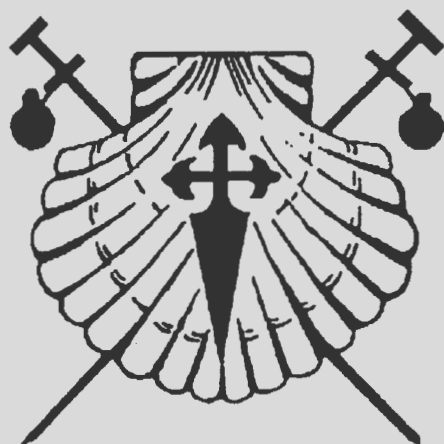


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Bulletin 65

Jubilee Year 1999

The 114th and last Holy Year – or Jubilee Year to give it its traditional name – of the second millennium is now upon us and promises to be a special year of celebration and achievements, but also of changes, both outside and inside the Confraternity.

On the afternoon of 31 December, during the solemn Mass for the Opening of the Holy Door of Santiago Cathedral, the Archbishop of Santiago knocked three times with a silver hammer on the blocked-up door in the Plaza de la Quintana, whereupon the stone barrier collapsed in spectacular fashion. Followed by a long procession of clergy, civic dignitaries and pilgrims, the Archbishop entered the Cathedral by the *Puerta Santa*, the first person to do so since it was walled up six years earlier on 31 December 1993. Among the large group of winter pilgrims was Joe Cheer of Sussex and it is thanks to him that members attending the weekend school on ‘Holy Years and Souvenirs’ at Aylesford in late February were privileged to see a two-hour video of the Mass, the procession and the Holy Door rituals. As well as wonderful music and a spectacular ‘performance’ by the *botafumeiro*, the video included a sequence showing pilgrims saying a prayer in their own language from the pulpit to a packed Cathedral. Joe himself offered a prayer in English for people who were homeless or marginalised from society – a timely reminder that even in Western Europe there are those, including refugees, for whom poverty and misery are the stuff of everyday life.

While welcoming this new Holy Year we are sad that our pilgrim President, the Spanish Ambassador, D. Alberto Aza Arias, will be recalled to Madrid in April after a six-year term in London. He and his wife, Doña Eulalia, who with family and friends have walked so many *caminos* since 1993 – the *Camino Francés*, the Le Puy route to the Pyrenees, the Arles route, the *Camino Portugués*, the *Camino del*

Norte and, last year, the newly waymarked route from Geneva to Le Puy – will be very much missed. In her Secretary's Notebook below Marion Marples writes about the rousing farewell reception the Confraternity gave in honour of D. Alberto and Doña Eulalia on 5 March.

Another change, but one that will not surprise readers, is the change in editorship of the Bulletin. As I said in issue no. 63, Bulletin 65 would be my last, exactly 16 years after the four pages of issue no. 1 emerged from a modest portable typewriter. Anthony Brunning, currently production editor, will take over as editor from no. 66 and I cannot think of a better person to whom the editorial pen could be passed. Not only is Anthony an experienced pilgrim, having walked to both Rome and Santiago, but he has had ample experience editing the newsletter of the De La Salle Order over the years as well as knowing Bulletin routines from the inside.

I would like to end my last editorial – but please note I do not intend to vanish in a puff of smoke – by thanking all the many and regular Bulletin contributors since 1983 for their articles, notes, photographs, encouragement, corrections and general goodwill. Bulletin 65 is a bumper issue with articles by a number of friends and long-standing members including Jinty Nelson (Professor of Medieval History at King's College London) who reviews the new two-volume scholarly edition of *The Pilgrim's Guide*, John Revell who writes of a mini-pilgrimage close to home, Peter Robins who reminds us of the Scottish pilgrimage to Whithorn, Laurie Dennett who reviews the 1998 activities of the Confraternity, Walter Ivens who has supplied a record number of reports on the *Refugio Gaucelmo* over the years and Marion Marples who is in the 11th year of her Secretary's Notebook. The Bulletin reaches members round the world through the good offices of certain volunteers who come in four times a year to collate, fold, stuff envelopes, stick on extra stamps and cart heavy mail bags to the Post Office. For the cheerful carrying-out of such mundane tasks we must all be truly grateful. To all my warmest thanks.

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Confraternity Events

Saturday 24 April 1999

5th Constance Storrs Memorial Lecture

Professor Paolo Caucci von Saucken (University of Perugia)

'Roma, Jerusalén y Santiago'

(in Spanish, with written translation provided), **5 pm** – *note earlier than usual time* – at *St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, London EC1* – *note change in venue*. Cost: £4 members, £5 non-members, to include a glass of wine. Professor Caucci is one of the best-known scholars of the *Camino*, author of numerous books and articles, president of the Italian confraternity and chairman of the Xunta de Galicia's Committee of Experts.

7 to 27 May 1999

Pilgrim Sea Voyage '99, Cornwall to Compostela

organised jointly by the Bredereth Sen Jago and the Confraternity. All sailing places have been taken but there may be a vacancy for one woman on the associated Ferrol walking pilgrimage. (Note: this is not sex discrimination but is due to a cancellation by a member in a female 4-berth ferry cabin to and from Santander.) If interested in this vacancy please write to Pat Quaife at 57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG, for a response after 5 April.

(Please see under Other Events for events in Cornwall linked with the sea pilgrimage.)

Thursday 10 June 1999

Holy Year Lecture I

Christabel Watson

'A Reassessment of the Western Parts of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela'

6.30 pm – *note earlier time* – in the crypt of St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, London EC1 (nearest tube: Chancery Lane (Gray's Inn Road exit)). Members: £2, non-members £3. For her MA thesis at the University of Warwick, Christabel Watson made a detailed study of the Cathedral at Santiago and has come up with fresh evidence as to the origins of the west end.

Saturday 12 June 1999

A Walk in Kent to St James the Great, Elmstead

organised by Andrée Norman-Taylor. The walk will partly be along the North Downs Way with some ancient paths and a stretch of Roman road. The distance will be around 11 miles. Meet at Farthing Common on Stone Street TR 136404 (exit 11 north off M20) by car or be met at Ashford International by train at 9.46. Bring a picnic or have a pub lunch. If you would like to take part in this walk please contact Andrée on (01580)-291684.

Other Events

24 and 25 July 1999

St James's Day visit to Exeter

Further details in Bulletin 66, but please complete and return the form at the back of the Bulletin to indicate your interest.

Thursday 23 September 1999

Holy Year Lecture II

The Very Revd Stephen Platten, Dean of Norwich

'Spirituality and Pilgrimage'

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

23 to 30 October 1999

Visit to Santiago de Compostela

Organised and led by Marion Marples. As well as giving participants time to explore Santiago in a leisurely way the week will also include day trips to places not previously visited by the Confraternity, including Orense or Pontevedra, Lugo and Mondoñedo. The cost of the week, to include return flight to Santiago, all ground transport, bed and breakfast for seven nights at the Hostal Mapoula and seven main meals, will be around £500 per person (to be confirmed). To reserve a place please complete the form at the end of the Bulletin and return it with your deposit of £50 to Marion Marples.

Other Events

9 to 11 April 1999

Days of prayer at Santo Domingo de Silos

For details please contact PEREGRINO magazine at their new address: Apartado de Correos 315, 26080 Logroño, La Rioja, Spain, Tel. +34 941 24 56 74, or fax: +34 941 24 75 71.

6 to 8 May 1999

IV Congreso Nacional de Historia de la Enfermería:

La Enfermería en las Rutas Jacobeas

Organised in Gijón by the Asociación Asturiana de Historia de la Enfermería. This is a three-day conference dedicated to nursing care for pilgrims on the different routes, including the role of women, those who care for sick pilgrims, remedies and therapies etc. Cost: 35,000 ptas (students 20,000 ptas). For further information, in Spanish, contact the Asociación at Apartado de Correos 662, 33280 Gijón, tel. +34 985 35 51 61, or fax: +34 985 34 63 44.

7 to 9 May 1999

Pilgrim Events in Fowey, Cornwall, in connection with the Pilgrim Sea Voyage '99 and the Fowey Festival

- 1) The **Brig Phoenix** will be anchored at Fowey and open to the public on the afternoon of Friday 7 May, all day Saturday 8 May and on the morning of Sunday 9 May. Admission: £2-00.
 - 2) No. 9 South Street (pilgrim hostel) – open daily free, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm for an exhibition by the Troy Art Club.
 - 3) Constable's Studio, 44 North Street – open daily free, 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, illustrating and publishing the booklet *Pilgrim Footsteps through Fowey*, jointly with the Bredereth Sen Jago.
 - 4) The Fowey Pilgrim's Walk, Saturday 8 May at 2.00 pm and Sunday 9 May at 11.00 am. Booking essential (tel. (01726)-74324).
 - 5) 'The Way of the Pilgrims', an illustrated talk by Lynn Goold on Sunday 9 May at 10.00 am.
 - 6) Cornwall Songwriters' Pilgrim Sea Voyage '99 - Sunday 9 May at 10.00 am.
 - 7) Embarkation of Pilgrim Sea Voyage '99 – embarkation ceremony from Fowey Town Quay, with formal farewell by the Mayor of Fowey, Sunday 9 May at 8.00 pm.
 - 8) *Phoenix* and *Carrie* set sail on the morning of Monday 10 May for A Coruña
- For free programme and full information about the Fowey Festival please ring the Festival Information Line on (01726)-74324.

Saturday 15 May 1999

Forum for Iberian Studies: Translation and National Literatures

A one-day conference at Queen's College, Oxford, organised by the Modern Languages Faculty of Oxford University to discuss the challenges of translating the languages of the Iberian peninsula. Details from Daniel Grau, Modern Languages Faculty, University of Oxford, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JP. Tel.: (01865)-270492, fax: (01865)-270757.

Sunday 11 July 1999

Annual St Birinus Pilgrimage to Dorchester Abbey

At the AGM Canon John Crowe of Dorchester Abbey encouraged CSJ members to take part in this annual pilgrimage, either a 12-mile walk from Blewbury or a five-mile walk from Brightwell. They afford a real opportunity for us to encourage and inform other pilgrims about the Santiago pilgrimage. The walk concludes with a pilgrimage service in Dorchester Abbey at 6 pm. For full details send an s.a.e. (reasonable size) to Miss D. Godfrey, 4 Samian Way, Dorchester-on-Thames, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 8JJ or telephone (01865)-340004.

17 to 21 July 1999

'St Alban's and the Cult of St Alban'

The British Archaeological Association's annual conference for 1999. To be held at the Hatfield campus of the University of Hertfordshire, the conference will examine the origins and

setting of the cult of St Alban from the 3rd century AD to its restoration in 1991–3. Non-members of the BAA are invited to send an s.a.e. for further details to Dr Robert Gwynne, Conference Secretary, 44 Montagu Mansions, London W1H 1LD or tel. (0171)-486 1589.

21 October 1999 to 26 February 2000

'Romei e Guibilei'

is an exhibition to be held at the Palazzo Venezia in Rome.

The name is that of the medieval pilgrimage to the tomb of St Peter from 350 to 1350.

7 to 9 January 2000

Conference on Pilgrimage

to be held at the Cheltenham College of Higher Education, including Gerard Hughes and Bishop Rowan Williams as speakers.

(Please note that this major conference has been brought forward to January 2000.)

From the Secretary's Notebook

Departure of CSJ President

It is with great sadness that we shall soon be saying farewell to D. Alberto and Doña Eulalia as they return to Madrid. D. Alberto has been an exemplary President of the Confraternity for six years and has walked different parts of the *Camino* with his extended family each year since 1993. He has already secured his booking for the Hotel Reyes Católicos for 31 December 1999 and he and his entourage will be on the *Camino* from Roncesvalles in December.

At the Reception held in their honour at the St Alban's Centre on 5 March Doña Eulalia was presented with a bouquet of spring flowers by Mary Ivens while Don Alberto was presented with a handsome pilgrim staff made by Charles Francis and a Pilgrim Sea Voyage '99 sweatshirt (he is a patron of the Sea Voyage) by Pat Quaife. He was also serenaded by William Griffiths who had composed a special ode for the occasion (reproduced at the end of the Notebook). Clearly moved, the Ambassador responded with his own heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to know the *Camino* and the Confraternity and for the need for 'moral and intellectual refurbishment for all'.

