert Hall. Tickets available at £11-50, £10, £8-50 and £7 from the Aldburgh Festival Box Office, High Street, Aldburgh, Suffolk IP15 5AX. Tel.: (0728)-453543.

8/10 April - Three Days of Prayer at Santo Domingo de Silos

For former pilgrims, this weekend offers the chance to relive their pilgrimage on the basis of their own spiritual experience. Maximum number 25, with the possibility of another weekend later in the year. For details and enrolment contact Jose Ignacio Diaz or Maite Moreno at PEREGRINO magazine, tel.: (01034)-41.34.33.90 or fax: (01034)-41.34.25.42.

To 11 April - Lorient (Morbihan, Brittany): *Sur Les Chemins de Saint-Jacques*, an exhibition organised by the Association Nantes-Bretagne, at the St Louis School.

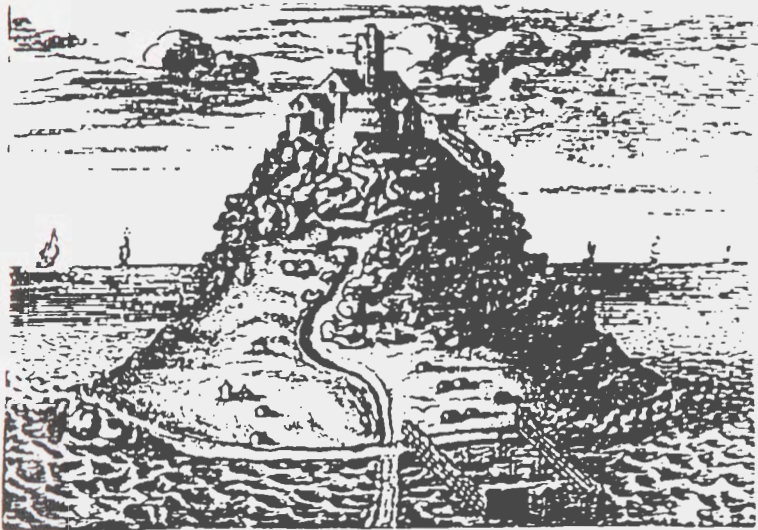
16 to 30 April - Chateau de Blain (Loire Atlantique) - the same exhibition as above.

To 24 April - 'St Jacques de Compostelle, Mille Ans de Pèlerinage', an exhibition at the Hotel de Ville of Yverdon-les-Bains (Vaud, Switzerland) organised by the Swiss Amis du Chemin de Saint-Jacques. Tuesday to Sunday, 2 till 6pm.

23/24 April - Troyes, Assemblée Générale of the Société des Amis de St-Jacques en France. Lecture, followed by excursion in the footsteps of St James with Humbert Jacomet and Gérard Jugnot. Members interested in attending should contact Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier on (01033 1)-46.05.80.50.

7/8 May - Inauguration of St Michael's Way (Cornwall) and pilgrimage from Lelant to Marazion. Everyone is welcome and pilgrims will be welcomed at the end of their walk by the Mayor of Marazion at the Marazion Community Centre, where tea and cakes will be available. For further details see both the next page and this Bulletin's centre spread. For details of accommodation in Marazion contact the Tourist Information Centre, Station Road, Penzance, Cornwall TR18 2NF. Tel.: (0736)-62207.

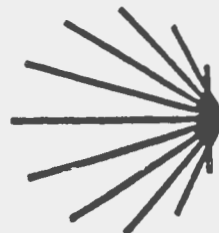
7/8 May - Abbey of Cenarruza (Basque Country) - training days for 1994 refuge wardens. These sessions will be particularly useful for first-time wardens with good Spanish, and will include advice on how to manage in the busy summer months when demand outstrips supply.



INAUGURATION
OF
ST. MICHAEL'S
WAY

SATURDAY MAY 7, 1994

10.0 a.m. in St. Uny Parish Church, Lelant:
a pilgrim blessing
followed by the official inauguration
of St. Michael's Way by Lord St. Levan.
Pilgrims will then set out to walk along
the Way to Marazion (13 miles).



4.0 - 5.30 p.m. Welcome to pilgrims in Marazion.
from 7.30 p.m. Social evening with bar, food,
and entertainment in a local hostelry.

SUNDAY MAY 8, 1994

Feast of the Apparition of
St. Michael the Archangel.

10.30 a.m. Pilgrims meet at
the end of the Causeway, on
the Island.

11.0 a.m. Pilgrim Service
on the Mount.



St. Michael's Way - - supported by:



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*The Cornish Pilgrims of
St James of Compostella,
The Old Kiln, Port Navas, Falmouth,
Cornwall TR11 5RJ. Tel.: (0326)-40562*



21/22 May - Logroño (La Rioja) - the same sessions as above, to be held in the Pilgrim Refuge. For details and enrolment contact Jose Ignacio Diaz or Maite Moreno at PEREGRINO magazine on (01034).41.34.33.90 or fax 34.25.42.

26 to 28 September - Fourth Conference of the International Association of Galician Studies at Queen's College, Oxford. There will be papers on the language, literature and history of Galicia by speakers from Galicia, Southampton, Reading, USA, Milan, Oxford and Birmingham among other places. Accommodation is available at £29 per person per night and more details can be obtained from Benigno F. Salgado, University of Oxford, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JF. Tel.: (0865)-270492 Fax: 270757.

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From the Secretary's Notebook

AGM Report and Thank You

It seems a very long time since the AGM in January but we can look back on a happy and busy day. I should like, rather belatedly, to thank our speakers, Rod Pascoe, Leigh Hatts and James Hatts, all committee members, a number of non-committee office holders who presented reports, and indeed everyone who worked so hard to make such a successful meeting. There was plenty to look at: a philatelic exhibition, a display on the FEVE railway, and to discuss, especially the Vézelay workshop and fruitful meetings on future activities and pilgrimages.

Particular thanks must go to the devoted team, spearheaded by Eileen FitzGerald and Stephen and Katharine Badger, who worked so hard to supply our frequent need for food and drink. A day of events like this cannot happen without the devoted commitment of many people and I do thank you all most warmly for your support. An account of the AGM appears elsewhere in this issue.

Lost All that now remains of the AGM on my desk is a soft fabric pink/beige glasses case and two ball-point pens: one maroon and one white and gold with red flowers on it. If their owners will identify themselves they can be reunited with their property.

Confraternity Office Holders for 1994

At the first committee meeting held after the AGM the following officers were elected for 1994: Chairman, Pat Quaife; Vice-Chairman, Laurie Dennett; Secretary, Marion Marples; Treasurer, Timothy Wotherspoon. A number of non-committee office holders have agreed to continue their services in 1994: Membership Secretary, Walter Ivens; Librarian, Stephen Badger; Slide Librarian, John Hatfield; Research Working Party chairman, Brian Tate; Refugio Gaucelmo sub-committee: chairman, James Maple; coordinator, Walter Ivens; secretary, Mary Ivens; wardens' coordinator, Joe May.

St James of Rabanal

A surprise visitor at the AGM was a splendid, wooden figure of St James holding the Refugio Gaucelmo, carved and presented by Peter FitzGerald, a former warden at Rabanal. The statue is to stand in the hallway of the Refugio to encourage pilgrims; clearly carved are the words 'Santiago de Compostela 218 kms'. The statue was on display and greatly admired at the talk given on 8 February at St Etheldreda's by our honorary President, H.E. The Spanish Ambassador.

Help!! Again

The Secretary is gradually disappearing under large piles of papers and being fenced in by files. There are two plans of attack.

The first is to obtain one or two two-drawer filing cabinets to enable papers to be stored more accessibly. Has any member a filing cabinet which is no longer needed that they would be prepared to donate to the Confraternity? The second is a longer-term solution. We have been trying over the last couple of years to find some free or low-cost office accommodation. However, nothing satisfactory has yet emerged. If you ever see/read/notice any preferably free or low-cost office space advertised in central London please do let



H.E. the Spanish Ambassador, D. Alberto Aza Arias, with Peter FitzGerald's 'Santiago de Rabanal' - in the crypt of Saint Etheldreda's Church, London EC1, 8 February 1994

(Photo: George Grant)

me know. The minimum requirement is a self-contained room with space for two desks, word processor and other equipment as well as shelving and filing cabinets. It would be helpful to be close to public transport and accessible at any time.

Practical Pilgrim 1994

There has been a very good response to the Practical Pilgrim Day in Cambridge. I shall be in touch with participants nearer the time regarding soup/roll at lunch and the evening meal, which will be at the Old Orleans, Mill Lane. It's not too late to join the group - please complete the form at the back of Bulletin 48. If you are able to supply specialised knowledge of any aspect, particularly walking equipment, I should be glad to hear from you on (071)-633 0603.

Group Pilgrimages

I am indebted to Joseph May who has agreed to advise schools and other groups wanting to make the pilgrimage independently. See inside back cover for his address.

Santiago Trek

Last year a number of members helped the Horniman Museum team prepare an exhibition called 'Santiago Trek'. Much interest was shown in the pilgrimage and the exhibition was even extended. Now the Confraternity has arranged with the Horniman to acquire the exhibition screens for use by ourselves or others. Indeed the Christ the King Sixth Form College in Lewisham has been the first borrower. It will be available for use, subject to negotiation and transport (transit van necessary). If anyone would enjoy being the coordinator for the exhibition, making bookings and arrangements, I should be glad to hear from them.

Pilgrim Register

Later in the Bulletin you will find a report on the discussions held at the Forum of Jacobean Association which took place recently in Belgium. I should like to remind pilgrims here of the importance of completing the pilgrim register form sent with the pilgrim record. The information on your pilgrimage should be sent to Rosemary Clarke at 36 King's Avenue, Poole, Dorset BH14 9QG.

**English Pilgrim Routes: 1) *Droitwich to Bristol*
by Joanne Land**

Thanks to feedback from members and Joanne's own researches, an amendment sheet is available for her Droitwich to Bristol booklet that we published in 1989. It can be obtained from me, free of charge, on receipt of a s.a.e. If you do not know this booklet and would like to follow an interesting route that takes you via Worcester, Stoke Orchard, Hailes Abbey, Painswick and a number of St James churches, then fill in the book order form at the end of the Bulletin. Copies dispatched from now on will include the amendment sheet.

1994 Confraternity Guides

It is hoped to have the majority of 1994 guides (or updating sheets) on sale at the Practical Pilgrim Day on April 16th.

Tour Operators Leaflet and Weekend/Day Schools

The 1994 tour operators leaflet is enclosed with this Bulletin. Further copies are available from me. I would also be glad to be kept up to date with any further study tours, or weekend or day schools on the pilgrimage or allied subjects.

Marion Marples

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Refugio Gaucelmo Appeal News

The appeal fund now stands at £73,800 thanks to a variety of donations and to the 1994 Sponsor-a-Week-at-Rabanal contributors. To date twenty-one weeks have been taken and there are still some left. If you would like to sponsor a week in 1994 (£50) please get in touch with Walter or Mary Ivens at Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens, London W8 7AJ. Tel.: (071)-229 2624.

Spring Working Party

The working party will be setting forth in two main groups on 21 March and will be spending a hard-working week at Rabanal repairing, painting, mending, cleaning, polishing and generally getting the Refugio Gaucelmo ready for its 1994 pilgrims. Unfortunately we have no warden for the month of

April. We are seeking help from Spain but so far without success. Would anybody be willing to offer their services, even for part of the month? Thankfully we are well covered by volunteer wardens for the rest of the season. Joe May coordinates the wardens and can be contacted on (0707)-333178. If he is unavailable please try next Walter and Mary Ivens on (071)-229 2624, then Pat Quaife on (081)-883 4893.

