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H.E. The Spanish Ambassador

In Memoriam - Monte del Gozo

The historic way of St James will, in 1993, see more pilgrims from all the nations of Europe than ever before in modern times. Holy Years, when July 25th, St James's Day, falls on a Sunday, have always attracted a greater multitude than other years: in medieval times because of the special indulgences pilgrims would receive on arrival; in the last decade or so, one suspects, largely because of greater media publicity. And after the world-wide attention devoted to Seville and Barcelona in 1992, the authorities in Galicia are anxious for the spotlight of tourism to fall on their region as Santiago celebrates the Holy Year of 1993.

A historic route dotted with architectural gems and passing through varied and beautiful countryside inevitably attracts not only pilgrims but tourists of all kinds, from coach-tour groups interested in culture and art to long-distance cyclists seeking a new sporting challenge. Relatively few people these days have the time or physical capacity to walk across the Spain and all have an equal right to travel in the way they choose on this pilgrim route which once united Christian Europe.

Increasing numbers of pilgrims and visitors of all kind strain the resources and infrastructure of the Camino. Roads may need improving, parallel paths introduced where traffic has taken over, waymarking improved, hotels and pilgrim refuges built, all necessary activities and rightly being undertaken by the Galician authorities. But the question must be asked: to what degree should improvement and development be taken, bearing in mind the truism that the impact of people and of tourist development destroys that which they have come to see and experience? The dangers are particularly acute in the case of an ancient and historic route whose attractions include silence, unspoilt countryside, and centuries-old villages and towns where pilgrims are made welcome by local people. Should such a route be reduced to a neatly sign-posted tourist

track where no-one will ever need to ask the way and where computerized information booths at regular intervals will obviate the need for human contact with those living on the Camino?

If the latter is as yet an idea in the mind of a bureaucrat, the destruction of the historic hill of Monte del Gozo (Mount of Joy) - the point where the towers of the Cathedral of Santiago were and are first glimpsed by joyful pilgrims - is an imminent reality. The Xunta (autonomous government) of Galicia has decided that for 1993 Monte del Gozo must be the site of a 30,000 seat concert auditorium, low-cost accommodation for 3000 tourists, parking for 2000 vehicles, a 4-lane highway to ensure access, and a 5000-person campsite with associated services such as restaurants and a supermarket. In their view these facilities are needed to cope with the number of pilgrims and tourists who will be visiting Santiago in 1993 and future years. The fact that the city of Santiago is a UNESCO world heritage site and the Camino de Santiago declared a 'premier European cultural itinerary' by the Council of Europe seems to carry no weight with the Xunta.

The Confraternity has participated in the campaign of protest initiated by our Spanish colleagues over the desecration of Monte del Gozo and written to the President of the Xunta (a self-confessed 'friend of the Camino'), the Xunta's Minister for Institutional Relations, the Archbishop of Santiago, the Mayor of Santiago, the Council of Europe and the Secretary of State for National Heritage in this country. However with a contractor for the works already selected and bulldozers currently moving on to the site it is feared that without a last-minute change of heart by the Xunta the battle may well be lost. The pity of it is that with a little more imagination the planned new facilities could have been located further to the left of Monte del Gozo and down into the next valley, thus leaving the traditional viewpoint largely untouched.

It is sad to think that future generations of pilgrims will not experience that lifting of the heart on a green hill near Santiago as their destination - so long awaited - finally comes into view.

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CONFRATERNITY AND MEMBERS' EVENT - AUTUMN 1992

Friday 11 September - 'Le Puy to Santiago: a record of the pilgrimage on foot' (slides and comment)

A 7pm meeting for Dorset members at the Dorchester home of Roger Cocks. As places are limited to ten, Dorset members or those within easy travelling distance are invited to telephone Roger on (0305)-260326 to check on the availability of places and travel directions. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday 13 September - Bredereth Sen Jago are organising a Pilgrim Service on St Michael's Mount, by kind permission of Lord and Lady St Levan, at 11am. If you wish to attend, meet on the island at the main gates by the causeway at 10.30am.

Tuesday 15 September - Picnic in the Park

Laurie Dennett, who is spending mid-September to Christmas walking to Jerusalem in aid of multiple sclerosis research, invites members to join her for an informal early evening picnic and farewell at 6pm at the Tea Pavilion in St James's Park (Trafalgar Square end). Bring your own picnic if the weather is fine; if wet we will meet (sans picnic) at 6pm at the crypt cafe of St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square.

Saturday 19 September - Pilgrim Picnic and Pilgrimage Quiz

Come and have a relaxed Saturday picnic at the St Alban's Centre, Baldwins Gardens, (off Grays Inn Road), Clerkenwell, London EC1 at 1pm - 1992 pilgrims particularly welcome - bringing some food and drink to share. Peter Tompkins and Timothy Wotherspoon, 1992 cycling pilgrims and toilers on the barn at Rabanal, will then provide us with food for thought in the form of a pilgrimage quiz - with photographs (and a prize). Don't worry if you haven't yet been on pilgrimage, we will form small teams so that no-one will be at a disadvantage. Books, cards and badges will be on sale. Entrance: £2.

Sunday 4 October – The Musical Road to Santiago de Compostela

Another chance to see and hear **Mary Remnant's** classic lecture-recital that takes you along the pilgrimage routes of England, France and Spain. Details: 3pm at the Horniman Museum (which has a splendid collection of musical instruments), London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23. Bus no.176 (from Waterloo Road) stops outside the door and there are direct trains to Forest Hill Station, 5 minutes away, from Charing Cross, London Bridge, East Croydon and Caterham. Admission is free but if you would like to reserve your place/please send a s.a.e to Concerts, Horniman Museum, London Road, London SE23 3PQ.

Thursday 8 October – Santiago and the Camino as a Spiritual Instrument (coupled with the golden cities of the Aztecs and Mayans) – a talk by Neville Clarke, who has spent many years on his personal spiritual quest. 7.30pm at the St Alban's Centre, Baldwins Gardens, (off Grays Inn Road) London EC1, (nearest tubes:Chancery Lane and Farringdon). Entrance £2.

16 to 23 October – Visit to Ponferrada and Villafranca
The holiday is now full, with 16 members taking part. Anyone who would like details with a view to going on a waiting list (up till 16 Sep.) should ring Pat Quaife on (081)-883 4893.

Friday/Saturday 30, 31 October – II UK Symposium on Galician Studies

This symposium will be held at the University of Birmingham's Barber Institute of Fine Arts and is being organised by **David Mackenzie** of the Department of Hispanic Studies. The general theme will be pilgrimage, in anticipation of the Holy Year of 1993. Lecture titles include 'Diego Gelmírez, imagemaker' by Dr Richard Fletcher (University of York), 'The origins of pilgrimage' by Professor Frances Young (University of Birmingham), 'The development of the city of Santiago in the medieval period' by Dr Fernando Lopez Alsina (University of Santiago) and many others. Musical entertainment, guided

visits to the Barber's excellent Art Gallery and Professor Brian Tate's exhibition of photographs by Pablo Keller of the pilgrim route are also included. Confraternity members will be very welcome to attend; please see enclosed detailed programme with booking instructions.

Thursday 12 November - Dedications of Monastic Houses and Parish Churches - Dr Alison Binns

7.30pm at the St Alban's Centre, Baldwins Gardens, Clerkenwell, London EC1 (nearest tube stations: Chancery Lane and Farringdon). Cambridge member, Alison Binns, is the author of *Dedications of Monastic Houses in England and Wales, 1066 - 1216*, Boydell Press, 1989 and thus eminently qualified to speak on this complex subject.

Wednesday 18 November - Research Working Party Meeting at the University of Birmingham under the chairmanship of Professor Brian Tate. County coordinators will receive a separate notice of the meeting.

