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CONFRATERNITY EVENTS, SUMMER/AUTUMN 1993

24/25 July - St James's Day Weekend in Gloucestershire - with visits to Deerhurst, Tewkesbury, Hailes Abbey, Winchcomb, St James Postlip, Syde, Daglingworth and St James Stoke Orchard. Due to the pressures of 1993 this Bulletin is later than intended and a separate geographically-based mailing was done for this weekend. Sincere apologies from the editor to any members wanting to take part but who did not receive the special mailing. Approximate timings for the weekend are:

Saturday 24 July: 12 noon (approx), arrival at Cheltenham station. 12.45, visit to Deerhurst and picnic lunch. 3.30 visit Tewkesbury Abbey, with guide, and tea in Abbot's Parlour. 5.00 leave Tewkesbury to visit Hailes Abbey.

Sunday 25 July: 8am(?), early Roman Catholic Mass at St James's Chapel, Postlip (a tiny 12th c. chapel with an unbroken Catholic tradition), its only disadvantage being that it holds no more than 20 people. 10am, Syde church and optional walk of 2 hours to Daglingworth. 1pm (approx), pub lunch at Seven Springs. 3.30 **St James's Day Pilgrim Service at St James Stoke Orchard**, led by the Revd John Homfray, with music from the Confraternity choir.

Telephone enquiries to Marion Marples on (071)-633 0603 or to Chris Masters on (0242)-524366.

23 to 30 August - Walking Pilgrimage on the Camino Inglés from La Coruña to Santiago. One place (for a woman) remains and anyone interested should contact Pat Quaife on (081)-883 4893 immediately. Any members not officially registered for the pilgrimage and staying in Santiago or La Coruña will be very welcome to join for individual days as follows: 26 August, La Coruña to Carral; 27 August, Carral to Ordenes, 28 August, Ordenes to Santiago. August 29th is European

Associations Day in Santiago with a special Mass in the Cathedral and a boat trip (arranged by Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier) in the afternoon on the Ria de Arousa to Padrón, following the last part of the maritime route taken by the body of St James in the 1st century. All enquiries to Pat Quaife on (081)-883 4893.

Wednesday 15 September - The English Pilgrimage to Santiago; Wednesday lecture no 5 in the Holy Year series, by **Professor Brian Tate.** 7pm in the medieval crypte of St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London EC1, followed by refreshments. Friends of members are very welcome, so members, please think about inviting your friends; entrance £2-50.

Thursday 30 September - A Song Recital by Jane Lofthouse - 7pm at St James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London EC4.

Wednesday 13 October - The Spirituality of the Pilgrimage - Wednesday Lecture no.6 by the **Very Revd David Stancliffe,** Provost of Portsmouth and Bishop-elect of Salisbury. 7pm at St Etheldreda's, London EC1. Entrance: £2-50.

23 to 30 October - 1993 Confraternity Visit to Spain: Oviedo to Finisterre, via Santiago de Compostela. A few places still remain (but no single rooms) on this Holy Year pilgrimage journey across Galicia. Cost: £495 for 8 nights' accommodation and breakfast in small hotels, some other meals, return Iberia flights, all ground transport in Spain and services of experienced leader. This is also a unique chance to stay in Rabanal del Camino and visit places off the beaten track. Further details and application form from Pat Quaife.

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Other Events of Interest

23 July to mid-September – Horniman Museum Exhibition – The Pilgrim Route to Santiago de Compostela is the title of a small, photographic exhibition tracing medieval and modern routes to Santiago, with material gathered by deputy-director, Mike Houlihan, on his cycling pilgrimage from Le Puy in the summer of 1992. The Horniman has also been fortunate in having the services of Anna Champeney (one of our Norfolk speakers on 'pallozas' in September 1991) who is on a student placement at the Museum, and of several other CSJ members. The Horniman Museum is in Forest Hill, at 100 London Road, London SE23 3PQ; the 176 bus from Waterloo Station (Waterloo Road) passes the door and Forest Hill BR station is some five minutes walk away.

Sunday 25 July – Feast of St James, Holy Year 1993 –

10.30 at St James Garlickhythe, London EC4, Sung Eucharist with St James's Choir.

10.30 at St James Spanish Place, London W.1 (George Street) Mass for the Feast of St James, followed by a reception in the Social Centre.

11am at St James, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, Parish Communion and Thanksgiving; preacher: the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Ven. Timothy Raphael. Followed by bring-and-share lunch.

11am at St Gluvias Church, Penryn, Cornwall, Holy Communion, celebrated by the Bishop of Truro. 1993 is the 675th anniversary of the re-consecration of the church on St James's Day, 1318. There will also be parish evensong and a concert. Members of the Bredereth Sen Jago (Secretary: Hilary Shaw, tel.: (0326)-40562) are expected to attend and any holidaying Confraternity members will be very welcome.