Obituaries

We have heard recently of the death of **Edward (Teddy) Lister** of Surrey who has been a CSJ member since the middle Eighties. Teddy came on the CSJ visit to Burgos in 1991 and encouraged us to visit Lerma and Covarrubias

on the way to Santo Domingo de Silos.

We extend the Confraternity's condolences to Rosemary Wells, whose husband, Leonard, died on 31 December 1998.

Annual General Meeting 1999

Some 250 members attended the 16th Confraternity AGM held at the St Alban's Centre on 23 January. Laurie Dennett's review of 1998 is reproduced below. The guest speaker was Professor John Rutherford of Queen's College Oxford who, under the title *As frechas de ouro*, spoke on the effect his pilgrimages had had on his subsequent writing – in Galician rather than English, and as a novel rather than a factual account of his journeys. We look forward to seeing his novel published later this year.

The following members were elected to the 1999 Confraternity Committee: Francis Davey, Laurie Dennett, Francis Garcia, William Griffiths, Mark Hassall, Hilary Hugh-Jones, Howard Nelson, Mary Remnant and Timothy Wotherspoon.

AGM Lost Property

A few items left at the AGM have still to be claimed by their owners: a Michelin map of Ireland and a book won as a raffle prize: Melyvn Bragg's *Credo*. Would the owners please contact the office on (0171)-403 4500.

1999 Committee

At the first meeting of the new committee Laurie Dennett was re-elected as chairman, William Griffiths and Howard Nelson as vice-chairmen, and Timothy Wotherspoon as treasurer. The appointment of Marion Marples as secretary was confirmed for a further year.

Confraternity library

Howard Nelson is not only an efficient librarian, he builds his own bookshelves too. He has recently increased the shelf space, which was beginning to become congested, by placing shelves in an alcove and moving the free-standing bookcase further along. He has also fixed a huge photograph of Santiago Cathedral on the staircase, making an impressive entry to the office.

Volunteers

Arturo Lezcano from A Coruña, who had deeply impressed many of us with his interest in the *Camino* and his knowledge of Galicia and Spanish politics, has obtained a job with the national TV company Antenna Tres, as a sports commentator based in Santiago, with a special brief to report on football in Galicia. We are delighted at his good fortune but sad that he has left us just as friendships were deepening. His rapid departure meant that he was already in Galicia at the time of the Reception for the Ambassador but he was taken out to lunch with members on two occasions earlier that week.

Of Books and Babies

We warmly congratulate Nancy Frey and José Placer on the birth of Jacob on 2 February 1999. Born in Galicia and living on the *Camino* young Jacob is bound to be a pilgrim. Both he and Nancy are well. 1999 is being a landmark year for Nancy as her book *Pilgrim Stories on and off the Road to Santiago*, based on the Ph.D thesis for which she was conducting research during much of 1994 and 1995, was published in January by the University of California Press. Its 313 pages include photos of Maurice and Marigold Fox at home and Pat Quaife and Marion Marples at a CSJ AGM. Copies are available from the office, price £12-95 (£13-95, overseas surface mail). If paying by credit card from overseas you will be charged £11-95 plus airmail postage. (A full review of *Pilgrim Stories ...* will appear in Bulletin 66.)

Confraternity Guides for 1999

The AGM was notable for having copies available of two 1999 editions of Confraternity guides. David Wesson, the new editor of the *Camino Francés* guide, laboured long and hard in 1998 to have the 17th edition ready by mid-January and Alison Raju did likewise with the new edition of the *Camino Mozárabe (Vía de la Plata)* guide. Both of these are available from the office, priced at £5 and £4-50 respectively.

Other New Publications

Alison Raju's 1998 efforts have been rewarded with the publication by Cicerone Press of her new *The Way of St James: a Walker's Guide*. This edition covers the whole route from Le Puy to Santiago, and contains 286 pages, sketch maps and notes on the Finisterre route and the *Camino Mozárabe*. Another CSJ member, John Higginson, is the author of the companion volume, *The Way of St James: a Cyclist's Guide* of 104 pages which includes sketch maps and height profiles of routes on surfaced roads.

Both guides are available by post from the office, the walker's guide at £13-00 (£11-99 plus overseas airmail postage) and the cyclist's guide for £8-50 (£7-99 plus overseas airmail postage).

Caminos from South-east and Central Spain

Maurice and Marigold Fox have told me of a new publication by the Amigos del Camino de Santiago: Comunidad Valenciana entitled *Topoguia 1: El Camino de Levante (de Valencia a Santiago)* researched and written by Amparo Sánchez Ribes. This describes a route between Valencia and Zamora via Toledo which feeds into the two Galician branches of the *Camino Mozárabe*. The route by-passes Madrid to the south-west and continues through Avila, Arévalo, Medina del Campo and Toro to the west of the *Camino de Madrid a Santiago* through Segovia, Coca and Simancas to Sahagún. Both routes follow tracks and small roads but whereas the Madrid route appears to be waymarked with yellow arrows it is unclear whether the Valencia route is between Valencia and Zamora. However the *Topoguia* has been produced 'for pilgrims by pilgrims' and contains detailed diagrammatic maps. It gives helpful practical information, including accommodation, and details of monuments along the way. Valencia was obviously a good pilgrim starting place as it once had thirteen hospitals offering both hospitality and hospitalisation. These guides (in Spanish) are in the CSJ library: the very concise Madrid route publication is available as a photocopy (please send A4 s.a.e. to the office) but for the Valencia *Topoguia* you will need to contact the Amigos of Valencia (address from the office).

Routes in the Rhone-Alpes

Chemins de Compostelle en Rhone-Alpes is the title of a 54-page, beautifully illustrated A4 publication on existing and newly developed pilgrim routes north and east of Le Puy and situated in the Rhone-Alpes region of France. Published by the Association Rhone-Alpes des Amis de Saint-Jacques, the magazine-style book covers not only routes from Cluny, Lyon and Geneva to Le Puy but also a 16th-century pilgrim fraternity in Lyon, the iconography of St James in Savoy, the spirituality of the pilgrimage and much more. The Rhone-Alpes Amis deserve warm congratulations on this interesting and varied publication, which can be obtained from their Secretary, Jacques Cambet, at 35 rue Sainte-Hélène, 69002 Lyon, at a cost of 66 francs, which includes postage to the UK and other countries in Europe.

Binders for the Bulletin

Tidy-minded members may be interested in buying binders to hold up to twelve issues of the Bulletin. The price will depend on the quantity ordered. It would be useful to have an indication of interest before ordering. The cost would be £3 to £4 per binder. I would be grateful if you could add whether you are interested in binders to any of the forms you may be filling in at the end of the Bulletin, or simply send a note to me at the office. Many thanks.

Pancakes in Dorset

You never know where CSJ members will appear next. The *Evening Echo* of Bournemouth recently featured champion pancake tosser Donald Fromow of Wimborne, as he prepared to defend his title in the Shrove Tuesday race around Wimborne Minster.

Pilgrimages to Santiago

- 1) **Waymark Holidays** are offering six Camino de Santiago walks (from Villafranca del Bierzo) in 1999, all of 14 nights, on the following dates: 9 to 23 May (£595), 6 to 20 June (£595), 1 to 15 August (£650), 15 to 29 August (£650), 12 to 26 September (£595) and 26 September to 10 October (£595). The price includes return flight, 14 nights' dinner, bed and breakfast in both modest and more comfortable hotels, transport of heavy luggage, and the services of a Spanish-speaking leader. For a copy of the 1999 brochure please contact Waymark Holidays on (01753)-516477 or fax (01753)-517016).
- 2) **Anglican Pilgrimage to Santiago** organised by Pax Travel from 15 to 22 June for £569. The price includes flights to Bilbao and return from Porto, half-board in two- and three-star hotels, and luxury coach transport. Two nights are spent in Burgos (side trip to Silos) two in León and two in Santiago itself. Leader: Dr Tom Ambrose. For details contact Pax Travel on (0171)-485 3003 or fax: (0171)-485 3006.
- 3) **Companions of St Guénolé Ecumenical Pilgrimage**, also organised by Pax Travel from 10 to 21 May (coinciding with the Pilgrim Sea Voyage sailors and the Ferrol walkers in Santiago). Cost of £620 includes return ferry (in 4-berth cabin) from Plymouth to Santander, followed by nights in Pamplona, Burgos (2), León (2), Ponferrada and Santiago (2), with half-board, and luxury coach travel. For full details contact Pax Travel at the address above.

Marion Marples

Caminante Limited

A Call for Directors

The Confraternity has established a wholly-owned trading subsidiary with limited liability, called Caminante Limited.

Concern had been growing on the committee in recent years about the exposure to unlimited third party liability arising from tours operated by the Confraternity. (The trustees are jointly and severally liable for all the obligations entered into by the Confraternity because the committee is not incorporated.) We have extended our insurance to cover each of the tours during the past few years. This does not represent insurance against our liability towards those (almost exclusively) members who have taken part in these tours, and to whom personal travel insurance has always been recommended. The limit of indemnity, however, under this third-party endorsement has been only one million pounds. The Treasurer has repeatedly revisited the nightmare scenario of a collision between the bus in which our party has been travelling and another vehicle, as a result of which a promising young child has sustained injuries requiring lifetime care. One million pounds may sound a lot but would soon be swallowed up in the event of a successful claim against us – and that sum is supposed to cover public liability to any number of claimants.

Secondly, European directives about the proper management of package tours have become increasingly onerous recently. A new directive is about to come into force, placing grave obligations on any person offering any kind of travel service.

Thirdly, the large amounts of money involved have been causing severe disruption to the smooth cash flow through the general current account, especially owing to the timing of many of these tours during the autumn. Most of the income has been received at the end of one financial year and the expenditure incurred at the beginning of the next. Not only has this made it difficult to match the price close to the cost but also manual record-keeping up to now has meant that the final difference between income and expenditure has only become apparent almost a year after the tours have ended. This has in certain cases led to some embarrassment about the surplus as a proportion of the price paid by the participants.

It is hoped that the establishment of a company to run future tours will divest the committee in general, and the Treasurer in particular, of personal responsibility in the event of any incident or contingency. The initial directors are Hilary Hugh-Jones (managing) and Timothy Wotherspoon (secretary), but they invite anyone else with an interest in running such a company, especially anyone with personal experience of arranging trips abroad though this is not essential, to join them on the board. Please contact them at the office.

Timothy Wotherspoon

Ode to The Cid Embajador

to the tune of "Domus Venerabilis"

*Three cheers for Don Alberto
And Doña Eulalia!
Not only in diplomacy
Are they famed but, inter alia:
They have shouldered their rucksacks
Like any other Peregrino
Their fame as Pilgrims of Saint-Jacques
Has spread down the whole Camino.*



*Año Santo Noventa-Tres,
Our Presidentes
First walked the Camino Francés.
O laudate omnes gentes!
Then Portugal, Le Puy, Provence
Knew their pilgrim passage.
So let us all sing and dance
And give them this message:*



*¡Don Alberto, adios!
¡Doña Eulalia, hasta luego!
Wherever you may be posted next,
Iceland or Tierra del Fuego,
You will always be to us
El Presidente Peregrino:
Don Alberto Aza Arias,
Caballero del Camino.*

Words: William Griffiths. Music: Mary Remnant.

We have a website! <http://www.csj.org.uk>

The Confraternity's long-planned website finally went live at the beginning of March. It is meant, for those who locate the Confraternity through the Internet, to replace and expand on the basic information pack now sent out from the office to first-time enquirers. There are two sets of pages, one covering the pilgrimage itself, the other the Confraternity. The site has been kept deliberately simple, even austere: black text on a white background, with few pictures.

Members with access to the Internet are warmly invited to visit the site, and to e-mail their comments and thoughts on the future development of the site, to Howard Nelson at: georges_nelson@compuserve.com

Howard Nelson

More on the Internet

This year it is possible to keep up with news of the Holy Year through the Internet (and see below). Useful sites include the website of the Archdiocese of Santiago: www3.planalfa.es/arzsantiago which has much church-related news, while at: www.yahoo.es you can search using 'Xacobeo' for the latest news. Scroll down the results page for links to recent news stories. The official Xunta de Galicia website comes within: www.xacobeo.es, a site which had 1.5 million 'visits' during the month of January.