Saturday 21 November - A Day in Gloucester with the Bristol Group

Susan Morgan and Geraldine Thomson-Glover invite you to spend a day in Gloucester visiting the Cathedral with Canon David Welander, the New Inn (former pilgrim inn), St Mary de Crypt (with St James in the East window and early 16th century wall paintings in the chancel), the Roman Wall and St Oswald's priory ruins. The detailed programme is:

10.45 - coffee in cathedral refectory

11.30-12.45 - Canon David Welander, author of a recent book on the Cathedral, will take us round the Cathedral including the 14th c. east window with St James, tomb of Edward II to talk about the pilgrimage and the 14th c. cloister.

1.00-2.15 - lunch: possible places include the Fountain Inn in Berkeley Street, the New Inn, Northage Street, Down to Earth (vegetarian) in Eastgate Market, or a picnic.

2.15 - meet at New Inn for quick visit. It was built as a pilgrim inn and has galleried courtyards.

2.45 - St Mary de Crypt, Southgate Street

3.15 (depending on weather) - walk following Roman wall, visit the docks, St Oswald's priory ruins, bookshops or return visit to Cathedral.

4.30 - Tea at Seasons, College Court (adjacent to Cathedral).

Travel and Other Details

London members using British Rail are advised to take the 8.30am train from Paddington, change at Swindon, arrive Gloucester at 10.23. (By November BR will be operating their winter timetable, so check train departure time with Marion Marples on (071)-633 0603 a few days beforehand.). The Cathedral is 5 to 10 minutes walk from the station and bus station; go along Aldate Street, into St John's Lane and right along path for good view as you approach the Cathedral. Parking for motorists in the Cathedral car park or, if this is full, in Westgate Street (5 mins walk from the Cathedral) or in the docks area. Tourist Office in St Michael's Tower, The Cross, has lots of useful leaflets, including 'Historic Gloucester' for 30p. If wanting to stay overnight, the New Inn has very reasonable weekend b & b rates, tel.: (0452)-22177 for details.

Cost: £1 (towards Canon Welander's fee) plus any donation you wish to make in the Cathedral and churches.

Booking: please let Susan Morgan know, by completing the form at the end of the Bulletin, if you are coming so that she can give numbers to the various establishments involved; also enclose s.a.e for map of Gloucester showing all locations. If you have any queries please telephone Sue on (0273)-733853.

Saturday 23 January 1993 - 10th Anniversary Annual General Meeting: Ten Years of the Confraternity. Followed by a grand New Year Party, The Camino in Wine and Food.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 September - England and Normandy in the Middle Ages: a conference at the Town Hall, Reading.

The conference is being organised jointly by Dr Anne Curry of the Department of History, University of Reading and Dr David Bates of the School of History and Archaeology, University of Wales College at Cardiff. It celebrates the centenary of university education in Reading and the year of European integration. Speakers come from both universities plus French contributors and other specialists. The full residential conference rate including meals and 3 nights b and b is £135, conference without meals £45 and conference plus meals (no room) £100. For further details and the programme please contact Dr Anne Curry, Dept of History, University of Reading, Reading, Berks. RG6 2AA, tel.: (0734)-318143.

Cancellation: the 25 to 27 September conference on Sea Pilgrimages that was to have been held in La Coruña is not now taking place this autumn.

Wednesday 30 September - 13th Century Spanish Music

A Concert by the Dufay Collective

8pm in St Sampson's Church, Cricklade, Wilts. Tickets, which cost only £3-50, are available from Cricklade Music Festival, The Coach House, Latton, Swindon, Wilts SN6 6DP. Please enclose a s.a.e. with your cheque. Festival leaflet also available on receipt of s.a.e.

Ancient Monuments Society - Autumn Lectures 1992

Every autumn the Society organises a series of four lectures on Monday evenings in October starting at 6pm. There is no charge and tea is served from 5.30pm (donation requested). The venue is the Wren church of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe at the junction of Queen Victoria Street and St Andrew's Hill, London EC4; nearest tube Blackfriars. The theme this year is Britain's Historic Architecture and dates are as follows:

Monday 5 October - 'Historic Churches' by Richard Morris

Monday 12 October - 'A Journey through the Vernacular Architecture of the British Isles' by Peter Smith.

Monday 19 October - 'The Archaeology of Industrial Buildings' by Malcolm Tucker, and

Monday 26 October - 'Historic Farm Buildings' by Susannah Wade-Martins.

Friday 23 October - Friends of Reading Abbey AGM

7.30pm in the Abbey Gateway, followed by a lecture by Mr John Hawkes of the Trust for Wessex Archaeology on 'Excavations at Reading Abbey'.

Saturday 7 November - The Pilgrims' Road to Santiago

A half-day school, 2-5pm, by Confraternity member Dr Steven Blake at the Cheltenham Art Gallery and Museum. Cost: £6. Further details and booking form from the University of Bristol, Dept of Continuing Education, Wills Memorial Building, Queens Rd, Bristol BS8 1HR.

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From the Secretary's Notebook

Research Working Party

At the May meeting of the Research Working Party Professor Brian Tate paid tribute to the work of the late Professor Derek Lomax, who had chaired the Birmingham meetings ever since they started in May 1988. Professor Tate very kindly agreed to become the new Chairman of the Research Working Party which is attended by county coordinators. The meetings will continue to take place at Birmingham University, through the good offices of Professor Lomax's successor, Professor Trevor Dadson, who personally welcomed members of the Working Party to the May meeting. Dr David Mackenzie, Senior Lecturer in Hispanic Studies at Birmingham and a close colleague of Professor Lomax, has arranged for a post-graduate student to work on the transcription of the late Constance Storrs' 1964 thesis, *Jacobean Pilgrims from England*

from the Early 12th to the Late 15th Century, and it is hoped that the University of Santiago will be able to publish it in Holy Year.

1992 Medal of Galicia for Derek Lomax

Every year on 25 July in Santiago, coinciding with the feast of St James, the Xunta de Galicia holds a formal ceremony, known as the 'Día de Galicia' at which silver and bronze medals are presented to those who have served Galicia with distinction in recent years. This year, the late Professor Derek Lomax, was presented posthumously with a silver medal, the only foreigner honoured among the eighteen recipients. Happily a member of the Lomax family, his cousin from Bolton, was in Santiago and received the medal on Derek's behalf from the hands of Xunta President Manuel Fraga. David Mackenzie, in Galicia to give a lecture on 28 July, was also in the audience at the Auditorium for the occasion, which was fully reported by the Santiago press.

International Center of Medieval Art, New York

Thanks to Ronald Atkins who has given us a gift subscription the Confraternity is now an institutional member of ICMA for the calendar year of 1992. Membership includes two issues of GESTA, the Center's illustrated journal which contains scholarly articles on a variety of medieval subjects, and three newsletters with information on exhibitions and publications. Issues of GESTA will be placed in the Library and a note of any articles related to the pilgrimage will appear in the Bulletin.

St James Garlickhythe Saga

St James Garlickhythe, grievously damaged in September 1991 when a construction company's crane came crashing down on it, will be closed completely for six months to enable substantial repair work to take place, agreement having been reached between all parties and their insurers. Work to the west facade and to the east end will also take place. The planned celebration for September has been postponed until early 1993.

The Pilgrim's Guide



A 12th Century Guide for the Pilgrim to
St James of Compostella

Translated from the Latin by
James Hogarth

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The Confraternity's most substantial publication to date, **James Hogarth's** annotated translation of the 12th century guide contained in the *Liber Sancti Jacobi* or *Codex Calixtinus*, appeared in late July. Its indefatigable typesetter, **Barry Humpidge**, transported copies to London on 1 August after dispatching advance orders from his Sheffield home. James Hogarth's translation is completed with a scholarly introduction, notes, map and plans, a total of 97 pages. The Confraternity owes both James Hogarth and Barry Humpidge an enormous debt of gratitude for the immense amount of work they have put in to the project. Our *Pilgrim's Guide* is the first full translation in English and its modest price of £4-95 will make it easily accessible to students and the interested general reader. It is post-free to Confraternity members in the UK (apart from 5p), with an extra 75p for overseas, surface postage. The sturdy pilgrim on the title-page (left) is by **Mollie Coviello**.