DONORS December 1993 to mid-March 1994

John Bambridge, Tony and Diana Bambridge, Felicity Blake, Sylvia Black, British Broadcasting Corporation, Cheltenham Branch National Trust, Kevin Corrigan, Laurie Dennett, Ted Dickinson, John Durant.

Patric Emerson, Donald & Eileen Fromow, Charles Francis, Harriet Mary Green, Paul Graham, Mr Hambley, Mary & Walter Ivens, Ken Johnson, Revd Colin Jones, Madge Kong, Joanne Land, Jim Lenaghan, Bernard & Dominic McDonnell, Anthea Murray, David and Audrey Morton, Barry and Susan Mather, James Maple, Binnie Mobsby.

Alison Pinkerton, Peter and Mary Pryer, Janet Richardson, St James the Greater School Thornton Heath, Bernard Schweers, Nicol Smith, Alison Shrubsole, Michael & June Sadler, Eric Talbot, Peter Vince, Margaret Walsh, Mary Waller, Robert and Evelyn Walker.

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Forum of Jacobean Associations

Laurie Dennett and Marion Marples represented the Confraternity at the second meeting of officers of the European confraternities held in Tongerlo, Belgium, from February 11th to the 13th. This was a sequel to the inaugural meeting held in Burgos in July 1993 which Pat Quaife had attended. Some fourteen participants from eight different countries were present, including Luis Barreda and Jose Ignacio Diaz (Spain), Jeannine Warcollier (France), Robert Plötz (Germany), Paolo Caucci von Saucken (Italy), Dirk Aerts (Vlaams Genootschap,

Belgium) and Armand Jacquemin and Jean-Pierre Renard (Association des Amis de Saint-Jacques, Belgium). Host association was the Flemish Vlaams Genootschap van Santiago de Compostela which is chaired by Dirk Aerts.

After a convivial dinner at the Centro Galego in Brussels on the Friday evening, participants were taken the 80kms to the sports complex of Tongerlo where they were accommodated, next to the Premonstratensian monastery. The monastery church was the setting for a closing Mass when there was also the opportunity to see Tongerlo's main treasure, a copy of Leonardo's Last Supper, kept in a purpose-built museum. In much better condition than the Italian version, it shows St James among the disciples but with no identifying features except his place near Christ at the table.

The three working sessions on Saturday and Sunday, in French and Spanish, covered a number of topics of common interest, starting where the Burgos meeting had left off. These included waymarking of the route, wardens, a possible new Jacobean journal, Holy Year 1993, the European information bulletin (in existence since September 1993) and the pilgrim record or 'credencial'.

Of most immediate relevance to all associations which issue pilgrim records was the discussion on the 'credencial'. The Cathedral of Santiago has for centuries granted the 'compostela' to pilgrims on their arrival and laid down the criteria that they must meet. In 1993, in anticipation of the influx of pilgrims, the Interdiocesan Commission (of dioceses along the Camino) and the Cathedral produced the Spanish 'credencial del peregrino' which duly stamped gives access to refuges in Spain and, in Santiago, to the 'compostela'. It was agreed that while each association has the right to issue its own pilgrim record, all would strongly recommend to their pilgrims that once in Spain they also obtain the Spanish 'credencial' to ease their passage along the Camino. Copies are available at the monastery in Roncesvalles and in other key refuges en route. Delegates were assured that both records would be stamped in Spain, ie the 'home' CSJ record and the Spanish 'credencial'. In addition each association was asked to

number the pilgrim records they issued and maintain an up-to-date register of them. Pilgrims who behaved destructively towards fellow-pilgrims or the refuges were liable to have their pilgrim record withdrawn from them.

This hard-working meeting - to which the name Forum of Jacobean Associations was given - came to a close after lunch on Sunday, with grateful thanks to the Flemish hosts for their hospitality and smooth organisation and to the Walloon association for the Friday programme.

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'Domus Venerabilis'

In preparing my lecture-recital *Pilgrims and Music on the Way of St James* for performance in the Purcell Room, London, on November 29th 1993, I decided to include the poem 'Domus venerabilis' which praises the hospice at Roncesvalles. It dates from c.1199-1215 and survives in the manuscript known as 'La Preciosa', f.89v., in the Biblioteca de Roncesvalles.

During the Middle Ages this poem may well have been sung, perhaps to a well-known tune of the time, but as none has survived especially for it I composed the one given here. Four of its forty-two verses were sung in the Purcell Room by the Confraternity Choir, together with the chimebells and organistrum which often appear together in Romanesque and early Gothic art.

The whole poem is published in *Las Peregrinaciones a Santiago de Compostela* by Luis Vázquez de Parga, José Ma.Lacarra and Juan Uría Ríu (Madrid, 1948), vol.III, pp.66-70. It will eventually be published separately by the Confraternity, together with the melody. Seven verses and their translation appear in *A Pilgrim Anthology*, ed. Phinella Henderson (Confraternity of St James, 1994), pp.40-41.

Mary Remnant

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DOMUS VENERABILIS

Handwritten musical notation for the first staff, featuring a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Domus vene - ra - bi - lis, domus glori - o - sa,

Handwritten musical notation for the second staff, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

domus admi - ra - bi - lis, do mus fructu - o - sa,

Handwritten musical notation for the third staff, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

Pi - ri - ne - is monti - bus flo - rat si - cut ro - sa,

Handwritten musical notation for the fourth staff, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

U - ni - versis genti - bus valde gra - ti - o - sa.



Poem: Anon., c. 1199-1215.

Music: MARY REMNANT.

Publications by Members

This heading means, of course, publications on the pilgrimage. Members attending the AGM bought **Phinella Henderson's** *A Pilgrim Anthology* (£5-50) in large numbers, attracted by the variety of content and clear presentation. There is sure to be a ready market also for **Alison Raju's** forthcoming guide, *The Way of St James: Spain* (£7-99), to be published by the Cicerone Press in April. The anthology can be ordered immediately for £5-50, or £6-25 (overseas) including postage while copies of the guide will be dispatched as soon as possible; prices by post will be £8-50 or £9-50 (overseas).

This 1993 anthology may be the first ever devoted to pilgrimage and well stocked it is indeed. Contributors, although not all aware of their status, range from the Codex Calixtinus, Chaucer, Dante and Erasmus to twelve-year old (as he was in 1989) Seamus MacLoughlin who kept a free and frank diary of his experiences. In fact the index of authors reads like 'the great and the good' of the Camino over the last 800 years. Poems by Neil Curry rub shoulders with Sir Walter Raleigh and Walter Starkie, while Walter Ivens (Walter is clearly a name of some significance) evokes the derelict villages of the Maragatería.

The anthology has six sections: Motives for the Journey, The Pilgrim's Way, Past Pilgrims, Modern Pilgrim Experiences, Santiago and The Return. Pieces in languages other than English have been translated and some well-chosen illustrations enhance the text.

A Pilgrim Anthology



Edited by
Phinella Henderson

Confraternity of St James

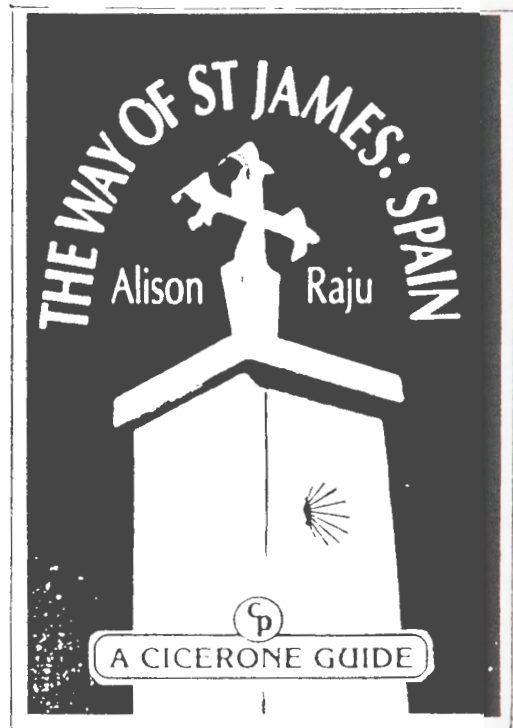
Many congratulations are due to Phinella Henderson for her skilful selection and editing of the Pilgrim Anthology, while grateful thanks go also to Barry Humpidge for his indefatigable desk-top publishing on behalf of the Confraternity.

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Alison Raju's book has not yet seen the light of day, but from the guides she has produced for the Confraternity it is likely to be clear, informative and full of good advice.

She is a walker who has written a walker's guide to the Camino Francés, from Roncesvalles to Santiago de Compostela, with details of the additional route to Finisterre, plus an outline of the Vía de la Plata from Seville to Astorga. There are also suggestions for further reading, a glossary of terms and 11 pages of sketch maps. We hope to review it fully after publication.

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'Por otros caminos': the *Camino mozárabe* or *Vía de la Plata*

Alison Raju

Although the *Camino francés* is the most well known, well travelled, well documented and well waymarked of the pilgrim roads to Santiago on the Iberian peninsula (and to such an extent that for many people it is the only one) it was, in fact, just one of the several used in former times. For as well as the northern coastal route, for example, the *Camino aragonés* over the Somport pass to Puente la Reina, routes from the east coast of Spain and two roads through Portugal, there was also the *Camino mozárabe* or *Vía de la Plata* (so named, it is now thought, not because it followed the old Roman silver route from Huelva to Astorga but as a corruption of the Arabic 'Bal'latta' used to describe wide paved or public roads). This was the way taken by pilgrims from southern Spain once the reconquest of Seville had taken place, and led north, in more or less a straight line, via Seville, Mérida, Cáceres, Salamanca and Zamora. After that there were (and still are) several variant routes, one of which joined the *Camino francés* in Astorga. Others went through Verín and Ourense and directly from there to Santiago or joined up with one of the Portuguese pilgrim roads through Braganza.

Today the *Vía de la Plata* is reliably waymarked with yellow arrows from the outskirts of Seville to Astorga (690 km) and is easy to follow. At present there is no guide book (a CSJ publication along the lines of the existing *Pilgrim Guide to Spain* plus some route-finding tips is due to be published in March/April 1994) but with the help of the late Andrés Muñoz Garde's articles and sketch plans in previous issues of PEREGRINO magazine and Michelin maps 446, 444, and 441 I had no difficulty at all in finding my way (though I did have a great deal of trouble knowing where I could find a place to sleep - more below). The actual walking is no more and no less difficult than it is on the *Camino francés* but in other respects a pilgrimage along the *Vía de la Plata* is a very different journey.

The most uninteresting part of the route, fortunately is at the beginning, in the provinces of Seville and, briefly, Huelva, with 39km of continuous *carretera nacional* between **El Ronquillo** and the **Ermita de San Isidoro** south of Monasterio with but few glimpses through the trees to the sierra beyond. Because of the *cortijos* (huge private estates) there are very few tracks or roads other than the main one so that in several places this inevitably coincides with the camino. Once you enter Extremadura, though, the scenery changes and the camino takes you along old lanes (the original *Vía de la Plata* has been subsumed by the modern N630) and you may spend complete days in the countryside, with 'wall-to-wall' wild flowers in May and June, never meeting a single person from morning to evening apart from the occasional goatherd with his flock.