Saturday 11 September – First International Song Festival of the Santiago Road – original folk songs by composers from Spain, Portugal, Germany, France, Italy and Cornwall.

Bredereth Sen Jago member, Philip Knight, has written a splendid song in Cornish, 'Apostle of the Sea' celebrating the pilgrimage by sea from Cornwall. He hopes to take part in the festival and is currently seeking funding for the enterprise from any sources likely to assist European cultural activities.

Thursday 16 September - Opening of First Gallery of New Museum of Reading - to include a 70-yard facsimile of the Bayeux Tapestry and the reconstructed arches of the cloister of Reading Abbey, with Romanesque capitals. The Friends of Reading Abbey, which include the Confraternity, were hoping to unveil two interpretative plaques about the Abbey, one in Forbury Gardens and one in the Chapter House on 26 June.

18-19 September - Journées Rencontre de Gradignan - organised by the Association Régional des Amis de St-Jacques de Compostelle en Aquitaine. These two days start at the historic Prieuré de Cayac, a few km south of Bordeaux, at 14.30 on the Saturday, and include two exhibitions, films on Gradignan and the pilgrim route in Aquitaine, guided visits of the Priory and of the church of Saint-Pierre at Gradignan. The main Sunday activity is a walk from Gradignan to Le Barp on the *via Turonensis*, starting at 9am from the church at Gradignan. and arriving around 16.30 at the pilgrim village of Le Barp, with its church of Saint-Jacques and pilgrim refuge. The Aquitaine Association extends a very warm invitation to European confraternity members; for further details and registration, please apply to Monsieur Michel Laborde, 23 Allée Mozart, 33170 Gradignan, France. Tel.: (01033) 56.89.11.78.

30 September to 3 October - L'Image du Pèlerin au Moyen Age et Sous l'Ancien Régime - an international colloquium at Rocamadour organised by the Observatoire d'Etudes et de Recherches de Rocamadour, and chaired by Professor Pierre-André Sigal of the University Paul Valéry de Montpellier. Some 30 communications on many aspects of the theme by art historians, historians, literary critics. To receive full details

please write immediately to the Amis de Rocamadour, Hotel de Ville, 46500 Rocamadour, France.

9 to 12 October – Los Caminos que Llevan a Santiago – III Congreso Internacional de Asociaciones Jacobeas, being held at the Salón de Actos de Hidroeléctrica del Cantábrico, Plaza de la Gesta 2, Oviedo. Lectures, communications, concerts, visits to Monte Naranco and Asturian monasteries and explorations of the pilgrim route. Registration fee: 2000 pesetas. For further details write to Asociación Astur-Leonesa de Amigos del Camino de Santiago, San Pedro Mestallón 1 bajo, 33009 Oviedo.

14 to 16 October – Congreso de Estudios Jacobeos – an international conference organised by the Xunta de Galicia, with six main themes: Organización territorial de los caminos, Las rutas marítimas, La ida y vuelta del peregrino, La simbología de la peregrinación, Los milagros jacobeos y su difusión and Nuevas aportaciones (sección miscelánea general). No further details have currently been received but members interested in attending could write to: Comisario Xacobeo de Galicia, Palacio de Raxoi, 15705 Santiago de Compostela.

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From the Secretary's Notebook

Paris Route Guide

First of all, many apologies to those waiting patiently for the 1993 edition of *Paris to the Pyrenees*. We had hoped it would be published in time for the pilgrimage season, but for various reasons it has been delayed and will now appear nearer the end of the year. To help people wanting to follow this route we are making a few copies of the 1986/9 edition available at cost price (£1). All comments on the route and on accommodation (both pilgrim and other) will be gratefully received by Barry Humpidge at 2A Kingsley Park Grove, Sheffield S11 9HL.

Santiago in August?

The Friends of Little St Mary's, Cambridge, have a few places left on their coach tour, departing from Cambridge on 14 August, crossing via Dover and Calais, returning on 27 August via Bilbao and Portsmouth. Price £585. Please telephone Mrs Barbara Chamier on (0223)-354563 for further details.

A Walking Chaplain

A Catholic priest would be glad to find a group walking to Santiago who would welcome a self-supporting, Spanish speaker to accompany them. If interested please contact Father Anthony Dykes, The Presbytery, St Elizabeth's Road, Coventry, Warwickshire CV6 5BX.