Marion Marples

Links to Camino Websites

When preparing for my cycling pilgrimage in 1997 from St-Jean-Pied-de-Port I found some information on the Internet which was very useful – in addition to the Confraternity guidebooks. I have put together a page of links to the different *Camino* sites and wonder whether this might be of interest to other members. The address is: www.nakers.demon.co.uk/santiago.htm. The Xunta de Galicia index has comprehensive information about the pilgrimage; a *mosaic* leads to the various sections; *Telegraph Online* includes a page of frequently asked questions about the *Camino* a list of books and maps, a distance chart and information for the cycling pilgrim. Using the link page you will also find Santiago de Compostela – World Heritage City, *The Pilgrimage to Santiago*, a double CD of medieval music by Philip Pickett and the New London Consort and *El Camino de Santiago*, a course on the *Camino* with texts in Spanish and English, and a number of accounts by individual pilgrims. Please send suggestion for further links to the following e-mail address: ian.wright@nakers.demon.co.uk.

Ian Wright

Holy Year News from the Internet

Helping Pilgrims

The Pilgrim Office is extending its services this year through the travel agency, Vitoria. Pilgrims will be able to leave luggage there (300 ptas per item), change money, make travel reservations with discounts of up to 40% and reserve places in hotels, pensions and campsites. There will be information points (oh, brave new world) along the *Camino* for pilgrims to register, which will speed transactions at the Pilgrim Office.

Vital facts and statistics for 1999

- ▶ 11,000 Guardia Civil will be needed to police Holy Year;
- ▶ 2800 vehicles, eight helicopters and two units from the maritime police and cavalry will be used;
- ▶ emergency planning also includes contingency plans for electricity, gas and drinking water;
- ▶ the Xunta envisages 10 million pilgrims (or visitors to Santiago, not walking or cycling pilgrims, Ed.);
- ▶ in early July the Guardia Civil and French and Italian police will make a pilgrimage to Santiago (but leaving some colleagues to maintain law and order, one presumes);
- ▶ 2,600 million pesetas are to be spent on the conservation of monuments, including the cathedrals at Mondoñedo and Lugo, the Roman walls of Lugo and the Archaeological Museum at Orense;
- ▶ in 1998 the number of visitors to Galicia was up by 15.7% to 2,685,000, but hotel occupation in October/November was only 16%;
- ▶ a young Gallego skated 110 kms from Tui to Santiago to raise public awareness of the need to give blood;
- ▶ it is hoped the Pope will visit Santiago in early August.

Other News from Galicia

Magdalena Stork de Yepes of Santa Cruz (A Coruña) continues to send in press cuttings from *La Voz de Galicia* on the pilgrimage, Santiago and Galicia in general.

Back in August 1998 Santiago beat Dublin and Arhus (Denmark) to win a European Union local planning prize for its protection and revitalisation of the *casco histórico* of the city. On the *Camino* in Galicia 39 local authorities

(*concellos*) have been busy since last summer improving environmental and walking conditions; measures taken include creating wooded areas, rest areas and the erection of information panels about plants, animals and local toponymy. All in all Galicia, the Xunta and local councils have less money to spend on Holy Year (the secular name of which is Xacobeo 99) but very much more experience than in 1993 when, in the view of some observers, there was over-promotion of the *Camino* and funding not well directed.

News of the Pilgrim Sea Voyage '99 reached the *Voz* (possibly via an article in *The Times* on 8 February 1999) and pilgrim sailors and walkers, including the Ferrol group, will be able to see for themselves in May whether the promised number of refuges on the *Camino Inglés* have in fact been provided. In theory in spring, according to the *Voz* of 21 November 1998, no fewer than 48 new refuges are planned for the different *caminos* that criss-cross Galicia: the traditional *Camino Francés*, the *Camino Portugués*, the *Camino del Norte*, the *Via de la Plata* and the *Camino a Fisterra* (Finisterre).

A concrete achievement (but using stone and wood) was reported in late January: the construction of two new rest areas for pilgrims on the *Camino Inglés*, in A Lameira and As Travesas near Carral; included are wooden picnic tables with seats, parking for bicycles, tree planting and the provision of drinking water.

In January of this year the *Voz* recorded ceremonies in A Coruña, visited by the CSJ Galicia visit participants in October 1998. On 16 January wreaths were laid on the tomb of Sir John Moore in the San Carlos gardens and another at Elviña, site of the battle where he was mortally wounded. New member, Barry McGinley Jones (Mac), who was so helpful to the CSJ group in October, featured in the photographs.

Finally the Bredereth and Confraternity sailors, and the Ferrol group, walking the *Camino Inglés* in May, will be able to check (thanks to a detailed article in the *Voz* of 23 November 1998) whether the *Camino Inglés* really has been cleared and waymarked sufficiently. Our friend Manuel Grueiro, the municipal librarian at Neda (and author of the best guide to the Ferrol arm of the *Camino*) is quoted at length, warning that despite the improvements pilgrims still have to cross the Atlantic motorway which cuts across the route. And, yes, the *Camino Inglés* is on the Internet, albeit with some errors!

Refugio Gaucelmo News

Holy Year Appeal: Rabanal Church Tower

The excellent news is that £7,000 has been received in direct donations up to mid-February and, taking into account all costs as well as calendar and postcard sales, the Appeal has provided £5,000 net so far. This is well above our hopes and expectations as it was thought that older members had heard enough about Rabanal and Refugio Gaucelmo, and that newer members did not necessarily know the story of the last 10 years since the Refugio's inauguration. So we are delighted and encouraged by both new and old members' generosity and we feel sure we will reach the promised £8,000 to hand over to the Bishop of Astorga.

The church tower and belfry hold memories for many of our members as pilgrims, linked with their stay at the Refugio, and we have received letters reliving these memories and telling of the satisfaction of giving to something permanent on the *Camino*.

As yet we have no news of when the work will start, but the Working Party will be at the Refugio at the end of March and will check on progress with the Bishopric of Astorga who are responsible for the builder's contract.

We still welcome further donations and if you would like to help please make your cheque out to C.S.J. Appeal and send it to:

C.S.J. Appeal, FREEPOST, London EC4B 4TL.

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Who will be the youngest Gaucelmo pilgrim in 1999?



photo: Osmund Overby

The odds are that s/he will be considerably older than the happy 'six-monther' pictured above who arrived with his parents in September last year. Note the shell on the hood of his pram.

Chairman's Report for 1998

Laurie Dennett

We have just crossed the threshold of the last Holy Year of the century and of the millennium. These are exciting times and the Way of St James, far from being a little known survival as it was when the Confraternity began, is now the subject of radio, TV and press pieces absorbed by thousands. In Spain and the rest of Europe, there are now so many Jacobean associations that it is hard to keep track of them, conferences seem to multiply, publications have become an avalanche. Some of you will be pleased, others less so, to hear that we are in the process of creating our own Internet web-site – partly to pre-empt third-parties abroad from supplying information about the Confraternity and the *Camino* that is less full and accurate than we ourselves can provide.

Three weeks into Holy Year we are witnessing what is surely the biggest wave of promotion and publicity of the Spanish routes ever, with an estimated seven million visitors expected in Santiago during 1999. What effect the promotion of tourism on the grand scale is having on the pilgrimage in general and on the individual pilgrim experience in particular is a theme that arouses great and varied speculation, especially in Spain itself. The Way to Compostela has always been travelled for a wide variety of motives and by a wide variety of means, and I think that most of us feel that in this very diversity lies much of its lasting appeal. I am only anxious that in meeting the challenges of increasing numbers and wholesale promotion, the Jacobean associations, and the Confraternity in particular, do not slacken in commitment, firstly, to the defence of the physical *Camino*, and secondly, to the traditional pilgrim on foot or cycle, who may be seeking simplicity and silence.

These are things that in the current climate do need defending. It may interest you to know that as we sit here a demonstration is taking place in Samos organised by the Amigos del Camino of Galicia to protest the threatened asphaltting of a three kilometre stretch of the *Camino*. We will be joining other European associations in supporting the Galician Amigos in their appeal to the Council of Europe and UNESCO, but there have been other recent instances where the damage has been done in the name of “promotion” of the *Camino* before any protest could be organised. While we try to keep

abreast of developments, therefore, viewing them positively wherever possible, I and your Committee have sought not to lose sight or grasp of the Confraternity's primary reasons for existence.

The Confraternity now has 1,808 members, each of whom is important to us, and to each of whom we hope to communicate something of our enthusiasm for the pilgrimage to Compostela. Of course, nothing does that as effectively as actually doing the pilgrimage, but in our personal contacts, our events and talks, and our Bulletin, we try, in the hope of encouraging as many of you as possible to take to the Road. We hope that the "fraternity" that has always characterised our way of doing things continues to be evident.

Your Committee has had a busy and productive year, and I thank the members of it both personally and on your behalf for their generous expenditure of time and energy during 1998. I recall that the year began and ended with Office Open Days, with the aim of making the Office, and the wonderful resource that is our Library, better known. Both sessions were reasonably well attended, and we hope to hold more Open Days in 1999.

March saw our two Practical Pilgrim weekends, both very successful, the southern one in Dorchester-on-Thames and the northern one in Liverpool. If I may be permitted an aside, I'd just like to mention that this year, for the first time, and as a special Holy Year initiative, we are going to hold a Practical Pilgrim weekend in Scotland. We now have over seventy Scottish members, and our hope is that this session, to be held at Paisley, near Glasgow, on 20 March, will allow them to get to know each other and possibly spur the formation of a regional sub-group along the lines suggested by someone at last year's AGM, or even, in time, a Scottish Confraternity.

1998 was overall a very active year. We organised visits to Glastonbury in April and Shropshire in May, Normandy in September and Galicia in October. We also enjoyed hosting two visits from the Flemish-speaking Belgian association. All these visits took considerable work on the part of Marion and others, and were much enjoyed by those who attended – all too few in the case of the Shropshire weekend, which was a pity, because it was one of the best weekends the Confraternity has ever had. Three walks were organised by individual members, one of which was the final stretch of St James's Way, thus completing the whole distance between Reading and Southampton, led over several years by Rosemary Clarke. Lectures this year included an illustrated talk by one of our Bursary winners, Rachel Thomas, on stained glass along the *Camino*, Pat Quaife and Marion Marples speaking on St James in London, and our fourth Constance Storrs Lecture. We were fortunate, following the cancellation through illness of our original guest

lecturer, that Dr Dagmar O'Rhiaion of Cork University stepped in at short notice to give a most informative lecture on 'Early Irish Pilgrimage to the Continent'. Finally, having at last been able to make her own pilgrimage to Santiago after so many years of helping other people make theirs, Marion gave an illustrated talk on her experience to round off the year's events. No review of 1998 would be complete, however, without mentioning the high point of St James's Day. Nearly 100 of us attended a garden party at our Honorary Treasurer's home, The Three Horse Shoes, Cottenham, and later, a rare and unforgettable performance of *The Vespers of St James* given by the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge, directed by Dr Mary Berry. I would like to thank all those who helped to organise any of these events, but especially Timothy Wotherspoon and Peter Tompkins for such a memorable St James's Day.

I am pleased to report that a number of new publications became available during 1998, including the long-awaited offprint of the article by Professor George Zarnecki on the Romanesque sculpture of the Welsh Marches that formed the basis of the Second Constance Storrs Lecture in 1996. We also reprinted Constance Storrs' *Jacobean Pilgrims from England to St James of Compostella from the Early Twelfth to the Late Fifteenth Century* as a facsimile edition. In addition to the sixteenth annual *Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino Francés*, edited by Pat Quaife, there was a new *Guide to the Camino Mozárabe* by Alison Raju (and Bernard Müntzenmayer), and updates of the guides to the Paris and the Arles routes by Marigold and Maurice Fox. David Wesson has now succeeded Pat as editor of the *Camino Francés* guide, and I would like to thank him both for taking it on and for making copies of the 1999 edition available for today's meeting. We are also very pleased to have received a consignment of Confraternity member Nancy Frey's book *Pilgrim Stories: On and Off the Camino de Santiago*. Finally, under this heading of publications, the Research Working Party held a Study Day in Beverley in November. Several of the county guides prepared by county co-ordinators are nearing completion, but we are still appealing for co-ordinators for some counties.

A new publication that is somewhat out of the ordinary is our first Confraternity Calendar, this year sold in aid of our Holy Year Appeal. It draws its illustrations from the Confraternity Slide Library, another splendid resource, about which John Hatfield will be speaking shortly. Ideally, I would like to see the Calendar become an annual item, whether or not we have an appeal on. I hope the prospect of an annual calendar encourages people to take and donate slides for the Slide Library, with special reference to the gaps list

and the lesser-travelled routes. I would also like to thank John and Etain Hatfield and Joe May for all their help in getting the calendar out, and Arturo Lezcano, who is visiting from Galicia this year, for dealing with the huge job of dispatching the orders for it. There are calendars available today for those of you who may wish to buy them. There are also the new postcard packs depicting scenes from Gillian Clarke's delightful wall-hanging "Ruta Jacobea", which are also being sold in aid of the Appeal.