After **Fuente de Cantos**, birthplace of the painter Zurburán, and **Zafra**, nicknamed, with good reason, 'little Seville', the camino wends its way through undulating vineyards and olive groves to **Mérida** with its spectacular Roman theatre, amphitheatre, Viaducto de los Milagros and many other remains. (You are very much aware of being in Roman Spain along the *Vía de la Plata*, although there is no dearth of Christian architecture or churches dedicated to Santiago.) From there the camino continues through increasingly uninhabited territory to **Cáceres** with its old town up on the hill, walled and completely intact within the surrounding modern city. After that the way passes through more and more rugged landscape, past the Embalse (reservoir) de Alcántara and on uphill to the **Puerta de los Castaños** at 500 metres. Down again onto the plains, skirting **Plasencia** (since the town did not exist in Roman times the *Vía de la Plata* does not go through it, though it is worth a detour both to find somewhere to sleep and to visit its several places of interest) and on, instead to **Cáparra**, passing under its monumental Roman arch, just as hundreds of thousands of former pilgrims must have done; for this, in the middle of the countryside, is no mere museum piece. After that you climb up again to the northernmost tip of Extremadura to the Roman spa town, still functioning, of **Baños de Montemayor** at 900 metres and nearby **Hervias** with the best-preserved *judería* (Jewish quarter) in Spain.

Just before the **Puerto de Béjar** (reached, on foot, via 3km of restored *calzada romana*) you enter the autonomous region of Castilla-León and suddenly everything else changes too: the landscape, style of houses, people and their accents. (One of the reasons you need reasonable Spanish to tackle this route is to understand *el andaluz* with all its missing "s's" ...) Here for the first time people seemed to have heard about the *Camino de Santiago*, knew where it went and what the yellow arrows were for. I was frequently asked if I needed anything (to eat, for example) and many people I talked to remembered Andrés Muñoz's large group who, backed up by two buses, had walked the route in stages.

Between **Plasencia** and **Salamanca** the camino passes through some of its most spectacular scenery, across high pasture land with fine views on a clear day and snow-capped mountains away in the distance to the east. Here I saw nobody at all apart from herds of huge black, docile cows with such enormous horns that they are easily mistakeable for bulls the first time you see them. Up to the **Pico de Dueña**, the highest point of the route at 1170 metres, though its summit is unattainable, securely fenced in and obviously in private hands, so you pass some way to the north of it. Down again across meseta-like grazing land and corn fields to **Salamanca** with its two cathedrals, famous Plaza Mayor and other sights, and here I took a day off.

The meseta-like landscape continues, with very little shade, as you go on towards **Zamora**, with its fortifications, many fine churches (including two dedicated to Santiago) and long stone bridge over the Duero. Across the plains again to **Benavente**, after which the scenery changes abruptly, green and verdant all of a sudden as you come to the rivers Esla, Orbigo and their many tributaries, through **La Bañeza** to **Astorga**.

There are many things to see but few pilgrims – the newly repainted waymarks seemed as if they had been done especially for my benefit – and for this reason you can often feel more like a walking tourist than a real *peregrino*. There is no 'fraternity of the road' along the *Vía de la Plata* as yet and I met nobody else at all in the month it took from Seville to Astorga in May/June 1993, despite it being a Holy Year. Until

Vía de la Plata (Camino Mozárabe)



you enter Castille, moreover, the existence of the *Camino de Santiago* is virtually unknown amongst those who live along its path, including priests, policemen and people who have yellow arrows a few yards from their front doors. Even those who have in fact heard about it frequently assumed I must be walking along the main road all the time.

The *Vía de la Plata* differs from the *Camino francés* in a number of other ways too. Getting your pilgrim passport stamped isn't nearly as simple as it is on a route where this process is well known and often required considerable organisation to do so. *Ayuntamientos*, even though open in the evenings, only seemed to provide the 'sello' service in the mornings, parish office hours were frequently at midday, when I was usually miles from anywhere, though when I did track down one or the other I frequently had quite long conversations with the person concerned. In the end I discovered the best bet, in villages, was the Guardia Civil, or, in towns, the *policia municipal*, as both were always open. It is much warmer along the *Vía de la Plata* too (July/August are definitely not recommended) and as in the south there is very little water and few fountains in public places you need to carry supplies for the whole day. And large quantities of food as well.

In a couple of places near the Embalse de Ricobayo north of Zamora the yellow arrows, normally so reliable, suddenly led me straight into the reservoir! The waymarking was apparently done during the summer when the water, if not actually dried up, was only ankle deep. In one or two other places, just beyond Cáparra, where there was no bridge anywhere in sight and no stepping stones, I had to remove my boots, pick up my rucksack and wade across side, knee-deep streams. Otherwise, however, I had no trouble finding the way though I did have considerable problems, despite doing as much 'homework' as I could, knowing where I could find places to sleep.

From Seville, where there is a refuge, to Mérida, accommodation was readily enough available at 20 to 25km intervals but after that, and especially between Cáceres and Zamora, it is often very far apart. For this reason, at

present, at least, the *Vía de la Plata* on foot, without back-up transport, is only for fit pilgrims. There are few campsites, and mainly in or near big town, though a small tent would be useful provided that you could find somewhere to pitch it well out of sight, scent and earshot of DOGS (more below). There is no network of refuges as yet though there are apparently some villages in Castille with very simple provision for pilgrims if you know where and when to ask, a situation which doubtless improve as the route becomes better known. A pilgrimage along the *Vía de la Plata* is therefore a much more expensive undertaking than one along the *Camino francés*. However, for those undaunted by the prospect of walking 45 to 50km a day and then having to set about looking for accommodation once they finally reach their destination (Plasencia, Guijela, La Bañeza ...) the *Vía de la Plata* is a delightful route, especially for those with a sense of history who like solitude, wide open spaces and who, like the hero of Cela's *Del Minho al Bidassoa*, are card-carrying '*coleccionistas de paisajes y puestas de sol*'.

DOGS! This was the only other problem – and a big one – for man's best friend is definitely the pilgrim's worst enemy. The four-legged inhabitants of Foncebadón, reputedly ferocious, pale into insignificance beside the monsters living along the *Vía de la Plata*. Huge, aggressive, strolling about (loose), often in twos and threes, they are such a nuisance that a stout stick is absolutely essential and could easily spoil your whole journey if you aren't prepared for them. On the outskirts of Salamanca I heard such a commotion that I was seriously considering turning back until I realised where it was all coming from: the headquarters of the Spanish equivalent of the RSPCA, whose inmates, safely locked up, were busy with their morning choir practice ...

In Astorga I 'turned left' along the *Camino francés* and after the difficulties of a route I did not know the remaining 250km along one I was already familiar with seemed almost like a rest-cure in comparison: refuges at 15 to 20km intervals, shops, bars and fountains along the way and, best of all, hardly any dogs! There were also, of course, literally hundreds of other pilgrims, since it was an *Año Santo*. As a result, for me, at least, the real 'Monte del Gozo' was the first

view of Astorga Cathedral in the distance and although there were still another ten days to go to Santiago it felt as though I had already reached the end of my journey.

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Alison Raju's 52 page guide to the *Vía de la Plata* is being published by the Confraternity in April. It will be available at £3-50 from publications officer, Paul Graham, 100 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6EH.

Compostella: an Opera by Peter Ser-racino Inglott and Charles Camilleri

Reviewed by William Griffiths

The Island of Malta lies in the centre of the Mediterranean, roughly equidistant from the three great pilgrim destinations, Jerusalem, Rome and Compostella. Ruled as part of the Kingdom of Sicily by the Crown of Aragon from the 13th to the 16th centuries, then ceded by Charles V to the Hospitaller Order of St John, which drew its members from all Europe, Malta shares with Santiago the sense of being a microcosm of European civilization. Spanish influences abound and Jacobean elements are readily found.

Devotion to St James could not match that to our own apostle, St Paul (who is also invoked as a Matamoros from an appearance to thwart a Moorish invasion in 1429.) The first Jacobean pilgrim from Malta known so far by name was a Spanish hermit, Juan Beneguas, who was the custodian of the grotto where St Paul lived during his stay in Malta. The archives record the permission granted to him in 1606 to go on pilgrimage to Santiago, Loreto, and other shrines with a view to fostering St Paul's grotto as a centre of pilgrimage.

Churches and chapels dedicated to St James are found in at least three Maltese villages and there were chapels of St James both in the old Cathedral of Mdina and in the conventual

church of the Knights of St John in Valletta. An altarpiece from the former, with a fine pilgrim figure of St James, is now in the cathedral museum. The Valletta chapel is resplendent with pilgrim and Matamoros paintings, and carved angels bearing pilgrim staves. Also in Valletta are the national churches of the Aragonese and Castilian Knights of St John, dedicated to Nuestra Señora del Pilar, and Santiago himself. Finally, a pilgrim figure with scallop can be seen as a statue on the corner of the old building of the University of Malta, founded as a Jesuit college in 1592. This, however, is not St James, but the young St Ignatius setting out as a pilgrim to Montserrat.

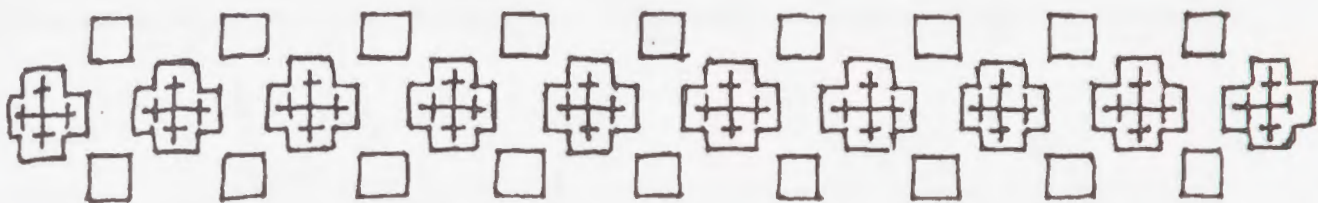
With this rich background of Jacobean culture in Malta, a fascinating opera was premiered on 27 March 1993 in the jewel-like Manoel Theatre of Valletta as part of the University's fourth centenary celebrations. The libretto is by Peter Serracino Inglott, priest, philosopher, Rector of the University and renaissance man. The music is by Charles Camilleri, Malta's leading composer and a powerful name in avant-garde musical circles anywhere. Fr Peter has seen parallels between the significance of Compostella as the point at 'Finis Terrae' where one meditates on the goal of one's present life and what lies beyond it, and the ideal function of a university 'embodying the idea of life as a journey from a limited position in space and time to a death-transcending destination'.

Three main influences permeate the Italian libretto. First are the Gospels, in which it is noteworthy that the interventions of St James are always concerned with the Last Things. Second comes Dante who, in the *Divine Comedy*, makes St James personify the virtue of Hope, the virtue particularly needed by the pilgrim. Third comes Buñuel, whose film *La Voie Lactée* appears in the prologue to the opera.

Giacomino, or Little Jimmy, is forbidden by the Father-King to see the film (but does so anyway). A chorus relates the finding of St James's body in the field of the star. In Act I the chorus become waves of the Sea of Galilee, and Little James becomes the fisher-apostle, who catches a siren-like



Drawing by Romualdo Moretti (1993)
from the programme of *Compostella*,
compiled and designed by Abraham Borg



ST MICHAEL'S WAY

Rod Pascoe

St. Michael's Way links the north coast of Cornwall with Mount's Bay on the south. St. Ives, Hayle and Mount's Bay offer natural harbours and from early times these harbours were used for trade and passenger traffic. Incoming travellers and traders heading for the ports of present day France and Spain were aware of the dangerous passage around Land's End and could well have decided to offload at the north coast ports and travel in safety to Mount's Bay, there to board ship for the continent. A network of paths crossed the peninsula and many survive today: some of these tracks were used by pilgrims going to St. Michael's Mount.