St James's Priory, Bristol

At last there are signs of new life in Bristol's most ancient place of worship, long neglected by the city authorities. The Little Brothers of Nazareth, a newly formed community, have taken over the church and continue the tradition of caring for pilgrims by their ministry to homeless people and those who abuse drugs or alcohol. The project will be opened officially on Wednesday 8 September with a service at 7.30pm, presided over by Bishop Mervyn Alexander of Clifton. Meanwhile, much building work has been in progress to provide the necessary facilities and meeting rooms. There are also plans for a 24-bed hostel for homeless men with drink or drug problems. If you are interested in becoming a Friend, and/or offering regular or occasional help of all kind or financial support, please contact The Little Brothers of Nazareth, St James's Priory, Haymarket, Bristol BS1 3NZ, tel.: (0272)-291100.

The Middle Ages via CD-ROM

Members with access to very sophisticated computer equipment will be interested to know of the British Library's forthcoming CD-ROM computer package entitled *Medieval Realms*. It is being produced for the National Curriculum's

History Key Stage 3 for secondary schools and contains a comprehensive collection of original source material with full-colour images from manuscripts, registers, wills and other documents. The Confraternity has been pleased to give permission for the use of some text from James Hogarth's translation of the *Pilgrim's Guide. Medieval Realms* should be available in late 1993 - (how surprised its human subjects would be to know of their computerised immortality); further details from Karen Brookfield, British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG.

European Bike Express

John Hatfield, who has been researching the vexed subjects of taking bikes to France and the ever-changing rules of the SNCF regarding bikes, has discovered via the Cyclists' Touring Club (CTC) a useful new initiative. Run by Bolero International Holidays, a coach firm based in Middlesbrough, a double-decker coach with bike trailer will pick cyclists and their bikes up from several UK points on motorway junctions and take them to a number of European destinations. This could be very useful for people who want to get near Paris, Vezelay, Le Puy or Arles. The service runs once a fortnight from Middlesbrough down the M1 and M25, then Calais, Paris and the Autoroute du Sud. The deal has to include return travel and a minimum of two nights' inexpensive hotel accommodation; the fare is £110 return. For more details of the timetable and to create a demand for a Santiago pick-up telephone European Bike Express's John Robinson on (0642)-750077 (evenings) or fax him on (0642)-232209. John Hatfield is also willing to share his knowledge with members; he can be contacted on (0622)-757814.

What are members doing on St James's Day 1993?

If you attend an interesting St James's Day event, whether in Spain, France the UK or elsewhere, please write and tell the editor about it, for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

Marion Marples

Refugio Gaucelmo Appeal News

Warden/s for October

We urgently need to find volunteers to act as warden/s in October. David and Diane Wesson, the September wardens, will be leaving around 2 October and this year in particular we are anxious to keep the refuge open until the end of October. We have appealed to Spain for help but so far we have had no offers from them. Could potential volunteers please contact Pat Quaife initially (tel.: (081)-883 4893) as Walter Ivens is abroad in July.

1993 Wardens to Date

Following Roger Cocks' stint in April when 401 pilgrims stayed at the Refugio Gaucelmo, Etienne and Nelly Van Wouterghem have done noble work in May and June with their usual charm and courtesy. There were 652 pilgrims in May and Etienne reports that in June they are getting 35 to 40 a night, so full house. Two months at this pace is very tiring and we are so grateful to them for their devotion to the job.

Now, early July, Caroline Crossley and Veronica Santorum, who will shortly be joined by Stuart Goldie, are in charge - in what is likely to be the busiest month of the whole year. Caroline reported in a recent phone call that over 200 pilgrims a day are starting out from Astorga. In view of the pressures it has been agreed that for the time being those who have walked, without any backup support, from at least as far as Burgos, will have priority for beds in the refuge.

Richard Hankinson will be the warden in August with two Spanish wardens joining him, each for a fortnight.

We send all the wardens our heartfelt thanks for the hard work they are doing in 1993.

Postal Services in Rabanal

In an earlier Bulletin members who found themselves at Rabanal, whether as pilgrims or visitors, were urged to use the post-box ('buzón') on a house at the western end of the village. This plea was due to a threat that the post-box might be removed if more use were not made of it. However, it seems as if the influx of pilgrims is helping in this respect and letters and cards are still being received franked 'Rabanal del Camino'. Rabanal's postman is Julio Cabello, who lives in the house with the yellow post-box, with his wife Quica, and who franks the letters he picks up by hand, including no doubt one received recently in London from pilgrim member, Valeriano de Castro. It has one of the new 1993 Holy Year stamps depicting St James as Matamoros.



Appeal Fund

The Appeal at the end of June stood at £69,207 and is still advancing.