I am glad to be able to report that the new arrangement with regard to our Secretary, agreed at last year's AGM, has worked extremely well. Once again I find myself with the pleasant task of thanking her for all she has done in the course of 1998, though words almost fail me both to describe all that she does or to thank her adequately. There is a host of others to whom thanks are due for the great – and in some cases immense – amount of work they do. Foremost among them are Timothy Wotherspoon, our Treasurer; Vincent Cowley, Membership Secretary; and John Hatfield, Slide Librarian, database manager and indefatigable feedback collector. We are fortunate in having Alan Hooton to look after Pilgrim Records, and I would also like to thank Alan for running the Office so efficiently while Marion was away on pilgrimage this autumn. We now have far too many tasks and too many people to identify and thank individually, but I would just like to acknowledge Anthony Brunning's help on the production side of the *Bulletin*, and of course Pat Quaife as editor, whom I will be mentioning again in a moment. Members of the Refugio Gaucelmo Sub-Committee and the Bursary Sub-Committee, Office volunteers, and those who regularly deal with the Library, Publications, Covenants, Sweatshirts and Pilgrim Register, please consider your efforts much appreciated.

There is one announcement that has reached us only in the last few days, and which, due to the tremendous regard in which he is held by all of us, I know you would all wish to know about. Very sadly for us, our President, His Excellency Don Alberto Aza Arias, the Spanish Ambassador to the United Kingdom, will be returning to Madrid in March. He and his family are deeply attached to the pilgrimage to Compostela, having walked the *Camino Francés*, the *Camino Portugués*, the coastal route and the route from Le Puy during the time they have been posted to London. We have had the benefit of two excellent talks about these experiences, not to mention much kindness in supplying raffle prizes of wine on a number of occasions, including today's. But most of all, we have felt that the Confraternity had a firm friend at the Embassy, where we have always been made welcome, and it goes without saying that the Ambassador and his wife will be greatly missed. We will be

holding a farewell reception for them here at the St Alban's Centre on the evening of Friday, 5 March, to which members of the Confraternity will be invited once the details have been arranged.

I have one further announcement to make. You will all have been aware for some months that Pat Quaife intends to step down as *Bulletin* editor after the next issue in March. This will be issue number 65 of a publication which Pat founded in the early days of the Confraternity and has produced ever since – surely an extraordinary run for any editor. Regardless of whether we are able to come to Confraternity events during the year, or even the AGM, the *Bulletin* is the one thing that we all receive, the one item we produce that binds us all together, whether we live in North London, North Wales or North America.

Pat's dedication to the Confraternity is, of course, well known to us all. Thanking her yet again for that, but also for all the skills she has brought to bear in building up the *Bulletin* over the years, seemed to us on the Committee to require some special commemoration. It is with this in mind that we have decided to create a new means of assisting Confraternity members to carry out research connected with the *Camino* and the pilgrimage, to be called the Pat Quaife Study Grant. Apart from deciding that this would be an annual award, we have deliberately not worked out too many details yet, as we felt that this should be done in consultation with Pat herself, and as yet this idea is a complete surprise to her. We hope she likes it! So with Pat's agreement we will publish the details in *Bulletin* Number 65.

Meanwhile, I'd like to end by asking Pat to come forward to receive a symbolic and very practical token of thanks – a pilgrim staff made by Charles Francis. We hope it will prove useful on the *Camino Inglés* or any other *Camino*.

Maurice and Marigold Fox would like to thank all those who sent in 'feedback' about the Paris and Arles routes. This has now been incorporated in the 1999 updating sheets available from the Confraternity office. Would the anonymous author of one of the Arles route 'feedback' forms please identify him/herself as some accompanying sheets may have detached themselves from the form. Please ring the Foxes on (01763)-244525 or the CSJ office on (0171)-403 4500.

In Memory of Stephen Badger

In Bulletin 62 (June 1998) we reported the Committee's decision to commission an icon in memory of Stephen Badger, and promised to tell you more. The brief for the icon painter, Sister Petra Clare, a Benedictine nun living as a hermit near Pluscarden Abbey, was finally completed over the winter, and sent to her. It opens like this:

“Our friend and fellow pilgrim, Stephen Badger, was devoted both to St James and to the iconography of the Orthodox Church. He made the pilgrimage to Santiago with his wife, son, and daughter; and had visited Mount Athos shortly before he died. The icon of St James which we intend to commission in his memory is intended therefore to combine the traditional, eastern representation of the Apostle with emblems of his cult and pilgrimage in the extreme west. We hope to hang the icon at the Confraternity's pilgrim refuge at Rabanal del Camino, with the foundation of which Stephen was closely involved, and where it will be seen and venerated by thousands of pilgrims each year. All in all, we believe that we shall be sponsoring the creation of something quite new in the iconography of the pilgrimage, which will be not only a fitting memorial to our friend, but an important contribution to the artistic heritage of the cult of St James.”

The central figure of St James will be fully in accord with the eastern iconographic tradition, which seeks to represent the saints as nearly as possible as they were during their lives. Sister Petra Clare cannot therefore paint us Santiago Peregrino! However, she has more flexibility in the borders. We have asked her to add a roundel to each of the corners, showing four scenes from the Saint's recorded life: the Call, his presence at the Transfiguration, Christ washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper, and his martyrdom. The remaining scenes in the margins will reflect the legendary journey of his body to Spain, the discovery of the tomb, and aspects of the pilgrimage (here we hope to include a recognisable Santiago Peregrino), including the miracle of the *pendu dépendu*, and a picture of pilgrims being welcomed at Refugio Gaucelmo.

Finally, we have asked Sister Petra Clare to paint, at the top of the icon, a family of pilgrims – father, mother, son and daughter – before the *Pórtico de la Gloria*. This will be the link – for those with eyes to see – with Stephen himself, and the Badger family's own pilgrimage to Santiago.

Howard Nelson

The Pilgrim's Guide To Santiago de Compostela: Critical Edition

A Review by Jinty Nelson

The Pilgrim's Guide To Santiago de Compostela. Critical Edition. Volume I: *The Manuscripts*, by Alison Stones, Jeanne Krochalis, Paula Gerson and Annie Shaver-Crandell; Volume II: *The Text*, by Paula Gerson, Annie Shaver-Crandell, Alison Stones and Jeanne Krochalis, Harvey Miller Publishers, London 1998, £125. ISBN 0905203526

These two volumes have very evidently been a labour of love. The inspiration behind them is one that many readers of the *Bulletin* will share, since 'the idea for [them] began', say the authors in their Preface, 'along the pilgrimage route to Santiago... [when] our most valued text ... was Jeanne Vielliard's edition of the *Pilgrim's Guide* in Latin...' Few can travel that route nowadays without sparing thoughts for those who took it centuries ago. This new edition and translation of the earliest account of the 'ways of St James' bears a title that promises to put pilgrim-readers in contact with their medieval antecedents. Yet this text is neither a personal record of a journey made (like the late-Roman Egeria's or the eighth-century Willibald's of their journeys to the Holy Land), nor is it truly a guide-book. It is a unique, not to say peculiar and puzzling, text, only to be understood in the context of the clerical confections in whose manuscript-company it travelled. In the earliest manuscript, which dates from the middle decades of the twelfth century, the so-called 'Guide' figures as 'Book V' of a collection of material honouring St James. Some parts assert themselves to be the work of Pope Calixtus II (1119–24): hence the name *Codex Calixtinus* by which the whole manuscript is generally known. Professor Stones *et al.* make slightly heavy weather of Calixtus's alleged authorship: it has been known for centuries that the attribution is false, though there are good reasons, including some discussed at volume I, pp. 17–18, why it was made. Forgery in the twelfth century had its own rationales as well as justifications, as Michael Clanchy, Christopher Brooke, E.A.R. Brown, and others have pointed out. Calixtus's was a papal name to conjure with at Santiago but also in various parts of France; and the mid-twelfth century was a great age of provincially-solicited papal interventionism.

Book I contains the liturgy for the feasts of St James; Book II is a little collection of twenty-two of St James's miracles; Book III recounts (in variant versions) the translation of St James's relics to Spain; Book IV consists of the *History of Charlemagne and Roland*, purportedly written by Charlemagne's archbishop of Rheims, Turpin, but in fact produced by a cleric in, very probably, south-west France c. 1100; Book V is the 'Guide'. That the *History*, in which St James inspires Charlemagne to successive expeditions against the Moors in Spain, was an almost wholly mythical learned pastiche was suggested in 1937 by H.M. Smyser in his edition of Pseudo-Turpin. The late and regretted Christopher Hohler propounded a similar view of the 'Guide' in 1972: it was written, he argued, for schoolroom use. Unlike Mme Vielliard, who wrote before 1972, and unlike Professor Melczer, who in his translation of the 'Guide' listed Hohler's paper in his bibliography but ignored its contents, Professor Stones and her colleagues have taken Hohler on board. If theirs is a self-proclaimed 'revisionist interpretation' (p. 8), it is so thanks to Hohler. Yet the context for both the *History* that was no history and the 'Guide' that was no guide was a historically true one: that of a world in which pilgrimage to Santiago had become relatively widely known and widely practised as far as the élite of western and southern France were concerned. Without that context, neither *History* nor 'Guide' make sense.

Professor Stones and her colleagues, as art historians, latinists, and codicologists, are indeed equipped 'to do what no-one [has] yet done ...: examine all twelve extant manuscripts ... to find out who had read and used the text', and to confront the questions: 'When, where and why was it copied and read?' (I, p. 7). Volume I provides a full catalogue of the manuscripts (pp. 51–195), with a collation of them (pp. 196–240) to elucidate their relationships, and 48 pages of black and white plates, rounded off by a map of the pilgrimage routes. Volume II consists of an edition based on the earliest manuscript (C), in the Cathedral Library at Santiago, together with an English translation. Fifty pages of notes to the Latin text mostly give manuscript variants. Some seventy pages of notes to the translation offer an often ample commentary with very full bibliographical references. The bibliography runs to nearly sixty pages. It should be added that these volumes complement, and in so far as the translation is concerned overlap with, the *Gazeteer* published by Professors Shaver-Crandell and Gerson in 1995.

What does this edition add to Vielliard's? She too, unsurprisingly, used C as the base-manuscript, but only collated one other (the next earliest), whereas Stones *et al.* give variants of all twelve manuscripts. While this additional information will be appreciated by specialists, it is unlikely to be

of much interest to others, since the variants are in most cases trivial, and all the manuscripts descend from C or something very like it. In practice, what will appeal to anglophone readers is the translation. Here the authors' 'primary concern has been to present a readable text, while staying as close to the Latin as possible'. How does the result compare with the paperback translations of Melczer (1993) or – and it is sad to see no room found for it in a near-sixty-page bibliography – James Hogarth (1992) published by the CSJ? In terms of readability, there is little to choose between them. The commentary of Stones *et al.* is fuller, though, and includes more extensive references. Readers may judge the relative merits of the following renderings of c. V: *Haec sunt nomina quorundam viatorum...*, translated by Stones *et al.*: 'These are the names of certain overseers of roads'; by Vielliard: 'Voici les noms de quelques routiers...'; by Melczer: 'Here are the names of some roadmen...'; and by Hogarth: 'Here are the names... of those who repaired the road'. Vielliard, appealing (but without a precise reference) to the seventeenth-century *savant* Du Cange, asserts that *viator* never means 'official concerned with the upkeep of roads' ('agent qui s'occupe de l'entretien des routes'). Hogarth evidently follows this. Melczer claims that Vielliard and others 'interpret *viator* in the same way' as he does, that is, to mean 'those engaged in public works as restorers of the roads'; Stones *et al.* say that Du Cange 'equates *viator* with *viarius*, a minor justiciary' (*sic*) (he lists this as one possible meaning), and they 'therefore translate "overseers of roads"' (though no explanation is given for why 'justiciary' here should mean that).