Ships sailing south from Mount's Bay were used by pilgrims going to the tomb of the Apostle James at Santiago de Compostela in Galicia. Records still survive detailing such journeys and amongst these can be found: 1391 The Michael of Mount's Bay, captain/owner John Colyn and Thomas Norton, 80 pilgrims; 1394 The Mighel of Mount's Bay, captain Martin Richaw, 50 pilgrims; 1434 The Michael of St. Michael's Mount, captain John Williamson, 40 pilgrims.

In 1987 the Council of Europe's Cultural Initiative decided to promote the Pilgrim Way to Santiago de Compostela 'as a highly symbolic European cultural route.' Recognising that the European network of pilgrim ways represents 'a collective memory overcoming distances, frontiers and language barriers,' the Council urged other interested groups to follow their example by promoting pilgrim ways in their areas.

Bearing these sentiments in mind, Bredereth Sen Jago researched and mapped a route from Lelant to Marazion which directs 20th century pilgrims to the chapel of St. Michael on St. Michael's Mount.

Bredereth Sen Jago is an association that aims to stimulate interest and spread information about the pilgrimage of St. James and pilgrim routes, especially in Cornwall and the lands around the Celtic seas. It is open to all who are interested in any aspect of pilgrimage; is non-political, non-sectarian and non-denominational.



Saint Michael's Way

The St. Michael's Way starts at the Church of St. Uny at Lelant and takes the pilgrim via Ludgvan to Marazion and Mount's Bay on the south coast.

The route is waymarked with this symbolic scallop shell emblem.

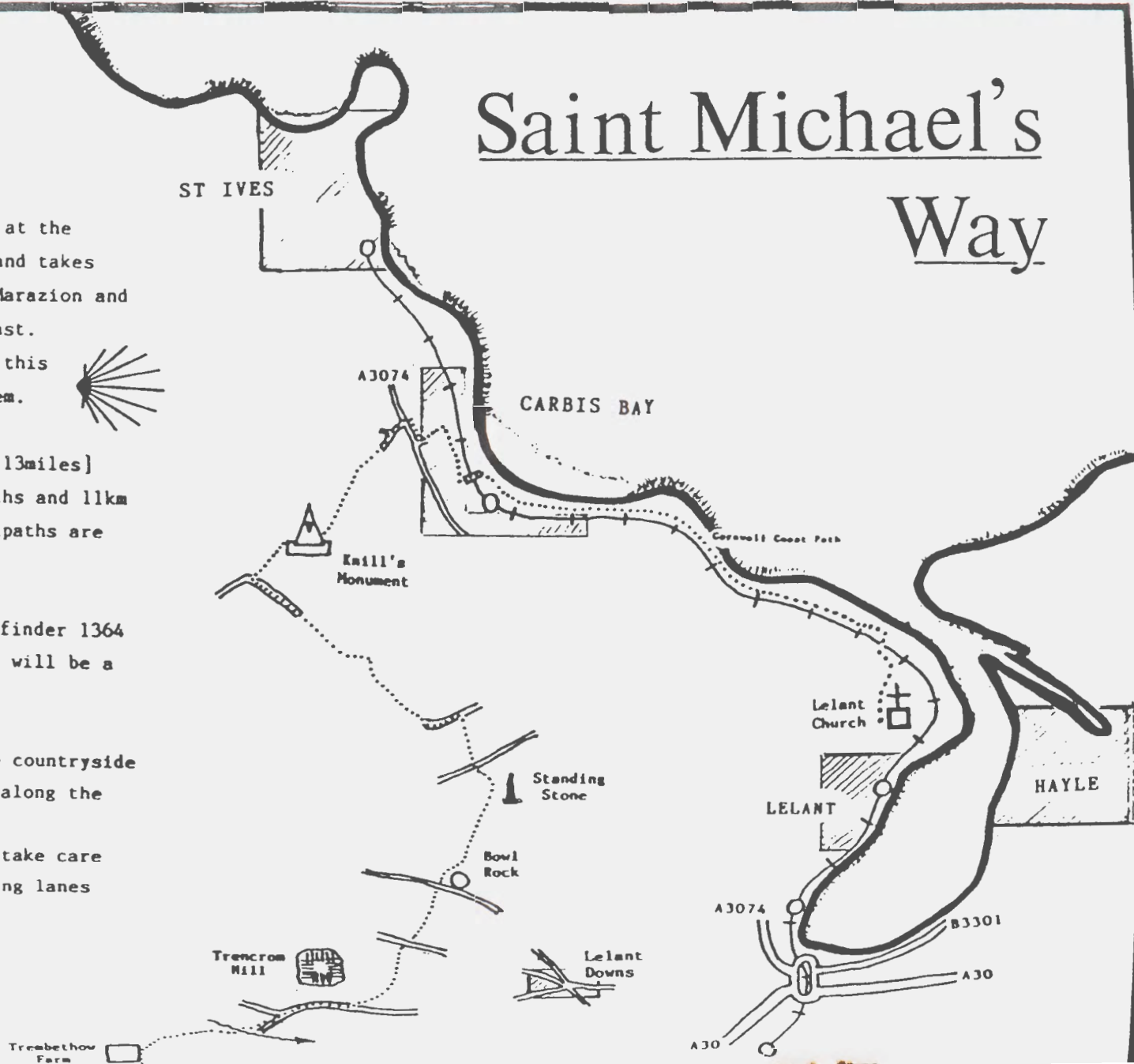


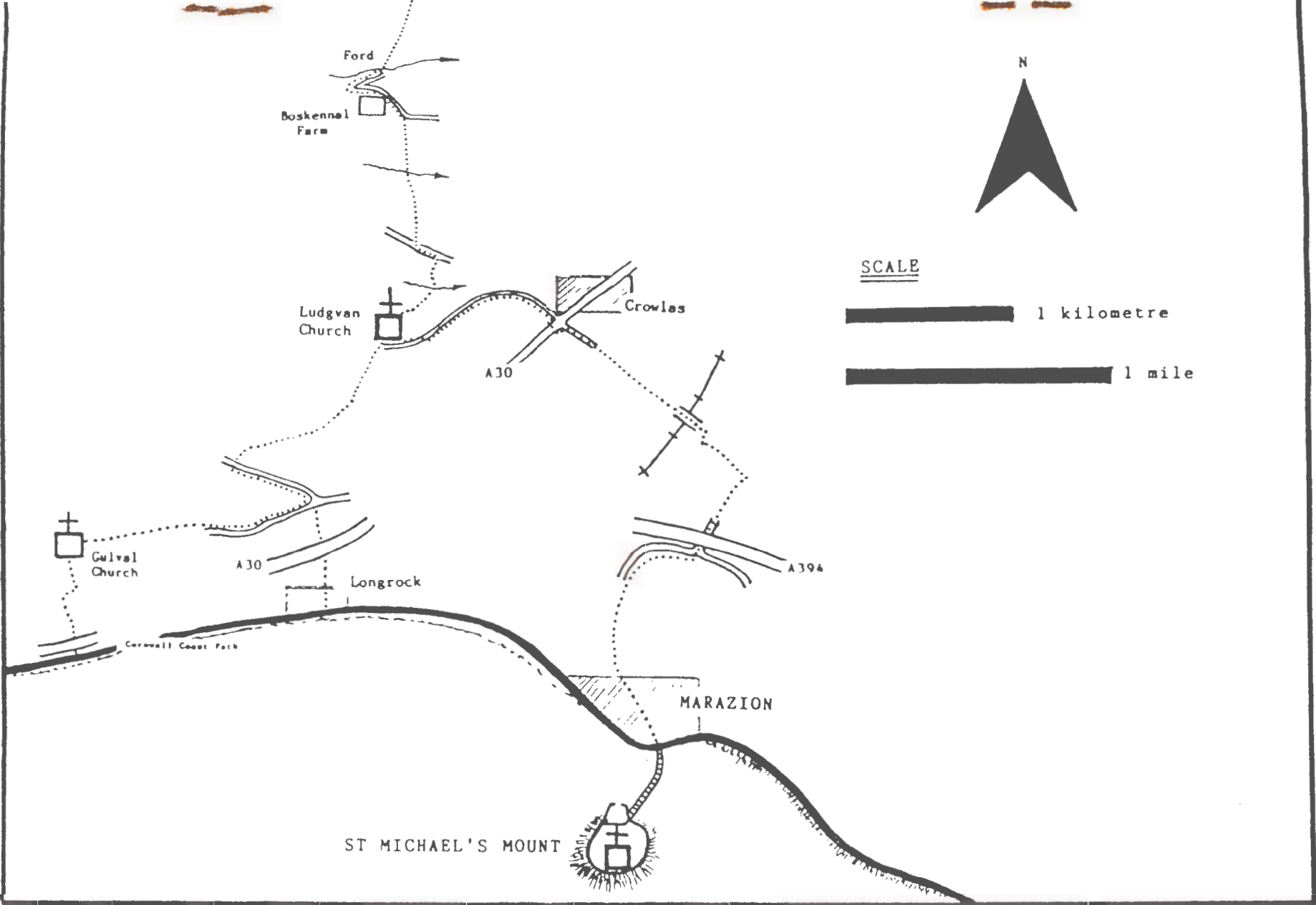
The total distance is 21km [13miles] of which 10km are on footpaths and 11km on lanes and roads. All footpaths are definitive rights of way.

The Ordnance Survey map Pathfinder 1364 St. Ives and Penzance [North] will be a useful aid to the pilgrim.

You are asked to respect the countryside and those who live and work along the St. Michael's Way.

Follow the Country Code and take care when walking along or crossing lanes and roads.





THE ROUTE

Lelant to Knill's Monument. The Way starts by the gate at St. Uny's Church at Lelant. Cross the golf links to reach the Cornwall Coastal Footpath; turn left and walk towards Carbis Bay taking in the wonderful views of St. Ives Bay. At Carbis Bay cross the railway by the footbridge and climb up Wheal Margery Lane to the A3074. Cross this busy road and follow a narrow lane up to Knill's Monument. John Knill was the Collector of Customs at St. Ives and later became the mayor. His monument, a never to be used mausoleum, stands out as a landmark for those approaching from the sea.

Knill's Monument to Trencrom. By lanes and field paths the way passes the standing stone at Beersheba, descends to Bowl Rock and then climbs steeply to Trencrom. This stark hill was probably a neolithic tor enclosure which was occupied well into the Dark Ages. From here the first sight of the pilgrim's goal, St. Michael's Mount, is glimpsed.

Trencrom to Ludgvan Church. Descend to Ninnes Bridge and follow the signs into a field. Head west, diagonally across three fields towards Trembethow Farm, pass in front of a large slurry tank and head south; cross two fields, a sunken lane and two more fields to descend to the ford. By lane and field paths the route passes Boskennal Farm, crosses two damp valleys and arrives at the south door of Ludgvan Church.

Ludgvan to Marazion. At Ludgvan there are alternative secondary routes leading to Gulval and Longrock. From Ludgvan walk downhill to meet the A30 at Lower Quarter [just below Crowlas]. Take care crossing the A30 and continue along Rospeath Lane. It is in this area which legend tells of the hunting of the last wolf in Cornwall. This busy lane crosses the Penzance - Paddington railway line, skirts the marsh and continues under the A394. A steep climb up Virgin Hill leads to the sudden and majestic appearance of St. Michael's Mount on the near horizon. The easy descent into Marazion takes the pilgrim to a small slipway. Depending on the state of the tide the passage to the Mount can be completed by causeway or boat.