Members' help is needed with the distribution of the *Guide* throughout the country. If you are willing to help in this task by visiting the bookshop(s) in your town or area please would you indicate this on the form at the end of the Bulletin, or, if you prefer, simply write the address of your local bookshops. Many thanks.

A 12th Century Jacobean Bookplate

The delightful bookplate (right) designed by **Clare Venables**, originally for the Rabanal Library, has now been slightly modified for use by members as their personal bookplate. Packets of 20 bookplates are available for £1-00 including UK postage, 50 for £2-00, 100 for £4. Add 45p for overseas surface postage to all these prices (see order form at end).



Where Have all the Barns Gone?

We are very pleased to announce that **Joanne Land** of Warminster is the happy winner of the bottle of wine in our quest to see how much small change could be collected in one of the mini-barns. Many people collected 5p or 10p coins; others used it as a swear-box and for collecting 1p coins from a well-known supermarket on re-using carrier bags. However, I refuse to believe that there were only 16 members (6 of whom are past or present committee members) who managed to assemble their models. There must be some little boxes quietly gathering dust and waiting for their contents to be sent off to Mary Ivens, Flat D, 1 Airlie Gardens, London W8 7AG to help the splendid work that has already been done towards preparing the barn for re-building this autumn.

The Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago

This long-awaited book, colloquially known as the 'new Guía' by Elías Valiña Sampedro, and translated into English by Laurie Dennett, has been glimpsed in bookshop windows in Spain, but has yet to reach these shores. In the hope that this will happen very soon, I am now taking orders for it at £12-95 and £13-50 (overseas surface) both prices including postage. Orders already received are being held and dispatch will take place as soon as copies are received.

Book with a Difference

Manfred Zentgraf, an enterprising German bookseller and art publisher, has recently produced *Peregrino, Pèlerin, Pilgrim, Pilger*, an attractive 84-page hardback book/diary for pilgrims to keep a record of their Santiago journey, with spaces for stamps in the major stopping places, names and addresses of fellow pilgrims met on the way and distances walked. Other pages list all the addresses of St James associations in Europe and America and all the refugios in Spain. The book is a limited edition, available only from Verlag Manfred Zentgraf, Hauptstr. 67-1, D-7554, Kuppenheim 2, Germany. Please send a eurocheque for DM40 (DM47 after 1 January 1993). A copy will be on display at the 19 September meeting.

Inter-Church Travel

Inter-Church Travel has recently joined the Confraternity. They are developing an excellent pilgrimage programme for next year, including a visit to Santiago for 25 July. They can also provide cheaper accommodation for youth groups and parish parties in Santiago throughout the summer months. Their 1993 brochure will be available in September; telephone freephone (0800)-300444 for more information or to discuss possibilities.

Medieval World, Issue 7, July/August 1992

This issue of the magazine is a 'must' for those interested in medieval music. It includes no fewer than five articles on different aspects of the subject from Hildegard of Bingen to music in a medieval cathedral. The central piece is Mary Remnant's detailed and beautifully illustrated 'Medieval Musical Instruments', the first of two a series of two. And on a currently topical note, Pat Quaipe has contributed an article on 'The Pilgrim's Guide of Aimery Picaud' to mark the Confraternity's publication of James Hogarth's translation. Copies of issue no.7 of *Medieval World* will be available to members for £2-50 at the 19 September meeting.

Second Thoughts

Keen-eyed viewers of ITV's sit-com 'Second Thoughts' may been astounded to spot a stained glass St James as part of the set! Not only do we glimpse St James during external shots of the house, but a special version has been made for the studio set. Part of the series has been filmed on location at the Dulwich home of Stephen and Katharine Badger - I think the only members to have their own stained glass St James.

Marion Marples

Refugio Gaucelmo Appeal News

Hostel Appeal

The Appeal Fund now stands at just over £59,000, with a further \$760 due from the USA thanks to the efforts of Ronald R. Atkins and others. So between St James's Day 1991 when we reached our first target of £50,000 and the same date this year we have advanced by nearly £10,000. We are most grateful to those members who contributed to the Barn appeal but were sorry as to how few there were. Like Marion (see 'From the Secretary's Notebook') we hope there may still be some barn money boxes in members' home, literally or metaphorically, and contributions will continue to be welcomed.

Wardens

There has been an impressive progression of voluntary wardens this year, starting with Timothy Wotherspoon on 1 April (see article by Timothy in this Bulletin) and followed during the season by Nicol Smith, George and Katrien Phillips, Peter and Eileen Fitzgerald, Stuart Goldie and Alfred Peacock. David and Diane Wesson take up their duties in September and will close the refuge for the winter on 21 October. Being warden is a hard but satisfying job, requiring a mixture of patience and firmness, and we are deeply indebted to them for all their good work. Members who have passed through the Refugio Gaucelmo as pilgrims can vouch for the welcome and care the wardens give, the cleanliness of the refugio and the breakfasts which are so much appreciated.

1992 Pilgrims

Thanks to the wardens we have now received figures for all the 1992 pilgrims who spent a night in the Refugio Gaucelmo between 1 April and 31 July. A total of 1365 people stayed, starting with 116 in April, 139 in May, 292 in June and no fewer than 818 in July. Of these 72% were walking and 28% were cycling; to date there is no record of any horseback riders. As we would expect the Spanish were the most numerous, making up 64% of the total, followed by Germans (11%), Belgians (4.8%), French (4.6%), British (4.2%), Dutch (3.7%), Swiss (2.6%) and other nationalities (4.9%).

Barn Building Group

The restoration of barn is being carried out by Confraternity volunteers in two phases. In April and May the essential preparatory work took place: this included removing all the old timber and beams from the interior and clearing the exterior walls of vegetation. The walls were then made ready, particularly the collapsing east wall, the stones sorted in sizes and the mortar sieved. Finally the old tiled roof and supporting boarding, now rotted, were taken down (at some risk to life and limb) and the tiles stacked temporarily in the meadow. The latter tasks were superbly accomplished by Maurice Fox, who went out specifically to work on the barn, and Timothy, assuming the dual role of warden and builder, aided by Peter Tompkins, Nicol Smith and not least by Timothy's parents who were over on a visit.

The second phase takes place early in September when Ken Thomas will be leading the Building Group who, with (we hope) the help of local workmen to build up the wall, will re-roof the barn. It is an ambitious job and we wish Ken and his team every success. No doubt there will be stories to tell in a forthcoming Bulletin.

Postcards and Postal Services

Stocks of the Confraternity postcard showing the statue of St James in his niche at Rabanal were received in mid-July by wardens Peter and Eileen Fitzgerald. They and future wardens are encouraging pilgrims not only to buy them but also to post them in the Rabanal post-box at the west end of the village. Earlier this year the village was in some danger of losing its post-box due to under-use. Since the beginning of the pilgrimage season a notice on the Gaucelmo noticeboard has urged pilgrims to use the box for their outgoing mail and it is hoped that the threat of its removal has now been lifted.

1993 in Rabanal

Next year, the first Holy Year since 1982, our first wardens, Etienne and Nelly Van Wonterghem-Teirlinck, have offered to act as wardens throughout the season. They are likely to need assistance during the main months which will be exceptionally busy and we will contact prospective volunteers this autumn once we know their plans.

Donors - mid-April to end of July 1992

We would like to thank the following members and friends for their recent donations to the Appeal Fund:

Josephine Allen, Steven Blake, Gosia Bryckczynska, Mrs Barr, Barbara Bell and John Morris, Revd Bushell, Ben and Muriel Burrows, Felicity Blake

Paul Cowlan, Richard Christmas, Heather Coleman, Joseph Cheer, Ted Dickinson, Mr and Mrs Dearing, Philip de Paris, Betty Elliot, David Elliot

Charles Francis, Faith Finegan, Mrs Flint, Julian Francis, David Green, Paul Graham, John Hatfield, Ted and Peggy Harper, James Hogarth, Richard Hoare, Revd James Hawes, Phinella Henderson, Miss Harper, Mark Hassall, Paul Harman, Doreen Hansen,

Mary and Walter Ivens, Ronald James, Colin Jones, Miss G.F. Jones, William King, Joanne Land, Mr McAdam Clark, Bernard McDonnell, Dominic McDonnell, Marion Marples, Susan Mather, Joe and Pat May, Mr Moody, Charles Marriott, Elizabeth Myhill, Stephanie Morland, James Maple

Jean Neilson (Special Tours), Reggie Norton, Hermann Oberhauser, Mr J.A. Pateman, Mlle Colette Prieur, Pat Quaife, Magdalena Stork de Yepes, Roger Shortt, Mrs Anne Swain, Kathleen Timmis, Mr and Mrs Wotherspoon, Alfred Willcox.