Further comparison of the flavours of the different modern translations can be made in c. VIII. In the section on St Giles, Melczer, p. 163, n. 154, accepts Vielliard's reading of the curious phrase *Tedet me mori*: 'I regret indeed having to die before being able to report all [St Giles'] feats worthy of veneration' (p. 99). Hogarth, p. 30, apparently accepting a variant reading in one sixteenth-century manuscript (M), has: 'I regret that my memory does not enable me to recount all his memorable deeds'. This gets round the oddity of the original remark, yet misses its ironic double-entendre. Stones *et al.* offer: 'It would take me to my dying day to recount all his venerable deeds...': they note (p. 172, n. 30, with a cross-reference to p. 171, n. 21) Hohler's suggestion that St Giles is being mocked throughout this section, yet they don't comment on the sharp, classicising latinity on display here, nor do they quite bring out Hohler's point that the author's prejudice arises from his preference for St Denis and the *History's* pitting of these two saints against each other as rival patrons of Charlemagne. Near the end of c. VIII, the mention of Roland as 'a blessed martyr' evokes no specific comment from Vielliard (p. 79 and n. 2)

nor from Melczer (p. 117, with p. 186, n. 346): Stones *et al.*, acknowledging Hohler's help, suggest that the author of the 'Guide' is 'playing on the propaganda idea that a Crusader who dies in battle is a martyr' (p. 191, n. 183). They quote St Bernard, *In Praise of the New Knighthood*, but without pointing out how sparingly Bernard uses the idea, or noting the difficulties John Cowdrey has shown inherent in it from the Church's point of view. The notes to the new edition and translation, in short, are much fuller than Vielliard's and often shed more light than Melczer's, yet don't always show acquaintance with the best and most up-to-date historical scholarship.

From a general reader's viewpoint, the new work scores highest in the substantial Introduction to volume I. The 'Guide' is firmly situated in its manuscript context (pp. 12–15) and the authorship question is discussed at some length (pp. 15–27) – even though it is described as 'a substantial red herring' (p. 12). A ground-clearing exercise is effective, as the case for Aimery Picaud's authorship is held 'possible ... but... unproven' (p. 21). Stones *et al.*, having announced themselves as revisionists, still seem slightly disconcerted by their own findings. They consider 'the most surprising thing about the manuscript tradition' that 'only twelve copies survive', and they regard the 'almost entirely Iberian circulation' of the 'Guide' as 'even more curious' (pp. 11, 13). They contrast the large number ('close to 200', p. 11; 'over 200', p. 13) of manuscripts of Pseudo-Turpin, but suggest no explanation for this contrast (pp. 11, 13). There is no very clear attempt here to link the production of the *Codex Calixtinus* with the patronage of Diego Gelmírez, who held the see of Santiago for an extraordinary forty years (bishop 1100–1120, archbishop 1120–1140), though the notes to the English translation in volume II, pp. 153–4, 113, 218, suggest his key importance in the promotion of both see and cult. The latter part of the Introduction discusses the manuscripts in detail (pp. 27–37, with notes, pp. 46–50) offering some particularly interesting comments on the illustrated copies, Stones's *forte*, and their possible implications for a lost archetype (pp. 28–30), and also on the fourteenth century as 'the most prolific period of copying' – with three manuscripts. This peak is attributed, plausibly enough, to 'an effort to reaffirm Santiago's historic importance and the cult of its patron at a time when the Inquisition was at the height of its powers' (p. 33). If a French Dominican archbishop of Santiago interested in combatting heresy was the patron of these three copies made in the 1320s, that would represent historical contingency on a par with the original production by a French resident at Santiago of the *Codex Calixtinus* under the patronage of another exceptionally busy and ambitious archbishop.

These handsomely-produced volumes deserve two-and-a-half cheers. They will stand, assuredly, as works of reference for scholars interested in the 'Guide' and, especially, in its manuscripts and their full contents. For general readers, however, the price is regrettably high, while the lack of an Index is a major and inexplicable drawback (Vielliard, Melczer, and Hogarth all do better in this respect). As for the prospective pilgrim, however roomy his or her rucksack, these two weighty volumes are unlikely to find a place therein. Even xeroxes of the extensive commentary-notes in volume II might prove prohibitively bulky. Vielliard, even in hardback, is lighter than Melczer's paperback, and her (French) translation is elegant. But Hogarth is lightest of all, and pocket-sized; his, the first English translation, is also, for my money, the best. If you want full notes and commentary *en route*, Melczer (warts and all) might be worth finding room for. Stones *et al.* should be sampled before you set out, or after your return – but whichever you do, do it in the Confraternity Library where you can follow up references: otherwise you risk serious frustration!

Vézelay to Santiago in Nine Hours

John Revell

(with research by Liz Keay and William Griffiths)

After the sustained concentration and conversation of the Annual General Meeting on 23 January certain pilgrims could hardly be blamed for feeling in need of some fresh air the following day. And so it was that William Griffiths, Liz Keay and I met at the church of St Mary Magdalen in Mortlake at 10.30 am on Sunday 24 January. Of pilgrim interest, particularly for veterans of the Arles route, is a stained glass window in the north aisle of the church depicting St Guilhem-le-Désert; the adjacent cemetery boasts a further wonder in the form of a tomb in the style of a Bedouin tent containing the earthly remains of explorer, scientist and writer Sir Richard Burton and his wife Isabel who died in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Mortlake, then, was our "Vézelay" because of the connection with the reputed resting place in Burgundy of the bones of St Mary Magdalen, and as we set out on our pilgrimage the organist struck up with the chords of "He who would valiant be" and Paul Graham, who lives nearby, waved us off.



Liz and William in Richmond.

Our main route lay along the right bank of the Thames, under Chiswick Bridge and on to Kew Green at noon where the local hostelrys conveniently opened up for us. Our lunch stop was at the White Swan in Old Palace Lane, Richmond, where we fortified ourselves suitably against William's advance notice that we would be required to part company with the Thames for a time in order to climb Richmond Hill. On then across Richmond Green where the presence of nearby Maids of Honour Row prompted an earnest discussion on various forms of national cake-making, and we observed in transit two churches and the consulting rooms of the local "beloved physician" in Paradise Road. After that there was no alternative but to haul ourselves up Richmond Hill where our hitherto theoretical research into cake-making was boosted by a visit to a French-style patisserie which offers as one of its specialities a delicacy called humming-bird cake. We enquired as to the origin of the name but no one knew.

From the top of Richmond Hill our way lay clear with the westering sun gleaming on the Thames and on Petersham Meadows. The expected ferry crossing to Marble Hill on the Twickenham shore was weighed in the balance and found wanting owing to the high running of the river, so we had to resort to what William called Alternative B and stride through the dusk past Eel Pie Island to the footbridge at Teddington Lock. The Thames is tidal up to Teddington, so we felt as if we'd reached a defined landmark, but in reality our extra miles produced another sort of Landmark – well worth the detour. The story runs that St Alban's church at Teddington Lock was built between 1887 and 1889 in French Gothic style and to dimensions of such a grand scale that today it is much too large for parish requirements. The church was deconsecrated in 1977, and after a great deal of effort from interested parties the building has been preserved and functions as the Landmark Arts Centre, a venue for concerts and film and television productions. When we arrived just after dark a varied assortment of Cavaliers and Roundheads were packing up to go

home. Cinema-goers will be interested to know that the building was used as the setting for the final scene of the recent film *Elizabeth*, the scene in which Elizabeth I (Cate Blanchett) informs the newly created Lord Burleigh (Richard Attenborough) that she has henceforth wedded herself to England.

There was one more – important – stop before our day closed: our destination and our ‘Santiago’, the church of St James in Popes Grove, Twickenham (nothing to do with the Vatican but rather the poet, Alexander Pope). The church was closed on our arrival, and so began a sequence of events which can only be classed as one of the miracles of St James. The lights were shining from the windows of the adjacent presbytery and Liz was deputed to enquire whether we could visit the church. When the door opened she and the parish priest greeted one another in the manner of long-lost



New painting of St James in St James, Twickenham

– by a Spanish artist.
photo. William Griffiths

friends, and she immediately recognised Monsignor George Tancred, who had spent some time as assistant priest in Chelsea some ten years ago.

That was only the beginning. We were taken into the beautifully appointed church and were privileged to see, on the south side of the altar, a painting of St James which Father George had commissioned unseen from an artist whose work he had admired. It is an unusual representation – Santiago

on horseback but not as Matamoros, and of course not as a pilgrim either. While we were in the church Father George prepared a lavish feast of *tapas*, liberally washed down with red wine, and he regaled us with recollections of history and travel from the time of his studies at the English College in Lisbon more than 40 years ago. In this connection it is interesting to note that his current church of St James was originally furnished through gifts from ex-King Manuel II of Portugal. Manuel II survived the assassination of his father and brother in 1908 and the ultimate overthrow of the Portuguese monarch in 1910, to die in exile in Twickenham in 1932.

Pilgrims all, we even had our *credenciales* stamped with the authentic church stamp. In the absence of pilgrim passports (never travel without one) we produced a map, a guide book and a set of William's joining instructions for the necessary endorsements. If there was a slightly off-beat note in the general jollity it was sounded by Father George's feline companion Linus, who cast one look at our unrestrained joy and, whiskers bristling, allowed it to be known that he was not best pleased at this uncalled-for delay in the provision of his own supper. Bus-bound homeward, we agreed that the experiences of the day were worth sharing and we dedicate a portion of the joy to Pat Quafe in this contribution to the last *Bulletin* she will be editing.

A Long Meditation

Margarete and Denis Briggs

*We are all pilgrims walking on different
paths towards a common destination.*

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

It was some years ago when the idea of doing a pilgrimage was born – at different times and in a different place for each of us. Denis was inspired by the pilgrims we saw at the cathedral in Le Puy, one of the starting points of the *Camino*; I was inspired by a signpost marking a footpath in the small French Pyrenean town of St-Jean-Pied-de-Port – the signpost simply said ‘Santiago de Compostela’. Even then I knew Santiago was a long way away, over 500 miles in fact.

Over the years the idea took root in us and we began to talk about doing the *Camino* ‘one day’. We started to gather information about it, read the

accounts of others before us and bought the first guide books. This summer past was the first time we were both free to undertake such a long journey. Denis had celebrated his sixtieth birthday and had decided to stop teaching, I had taken early retirement and was also no longer tied to the academic year. And, most importantly, we were both in good health.

We began to prepare ourselves, in mind, body and spirit – as they say. We joined the Confraternity, bought more guide books and read about the route and its history and legends. We did regular daily exercises and bought walking boots and lightweight walking gear. We also attempted to learn Spanish; this is most important, and we both did not study enough beforehand.

We started our walk in St-Jean-Pied-de-Port and took the mountain route into Spain. The scenery was breathtaking, we saw the sun rise over the valley and break through the morning mist. The route is waymarked with yellow arrows, you could actually walk all the way to Santiago by following the yellow arrows. The *Camino* is varied and goes through some very beautiful and historically interesting parts of Spain. All along the pilgrims' route towns and villages grew, and you can see many old churches and pilgrims' refuges which were built in the early Middle Ages. Some villages we walked through were abandoned, in others the old houses were renovated and rebuilt. We also walked on some Roman paths and across Roman bridges. Mostly the *Camino* stays well clear of the road, although the main road is the original path. The *Camino* now goes across the country, meanders along brooks and through forests and fields and orchards, always from east to west. We found the people very friendly, they talked to us and many showed great hospitality to us pilgrims. According to an old Spanish law a pilgrim must be given shelter and this law is still custom today. Nobody is ever turned away, somebody somewhere will have a space on their floor if no bed is available.

Everyone we met on the *Camino* said that they wanted to be alone with themselves and yet everyone we talked to also sought company. It is as if we need to know others are there in order to be alone with ourselves. And there are many hours, days, when one walks alone, hardly meeting another person. And yet the *Camino* is the meeting place of people from so many different countries. Walking the *Camino* is not only about finding oneself; it is also about finding oneself in the company of others. We spent many unforgettable hours with others, sharing simple and delicious meals we had cooked together, and drinking the good local wine. At other times we ate the good cheap pilgrim-meals the restaurants offered, wine always included. We sang together, remembered poetry and reminisced about home. We inspired each other and made plans for the future. We all took great interest in the well-

being of each other's feet. Never will I forget the caring for our blisters – 'blisters time' as I came to call it. Denis missed out there because he had no blisters.

We talked about the *Camino*, about our reasons for doing this pilgrimage and about religion. We talked about the way we make sense of the world, about how we see life, about our dreams and our disappointments. We felt both enriched and humbled by this.