There are well established pubs providing refreshments at Lelant, Carbis Bay, near Bowl Rock, Ludgvan, Lower Quarter and Marazion. Transport by train and 'bus serves Penzance, Lelant, Carbis Bay and St. Ives and there are good 'bus routes through Ludgvan, Gulval and Marazion.

creature, Limes, meaning Limit or Road. Next he encounters Hope, first in the person of the daughter of Jairus, brought back from death by his Master. The other apostles emerge from the chorus and James encounters Hope again, with Peter and John on their descent from Mount Tabor.

Act II shows James experiencing the fickle adulation of the chorus in the Ideal City, revived by an encounter with Hope dressed as a clown, and finally put to death by Herod, the Father-King. Jerusalem needs a touch of the bloodshed that goes down so well with the Roman crowd but it would be too risky to start with the leader of the apostles. St James who has always lagged behind Peter and John becomes 'Primus ex Apostolis,' and the procession of pilgrims begins under the gaze of Beatrice and Dante. The epilogue brings back Little Jimmy and his father discussing whether St James is best represented as Matamoros or Pilgrim, and a final invocation to Hope. Charles Camilleri's music has some thrilling climaxes and intermezzos, and at times uses sung recitative simultaneously with spoken text (perhaps inspired by the portion of the *Codex Calixtinus* which instructs 'Lector et Cantor simul jubilent').

There is no Jacobean confraternity yet in Malta but Fr Peter has become a member of our own Confraternity and we hope to see him in England. A copy of the opera's programme is now in our library. Besides the complete libretto it includes fine material on the history and legends of the pilgrimage, the music of the *Codex Calixtinus* and reproductions of Mantegna's destroyed Paduan paintings of the Life of St James. In the island at the navel of the sea the spirit that leads pilgrims to the end of the earth is alive in this Holy Year.

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The Speyer St James Pilgrim

Shelagh M. Freeman

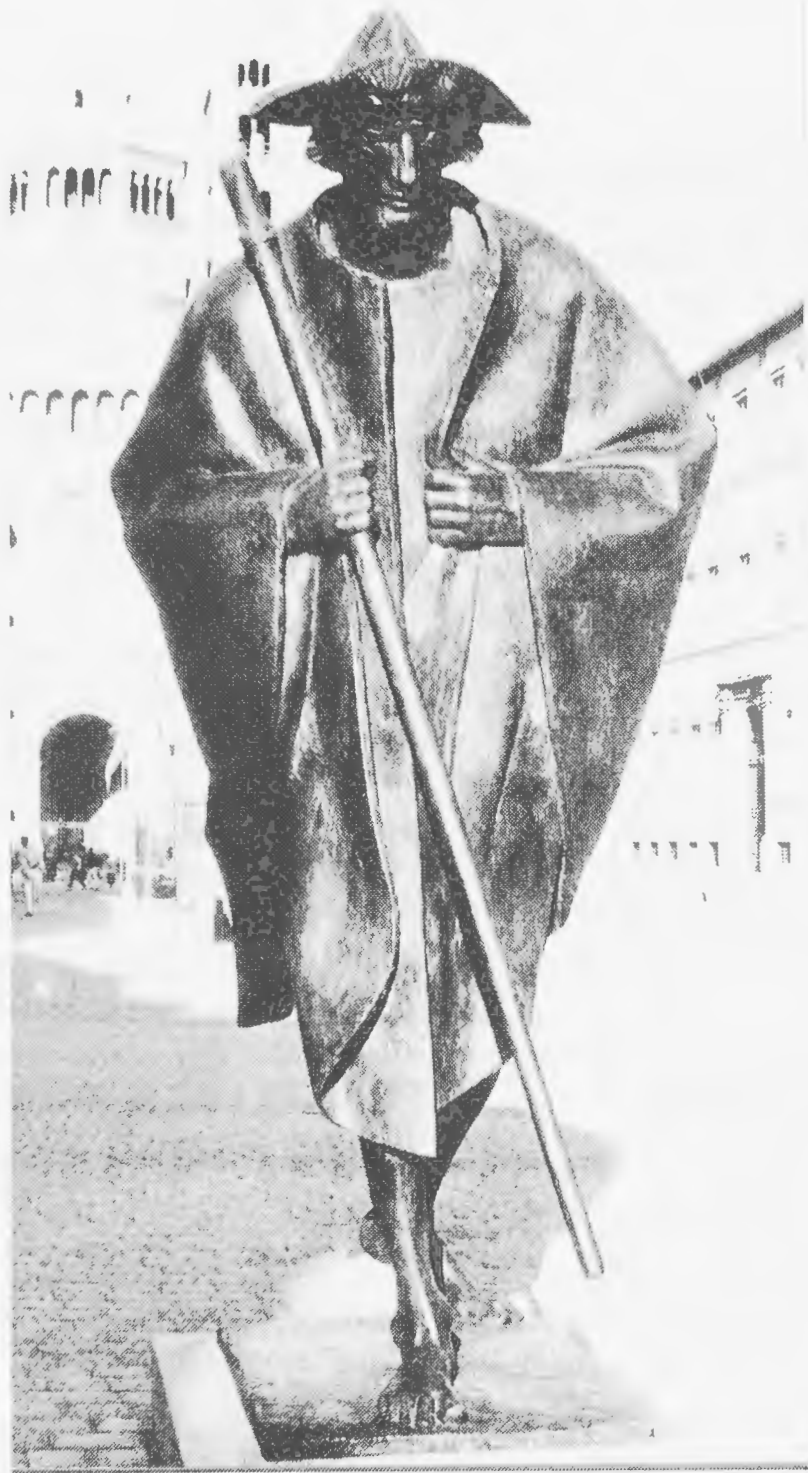
Of the three imperial cathedrals in the Rhineland - Speyer, Worms and Mainz - Speyer, the oldest, built by the Salian emperors in the 11th century and remodelled in the 12th, is the most impressive. It is a massive building, the 'Westwerk' (west front) being twenty feet thick. The cathedral is situated on the east side of the town and the main streets radiate from the west front.

In June 1990 a bronze statue of a St James pilgrim was erected in the Maximilianstrasse, the main street leading from the cathedral, to commemorate the 2000th anniversary of the founding of Speyer.

Although Speyer was not on a main pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, there is evidence that pilgrims making their way down the Rhine passed through the town before turning westwards.

There are no records of hostels for pilgrims, though undoubtedly accommodation was available for them. A chapel dedicated to St James was in existence in 1180 and later this became the parish church, destroyed by the French in 1689.

As John Hatfield related in his report of the Speyer conference in Bulletin 35 (December 1990) there was initial opposition from some Protestants to the siting of the statue half-way down the Maximilianstrasse. The bronze pilgrim, three metres high, faces westward and strides away from the cathedral on his way to Santiago. The pilgrim's broad hat has a cockleshell on its upturned brim, and he is wearing a voluminous cloak. A drinking gourd hangs over his shoulder, attached to the staff he grips in his right hand, and his feet are bare. He is not looking ahead, but downwards, and his expression is determined but withdrawn.



This striking statue, created by the sculptor Martin Mayer, who works in Munich, is a gift of Bishop Anton Schlembach, the 95th bishop of Speyer, to mark the 2000th anniversary of the town. The bishop evolved the idea with Dr Christian Roskopf, the mayor of Speyer, who has himself made the pilgrimage to Santiago - on a bicycle.

It is hoped the Speyer St James Pilgrim will be a symbol for a Europe without frontiers.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1994

The eleventh Confraternity AGM, held on 22 January, attracted an attendance of around 175 members, many of whom stayed in the St Alban's Centre until nearly 8pm. The honorary President, H.E. the Spanish Ambassador, had hoped to come but was sadly unable to be present after all. However we were very pleased to welcome Jose Ignacio Diaz, the editor of PEREGRINO magazine, who had travelled from Santo Domingo de la Calzada for the occasion, and Etienne and Nelly van Wouterghem Teirlinck from Belgium, the first and very faithful wardens of the Refugio Gaucelmo.

After the Chairman's report, reproduced below, the Confraternity's latest publication, *A Pilgrim Anthology*, edited by Phinella Henderson, was formally launched in the presence of both Phinella and its desk top publisher, Barry Humpidge. The Treasurer, Stephen Badger, then presented the accounts for 1993, reporting a healthy surplus for the year and recommending that 1994 subscriptions should remain unchanged. This was Stephen's last AGM as Treasurer and to mark his six years of office he was presented with a booktoken, some bookplates and a ballpoint pen depicting a badger.

A number of members reported on different aspects of the year: James Maple on the Refugio Gaucelmo, John Hatfield on the Slide Library, Stephen Badger on the Library and Phinella Henderson on the results of the recently circulated members' questionnaire. While the percentage of members responding was a little disappointing (around 15%), the findings were largely very positive with a number of offers of help in different areas of work.

Committee members for 1994 were then elected and Rosemary Clarke, Hilary Hugh Jones, Howard Nelson, Mary Remnant and Timothy Wotherspoon joined existing members serving their second year: Laurie Dennett, William Griffiths, Doreeen Hansen, Marion Marples and Pat Quaife. Thanks were expressed to those members not offering themselves for re-election in 1994: Stephen Badger, Phinella Henderson and Veronica Mathew for all their work for the Confraternity over the past three or more years.

During the day reunions took place of the Camino Ingles and Oviedo to Finisterre groups, in addition to a workshop on the Vézelay route (see below) chaired by Joseph May and meetings of potential 1994 wardens.

and potential 1995 cyclists. Janet Richardson's philatelic exhibition on Holy Year stamps from Spain attracted much favourable attention and a number of members had brought albums of 1993 Camino photographs

After tea Rod Pascoe of the Bredereth Sen Jago talked very persuasively about the newly waymarked St Michael's Way from Lelant to Marazion, while Leigh and James Hatts recollected, with slides, their August journey on the FEVE railway and (on foot) along the Camino Ingles. The raffle prizes were then drawn, with great panache, by William Griffiths, resplendent in his flowing Leonese pilgrim cloak. The day's proceedings closed with supper, served by Eileen FitzGerald and many helpers, and a final slide presentation by James Maple and Mary Remnant, the latter showing, appropriately, the ceremony of the closing of the Holy Door of Santiago Cathedral on 31 December 1993.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1993

I am still a little breathless from Holy Year, the first that the Confraternity has celebrated and so I am grateful to Stephen Badger for the Committee Report that appears in the AGM booklet. There will also be short reports on different aspects of the year's activities from Stephen, from James Maple, John Hatfield and Phinella Henderson.

One of the first 'happenings' of 1993 was the arrival in London of the newly appointed Spanish Ambassador, D. Alberto Aza Arias. He graciously agreed to continue the tradition of his predecessors by becoming honorary President of the Confraternity. He has been most supportive and helpful and, as you know, went on pilgrimage himself in July with his wife, family and friends.

We have benefitted tremendously from the detailed planning for the year done in 1992 by the 1993 Sub Committee, without which we could not possibly have mounted such an ambitious programme of eighteen different events. I remember looking at this programme a year ago and wondering how we were going to achieve it all. With the help of a very wide range of members and friends we did achieve almost everything that was planned and promoted Holy Year as effectively as possible. The only disappointment was the postponement of the December concert of *Music from the Codex Calixtinus* by Dr Mary Berry and her Schola Gregoriana. This will now take place on March 19th at St Bartholomew's and I do urge you to support it.