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Member's Request

Heather Coleman has written to ask if any member could spare a print of the following subjects:

- 1) the Hand of St James, taken at Marlow last summer,
- 2) the modern mural at Sarria on the wall surrounding a church in the upper town near the castle. The subject is a pilgrimage with the pilgrims in traditional dress.

Please contact Heather at 47 Fernwood Rise, Westdene, Brighton, E.Sussex BN1 5ER. She will, of course, pay for the cost of the prints and for postage.

Two Months is Not Long Enough

Timothy Wotherspoon

(Custodio Timoteo, Refugio Gaucelmo, abril y mayo 1992)

León is very cold at four o'clock in the morning, and pitch dark at that time on the last day of March. With little prospect of any more than the three hours' sleep which I had snatched on the train from Santander, after checking all the nuts and bolts on my bicycle I set off for Astorga, expecting the sun to rise by the time I had left the street lamps. But I had reckoned without the combined effects of southern latitude and timeshifts, so that the sun did not rise until half past seven. I stopped to thaw my fingers. The road swept past the Roman walls under the cathedral and bishop's palace and I located the road to Castrillo de los Polvazares out of the junction of the N120 with the NVI without too much trouble.

The weather worsened as I emerged from my inspection of the over-restored cobbled village. Rain turned to sleet as the road climbed into the mountains. By El Ganso the snow was too thick for me to be able to continue riding. The blizzard became extremely painful as I pushed my bicycle against the gale because deforestation has exposed the road to the full force of the winds. Hailstones pelted my face like gunshot.

You can imagine my relief on wiping the ice from my glasses to read 'Rabanal del Camino' on a signboard just before noon. It was a struggle to push through the deep drifts covering the track into the village, but I was quietly delighted to see the squat statue of Saint James come into view as I rounded the apse of the church. The clock mechanism had frozen. I made enquiries at one of the bars, to be told that the hostel was closed! After establishing that I was the warden, not a pilgrim, Antonio directed me to the two Madrileñas, who beckoned me inside to share the fire with Maruja, Maxi's wife.

They showed me inside the hostel and left me to get the fire going. The place was filthy! Workmen re-roofing the side wing had thrown all the loam from the top of the building to the ground, coating everywhere with a thick layer of fine mud. The kitchen was empty in readiness for laying a new floor. I took as many slides as conditions allowed before Charo and Asumpta gave me lunch. You know the joke about the masochist who likes a cold shower every morning - so he has a hot one instead! Well, it had been more than ten years since I last enjoyed this luxury, but I hadn't gone to Rugby School for nothing. By rubbing myself vigorously it was just possible to keep warm under the literally freezing water. I slept the rest of the day.

It was still snowing next morning. I mucked out the tiled floors of the library and sitting room before taking the first of many memorable meals at Chonina's. The clouds lifted during the afternoon, and my first guest arrived on foot early in the evening. He wisely took one of the small bedrooms rather than the refrigerated dormitory. My forty-eight hour competence in his language was hardly adequate but we got along fine. As promised, we were open for business on the first of April.

The day after brought a German and two more Spaniards who were at pains to get across to me their need of 'un tornillo'. Was I really expected to know the Spanish for a screw on day 2? The following week an infirm pilgrim was taken ill during the night and I found myself having to interpret between German and Spanish concerning the nature of the ailment and the difficulties of obtaining treatment when the road to Ponferrada had again been cut off by a heavy snowfall. Fortunately his condition was not life-threatening and he lived to see the day.

His companion, a judge who presides over civil cases in Frankfurt, stayed a second night to wait for his recuperation. The menagerie of strange characters who had already passed through in the first ten days had put me on my guard, but

nothing had prepared me to be confronted by a judge brandishing a rake which he had found in the barn. My fear, but not my surprise, subsided a little when he asked 'Can I buy this?' 'You want to buy a rake?' I checked, playing for time. Calm was restored as he specified that all he needed was the handle. I was not sure whether the said garden implement belonged to the hostel or to the builders, nor if I was authorised to sell it even if it had been ours. 'Would this broomstick do instead?' I enquired. His eyes lit up in affirmation. After removing the brush we agreed a price and he took possession of his new purchase. And would I please stamp it for him! Struggling to keep a straight face I branded his staff with an impression of the rubber stamp which normally certifies a halt at the Refugio Gaucelmo in one's pilgrim record. He took it to the fire, to dry the ink I thought. Still ignorant of the reason for his request, some time later I was alarmed to find him charring the end in the embers to sharpen the stake to a point. 'It is for the wild dogs at Foncebadón', he explained, and it suddenly became clear that if any of these reputedly ferocious creatures threatened his passage through the next village (which is abandoned except for a lady called Maria and her son) the poor hound was to be pole-axed!

Frank Taylor's presence was a prelude to the arrival of the Confraternity spring working party. After their settling-in period they soon got down to an assortment of useful jobs, though Freud and Marx cast their long dark shadows over the proceedings, still dominated by reactions to the general election result. The highlight of Holy Week for me was a lavish three-course breakfast at which the guest of honour was Millán Bravo, Professor of Philology at Valladolid University. He is blessed with an elevated air of self-importance, a mischievous sense of humour, an acute mind and a quick wit, all of which helped us to get on sportingly. He bullied me into accepting, against the rules, two students whom he was driving in his big car. He intended to take a room at Antonio's. 'If they stay here then so do you', I insisted. It helped that I recognised him from a television programme in which he appeared in a

discussion on the future of the pilgrimage with Pat Quaife and others. He was so struck by the manner and style of his reception that he donated copies of his Castilian translation of Aimery Picaud's medieval Latin guide to me and the library, both with Latin dedications. The working party left on Easter Monday, and after three weeks' sleeping by the fire in the sitting room it was at last warm enough for me to move into the warden's quarters, though the snow caps on the distant peaks persisted until mid-May.

On the subject of fire, I may one day come to be grateful for learning how to breathe through a damp cloth in a smoke-filled room, when the range in the kitchen preferred to issue its exhaust fumes through every orifice except the chimney, perhaps blocked by the repairs to the roof. Subsequent condensation of the resin vapours left a thin layer of sticky brown tar all over the brand-new tiled floor, which took some effort to clean when the air had cleared two days later.

One of the most pleasant requests was for me to drill holes in two scallop shells for string to pass through to hang them as badges round the necks of two pilgrims who had chosen to start from Rabanal. The most rewarding part of all, however, remained escorting pilgrims after breakfast to the top of the village, pointing out across the hills, encouraging them with the news that Santiago lay just over two hundred kilometres to the west, and asking them to give me a hug for the apostle.

On the down side, I was disappointed that the Spanish, as a nationality, saw less obligation than others to contribute towards the cost of their stopover and invariably gave the least donations, sometimes leaving nothing at all, but often adding insult to injury by dropping no more than fifty pesetas into the box. I know about the widow's mite and all that, but people who can afford to drink in the bar have money to spare. And they were generally the least punctilious about observing the first rule of the house - 'no fumar'. The other aspect of the job which least appealed to me was dragging people out of the bars after eleven o'clock, the official Gaucelmo closing time.

The sacristan performs a blood-curdling rhythmic drubbing on the church bells each Sunday to summon the village to Mass. Other manners of ringing it signal various emergencies, and on one occasion I was conscripted in this way to assist in the extinction of a field fire which had got out of control. And, of course, a slow, mournful, plaintive tolling announces a death.