People go on a pilgrimage for very many different reasons, as penance, to keep a promise, to give thanks, to ask for forgiveness, to pray for others or as part of a spiritual search; others want to test their physical stamina. The daily walking is a bit like a long meditation, you become empty of everyday concerns and out of this emptiness new thoughts and ideas rise up. It felt like a great privilege to have so much time to think. 'The path is the goal' and 'the *Camino* is life' said many of the inscriptions in the pilgrims' books.

Arriving in Santiago de Compostela was almost overwhelming, the elation and sense of achievement were so great. We had walked for twenty-eight days and 500 miles. We arrived late in the evening, too late to get our *compostela*, the pilgrims' certificate. But we did go into the enormous cathedral, hugged the statue of Saint James (Santiago) and visited his shrine; we put our hands on the tree of Jesse and sat and listened to evensong. The following morning we went to the Pilgrim Mass. One of our walking companions was a priest, and to see him helping to officiate at mass made it an unforgettable experience. After mass we did receive our *compostela*, a formal occasion where we were asked our reasons for making this pilgrimage. We met with our friends and exchanged gifts before we shared a celebratory meal.

And then we walked round and round the beautiful city – we had arrived at our destination in the fullest sense of the word.

As a final practical footnote we would like to mention the guides that we used throughout the pilgrimage. The guide used by virtually everyone we met was the *Practical Guide for Pilgrims* by Millán Bravo Lozano, published by Everest. We took only the detachable maps of the *etapas* with us. These *etapas* were generally the basis for each of our day's walking and of that many of our companions. During the walks we found the small book by Alison Raju, *The Way of St James* very interesting, as it drew our attention to buildings and historical sites that could have been overlooked. We were envied by our Spanish and German companions for our *Pilgrim Guide to the Camino Francés* published annually by the Confraternity. This was a treasure trove of practical tips concerning individual *refugios* and hostels and addresses in the many towns and villages we passed through. It was also of

great value in Santiago enabling us to find an excellent small hotel in the city centre and then later a helpful travel agent who made us aware that with our *compostelas* we could fly back to London at half the normal price.

Whithorn – 1600 Years (plus)

Peter Robins

I have a copy of the *Pelican History of Scotland*, the cover of which cites a review from the *Times Educational Supplement*: [the author] ‘has a grim task to catch up with our ignorance’. I am reminded of this whenever I have anything to do with Whithorn. It is remarkable that in the anniversary year

(1997), when all the major media had run features on the 1400th anniversary of Augustine’s arrival in Canterbury, quite a few of which also mentioned the fact that 1997 was the 1400th anniversary of Columba’s death, none that I saw or heard mentioned the fact that AD397, a full 200 years beforehand, is when

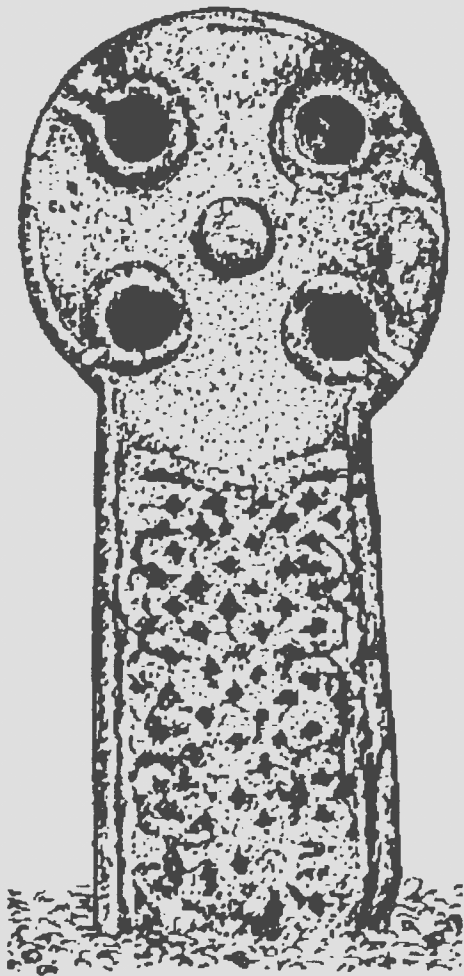


tradition has it that Ninian established the first organised centre of Christian life in Northern Europe, in, yes, Whithorn. And whilst everyone knows where Canterbury is and most (well, some) could probably put Iona or Lindisfarne in approximately the right place on the map, most people have never even heard of Whithorn, let alone be able to say where it is: Galloway? Isn’t that in Ireland?

Ninian, a Briton whose actual name was Nynia, had no contemporary Bede to write about him, so our knowledge of his life is sketchy and the subject of dispute amongst the experts. Traditionally he is thought to have been born around 360 and to have died around 440. He is supposed to have been made a bishop in Rome, to have visited Martin of Tours on the way back and to

have founded his church (dedicated to St Martin) in Whithorn in what is now south-west Scotland, which he used as a base for the conversion of the southern Picts.

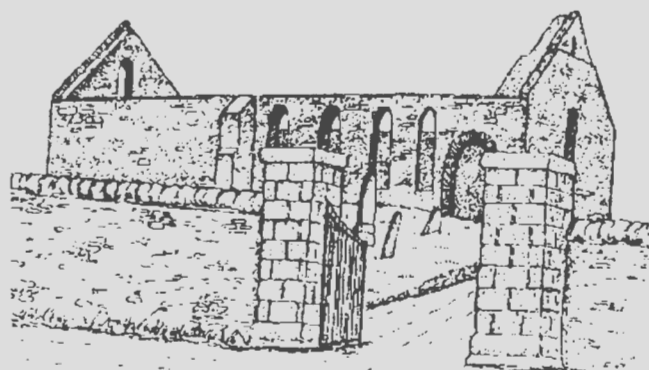
As it would seem that he was appointed bishop for an already existing Christian community, the claims of Whithorn to be the ‘cradle of Christianity’ and ‘the first organised centre of Christian life in Northern Europe’ are perhaps somewhat overdone. But only somewhat for, whatever the true dates, archaeologists have confirmed the presence of a very early church on the Whithorn site, which became one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in Britain. The ethnic make-up of Britain in Ninian’s time was undergoing



considerable changes. The original Iron-Age Celtic invaders, the British (from whom the Welsh are descended), had at the time of the Roman invasion occupied the whole of the island apart from Scotland roughly north of Forth/Clyde, where the Picts, a rather mysterious lot thought to be a mixture of Celtic and non-Indo-European peoples, held sway. Under the Roman occupation at least some of the Britons had converted to Christianity. Various Roman writers, e.g. Tertullian around AD200, mention the Gospel being preached in Britain, and there were reportedly three British bishops present at the Council of Arles in 314. The Romans were however now leaving, and the Britons were under pressure from the Germanic invaders who had moved into much of what is now eastern England and were moving into south-east Scotland as well. The Scots, who were an Irish people (that is, Gaelic not British Celtic), were moving into Argyll and

West Galloway. These other peoples were all pagan, though Patrick, who was a Briton coming roughly a generation after Ninian and who according to one tradition studied under him, was shortly to start work on converting the Irish. It was they who later converted the Northumbrians, so that when the latter overran Whithorn in the seventh century, they were already Christian.

Soon after Ninian's death there were reports of miracles associated with his relics. Another tradition claims that a relic of Martin of Tours had been brought to Whithorn after his death (also claimed to be in 397). Be that as it



may, Whithorn's fame spread, and it soon developed into a major pilgrimage centre, well before Santiago, and possibly even before Augustine started work on the 'angels' down in Kent. Despite later assaults by Vikings, it remained one of the main centres of pilgrimage in Britain through most of the Middle Ages right up to the banning of pilgrimage in

Scotland in the late sixteenth century.

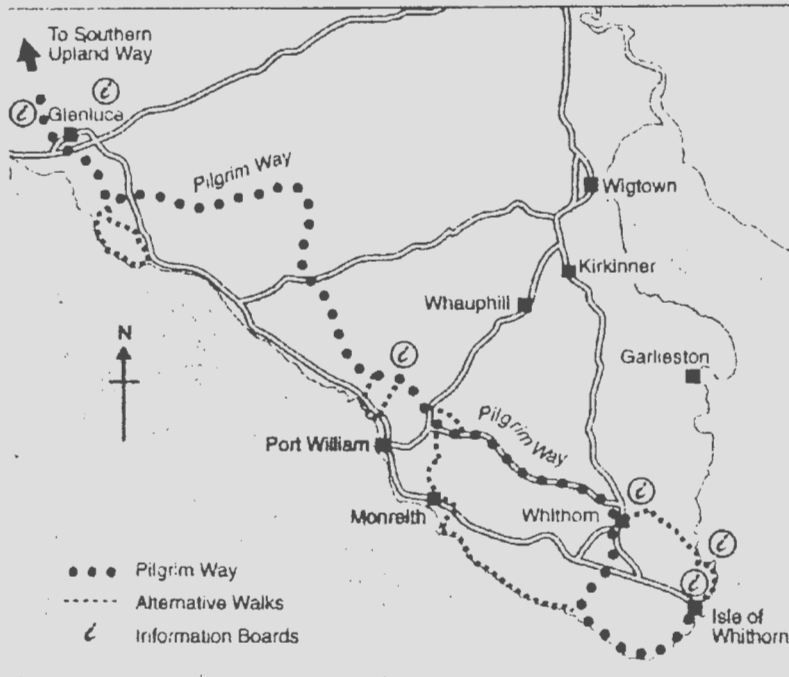
Like Santiago it was a destination for everyone from paupers to kings, including Robert the Bruce, James IV (several times), and of course the ubiquitous Mary, Queen of Scots. In recent years the pilgrimage has been revived, and there was a special programme of events, including pilgrimages, for the 1600th anniversary in 1997.

Today the Royal Burgh of Whithorn is a small, rather obscure town in a remote and little-visited corner of Europe, economically not in the best of health, with the main hotel now boarded up. One church in the High Street has suffered the ignominy of being converted into a petrol station, and is now preaching the gospel according to BP. The town retains an attractive main street on the medieval plan and, whilst the visible remains of the 12th-century cathedral/priory are not much compared to other Scottish ruins, modern excavations (still ongoing) have revealed much of the earlier Northumbrian monastic house. There is an excellent visitor centre, including audio-visuals and exhibitions incorporating the latest finds from the dig. Above all, not to be missed, is the museum, which houses a very fine collection of early Christian carved stones and crosses, the earliest dating back to the mid-fifth century, all found locally and presumed from the workshop at Whithorn, and all in remarkably good condition.

There are two other main sites associated with Ninian. St Ninian's Cave on the coast a few miles to the south-west of the town was supposedly used by him as a retreat, and later became a shrine and pilgrimage destination in its own right; crosses carved into the rock can still be seen. Second, there is a ruined chapel on the coast at the Isle of Whithorn, to the south-east of the

town, with a natural harbour where pilgrims from overseas (meaning Cumbria, the Isle of Man and Ireland) landed before making their way to the main shrine.

Should you want to walk or cycle to Whithorn, it now has its own *Camino*, the Whithorn Pilgrim Way, created five or six years ago, and running



for some 50km from the abbey at Glenluce. This is waymarked with (quite attractive) posts with a Celtic cross symbol together with some (pretty hideous) standard blue Department of Transport signs. As the route is almost all on tarmac, it might be better for cyclists, though there is one boggy section where you would have to get off and push. It must also be said that much

of the route is on the sort of road that has grass growing up the middle. You will see plenty of sheep, much birdlife and quite a few Galloway cattle, including the unmistakable Belted sort ('belties') with a large white band round the midriff. You are however unlikely to meet very many people, so if you want someone to talk to, you'll have to take them with you. If you are very unlucky you may meet a motor vehicle of some sort.

It is possible for walkers to continue the route from Whithorn to the Cave, and then round the coast to the Isle of Whithorn, though this latter path is not waymarked. As most of the route from Mochrum to Whithorn is on the B-road, an alternative is to head for Monreith and then along the coast, either on the raised beach or along the cliff-tops, to the Cave. There is however no real path here (no stiles), so I would only recommend this to fit walkers who can find their own way over drystone walls etc. Birdwatchers and botanists will love this unspoilt coastline.