Over the course of this Holy Year three themes to my mind stand out: pilgrimage, music, and faith and spirituality. These were manifested in a number of new or different activities. I think of the walking pilgrimage to Canterbury in May when a group of walkers, under Stephen Badger's guidance, left St James's Church, Reading, next to the Abbey ruins and ten days later reached Canterbury Cathedral - after many trials and also many uplifting moments. The cyclists, starting from St Peter's Winchester, covered a greater distance but were of course prey to punctures and other mechanical mishaps. With other members the two groups joined together at both Aylesford Friary and at Canterbury itself where everyone felt inspired by the ecumenical service devised by David Stancliffe (now Bishop of Salisbury) and Marion Marples that was held in the Jesus Chapel of the crypt.

Some of the same walkers also took part in the historic Camino Inglés pilgrimage in Galicia, from La Coruña to Santiago in late August. We were privileged to have a special Mass and pilgrim blessing in the church of Santiago in La Coruña, an ancient departure point for pilgrims from northern Europe. Leigh Hatts will tell us more about this pilgrimage, and the European Pilgrim Mass held in the Cathedral the day after our arrival.

Being a pilgrim is a state of mind and heart and I sometimes think too much emphasis is put on walkers as being the only authentic pilgrims. So I do not hesitate to describe the Confraternity's October visit to Oviedo and Galicia as a pilgrimage, albeit largely by mini bus. What else indeed could it be with a driver called Santiago and an itinerary that included San Salvador of Oviedo, Rabanal del Camino, Vilar de Donas, Santiago de Compostela, Santiago of Padrón and the rocky headland of Cape Finisterre at sunset? (Further details will be found in the account of the pilgrimage in this Bulletin.)

I mentioned music as another of the themes of 1993 and would like to pay tribute to the *Evening of Words and Music* devised by Phinella Henderson in May and the concert arranged by Jane Lofthouse and friends in late September in St James Garlickhythe. Both occasions attracted enthusiastic audiences and gave us the chance to hear music, prose and poetry of the pilgrim routes with a variety of voices and instruments.

Faith and spirituality was the third theme of Holy Year. We are doubly grateful to David Stancliffe because not only did he conduct the ecumenical pilgrim service at Canterbury but also contributed an eloquent and moving talk on the spirituality of the pilgrimage, as the sixth of the seven Holy Year lectures held in the medieval crypt of St Etheldreda's Church in the

City. The second memorable service of the year took place in St James Stoke Orchard, on St James's Day itself. The rector, the Revd John Homfray, had devised a simple and beautiful service in which both parishioners and Confraternity members played a full part, including the Confraternity choir under the baton of Mary Remnant.

In earlier years attendance at lectures has sometimes been disappointing so it was particularly pleasing that the Holy Year lectures were well patronised and much enjoyed. Maybe the venue had a part to play in this. Could I thank Rosemary Nibbs who works at St Etheldreda's for all the help she gave on each occasion. We shall be returning there on 8th February when the Ambassador has kindly agreed to speak on his pilgrimage.

It is a recurring complaint and one common to many national organisations that activities are too London based. The Committee is always conscious of this geographical imbalance and tried to redress it in 1993 with meetings of different kinds in Northampton, Kent, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire. Members living in the south-west are always welcome at Bredereth Sen Jago events in Cornwall, thanks to Hilary Shaw. If anyone feels inspired to organise a meeting in a different area or region please contact Marion Marples who will do all she can to facilitate matters.

The hardest working members in 1993 were undoubtedly those who acted as wardens at the Refugio Gaucelmo and who between them looked after well over 6000 pilgrims between April and October. Fruitful meetings were held during the year with the new El Bierzo committee and many small improvements made to the facilities at the refuge. James Maple, the Chairman of the Rabanal sub-committee will report in more detail shortly.

The Research Working Party, under Professor Brian Tate's chairmanship, has been quietly beavering away in 1993 and the first three county booklets will be published in 1994. I am sorry to report a slight hiccup in the plans for publishing the late Constance Storrs' thesis on medieval English pilgrims to Santiago but it is hoped that it will appear this year under the imprint of the Xunta de Galicia. The committee report in your booklet gives details of 1993 publications, both practical and academic. Five members jointly translated into English a book on St James the Apostle for the Cathedral in Santiago, copies of which are now available.

On the European stage different members represented the Confraternity at a variety of events. These included an international university colloquium in Toulouse in February, a coordination meeting of office-holders of the European associations at Burgos in July, the European Associations' Day in Santiago in August and an academic conference in Santiago in November. Unfortunately we were not represented at the Spanish Federation of Associations' conference held in Oviedo in October, something I regret very much, especially as there is a great deal of interest in lesser-known pilgrim routes to Santiago. Following the Burgos meeting steps have been taken to improve coordination between the different association by means of a bi-monthly European bulletin in French of four to five pages to which each country contributes. I have the honour of editing this bulletin for the first six issues.

As well as being the first Holy Year for eleven years 1993 has been something of a watershed in the Confraternity's history. It will not be possible to maintain such a high level of activity with our current administrative arrangements, and with 916 members by the end of the year, hundreds of enquiries and publications orders the burden on those who administer the organisation, especially the Secretary, is considerable. Changes are therefore needed. This state of affairs coincides, fortuitously, with our quinquennial survey of members' views. With your September Bulletin you received a questionnaire on the future of the Confraternity drawn up by Phinella Henderson. I will leave it to her to describe the results but their implementation will be one of the 1994 Committee's most urgent tasks.

There are too many people who have contributed to 1993 to thank them all individually at this point but I must mention Marion Marples and Stephen Badger, whose homes, especially Marion's, have been invaded by Confraternity paperwork and books and many committee members. I do thank everyone for their support in an exceptionally busy year - committee and sub-committee members, office holders not on the committee, county coordinators, wardens, working party members, speakers, guide writers, pilgrimage organisers, the list is endless. Thank you all very much.

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NOTES ON AGM VEZELAY ROUTE WORKSHOP

The main theme of the workshop is covered in John Hatfield's article 'Developing Modern Pilgrim Routes' in Bulletin 48.

Joe May, as chairman, introduced the workshop by describing the excellent infrastructure that exists for the walking pilgrim in Spain. The same was not true of France and there was a need to create a similar identity with the Santiago pilgrimage. This raised many questions concerning the Vézelay route: more publicity might encourage tourism, increasing people and prosperity, but then it could also suffer from over exposure and over loaded facilities.

A recent meeting held by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on the Santiago pilgrim routes seemed to indicate that its main interest was in tourism, with little consideration of spiritual aspects. It is vital to preserve the different facets of pilgrimage, including the distinction between the genuine pilgrim and the tourist.

As the diagram in the appendix shows there are conflicting factors affecting which route the pilgrim will take, and academic knowledge is of no help in finding a bed or a meal. We can help the French to provide the necessary infrastructure by encouraging enthusiasm from all circles, but not imposing it. Greater awareness of the pilgrim paths will create a greater sense of local pride which, as exemplified in Spain, helps to sustain an infrastructure.

John Hatfield explained his rationale for the development of the first Confraternity Vézelay guide. Of the four main French routes the Le Puy route is most developed while the others are at an early stage. The Vézelay route has no waymarking and facilities available in the Middle Ages have largely disappeared. The historic routes have been well documented by the Société des Amis de Saint Jacques/Centre Européen d'Etudes Compostellanes, but it had been necessary to ask modern pilgrims about their experiences.

The Amis de Saint-Jacques were currently approaching the Grande Randonnée organisation for help in waymarking the route from Vézelay. To be of serious use to the pilgrim it should not be too indirect and accommodation would be needed. The best way in which we can help in this endeavour is to collaborate with all our fellow confraternities and encourage pilgrims to share their experiences and provide feedback on

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODERN PILGRIM ROUTE FOR WALKERS

THE CHURCH: Spiritual support
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Shrines
Refuges
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Art/Sculpture
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PEOPLE LIVING
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PLACES TO STAY----->
Gites d'etape
Camping sites
Hotels

MODERN PILGRIM

Conflicting factors
affecting decision on
which route to take

REQUIRES COMPROMISE

Support
(Unofficial
places to stay)
---Where to eat
or Buy Food

DISTANCE WEIGHT TIME (DAYS)
TO NEXT STAGE ON BACK AVAILABLE
(On average,
no more FITNESS
than 20 KM)

The walking pilgrim's ultimate route, unless s/he carries a tent,
will depend on known accommodation and NOT on history.

Feedback on accommodation from former pilgrims will greatly help
the development of the route.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THOSE ON BICYCLES AND HORSEBACK!
(They can also earn Compostelas)

John Hatfield 24 Oct 93

which routes/footpaths they took and where they stayed. With this in mind the feedback provided by Jocelyn Rix and Julian Nayar has been particularly valuable and will be used as an example of the kind of information we hope to receive also from our European friends. The Grande Randonnee people are more likely to support the project if they know it is a European wide venture.

We were very pleased to welcome Etienne van Wouterghem Teirlinck from the Vlaams Genootschap who briefly confirmed how the collaboration was developing on the mainland. The Flemish association would publish a note about our joint work in their next bulletin, so that we can begin to collate the feedback and jointly share it. The Walloon, Dutch and German confraternities have also indicated their support. As a follow up, we are also interested in how to get to Vezelay from our own countries. The Walloons have already waymarked a route from Aachen (German) and Maastricht (Netherlands) along the Meuse to Givet near the French Belgian border, and we hope to investigate accommodation right through to Vezelay. This should provide the basis for a walking/cycling guide in due course.

Jocelyn Rix, who had returned from her journey from Puente la Reina to Vezelay, highlighted the needs of the walker and provided a candid critique of the first Vezelay guide. She had had no difficulty in using it and found the diagrammatic map showing places and distances very useful for forward planning. The historical notes were sufficient without increasing the weight of the booklet too much and she appreciated the thumbnail sketches of important places en route. She highlighted the gites d'etape of which there are few at present. The French IGN maps with colour shading and contours were found extremely useful. Her pack weighted 11 kg and she found a walk of 20 to 25km per day sufficient, up to a maximum of 30km.

The only part of her 1993 route which she had walked in 1982 was between Puente la Reina and Saint Palais. She was glad to find that on the whole waymarking and accommodation had improved along this stretch, particularly at Roncesvalles. She also highlighted the splendid new gite at Ostabat, where the welcome included the provision of eggs and seasonal fruit and vegetables.

In conclusion Joe May said that we should encourage all pilgrims, on foot, bicycle, horseback or car to ensure that feedback is universally promoted. Feedback was the life blood of a guide, as had been demonstrated over the years by the *Pilgrim Guide to Spain*.

As a Confraternity we should offer all the support and encouragement that we can to those who are actually working on the ground, remembering that it is the people of France who have the privilege of carrying the main burden. Infrastructure must always be at the front of our minds: no infrastructure means no pilgrim route.

JMH

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REPORT ON THE CSJ SLIDE LIBRARY

In 1993 the slide library was used in twelve lectures by members and to support two new publications. Sadly on one occasion, due to the vagaries of the mail, although posted first class, the slides arrived four days late for a lecture in Devon. Two other lecturers had to be disappointed for lack of notice. So the lesson learned over the year is that when planning a talk **please give plenty of notice**, at least a month and preferably two, directly to me as slide librarian. I will then send you a copy of the catalogue from which you can make a selection in good time. An initial approach to the Secretary, Marion Marples, may cause delay, if she is away.

Many thanks to Confraternity members who gave a very welcome 136 additional slides to the collection. In particular Marigold Fox has contributed a number of slides taken from her outstanding photographs and Timothy Wotherspoon has donated a set of 31 slides showing the repairs and improvements undertaken at Rabanal in 1992. Donors also include Edna Clare, Dominic McDonnell, Joe May, Frank Mackey, Anne Prentis, Pat Quaife, Arturo Sanchez, Frank Taylor and Michael Upton.