For much of the daytime relentless noise of clattering hammers, surreal movement of seemingly unscaffolded workmen (four regulars - Paco, Manolo, Tomas, Jesus - and occasionally up to eight altogether) past the windows, constant danger of falling objects, and ever-present clouds of dust permitted no escape from the fact that the hostel was a building site. On the first few days in May frequent showers of bent nails and slate fragments made a hard hat obligatory headwear outdoors. What annoyed me most was that the presence of foreign bodies on the roof interfered with my reception of 'Radio dos classica' which broadcast music twenty-four hours a day. I was transfixed by being woken in the middle of one night by Ferneyhough's Third played by the Arditti String Quartet, more than a surprise in a programme called 'musica callada' - silent music. It was quite a come-down to return to Radio 3 taken over by the cricket.

Maurice Fox, who came for a fortnight on the 8th of May, and I removed the tiles, mud and boards from the roof of the barn. When I tell you that many of the wooden boards supporting the tiles were rotten and there was no safety net you will understand why I remember it as quite the most dangerous task that I have ever undertaken, and in this case it was for love rather than money! I lost three pairs of trousers in the process and stuck a rusty nail through one of my boots. Fortunately I had recently been boosted for tetanus.

Rogelio, the builder, delivered five props to support the roof timbers on the 22nd of May and his reluctance to supply shoring to protect work below the bulging wall prompted me to give the thin skin a gentle push to help it all come tumbling down. During my last week Peter Tompkins and Nicol Smith



Timothy Wotherspoon dismantles the barn roof, May 1992. (Photo: Maurice Fox)

sorted the rubble from the collapsed wall into piles of stones of similar sizes and riddled all the mortar through 5mm and 3mm sieves. Meanwhile I continued 'mowing the lawn' and sawing the stack of wood for the fire. The three of us were exhausted before we had finished. Peter Tompkins and I were relieved to set off on our bicycles for Santiago, and Nicol Smith was probably delighted to be able to take a rest on assuming his full duties as the next warden. We left the barn fully prepared for reconstruction by the September building party.

Tearing myself away from the village at the end of May was a heart-rending experience, and the only way to contain my grief was by not saying farewell to anyone. A week before my departure Maxi's mother died. He had lent me his scythe with which I almost completed mowing the meadow, and I was incredibly honoured to be invited not only to the funeral and the interment but also to the wake beforehand and a meal with the family afterwards. It was most fitting that the coffin was sealed into the vault with some bricks left over from building the new front wing of the hostel. Having been embraced so intimately by the villagers it seemed inappropriate anyway to say goodbye.

If I had to sum up my tenure in one word it would be 'dust'!

St James's Day 1992 in Winchester

Marion Marples

The Confraternity enjoyed a splendid St James's Day in Winchester thanks to the efforts of Winchester member, Professor Terence Morris. He had persuaded his parish priest, Canon Peter Doyle, to celebrate an open-air Mass in the long-neglected St James's Cemetery, high above the city and overshadowed by the hospital and two water storage tanks.

Canon Doyle's chasuble had a 15th century orphrey depicting saints, one of whom was St James, and he celebrated Mass in honour of St James. Wonderfully, Fr Alberto Moran, on holiday in England from Ponferrada, was able to join in the Mass by singing the 'Alleluia'. Terence Morris did the readings and Marion Marples led the prayers. The congregation included many Confraternity members and friends, parishioners of St Peter's church and a French seminarian.

Mr Peter Bogan, parish archivist of St Peter's, gave a short talk on the history of the burial ground, noting that for Catholics it has been called 'the most sacred spot in England'. He told us the story of Nicholas Tichborne who in 1592 lay dying in Winchester Gaol who prayed to be preserved until St James's Day, as he had lived his life under his protection. He was later buried in St James's Cemetery.

Mr Bogan reminded us that members of many Catholic families are buried there including the Norfolks, Bishop Challoner's mother and Archbishop Worlock's parents.

At the picnic lunch the Rabanal money boxes were opened (see 'From the Secretary's Notebook') and Ben and Muriel Burrows from Chichester kindly brought and sold lots of jars of their very own honey (from Burrows' bees), also in aid of the barn at Rabanal.

We then all met again at St Peter's Parish Centre to start a walk to St Cross through the water meadows of the River Itchen. Having earlier spotted two walkers with large rucksacks, one with a scallop shell, we learnt that they were Dutch, had reached Burgos on the Camino two years earlier and were now walking via Dover, Canterbury, Winchester and Salisbury to St David's and the west of Ireland. Remarkably, they knew of the Confraternity, being acquainted with Bernard McDonnell from Egham, Surrey. I don't know who was more amazed when Bernard himself appeared behind them.

At St Cross we enjoyed a guided tour and several helpings of the well-known dole of ale and bread given to pilgrims who ask for it. The hospital, with its beautiful transitional church, has been a place of shelter and hospitality for the poor since the 12th century.

The day ended with an excellent and most welcome tea and cake in the nearby 'Bell'.

Note: due to the Secretary trying to do too many things at once, we didn't have a moment to think of all those on the Camino or in Rabanal or Santiago (although they were mentioned in the prayers). Peter and Eileen Fitzgerald, wardens at Rabanal, sent a letter which arrived after the weekend with their greetings to all members present.

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Canon Peter Doyle celebrates Mass on St James's Day 1992 at St James's Graveyard, Winchester, in front of a 19th century mausoleum. (Photo: Terence Morris)

The Ancient Cemetery of St James, Winchester¹

Terence Morris

The church of St James, Next to Westgate, built sometime during the Norman period, survived as a parish church outside the city walls until the middle of the 14th century when its congregation was effectively wiped out by the Black Death. By 1399 the parish priest successfully petitioned the Pope that the parish be relieved of the cure of souls and in 1446 Henry, Cardinal Beaufort, engaged in the process of enlarging the Hospital of St Cross which had been founded by Henri de Blois, Bishop of Winchester, in 1136 as an almshouse for poor men, persuaded the Pope to appropriate the revenues of the parish of St James to his new foundation. The Hospital of St Cross fulfils its ancient purpose to this day.

Of some 60 churches and chapels in medieval Winchester, only one was dedicated to St James.² Winchester is on the direct route of pilgrims from Reading Abbey to the port of Southampton, the crossing from the Wight to the Cherbourg Peninsular being a major route to France. On the 60 mile passage under sail the high land of St Catherine's Down is only lost for about two or three hours before the equally high cliffs of the Cotentin come into view. From St James a footpath led south to the church of St Faith, said to be a common dedication of churches on Jacobean routes. It is now known as St James' Lane. This in turn leads to the Hospital of St Cross to where the black marble font from St Faith's was removed when that church was demolished by Bishop Fox in 1509 and

1 A fuller account of the history of St James' Cemetery is contained in a monograph by the Parish Archivist of St Peter's Winchester, Mr Peter Bogan, (unpub.1991), to whom the present writer is indebted.

2 Mgr Laurance Gouldner, MA. Pilgrimage Pamphlets no.7. *Winchester*. London, Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, 1965, p.107.

where pilgrims might receive hospitality on their way to the coast. Apart from St James' Lane, nothing now commemorates St James Next the Westgate except its cemetery which was curiously destined to become a focus for Winchester's Catholic community in penal times and eventually an integral part of the flourishing post-Reformation parish of St Peter established in 1674.

There is reason to believe that the church which was situated on the south side of the road leading up the hill out of Winchester towards Romsey survived, albeit in a derelict state, until well into the 16th century. In 1539 the agents of Thomas Cromwell descending upon the city pillaged the shrine of St Swithin and suppressed all its religious houses, authorising their demolition and the sale of their dressed stone as salvage. It seems likely that in this vandalistic climate which was legitimised by the more enthusiastic Protestant reformers during the reign of Edward VI (1547-1553) there would have been some considerable plunder of the stones of St James and the anchorage that had been attached to it in 1259.