Free leaflets on the Way are available from local tourist offices, and there is also a rather discursive guidebook, *A Way to Whithorn* by Andrew Patterson, published by St Andrew Press, imprint of the Church of Scotland, at £6.95. This describes other 'unofficial' routes from Whithorn to Newton Stewart, and from Glenluce to New Luce and the Southern Upland Way. The

tourist board publishes a free annual guide to accommodation, though this is rather thin on the ground on the Whithorn Peninsula. There are no facilities of any sort on the 25km between Glenluce and Mochrum. The nearest train station is Stranraer, and there is a reasonable bus service (limited on Sundays) from Whithorn to Newton Stewart, and along the main road linking this and Glenluce with Dumfries and Stranraer. Further information from the all-year-round tourist office at Whitesands, Dumfries DG1 2SB (01387 253862).

Creaking Doors and Rustling Bags ...

Mary Longhurst

The camaraderie and company on the *Camino* are second to none, but people sometimes find difficulties when it comes to the communal living arrangements. We are all used to our personal space and to be suddenly sharing with thirty others – or more – can present problems. We can all help to make this easier with just a little thought.

Noise is the number one complaint from most pilgrims. I'm not talking about snoring which is a fact of life on the *Camino*. Even people who don't normally snore often do so after a long, tiring day (you may be guilty without knowing it!). Don't lie there fuming, 'tutting' and 'shushing'; try to be philosophical – listen to the wonderful variety and count the many different types, like instruments in an orchestra. Smile to yourself, close your eyes, relax and think how lucky you are to be capable of hearing it, along with birdsong and all the other good things of life.

No, the noises to which I refer are the unnecessary ones, the rustling of plastic bags, the creaking doors with squeaky handles, and the opening of sleeping-bag zips/Velcro. They may seem minor, but the sound really does carry. All of these annoyances can be minimised with a little thought and planning.

If you know you are likely to go out to the toilet during the night, or want to leave at an unusually early hour, try to get a bed as close to the door as possible.

Plan things ready for the morning: put as many as possible of the plastic-wrapped items into your backpack and close the top before you go to bed. Try

not to leave possessions in the gangways between the bunks for other people to fall over.

Keep your torch inside your sleeping bag; this will not only prevent it from rolling off the bed on to a hard, tiled floor but you can check your watch inside the bag without disturbing others. On this subject, if walking about the dormitory with a torch, cup the light in your hand and holding it low, just ahead of your feet, only let out sufficient light between your fingers to see obstacles and where you're going.

If you are making an early start, pick up your possessions quietly and carry them to an empty room to pack, opening the door ready beforehand; don't try to wrestle with the door with your arms full of 'clutter'!

Doors along the *Camino*, with the notable exception of those at the *Refugio Gaucelmo* (congratulations to whoever was responsible), all creak. You can lessen this considerably by taking the weight off the door hinges. After opening the door a crack, put your hand underneath the handle and lift as you open the door. Do the same in reverse when closing, remembering to place the other hand on the door frame as a guide to stop when it is almost shut. You can then ease the handle into place gently and close it without too loud a click.

Sleeping-bags are great noise generators too: Velcro can be eased gently apart with the fingers instead of making that loud ripping sound, and fingers again can 'dampen' the sound of a zip if they are run along the 'teeth' while pulling the slider.

These simple remedies really would help everyone to get the best night's sleep possible.

Finally it's not just noise that we can all help with. If you arrive at a refuge with no warden and the conditions are not what you have been used to along the *Camino*, don't waste time writing caustic comments in the visitors' book – get the broom and **sweep up!** Gandhi was not too proud to clean toilets, so why should we be?

Apologies to **Alan Brown** of 'Mandori', 85 Oakleaze Road, Thornbury, Bristol BS35 2LT, tel: (01454)-884851, who was inadvertently omitted from the list of new members circulated with Bulletin 64.

More Pirates and Pilgrims: The *Julian* of Fowey

Francis Davey

In her book *Jacobean Pilgrims from England to St James of Compostella from the Early Twelfth to the Late Fifteenth century* (1994), Constance Storrs gives the names of a great many ships which were licensed to carry pilgrims to Spain. Many of these were from Devon and Cornwall and some of them are sighted from time to time in other documents of the period. One such is the *Julian* of Fowey.

As a pilgrim ship the *Julian* appears in 1428, (there spelled *Jelyan*), with John Thomas as owner, when she was licensed to carry sixty pilgrims. She appears in the next Jacobean Holy Year, six years later in 1434, with Thomas Gerard as her master. Again she was licensed to carry sixty pilgrims. She was not always engaged in such innocent activities!

It is almost inevitable that she should have been caught up in the King's business of 1451, when she was one of over eighty ships requisitioned to carry Richard Wydeville and his army to Aquitaine which was being threatened by the French. She had to stay tied up in Plymouth, along with the other ships of the expeditionary force, from January until June. This meant she missed the pilgrim trade that year, also a Holy Year. She appears in the Calendar of Patent Rolls (list of 8th June, 1451), when "Robert Lant, Master of the *Julyan* of Fowey, received £38 in wages," to compensate for this forced inactivity.

On 5th June, 1453, she appears again in the Calendar of Patent Rolls, 31 Henry VI. This time she was involved in piracy. The full entry reads:-

"Commission to William Bonevyle of Chuton, knight, John Arundell, esquire, Thomas Bere, Thomas Clemens, John Giffard, William Berd and the sheriff of Cornwall, reciting the complaint of Philip Mede of Bristol, merchant, factor and attorney of Peter de Seynt Crike, born in Aquitaine, that Thomas Adam of Polruon, master of a ship called *la Palmer*, Robert Hikkes of Polruon, Thomas Philip, John Huyssh, merchant, John Huyssh, mariner, master of a ship called *la Julyan* of Fowey, John Atterede and Walter Hill, chaplain, possessors and victuallers of the same ship, with other evildoers took a ship of Spain called *la Seynt Cruce* of the portage of 200 tuns or within, laden with divers goods and merchandise of no small value, contrary to letters of safe-conduct granted to the master and mariners thereof, and brought the ship to Fowey, doing their will thereof

and of the merchandise; and appointing the said commissioners to make inquisition in the said county touching the guilty, the value of the ship and merchandise; and into whose hands they have come, and to make restitution thereof pursuant to the Statute of 2 Henry V.”

The Fowey pirates usually hunted in pairs. There is a certain piquancy in the name of the other ship involved with the *Julian*. Even though there is no record that the *Palmer* of Fowey was licensed to carry pilgrims, her master, Thomas Adam, is known to have been a pilgrim skipper. The *Palmer* herself was involved in piracy some years earlier. A commission, dated 28 January, 1444, was set up to investigate the capture by the *Julian* of *le Mighell* of Dartmouth when the latter with her cargo of wine and linen cloth en route from Brittany was seized by the men from Fowey and taken to Newport in the Isle of Wight. On 5th June, 1453 Thomas Adam was master of the *Palmer* but in the Holy Year of 1428 he was licensed to carry fifty pilgrims to La Coruña in the *Mary* of Fowey (Storrs, *op. cit.* p. 176). The *Mary* was no stranger to La Coruña. In 1401, under John Bytheway, she had been licensed to carry fifty pilgrims, and in 1428, apart from the passage under Thomas Adam, she was licensed for a second passage, with John Thomas named as owner, to carry forty pilgrims. (It was a busy year for John Thomas since, as mentioned above, he also had the licence that year, as owner, to carry sixty pilgrims in the *Julian*.) In 1434 the *Mary*, with Ralph Withyall as master, was licensed to carry forty pilgrims. From January to June 1451 the *Mary*, like the *Julian*, was lying idle in Plymouth. Just as Robert Lant received £38 in wages, so, says the CPR, Thomas Adam, once again master of the *Mary* of Fowey, was awarded £30 in compensation for his wasted time. In the Holy Year 1456 the *Mary* of Fowey won two licences each for one hundred pilgrims, one with John Blanch named as owner and the other with Thomas Tregwyn as owner. In view of the very much larger number of pilgrims carried one might ask whether this was perhaps a new, larger *Mary* to replace the other which first appeared fifty-five years earlier.

The escapade in 1453 is hardly made more respectable by the participation in it of Walter Hill, (Hille, Hylle, Hyll) chaplain, as one of the “possessors and victuallers” of the *Julian*. One can follow Hill’s progress through the minor orders up to the priesthood in the Register of Bishop Lacy, who was Bishop of Exeter from 1420 to 1455. Ordained acolyte in Lawhitton church on 24 February, 1431, he was made successively subdeacon on 24 September, 1435, deacon on 17 December, 1435 and priest on 3 April, 1436. These three ordinations took place in Chudleigh and on each occasion it was “to a title: prior and convent of Bodmin”. His name next occurs in a commission given

to the Archdeacon of Cornwall on 14 February, 1450. Here he appears as Walter Hill, priest of "Lanteglis" i.e. Lanteglos by Fowey. This is the parish in which Polruan is situated and so Hill numbered the pirates, Thomas Adam and Robert Hicks, among his parishioners. On 1 February, 1450 Walter Hill, together with most of the clergy in Cornwall, was ordered by Bishop Lacy to pronounce a "monition" threatening with "major excommunication" the unknown pirates, (whom the Bishop succinctly describes as *fili iniquitatis*, sons of iniquity), who had seized goods from a galley at Plymouth belonging to Francis de Innerent, if the stolen property was not returned within fifteen days. One wonders if Thomas Adam and Robert Hicks were able to keep a straight face as this "monition" was pronounced by their priest whose pastoral care seems to have included membership of their piracy syndicate.

There is just one more link between the persons involved in the event of June 1453 and the pilgrimage to Compostela. One of the commissioners appointed to investigate the capture of *la Seynt Cruce* was Thomas Clement. Three years later he appears in Storrs' list as owner of the *Mary* of Landhelp, licensed to carry 60 pilgrims to Spain in the Holy Year of 1456.

Conserving Santiago

Gillian Morgan

Historic Santiago de Compostela has won the top European Urban and Regional Planning award for local planning. The award recognises the way the city has managed the competing demands to protect buildings, provide employment and modernise its infrastructure. This example of good planning practice provides an interesting comparison with our own historic towns.

The city was declared a "Place of Historical and Artistic Importance" in 1940. To give an indication of the extent of the value of the historic city area, about 1,800 of the 2,800 structures are specially protected. Development pressures were increasingly being felt on the historic heart since the region's administrative headquarters were located there in 1981. The award praises the city's "Special Plan" which aims to channel development into locations which are both attractive to the investor and compatible with building conservation.

One dimension of the “Special Plan” is to achieve high-quality modern designs from international architects which respect the materials and scale which characterise the old city. The city has a diversified economy to sustain which, of course, includes tourism. This industry relies on, yet could easily destroy, the character of the historic quarter. Residents too can benefit from the best of new development carefully integrated with the preserved ancient fabric.

As part of the Plan, a “Technical Office” opened in 1995. Local people are being empowered to participate in the conservation of their buildings through training and professional assistance. Thus a pool of local conservation expertise will develop. Substantial funding is met by the municipal authority, the State government and the Autonomous Community of Galicia through the establishment of a city consortium, backed by the “Royal Trust of Santiago de Compostela”.

A Pilgrimage: Rome to Jerusalem

Peter Cox

Having walked from Le Puy to Santiago de Compostela and from London to Rome, I decided that to complete the visits to the three great pilgrimage centres, I would go from Rome to Jerusalem (being just 70, I thought London to Jerusalem would be a bit far!). So after reading Gerard Hughes’ book *Walk to Jerusalem* and making an outline plan, I left home on 26 August 1998. Before going on to Luton to catch the plane to Rome, I joined a pilgrim blessing being held at St Alban’s Church for Marion Marples as she was setting out for Santiago the next day.

After a night in Rome, and then on to Frascati, I set out to be greeted with a thunderstorm after the first hour – amazingly this was in fact the only time I had rain when walking. My route took me through the following large towns – Palestrina, Casino, Foggia, Barletta (on the Adriatic) and to Bari where I caught the ferry to Greece. Nights varied from hotels to convents to church rooms on the floor. A night of special interest was at a seminary run by the Brothers Passionata at Falvaterra.

The heat all the way was intense and this helped to produce uncomfortable blisters on the soles of my feet, which took about three and a half weeks to recover.

The night ferry from Bari took me across the Adriatic to Patra and after two days on the south side of the Gulf of Corinth, I crossed to the north side. Although a little further to Piraeus there was less traffic and more places of interest. At Galaxidi on the coast there is an international Retreat Centre for individuals or groups. I was able to visit it and found it in a beautiful setting, and ideal for such needs. I had a meal with Ariadne, who is the principal organiser.