However, although in several cases we now have a wider selection of the more popular slides, they have complemented rather than made much of a reduction in the list of gaps which the Committee helped to define in early 1992. Accordingly the gaps list, which has been briefly amended, will again be issued this year.

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LIBRARY NEWS

An up to date library list has now been completed and may be obtained on application, in return for a £2 donation to the Rabanal appeal fund. Books may be borrowed by post and personal visits are welcome by prior arrangement. In all cases contact Stephen Badger at 154 Burbage Road, Dulwich, London SE21 7AG. Tel. (071) 274 8126. There is a steady inflow of new books as a result of presentations and a continuing programme of purchases. Apart from matters directly related to the pilgrimage to Santiago itself we try to cover relevant aspects of the topography, history, art and architecture of Spain and France together with pilgrimage as a general subject (ancient and modern, Christian and non-Christian). If you ever come across a book, or a source of supply, that looks interesting or unusual in these areas please contact the Librarian.

A Prize

A prize of free membership for three years (individual) or two years (joint) will be awarded to the first person to produce a copy of *The Cult of Santiago* by the Rev. J.S. Stone, published by Longmans in 1927. If appropriate, some part of the purchase cost will also be refunded.

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Round-up of Events 1993/4

Due to the number of events, visits and conferences that have taken place between August 1993 and February 1994, combined with the fact that some are 'written up' very promptly by a participant while others are left to the overburdened editor, the recording of them in the Bulletin is regrettably somewhat erratic. The account of the Camino Inglés is still in gestation, as is that of the October pilgrimage to Oviedo and Santiago, as well as the November Congreso de Estudios Jacobeos held in Santiago de Compostela. Members are requested to be understanding of the difficulties involved.

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'GRANDE RENCONTRE' AT MAASTRICHT, OCTOBER '93

On the weekend of 30 October I had the honour of being the guest of the Vlaams Genootschap (Flemish Confraternity) at a pilgrim reunion attended by 250 friendly and mostly English-speaking members of the Flemish, Walloon, Dutch and German (Aachen) confraternities. The venue was the 'sportel' at Dousberg, a cross between a hotel and a youth hotel.

Three separate pilgrimages - the Flemish coming from the west, via the Niederstrasse (medieval road from Germany to Belgium), the Walloon group from the south along the Albert Canal and the Dutch and German groups from the east, also via the Niederstrasse. It was a great joy to meet so many fellow pilgrims some of whom I had encountered on my journey from Vézelay in 1989. Frank Claessen, international secretary of the Dutch association gave greetings from the Confraternity to the assembled meeting.



A spectacular Saturday evening entertainment at dinner included an account of the Aachen group's 1992 pilgrimage via Vézelay and Le Puy, a slide presentation along Swiss pilgrim routes by a group of Walloon cyclists, with appropriate classical music from Monteverdi and Bach to Dvorak and a most amusing sketch enacting the legend of the cock and the hen performed by members of the Dutch committee. The evening's entertainment was completed by the Flemish couple 'Ultreia', ie Martina and Pieter van Wonterghem (Etienne's son), who gave us some lovely Camino music on the hurdygurdy and the bagpipe. We finally retired to our dormitories at 1am and nobody snored!

On Sunday morning the Dutch ensemble 'Peregrino' treated us to a very polished choral concert, accompanied by some familiar Camino music, verses from 'Quand nous partimes' serving as markers along the journey. The reunion ended with a Mass at St Servaas. I have fond memories of many friendly encounters and my especial thanks to members of the Dutch, Flemish and Walloon committees who worked so hard to make a most enjoyable reunion.

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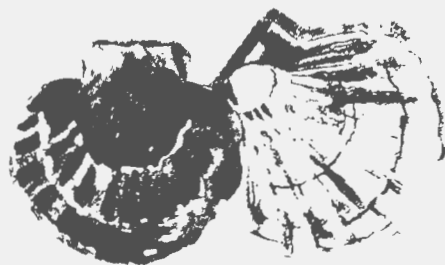
COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING, 22/23 NOVEMBER 1993

This Strasbourg meeting, entitled 'Revitalisation of the Santiago Pilgrim Ways: Ethics and Deontology of a Cultural Route' was attended, at short notice, by Joseph May and Brian Tate. The former has supplied a report on which this summary is based, and a number of papers and publications for which the Confraternity is most grateful.

The Camino de Santiago was declared by the Council of Europe in October 1987 to be the 'first European cultural itinerary' and since then the Council has added a number of others. The agenda informed delegates that the Council of Europe 'has fixed itself three fundamental objectives: the identification of the Routes in the whole of Europe, their signposting and the co-ordination of a programme of cultural animation to be developed in collaboration with the national, regional or local authorities, or else by non-governmental authorities'.

Joe May found the most interesting part of the conference was the contributions made at the end by representatives from the different European confraternities. His own points fell under three main heads: the spiritual (as opposed to tourism) aspect of the Camino, the conservation of the Camino, coupled with the need for an external agency to be able to act in controversial matters, and the signposting of the Camino with particular reference to the desirability of continuing the system of yellow arrows and for the signposting to be sympathetic to its context. He also referred to the deterioration evident in the authentic Camino over the last five years and the fact that the European associations and concerned individuals were not power bases and were relatively powerless against the incursions of governments and large institutions. The Council of Europe could provide a forum to force the issues raised by the representatives of the associations into the arena of public debate and recourse to the Council's authority, which is infinitely greater than the associations could muster.

The conference agenda was followed only loosely and it was felt that the views and priorities of the Council of Europe were not necessarily congruent with those of the Confraternity and its sister associations. For example, tourism had a high priority for the Council, an attitude at variance with the priorities of many of the participants. A more favourable attitude was apparent regarding the educational aspects (in the widest sense) and the involvement of young people in the Camino. A formal report would be issued by the Council in due course and a copy placed in the Confraternity library.



NORTHERN GROUP MEETING – 12 MARCH 1994

A lively meeting of over thirty CSJ members, new, old and prospective, from all corners of the North of England and the Midlands, (and even Kent), was held at St James's Church Hall, Woodside, Leeds on Saturday 12 March. Barry Humpidge opened proceedings with an entertaining and informative talk (comprehensible to pilgrims!) on how medieval churches evolved from Romanesque to the lighter and airier Gothic. The next time I go into a church I will look at it with new eyes.

A picnic lunch was followed by a practical pilgrim session at which nine past pilgrims related their experiences and highlighted some of their mistakes for the benefit of new members and prospective pilgrims. The meeting was concluded by a celebration of the Eucharist by the vicar, the Revd Paul Tudge in the church of St James, followed by tea and buns.

Many thanks to Barry and Lilyan Humpidge and Simon and Ann Clark for organising a very successful meeting in the north.

John Hatfield

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Members' Page

Two Oxford members, **John Rutherford** (Fellow of the Queen's College) and **David Longrigg** (Lay Reader, St Giles' Church) sailed for Bilbao on March 12th in order to walk to Santiago from the Monastery of Roncesvalles. Their pilgrimage is being made for the purpose of raising funds for St Giles' Lady Chapel, a 13th century chapel used as a place for quiet and prayer and which now requires complete refurbishment and re-ordering. Sponsorship, per day, per mile, or on completion of the pilgrimage will be welcomed by David Longrigg at 23 Norham Road, Oxford OX2 6SF.

Down in Somerset the **Rev. Julian Smith** of Axbridge is preparing for his forthcoming pilgrimage with his trombone-playing son Chris. Julian has been awarded a bursary under a scheme sponsored by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group to help the clergy and lay people qualifying fulfil their spirituality. He is using long study leave to achieve a long-held ambition and will be leaving from Le Puy in June. The Gospel of Mark has been his inspiration and he finds that Mark's Jesus offers a model for Christian pilgrimage.

Flbus Tours is the name of a new initiative by **Chris Masters** of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. He has planned a June mini-bus assisted cycle tour in France, via Le Havre, Chartres, Vézelay, Le Puy, Cahors, Moissac and on to Pamplona via the Somport pass. Cycles are carried by ferry from Portsmouth and return from Bilbao and during the holiday luggage and camping gear will be transported by bus, thus giving cyclists easy riding. Non-cycling passengers will also be welcome. 750 miles by bike, over three weeks. The cost of around £260 covers transport only. Chris Masters can be contacted at 20 Brook Vale, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 6JD. Tel: (0242)-524366.

Conques to Moissac 1994 (11 to 26 May) is **Pat Quaipe's** biennial walking holiday on this second main stage of the route from Le Puy. It includes a wealth of churches, chapels, medieval towns (Figeac, Cahors, Lauzerte) and winding rivers as well as the famous Pech-Merle prehistoric cave complex. The walking is varied and well divided up with rest days - at Figeac, Cahors, Cabrerets (for Pech-Merle) and Moissac itself, with its wonderful Romanesque cloisters and portal. Several of the hotels have swimming pools and in Marcilhac-sur-Célé accommodation is in 'chambres d'hote' with 15 varieties of home-made jam for breakfast. The cost of £635 per person (£50 for single) includes scheduled flights London/Toulouse, transfers by mini bus, transport of luggage between hotels, 15 nights' dinner, bed and breakfast in ** and * hotels (mainly with own bathroom), documentation and, an innovation for 1994, optional, informal French conversation practice. For further details, contact Pat at 57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG or ring her on (081)-883 4893.

Peter Johnson, a former Confraternity Treasurer, now living in Provence, is organising a week long walking holiday from 14 to 21 May called **Perfume in Provence**. This is a new venture, based on Peter's village of Le Broc, situated some 30 miles north of Nice in the 'arrière pays' or the pre alps. The cost of £450 per person in twin or double rooms (no singles) includes return flights from London to Nice, transfers to and from Le Broc, 7 nights' half board in private apartments, local transport when needed and the services of an experienced leader. For details contact Pat Quaipe (see above).