The modern story of St James' Cemetery begins in the summer of 1589. Winchester prison was full of recusants who, faithful to the Old Religion, would not assent to the new Elizabethan Settlement of 1559 and attend the Anglican services. As such they were deemed malefactors and, thanks to the Bull of Pius V in 1570 which declared Elizabeth a bastard, traitors also. Among them was Nicholas Tichborne, condemned to life imprisonment, whose two sons were later to die at Tyburn. He had already served nine years and on July 10, having received the last sacraments, prayed that he 'be spared until the Feast of St James under whose guardianship and protection I have lived these seventy years'. His prayer was granted and he died peacefully on the evening of July 25.

The problem arose of where he was to be buried. Thomas Cooper, the Anglican bishop, flatly refused to allow the burial

of a papist traitor in any church or cemetery within the city³. The problem was solved by an old man who may well have been Ralph Milner who was himself to be hanged, drawn and quartered with the priest Roger Dicconson at the Bar Ditch on the north-western edge of the city in July 1591.⁴ Milner recalled that as a boy he had known of burials on the hill just beyond the Westgate where the ancient chapel of St James once stood - and whose ruins would almost certainly have been recalled by anyone with a memory going back for fifty years or more. Could there be a more appropriate place to bury a man with a lifetime of pious devotion to St James? The burial of Nicholas Tichborne in the ancient cemetery of St James could only have taken place with the generous assent, albeit unspoken, of the Master of the Hospital of St Cross, which had acquired the land with the revenues of the redundant parish in 1446. In any event, no-one sought to disturb the bones of Nicholas Tichborne. From 1589 onwards the place became a Catholic burial ground where many recusants were buried including Roger Corham who was expelled from Lincoln's Inn in 1569 for refusing to attend Anglican services and for 'using unlawfull rightes and seremonies';⁵ his descendant, another Roger, bought land in Fleshmonger (now St Peter) Street and in 1674 effectively established the modern parish of St Peter's. Others who are known to lie in St James include the Carmelite priest William Rudge who had been chaplain to a local Catholic gentlewoman, Lady Elizabeth Arundell, who died in 1664 and the Franciscan priest Paul Atkinson who died in Hurst Castle, the old Tudor fort near Lymington in 1729, having been imprisoned there for no less

3 Cooper is said to have objected on the specific ground that Tichborne was an *excommunicate* although the Catholic argument was that all the churchyards in the City had been consecrated at a time when the Church in England acknowledged the authority of the Bishop of Rome. See Canon (later Archbishop) John Henry King, 'Sermons in Stones' in *The Month*, August 1930.

4 See Archbishop John Henry King, *The Martyrs of Hampshire*. Winchester, Warren & Son Ltd., The Wykeham Press [nd but circa 1940-45], pp13-20.

5 Canon John Henry King, *op.cit.* 1930, p.4.

than 30 years. By 1800, after almost 200 years of using it, the Catholics of St Peter's Winchester obtained the freehold from the Hospital of St Cross for the modest sum of £42. It seems likely that for the earlier period some Catholic gentleman would have taken a lease of the land from St Cross which for legal purposes would have looked just like any other land deal.⁶

The exact location of Nicholas Tichborne's burial is unknown but it seems likely to be near a high point of land which is the probable site of the old church. In 1929 a grave of some antiquity was discovered, two of the stones being with a mason's mark and one with the inscription *Anno Domini 1555*. A local mason of considerable standing noted that the stones were not, in fact, cut as a grave kerb but shaped to form part of a stone altar.⁷ One explanation of their presence is that they were part of an altar that had been restored during the time of Mary (her marriage to Philip of Spain took place in Winchester in July 1554) and having been taken down after the Elizabethan Settlement of 1559 had been stored by some Catholic recusant finally to be utilised for the grave of Nicholas Tichborne. Although this is a speculation, it has some plausibility since his property would have been sequestered leaving him to all intents a pauper dependent upon the charity of his friends.

The earliest marked grave is, by curious chance, one of the best preserved and that of his cousin Gilbert Tichborne. Gilbert was born in 1540 only a year after the destruction of the religious houses in Winchester and lived on through the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary, Elizabeth, James I and Charles I to die in 1636 at the age of 96. During this long life he had been twice imprisoned and had lost about two thirds of his land for having 'voluntarily heard the Mass'.⁸

6 Canon King considered that this might well have been another member of the Tichborne family. King, 1930.

7 See Peter Bogan, *op.cit.* 1991, who quotes Canon King as the source of this.

8 Canon King, *op.cit.* 1930.

The headstones were definitively surveyed by Canon John Henry King, later Archbishop Bishop of Portsmouth, during the late 1920s and early 1930s when parish priest of St Peter's Winchester.⁹ Many, having survived the ravages of three centuries of weather, have fallen prey to the atmospheric pollution of the exponential growth of motor traffic on the Romsey Road in the last 40 years and are fast becoming illegible. The parish archivist of St Peter's Winchester, Mr Peter Bogan, conducted another survey in 1990 and it is hoped that in due course a series of numbered plates will be placed on individual graves enabling them to be identified from a master plan. A St James' Cemetery Committee was established in 1991 to consider ways in which necessary restoration and maintenance can be carried out.

Proposals under consideration include a management plan which will enable the cemetery to retain its unusually rich combination of meadow and woodland edge *flora* which have never been controlled by modern agrochemicals and the refurbishment of the two early 19th century *mausolea* with the possibility that the one nearer the presumed site of the ancient chapel may be adapted as a place of private prayer for visitors and relatives of those members of St Peter's parish who continue to be 'buried in St James' as the local saying has it.

Archbishop King is known to have preached to a group of pilgrims in the cemetery on May 4, 1930¹⁰ but apart from burial services, there is no record of any other form of liturgical worship having been celebrated there, certainly not since 1589. It is likely that the mass celebrated by members of the parish of St Peter's together with members of the Confraternity on St James' Day this year has been the first since the church of St James Next the Westgate was declared redundant some 600 years ago.

9 The analysis of the history of the cemetery and the survey of those buried there made by Canon King together with Canon Scantlebury is printed in the *Transactions* of the Catholic Record Society, vol.42, 1949.

10 *Sermons in Stones* is in fact an edited version of the address delivered by him on the Feast of the English Martyrs to a gathering of Hampshire Catholic pilgrims.

New Refuge in Azofra

Congratulations to our good friend Herr Herbert Simon of Cologne on the inauguration of 30 May of the refuge in Azofra, on which he and his German colleagues have worked so hard over the past two years. They have enjoyed the full collaboration of the parish priest, the mayor and all the village and of the Asociación Riojana de Amigos del Camino de Santiago.

Azofra is a village of some 500 people, 35km from Logroño and 6km west of Nájera. It had a pilgrim hospital as early as 1167 but no refuge in modern times until Herr Simon took the initiative in 1990. Next to the church was a dilapidated parish room and plans were drawn up for a reception room with cooking facilities, 2 bedrooms each for 16 pilgrims and the usual washbasins, showers and w.c.s.

In July 1990 an international youth camp was held in Azofra to do the basic preparatory work of clearing the walls and floor and installing water and electricity. Azofra residents repaired the roof, windows, doors and ceilings, and beds were made in a local furniture factory. A second working party took place in June 1991 when the work was largely finished. The honour of being the first pilgrims to sleep in the Azofra refuge fell to Confraternity members, David and Sarah Stancliffe of Portsmouth, on June 24th 1991 on their way to Santiago.

Sadly no English representative was present at the blessing and inauguration on 30 May, but a full report in PEREGRINO magazine (no.26, July 1992, p.4), with photographs, captures the spirit of what was clearly a very happy occasion. The Bishop of Calahorra presided over the Mass during there were readings and songs in Spanish and German. A statue of St James as a pilgrim headed a procession round the village before the new refuge was solemnly blessed by the Bishop. Herr Simon thanked all those who had worked on the project, particularly the village of Azofra which had been so friendly towards its temporary German residents.

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Cover of Holy Year leaflet produced by the Cathedral at Santiago. It is hoped to have a stock of leaflets in English soon.