After Delphi my route took me back to the coast at Elefina before catching the ferry to Haifa from Piraeus – three nights at sea, calling in at Crete and Cyprus. So at last in the Holy Land. My first night was at Nazareth where I was able to stay at the Salesian College (as did Gerard Hughes). Due to lack of time I only had one night there. On the way to Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee a stop was made in Cana.

It was a must to walk round Galilee with so many places of interest where biblical events occurred. Eventually I ended up at the Convent and Church of the Beatitudes for two nights. Whilst there a visit was made to the Church at Tabgha, which commemorates the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes. Nearby was the Church of St Peter, commemorating Jesus's Resurrection and appearance to the fishing apostles. Unfortunately Capernaum was closed. The convent is vast – major conferences are held there – yet there was only one other man staying plus the five resident nuns. Of the whole journey I think the hour I spent sitting on the concrete at the end of the church watching the sun set over Galilee was the most peaceful and uplifting.

Then on to Jerusalem for three nights staying at the Casa Nova in the Old city and run by Franciscans, who seemed to be everywhere in their brown habits! Next day to Bethlehem to see the Grotto venerated as Jesus' place of birth. Fortunately it was away from the crowds and felt peaceful that day. On returning to Jerusalem I joined about a hundred others walking the Stations of the Cross. With such a crowd of people in narrow alleyways it was difficult to relax and 'flow', until you reached the Holy Sepulchre.

The next day I made my way to Gethsemane via the Western Wall and the Golden Dome of the Rock. The first place to visit was the Tomb of the Virgin Mary in a grotto below the church. Somewhat naturally the Garden of Gethsemane has to be protected and consisted of several fenced-in paths round the grass and ancient olive trees. It is best to close ones eyes and imagine! I sat in the nearby Church and thought about the events that had taken place

there, before climbing steeply up the Mount of Olives area. On the way back I joined in a procession and service around the Holy Sepulchre. Incense was wafted over the altars with the monks and other followers holding candles and chanting. It was the latter which attracted me.

Before departing the next day I went round all the four sections of the Old City i.e. Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian. This was after attending a rather protracted Eucharist of *two* hours at the Anglican Church. (With my lack of hearing it felt more like three hours!)

This pilgrimage was undertaken in the hope of raising further funds for Jean Vanier's L'Arche communities. If you can, please send donations to me:

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Sherpa-service on the St James Way

B M Reichardt-Bosch

How did it start and why? In 1988 a lifelong wish was fulfilled, when with seven friends I walked from St-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Santiago de Compostela. It turned out to be a very special experience, as it must have been for all the pilgrims who preceded us.

In 1990 I took to the road again with one of the friends from this group. We wanted to walk the St James path from Le Puy-en-Velay to St-Jean-Pied-de-Port. We planned to walk for about a fortnight and to continue again the next summer. So we departed as we had done before, found our rhythm of the *Camino* again and rejoiced in that absolutely stunning landscape between Le Puy and Conques.

We reached Conques and should have taken the train back home the next day from Figeac. My leg hurt a little bit when in the early morning we started climbing out of the valley of Conques. It hurt a lot more when we had to walk on a long winding tarmac road. It was clear something was very wrong. It

turned out to be a spontaneous fracture and I returned home to Brussels in an ambulance with my leg in plaster. I definitely felt very badly looked after by St James! However in the end my broken leg turned out to have been a blessing in disguise. The doctors told me that I could walk as much as I wanted, and the more the better but that I was not allowed to walk with a heavy backpack ever again.

With the official backing of the *Vlaams Genootschap van Santiago de Compostela* I worked out a sherpa service along both the Le Puy route and the Arles route, which crosses the Somport pass. I did it together with friends and sometimes my husband. We checked out little hotels which on the whole were willing to transport our luggage to the next hotel. It takes a lot of preparation but gives you so much more walking pleasure. It also gives you the energy to look around the small towns and villages which you pass through and time to visit the various churches on the road and sometimes even a Roman villa; in France you often walk on parts of the old Roman road system. Each year, at the spring meeting of the *Vlaams Genootschap*, my walking friends and I give a work-shop on this sherpa-service. Where at the beginning we were looked upon as very definitely the weaker sex by the male pilgrims, not even able to carry a rucksack, by now things have changed. Among others it turned out to be an attractive solution for couples. If they want to walk the St James path together the wives are sometimes afraid of the burden they will have to carry. The sherpa gives them the opportunity to do without.

Of course, there are a few snags. You are less free, as you cannot break your pre-arranged hotel-chain. It is definitely more expensive and it demands a lot of preparation. However for people like me who for some reason or other have a handicap or are past the age of enjoying primitive sleeping quarters, be it hostels, gîtes or refuges, the sherpa service turned out to be an ideal solution on the St James path. It is certainly worth trying and the hotel lists are available.

Editor's note: Hotel lists are available from the office on receipt of a large stamped and addressed envelope marked "hotels".

Congratulations to **Dr Charles Burnett** of the Warburg Institute who has recently been made Professor of the History of Islamic Influences in Europe.

A Most Distant Link

Emma Poë

Members may be interested to see this picture of the Porta di Santiago drawn on a recent visit to Malacca in Malaysia. It is all that remains of a fort built by the Portuguese during the first half of the 16th century and is the oldest building in the country.

The Portuguese conquered Malaysia in about 1511 during their 'Great Age of Discovery'. It was obviously a substantial building with walls three metres thick and apparently at least 1500 slaves were used to build it. Being in a strategic position on the Straits of Malacca it withstood much bombardment and saw the passing of the Portuguese and the Dutch of the Dutch East India Company. It was finally taken by the British under William Farquhar who ordered its destruction at the end of the 18th century.

On the hill above the Gate stands the ruined shell of the church of St Paul, originally named Our Lady of the Mount. It was visited by St Francis Xavier several times between 1545 and 1552. St Francis, 'the Apostle of the East', was buried here for a time after his martyrdom in China, before his body was moved to its final resting place in Goa.

Although it is St Francis Xavier whose name one most associates with the spread of Christianity in the Far East it was interesting to see this building dedicated to Santiago in such a far-flung corner of the world.



Porta di Santiago, Malacca, Malaysia

Members' Pages

Christabel Watson, who was recently awarded her MA by the University of Warwick for her work on the western front of Santiago Cathedral, is currently en route, on foot, from *Land's End to John O'Groats*. She left on 1 March, which happened to be her 60th birthday, and when she mentioned this to friends they said they would like to sponsor her. She therefore decided to walk for the History of Art Department at the University, and writes as follows:

'I have been a student at Warwick there for the last seven years, first gaining my BA (Hons) followed by an MA by research. The most memorable part of my time as a student was the autumn term of the final BA year which was spent in Venice, and I would like to help that department. I do not know of one student who did not benefit by a whole term in that illustrious city studying the subject of their choice.

'The University is fortunate in having teaching accommodation in the Querini Stampalia, a Renaissance *palazzo* containing a superlative library and art collection. In addition the University organises Italian classes, an annual public lecture and symposia, as well as employing an assistant to run the organisation, jointly with the History Department (Renaissance Studies). The cost of maintaining the programme is huge and funds are always being sought. The slide library for example needs attention: there are not enough slides, the arrangement is haphazard and they are not listed on a computer. Slides are an integral part of presenting a seminar and essential for checking details. I would like to be able to donate a computer and specifically pay the wages of students who would like, or need, to earn some pocket money organising and running the slide library. Many of the students find funding for the Venice term difficult; looking after the slide library may be a way of helping both them and the collection.

'If any Confraternity members would like to sponsor me on my marathon I would be most grateful. Cheques should be made out to the University of Warwick Foundation, Venice Appeal (1993 Charities Act), c/o Watson, Talton House, Newbold-on-Stour, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 8UB. I shall be able to let you know at the Holy Year Lecture on 10 June how I got on.'

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Devon member, **David Snelling**, is making what may be the first pilgrimage to Santiago with a hinny (a mule in reverse), in the year 2000. He and Henry (the hinny) are well organised in advance of departure (from Le Puy in March next year) and are fund-raising for two cancer charities, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Macmillan Cancer Relief. Their fund-raising target is £50,000 and they would be delighted to receive the support of fellow Confraternity members. Advance sponsorship cheques should be made out to Operation Henry No. 1 Account and sent either to Mrs Gina Dent at Marina House, 17 Moorview Terrace, Mutley Plain, Plymouth, Devon PL4 7EB or paid in direct to the special account (Royal Bank of Scotland, Plymouth, sort code 16-28-19, account no. 10054421).



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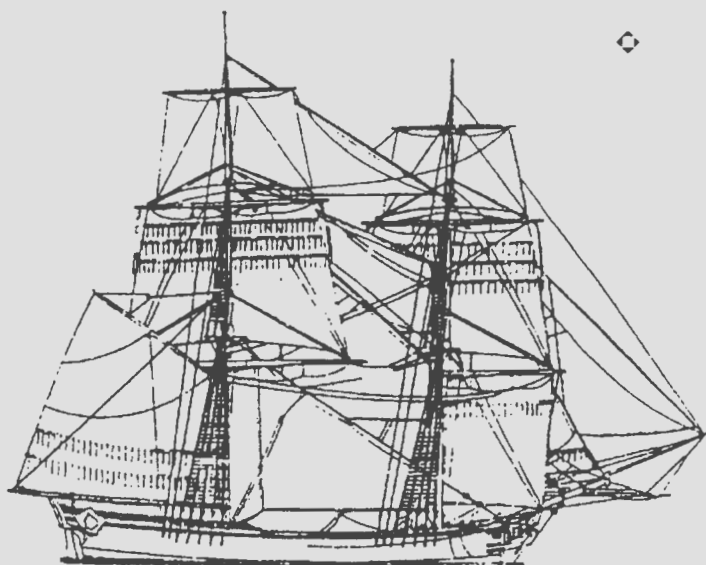
First sailing pilgrimage on replica medieval sailing ships to Galicia from Cornwall since the Middle Ages - taking place in 1999, the last Holy Year of the second millennium.



Walking the Saints' Way in Cornwall
8 and 9 May - Padstow to Fowey.



Sailing from Fowey to A Coruña on Monday
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Charlestown, Cornwall).



Walking from La Coruña to
Santiago de Compostela 16
to 18 May, to the shrine of
St James.

Contact Hilary Shaw (01326) 340562

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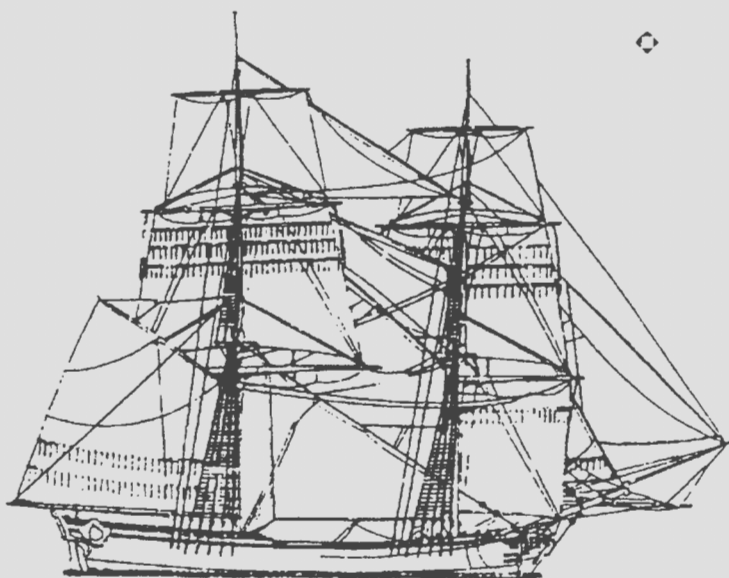
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Entre 16 e o 18 de maio se andará o Camiño dende A Coruña cara a Santiago de Compostela, onde se visitará o sartego do apóstolo Santiago.

Para acadar máis información, chamar a Hilary Shaw 00 44 1326 340562

5th CONSTANCE STORRS MEMORIAL LECTURE

Saturday 24 April 1999

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Telephone:

How will you be travelling to Exeter?

If going by car would you be willing to give a lift to another member, or meet people travelling by train at the station?

Ideas for activities in / around Exeter?

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23 to 30 October 1999

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or

- * 2) I /We would like to receive further details of the visit to Santiago when they are available, before making a decision.

Name:

Address:

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If you have been to Santiago before, have you any suggestions for interesting activities there?

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Saturday 11th &

Sunday 12th September 1999

in Paisley Town Hall

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