Notes and News

Tall Ships' Race advance notice

For those interested in the historic links between the Dorset town of Weymouth and Spain there will be a chance to enjoy the effect of sail in the harbour when the Tall Ships' Race flotilla arrives in Weymouth from 17 to 19 July. The ships will sail to La Coruña on Wednesday 20 July, en route for Oporto and then back to St Malo

Treasures of Northern Spain

This is the title of a tour to Santiago de Compostela and to the cities of Old Castile, from July 25th to August 7th 1994. The tour will be led by Canon Jeremy Davies, Precentor of Salisbury Cathedral. Cost is not known but full details from Far Horizons Travel, 1 The New Centre, High Street, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4AA. Tel.: (0747)-824369

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Spanish Monasteries with Accommodation

The Spanish National Tourist Office, 57/8 St James's Street, London SW1A 1LD, tel. (071)-499 0901, has issued a 2 page information sheet listing monasteries that offer accommodation to men and women visitors. They are listed by region or 'autonomia' and a number of them are on or near the pilgrim routes in northern Spain. These include:

- San Pelayo, Oviedo (01034 8) 521.89.81 (mixed, ie men and women)
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- San Benito, Estella (Navarra), (01034 48) 55.08.82 (women only)
- San Salvador de Leire, Yesa (Navarra), (01034 48) 88.40.11 (mixed)
- Las Huelgas Reales, Burgos, (01034 47) 20.16.30 (women only)
- Santo Domingo de Silos, Silos (Burgos), (01034 47) 38.07.68 (men only)

This is only a small selection – there are also monasteries with guest accommodation at Sahagun and Carrión de los Condes, although none in the city of León. You are advised to book early, in writing, in Spanish. If you cannot visit the Spanish National Tourist Office, Marion Marples will supply a free copy of the list, but please enclose an s.a.e.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

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Dr Maggonage I William and family	'Mystical Rose' 367 Kotuwila, Wellampitiva, Sri Lanka Tel (71) 24990	
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SCOTLAND		
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Ms Jane Elliott	2/2, 15 Highburgh Road, Glasgow G12 9YJ Tel (041) 337 3725	Possible pilgrimage from Le Puy by bicycle in 1995

Mr John Malden Mrs Eilean Malden	5 Greenlaw Avenue, Paisley, Renfrewshire PA1 3RB.	Heraldry, abbey and monas- tery of Paisley: local history Tel.: (041)-8894302
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ENGLAND, WEST

Miss Frances St. Clair Miller	Pope Place, Preston-on-Wye, Hereford HR2 9JX. Tel.: (0981)-500240	Walking, architecture, faith
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Mrs Rosie Strickland Mr Tim Strickland	Church Farm House, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 4NU.	Hoping to get to Santiago in 1995
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León(32), Pajares, Asturian & Oviedo churches, Lugo(1),
Santiago(2)

Flight: Heathrow-Bilbao, Santiago-Heathrow

Date: 27 May- 10 June

Cost: £1280, SRS £175

Other tours include; Plantagenets, £995; High Aragon

Inter-Church Travel Ltd,
Freepost, PO Box 58, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1YB.
Freephone 0800 300 444

Santiago de Compostela

10 nt holiday in Santiago for 25th July. Visit Burgos(2),
Fromista, León(2), Astorga, Lugo(1), Santiago(3), Oporto(2).
½ board, *** & **** hotels.

Flight: Heathrow-Bilbao, return Oporto-Heathrow

Date: Jul 18-28

Cost: £799, SRS £139

The Pilgrims Way, (Pellegrinaggio)

Barnwood Garage, Barnwood Rd, Gloucester GL4 7HY Tel/fax 0452
616169

Santiago de Compostela for Easter: 10 nts, arr Maundy Thursday.
Santiago (6), Santander(1). Various UK pick-ups. ½ board

Journey: P&O ferry Portsmouth-Bilbao, 3nts (2 out, 1 ret)

Date: 29 Mar-8 April

Cost: £525, SRS £150 (not inc meals on ferry)

for the Feast of St James: 10 nts, Santiago(6), Santander(1)

Journey: P&O ferry Portsmouth-Bilbao, 3 nts (2 out, 1 ret)

Date: 19-29 July

Cost: £550, SRS £180 (not inc meals on ferry)

Martin Randall Travel,

10 Barley Mow Passage, London W4 4PH Tel 081 994 6477

The Road to Santiago

13 days study tour, Bilbao, Leyre(2), Santo Domingo de la
Calzada(1), Burgos(2), S Miguel de Escalada, León(2), Pajares,
Lugo(1), Santiago(3), Noia. ½ board, good hotels

Flight: Heathrow-Bilbao, return Santiago-Heathrow

Date: 2-14 September

Cost: £1650, SRS £220

Pax Travel

106 Seymour Place, London W1H 5DG Tel 071 724 8206

Santiago de Compostela for Easter

5 days via Burgos(1), Leon(1), Santiago (2)

Flights: Gatwick-Vitoria ret optional return from S de C

Date: 31 Mar - 4 April

Cost: £349, SRS £12ppn + £100 to return from Santiago

Road to Santiago de Compostela- autumn visit

8 days, Burgos(2), León(2), via Villafranca, Lugo, Santiago(3)

Flights: Heathrow-Bilbao, Santiago-Heathrow

Date: Oct 4-11

Cost: £565, SRS £12ppn, $\frac{1}{2}$ board

Mundi Color

276 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1BE. Tel 071 828 6021

Pilgrims Road to Santiago de Compostela

10 days from Madrid(1), Pamplona(1), Logroño(1), via Santo Domingo de la Calzada, Burgos(1), León(1), Santiago(2), Orense(1), Madrid(1).

Flights: London-Madrid return

Dates: May 7, 21, Jun 4, 18, Jul 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27, Sep 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct 8

Cost: May, Jun, Oct £779; Jul £816; Aug, Sep 3, 10 £842;

Sep 17, 24 £806 SRS £175

EXPLORING PLACES CONNECTED WITH THE PILGRIMAGE

Saga

Saga Building, Middleburg Square, Folkestone CT20 1AZ

0800 300 500 (freephone)

Paradors and Romantic Route of Spain

12 nt tour of N Spain featuring historic paradors. León (San Marcos 2), Astorga, Zamora(3), Salamanca, Sanabria National Park, Santo Domingo de la Calzada(4), Burgos, San Millan de la Cogolla, Santillana(3). QQQQ Paradors, San Marcos QQQQ, $\frac{1}{2}$ board.

Fight: Stansted- Oviedo return

Dates: Apr 29, May 13, May 20, Jun 10

Cost: £979 £999 SRS £199

THE NORTHERN (COASTAL) ROUTE

Woods Travel Ltd

Park Chambers, Park Road, Bognor Regis, W Sussex PO21 2PX

Tel 0243 868080

Cantabria

8 day holiday exploring 'green Spain'. Santillana del Mar(4), visits to San Vicente de la Barquera, Ribasadella, Picos de Europa, Congas de Onis, Covadonga, Santander, Castro Urdiales.

Journey: P&O ferry Portsmouth-Bilbao (2 nts out, 1 back)

Date: May 17-24

Cost: £310, $\frac{1}{2}$ board

WALKING TOURS ALONG THE CAMINO

Alternative Travel Group Ltd

69-71 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PE Tel 0865 310399

Camino de Santiago

details not yet received

Hotel Treks (Sherpa Expeditions)

131a Heston Road, Hounslow, Mddx TW5 ORD Tel 081 577 2717

Pilgrim's Trail: the Road to Compostella

6 days to Aumont Aubrac or 13 days to Conques from Le Puy independent walking (directions supplied). $\frac{1}{2}$ board, "r" & "r" hotels.

Travel: Train from Paris, return to Paris

Dates: June - October (at will)

Cost: Tour only, 5 nts-£289, 12 nts- £579; inc fares- £489,£779

Ramblers Holidays

Box 43, Welwyn Garden, Herts AL8 6PQ Tel 0707 331133 Fax 333276

Route St Jacques

Walk from Le Puy along GR65 to Conques. Usually 10-15 mls, 1 at 17mls. Total 125 mls.

Flights: Heathrow-Lyon, Toulouse-Heathrow

Dates and Cost: 30 May-12 Jun-£578, 27 Jun-10 Jul-£578,
8-21 Aug-£598, 5-18 Sept-£598 SRS £62

St Jacques II: Pilgrims route to the Pyrenees

13 days from Condom to St Jean Pied-de-Port, transported luggage. 140 mls in 11 days walk via Eauze, Nogaro, Aire sur l'Adour, Pimbo, Navarrenx. $\frac{1}{2}$ board.

Flights: Gatwick-Toulouse return

Dates: 12-24 June, 10-22 Jul, 21 Aug-2 Sept, 18-30 Sep

Cost: £649 £673 £673 £673 SRS £74

Waymark Holidays

44 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EJ Tel 0753 516477

The Pilgrim's Way

14 nts from Le Puy to Conques, approx 20km a day. $\frac{1}{2}$ board, simple, "r" & "r" hotels.

Flights: Heathrow-Lyon return

Dates: 28 May-11 June, 27 Aug-10 Sept

Cost: £630 £650 no single rooms

Camino de Santiago

14 nts from Ponferrada to Santiago. Approx 20 km a day, some bus links. $\frac{1}{2}$ board, comfortable hotels.

Flights: Heathrow-Santiago return

Dates: 15-29 May, 29 May-12 Jun, 18 Sep-2 Oct, 2-16 Oct

Cost: £560 £595 £560 £560

Villafranca and Santiago

10 nts- 7 in Villafranca, 3 in Santiago. Walking in El Bierzo, Ancares National Park, climb Pena Rubia, see pallozas in Campo del Agua. Excursion to Las Medulas. $\frac{1}{2}$ board, comfortable hotels.

Flights: Heathrow-Santiago return

Dates: 10-20 Jun, 25 Sep-5 Oct

Cost: £525 SRS £50

SELF DRIVE ALONG THE CAMINO

Mundi Color

276 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1BE Tel 071 828 6021

The Pilgrim Roads to Santiago de Compostela

12 days: Segovia(2), Zamora(1), Leon(2), Villafranca del Bierzo(2), Pontevedra(2), Santiago(2).

Flights: Heathrow-Madrid, Santiago-Heathrow

Dates: Daily 3 April-31 Oct

Cost: £788-£867, inc AVIS A type car hire

Pilgrims Road

8 days along the camino: Bilbao(1), Logroño(1), Burgos(1), León(1), Villafranca del Bierzo(1), Santiago(2)

Flight: Heathrow-Bilbao, Santiago-Heathrow

Dates: 3 Apr-31 Oct

Cost: £489-£561 SRS £30 ppn, inc AVIA A type car hire

Other tours:

The Delights of the Asturias:

Exploring the Northern Route:

Gijon, Llanes, Arenas de Cabrales, Cangas de Onis, Salas, Pravia

Cost: £360-£486

Paradores of Picos and Cantabria: Bilbao, Cerverga de

Pisuerga, Fuente De, Leon, Ribadeo, Santiago.

Also: City Breaks- 3 or 4 nts in Santiago £221-£418

OTHER ORGANISED TOURS

Elbus Tours,

20 Brook Vale, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL52 6JD Tel 0242 524366

Minibus assisted cycle tours in France. 3 week tour, total 1250 miles, 750 ml on bikes. Cycle days 40-80 mls, luggage and own camping gear carried on minibus, also passengers not cycling. Route: Portsmouth-Le Havre-Chartres(1), Vezelay(1), 4-5 days cycling to Le Puy, 4-5 days to Moissac, 5-6 days to Pamplona via the Somport, return Bilbao or Santander.

Cost: approx £260 for transport, accommodation to be paid individually

Date: one tour in June, probably June according to demand

All enquiries: Chris Masters 0242 524366

Pat Quaife,

57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG 081 883 4893

Conques-Moissac

15 nts, 10 walking days, 14-30kms per day on GR65, via Figeac, Grealou, Marcilhac, Montcuq, Lauzerte. $\frac{1}{2}$ board, "++" hotels.

Optional French conversation available.

Flights: Heathrow-Toulouse return

Date: 11-26 May

Cost: £635, SRS £50 (2 only)

ORGANISING A PILGRIMAGE FOR A GROUP

Inter-Church Travel 0800 300 444 Parish pilgrimages

Mundi Color 071 828 6021 Individual and group travel

Pax Travel 071 724 8206 Parish pilgrimages

Pilgrims Way 0452 616169 Parish pilgrimages by coach

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Saint Michael's Way

The St. Michael's Way starts at the Church of St Uuy at Lelant and takes the pilgrim via Ludgvan to Marazion and Mount's Bay on the south coast. The route is waymarked with this symbolic scallop shell emblem.

The total distance is 21km [13miles] of which 10km are on footpaths and 11km on lanes and roads. All footpaths are definitive rights of way.

The Ordnance Survey map Pathfinder 1364 St. Ives and Penzance [North] will be a useful aid to the pilgrim

You are asked to respect the countryside and those who live and work along the St. Michael's Way.

Follow the Country Code and take care when walking along or crossing lanes and roads.