1993 Holy Year Programme

Since October 1991 the Confraternity's 1993 Committee has been planning a special programme of events for Holy Year. It is hoped that with the November Bulletin will come a separate and final listing, but in the meantime members may like to enter the following in their 1993 diaries. We would draw your attention particularly to the Wednesday series of lectures by well-known speakers and to the ecumenical service in Canterbury Cathedral on 31 May, preceded by a Confraternity pilgrimage from Winchester (cyclists) and Reading (walkers). In late August English pilgrims will follow in the footsteps of their many medieval predecessors by walking from La Coruña, along the so-called 'Camino Inglés' to Santiago de Compostela.

Confraternity of St James - Provisional 1993 Programme

- Saturday 23 January: AGM - 10 Years of the Confraternity + Party
Wednesday 17 February: Introductory Lecture by Mary Remant, at St Etheldreda's, London EC1
Wednesday 17 March: Lecture, 'Saints and Pilgrimages' by David Farmer
EASTER - April 9 to 12
Wednesday 21 April: Lecture (to be announced)
Sunday 9 May: Members invited to 10 am Mass, St Mary's Cadogan St, London SW3
Tuesday 11 May: Evening of Poetry and Music, St Mary's Cadogan St.
22/23 May: Pilgrimage to Canterbury, walkers leave Reading
25 May (date to be confirmed): Pilgrimage, cyclists leave Winchester
Friday 29 May: pilgrimage rendezvous at Aylesford Priory (to be confirmed)
Saturday 30 May: walkers on way to Canterbury, cyclists spend day in Rochester
Monday 31 May: ecumenical service in Canterbury Cathedral, 12.00
Wednesday 16 June: lecture, 'The Artistic Landscape of the 12th Century Pilgrim' by Annie Shaver-Crandell
Saturday 4 July: Concert by El Canto, London (to be confirmed)

Saturday/Sunday 24/25 July: visit to Tewkesbury and the church of St
James, Stoke Orchard

25 to 28 August: pilgrimage along the Camino Inglés from La Coruña to
Santiago

Sunday 29 August: European Associations meet in Santiago (to be conf.)

Wednesday 15 September: lecture, 'Pilgrimage from Britain' by Professor
Brian Tate

Wednesday 13 October: lecture, 'The Spirituality of the Pilgrimage' by
the Revd David Stancliffe, Provost of Portsmouth Cathedral

22 to 30 October: 6th Confraternity visit to Spain - Rabanal, Oviedo,
Santiago, Padron, Finisterre

Wednesday 17 November: lecture, 'Camino de Santiago, Camino de Europa'
by Patricia Quaife

Saturday 4 December: concert, 'Music from the Codex Calixtinus' by Dr
Mary Berry

Still to be confirmed: exhibition at the Horniman Museum, London SE23
and play, 'Divine Words', Battersea Arts Centre in January.

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The Pilgrimage to Santiago in 1991

Every summer the Cathedral authorities at Santiago produce very interesting pilgrim statistics covering the previous year. I am grateful to D. Jaime García Rodríguez, the canon who presides over the Pilgrim Office in the Plaza de Quintana (next to the Holy Door), for permission to summarise his report on the pilgrimage to Santiago in 1991.

The figures are drawn from the Cathedral's register of pilgrims and are divided into two parts: those for pilgrims proper (or true pilgrims), ie those on foot, bicycle or horseback and secondly those for registered groups, mainly parish and school groups accompanied by a priest.

1) True Pilgrims

7274 were registered in 1991 (compared with 4918 in 1990 and 5760 in 1989, the year of the Pope's August visit) and of the 1991 total 6917 were awarded their 'compostelas'. 4224 pilgrims covered 100km or more on foot, 2443 by bicycle and 30 travelled on horseback. 195 of the walkers walked from France, 65 from Holland, 15 from Belgium, 14 from Germany and 3 from Poland. Male pilgrims outnumbered female by roughly 2 to 1 and well over half (58.1%) were aged under 30.



Conversely 23 pilgrims were aged between 71 and 80. The great majority arrived in July and August (71.45%), with only 5% arriving in June and 12% in September. Pilgrims' motivation was overwhelmingly religious (50.43%) or religious/cultural (44.18%). Most described themselves as students (40.4%), followed by professional (11%) and teachers (9.79%). Over two-thirds (69.73%) of pilgrims were Spanish, followed by Germans (10.32%), French (6.74%), Belgian (4.9%), Dutch (2.93%) and British (1.83%). Our small percentage was made up of 133 people, 71 on foot, 44 on a bicycle, none on horseback and 18 whose mode of transport was not recorded. A total of 33 countries is listed in a table, with a few far-off nations having just one pilgrim each: Mozambique, Puerto Rico, Iran, Korea and Japan.

2. Group Pilgrimages

16,449 pilgrims arrived by coach in 335 separate groups from 27 countries. Britain is not mentioned in this category but Germany had 79 groups, Spain 67 and Italy 62. The arrival of coach groups was much more evenly spread through the months of May to September. Over 1000 priests from 39 countries visited the Cathedral and celebrated the Eucharist, as well as ten bishops, six archbishops and one cardinal.

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Spring and Summer Events 1992

Bristol Day - 14 March 1992

A happy surprise in Bristol was an unexpected visit to the interior of St James Monastery, long closed and neglected despite its being the oldest church in Bristol. An unsightly plaque outside declares it to be 'Bristol's oldest building, founded 1129 AD'. Inside this was confirmed by its sturdy, round-arched arcade, surmounted by large clerestory windows which made the church lighter than many of its Norman contemporaries. Its future use is still to be officially determined - one hopes it will be in keeping with a distinguished building that deserves a better fate than that which it has suffered in recent years.

The afternoon venue was All Saints Church, now the Bristol Urban Studies Centre, near the St Nicholas Market. John Durant, who had recently spent a week in León, gave a slide presentation of San Isidoro, with emphasis on the glowing 11th c. Pantheon which is covered with early Romanesque wall paintings. This was followed by Canon David Welander, formerly of Gloucester Cathedral and author of a well-received book on the subject, who spoke compellingly about the history and architecture of the Cathedral, formerly the Benedictine abbey of St Peter. Outside, as he spoke, came the sound of a medieval penny-whistle as an appropriate musical accompaniment. Canon Welander's talk inspired the idea of a visit to Gloucester later in the year (now scheduled for 21 November).

Our thanks to Sue Morgan and Geraldine Thomson-Glover for arranging a very interesting day, which as always, attracted members from London and further afield as well as those living locally.

Practical Pilgrim Weekend - April 25-26 1992

The annual Practical Pilgrim weekend moved north to York this year where some 40 members and friends met in the sunny Yorkshire Museum Gardens on the Saturday morning. Ann and Simon Clark, Leeds members who organised the weekend, had alerted the local press to our presence and Liz Key (London) and new member Sam Key (Yorkshire) duly appeared with their bicycles in the Yorkshire Evening Press under the headline 'Pilgrims

Meet in York'. David and Diane Wesson brought their well-travelled tandem from Middleton in Teesdale, while news of Rabanal came from Stephen Badger and others just back from the spring working party visit. Much information was exchanged between former and prospective pilgrims and the 1992 *Pilgrim Guide to Spain* found many ready buyers.

After a picnic or pub lunch we met in York Minster for a guided visit by Ann Clark of St James in stained glass and other pilgrimage connections. Ann and Simon had thoughtfully brought a number of pairs of binoculars so that everyone had a chance of a closer look at some of the more distant St James. A 16th century stained glass sequence of the life of St James, situated at the east end of the Minster, was particularly appreciated. Those who stayed on in the Minster for Choral Evensong at 4pm escaped a huge downpour of rain which caught those who had sneaked off for tea or shopping in York's delightful medieval streets.

The Bar Convent Museum was the very pleasant venue for the evening's activities. A 3-course early supper, for which our thanks go to Sister Agatha for her superb cooking, preceded a fascinating lecture by Dr Wendy Childs of Leeds University: 'Men may leve all gayms/That saylen to Seynt James - Medieval Pilgrims to Santiago'. Dr Childs, who specialises in medieval trade between England and the Continent, divided her lecture into three parts, beginning with a general description of the development of the land and sea routes to Santiago and Galicia. She then set the sea journey into its historical context, with emphasis on communications and navigation, before concentrating in the third part on the licensing of pilgrim ships. We are very grateful to Wendy Childs for her contribution to the weekend and hope to publish the full text of the lecture in a later Bulletin.

Members who stayed in York on Sunday enjoyed an afternoon visit to a number of York churches having depictions of St James, including St Olave, Marygate, All Saints North Street, Holy Trinity Goodramgate with its St James chantry chapel, and St Michael le Belfrey with no fewer than three images of St James and a pilgrim.

Our special thanks to Ann and Simon Clark for organising such an interesting and well-documented weekend for so many members.

Some Less Pleasant Aspects of the *Pilgrim's Guide*

This was the intriguing title of Annie Shaver-Crandell's talk to a select group of members on July 7th in the St Alban's Centre, London EC1. Annie is one of the Confraternity's United States members and had been travelling in France and Spain, including a first visit to Rabanal, with her husband, Keith. We were lucky that she was having a final week in London before returning home and even luckier that she dedicated a day and an evening of her holiday to a Confraternity lecture. Using a translation of the 12th century Latin *Pilgrim's Guide* made by her team of American scholars (to be published at the end of the year) she made it amply clear what a hard time medieval pilgrims to Santiago experienced before reaching their goal, if indeed they managed to survive the hazards of the journey. Almost as an aside she revealed that members of the team thought it unlikely that Aimery Picaud, the famous Poitevin monk, was the sole author of the *Guide*, and that a compilation by a number of people was much more likely. So it seems as if we shall have to accustom ourselves not to refer to Aimery Picaud in future in the interests of accuracy, nice though it is to have an author's label to hang on to a medieval manuscript. It is hoped to be able to publish the text of Annie's lecture in a forthcoming Bulletin; in the meantime our grateful thanks to her for giving us one of her summer evenings in London.

The Horniman Summer Fete - 18 July 1992

Horniman Museum Deputy Director, Mike Houlihan, found the hardest part of leaving for Le Puy cycling slowly downhill behind two police horses.

The Museum had arranged a good send-off and raised quite a lot of interest from those attending the Friends of the Horniman Fete, entitled this year The Horniman into Europe. The Confraternity had been given a prime position in the 'Dutch Barn' which we festooned with posters and photographs of Rabanal. James Maple displayed his tent, much to the delight of visiting toddlers, James Hatts ran a shell game and luckydip, and Mary Ivens coaxed 10p coins out of people on to a map of the Camino in aid of the Rabanal Appeal and improvements to disabled access at the Museum. These are the same two causes for which Mike Houlihan is raising money by his cycling pilgrimage.



Mike Houlihan hands over his pilgrim's dues to the Resident Governor of the Tower of London, Major General Tyler, watched by Yeoman Warder, Brian Harrison. (Photo: Ylva French Consultancy)

What most people didn't realise was that Mike was heading straight for the local British Rail station where he was taking a train to London Bridge. At the Tower of London, like all true medieval pilgrims, he paid two silver pennies to the Resident Governor of the Tower of London, Major General Tyler, as his pilgrim dues prior to departure. Once this had been done he was heading for Lourdes and Santiago, taking photographs and collecting material for an exhibition to be held at the Museum in 1993. Further details of his progress in the November Bulletin.

No Room at the Inn on St James's Day

Hilary Shaw

On St James's Day 1992 Bredereth Sen Jago toured sites related to the pilgrim route along the north of Cornwall, heading towards St Michael's Mount. We visited Treslothan near Camborne where a chapel was built before the Norman conquest. It contained an altar-stone inscribed with a Saxon name -Aequred- probably the land-owner, which can be dated to the 11th century. At some date this chapel was dedicated to St James, and in 1427 Bishop Edmund Lacey visited the area and granted a licence for 'divine service in the chapel of St James at Cambron'. This was Treslothan Chapel, then belonging to the Petyt family. But was this the date of the first dedication to St James, or did that go back to a much earlier date? If it is pre-Conquest, it is probably unique in the British Isles!

The chapel was abandoned after the Reformation, but in 1842 the Pendarves family, who then owned the estate, built a chapel of ease dedicated to St John which later was made a parish church. It was dedicated on 25 July 1842, exactly 150 years before our visit.

The parishioners had organised a flower festival for this anniversary. They are well aware that the church has links both with St James and St John. After all, these two were brothers, the sons of Zebedee.

A lunch break had been planned at the St Michael's Mount Inn, Barripper. The name was originally French, Beau Repaire, a 'good lodging'. The tradition that this was the last stop before the Mount is also supported by the eminent archaeologist, Professor Charles Thomas. Bishop Lacy stayed

here on his visit in 1427 and in St Mary's Chapel, Penpons, gave the tonsure to ten young men from local families, the first step towards the priesthood. Some year later his suffragan bishop stayed there for the same purpose. There is no record of any bishop staying there in earlier times. One gets the impression that the Penpons family, who owned the manor, had decided to develop this local venture and advertise it as 'under new improved management' by persuading the Bishop to stay there with his staff of clerks and officials. It is easy to visualise the present building as being very much on the plan of the 15th century inn with plenty of stabling for horses.

Alas, on St James's Day 1992 the Bredereth pilgrims were refused any food at the Inn because it had been booked for a wedding party. Perhaps the same thing happened to pilgrims who asked for lodging when Bishop Edmund Lacy was staying there!

We went on to eat at a less respectable place, the Smugglers Inn, and then to St Erth where the floor of the church recently caved in, uncovering some of the earlier foundations. This was the site of a Celtic church, replaced later by the Normans and again rebuilt several times. The original bridge here, built in about 1338, was the only road crossing of the Hayle River until the 19th century. Everybody crossed here, including pilgrims. It was originally a tidal port, where 'good tall shippes' moored at the quay. Mining operations have produced up to 40 foot depth of silt and raised the water-table to the point where the church is in danger of sinking into the waters. But one can feel fairly certain that pilgrims from Ireland and Wales worshipped in St Erth church.

Bushey Festival

James Hatts

On the last day of the Bushey (Hertfordshire) festival (26th July) the Confraternity had an exhibition and publications stall in the entrance to St James' Church House. We were able to give a lot of information to the interested congregation and visitors. In the church a flower festival with the theme of pilgrimage could be viewed. In the evening a service called 'Pilgrim Praise' which included pilgrim hymns, reading and medieval pilgrimage music from Dr Mary Remnant was followed by a reception in

Church House. The festival was organised by the Rector, Confraternity member, Canon Philip Morgan and his wife Kate, who also sang at the service.



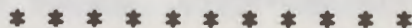
II Encuentro sobre los Caminos Portugueses a Santiago

There has been a welcome revival of interest in the Portuguese routes to Santiago in recent years and Vigo, in the south of Galicia near the Portuguese border, was the venue in early May 1992 of a second conference on the subject organised by the Asociación de Amigos de los Pazos.

The Confraternity was represented by La Coruña member, Magdalena Stork de Yepes, who has sent an interesting account of the conference together with a copy of a booklet by Ernesto Iglesias Almeida entitled *Caminos Portugueses a Santiago (en la Diócesis de Tuy-Vigo)*.

The river Minho dividing Galicia from Portugal was the main obstacle that pilgrims had to pass on their journey north to Santiago and it was generally done by boat as bridges were few and far between. The principal route through Galicia was regarded as being from Caminha in Portugal on the southern estuary of the Minho, via Santa Maria de Oia, Baiona, Vigo, Pontesampayo and Pontevedra. This maritime route is also known as a monastic route because Santa Maria de Oia was and is a very important stopping place on the pilgrim route. The monks greatly helped Jacobean pilgrims of whatever social status and also defended the coast against visiting marauders.

St Thomas à Becket may well have stayed at Santa Maria de Oia as it is thought he made the pilgrimage to Santiago through Portugal, having been barred from travelling via Aragón by Henry II and the King of Aragón. Magdalena Stork hopes to find out more about Becket's pilgrimage and links between English pilgrims and the Portuguese routes through both Galicia and Portugal.



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