DONORS, MID-APRIL TO JUNE 1993

John Bassett, Tony and Diana Bambridge, Barbara Crawley, Miles Courtier,
Michael and Magdalena Cosgrave
Ken Digby, Laurie Dennett, Andrew Faure, Harriet Green, Sue Johnson,
Revd Colin Jones, Marcelle Joyce, Alan Leask, Virginia Lighton
Patrick McGarry, Joe May, Richard Magowan, R.K. Morris, Mollie Norris,
Cliff Philcox, Chris and Carole Patey, Don and Dorothy Perham
Mary Remnant, Jocelyn Rix, Peter and Ann Rycraft, Magdalena Stork de
Yepes, Ronald Skeoch, Dr P.T. Such, Gerald Wait, Adrian Wright

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Pilgrimage on the Camino Inglés

August 1993

Preparations for the Confraternity's Camino Inglés pilgrimage from La Coruña to Santiago in late August are well advanced, and particular thanks are due to two friends of the Confraternity in La Coruña, **Joaquín VÍlas** and **Rafael Arias**.

Rafael, who works in the Archbishop of Santiago's press office, has booked accommodation for us for three nights and obtained hard-to-find detailed maps of the area. For his part, Joaquín VÍlas, in addition to accompanying me on the first stage of the exploratory walk from La Coruña to Carral in April, has supplied press cuttings, articles and other information, including a leaflet he has written on the church of Santiago in La Coruña, our starting point on 26 August. More recently, with his brother, Ramón, he has designed a special pilgrim record ('credencial del peregrino') published by the parish of Santiago and sponsored by the Caha de Ahorros of Galicia. It is in the form of a folded A4 leaflet with 26 spaces available for rubber stamps and signatures. We hope each to have a copy of this 'credencial' in August, parts of which are reproduced here – particularly to show members the route we shall be following.

Lying between the N550 road which links the two cities and the A9 motorway, the Camino Inglés follows a series of small villages, some of which have a church dedicated to Santiago, others of which have the word Calle in their place name, possibly indicating a well-trodden route. Thanks to the initiative of a number of mayors through whose municipalities the Camino Inglés runs, much of the route is now waymarked, either with green arrows or discreet blue and white Camino de Santiago signs. Ordenes is a good example of the latter and one showery April morning, the mayor, **Don Teodosio Martino**, kindly drove me from the city, where I had spent the night, to the Camino Inglés and the chapel of San Julián de Poulo.



Parroquia de Santiago
Parrote 1
15001 La Coruña
Tif.: 981 - 20 56 96

Desde hace más de ocho siglos, la Iglesia parroquial de Santiago es donde la comunidad de creyentes de la Ciudad Vieja de La Coruña se reúne para celebrar su fe en Jesucristo resucitado, Camino, Verdad y Vida para la humanidad.

Y desde esta Iglesia, matriz de las de La Coruña, comenzaban su camino terrestre hasta la tumba del Apóstol Santiago, en Compostela, los peregrinos que arribaban al puerto coruñés procedentes del centro y norte de Europa, y de las Islas Británicas.

We will be walking about 75km over three days, not enough for us to qualify for the 'compostela', the well-known certificate of pilgrimage granted by the Cathedral of Santiago to those who have walked a minimum of 100km. However we hope to be awarded the Jubilee certificate given to all pilgrims who come to Santiago in a Holy Year.

From Ferrol and Neda as well ...

The Camino Inglés in fact consists initially of two ways which meet shortly before Hospital de Bruma: one starting from La Coruña, the other starting further north at Ferrol or Neda and following an attractive route via the medieval towns of Pontedeume and Betanzos. The latter does (just) cover more than 100kms, and is equally historic and well waymarked. The librarian of Neda, **Don Manuel Pérez Grueiro**, is another Camino Inglés enthusiast who is a member of a team preparing a definitive map of the route. It is hoped that its publication will be in time for us to benefit from it in August, but in the meantime Don Manuel has very kindly sent large-scale draft maps which will be extremely helpful.

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

Credencial del Peregrino



CAMINO PARA LA PEREGRINACIÓN CRISTIANA

Ruta de Peregrinación a través del antiguo Camino desde La Coruña a Santiago de Compostela, conocida como "EL CAMINO INGLÉS".



JVdE y RVdE 1993

CAIXA GALICIA

In 1992 the town of Pontedeume, well known for its long medieval bridge over the River Eume, promoted itself and the Camino Inglés vigorously, with a series of exhibitions, including one on philately, in the Tower of the Counts of Andrade where the Tourist Office is situated. Earlier this year they organised an exhibition of maps and documents on the Camino Inglés itself, 'Pontedeume nas Rutas Xacobeas'. Pilgrims get a warm welcome in the Tourist Office from its director, Don Pablo Días Novo, who is a philatelic expert, as well as being a mine of information on Pontedeume and its church of Santiago.

'Between arches 20 and 21 of the bridge is a chapel dedicated to the Holy Ghost; beside it there used to be a small hospital where four beds were always kept for pilgrims travelling to Santiago.'

Couceiro Freijomil, *Historia de Puente deume*, chapter II, p.133.



1993 Arrangements

Although we will not be going through Pontedeume this year or receiving a 'compostela' for our efforts in August, we will be staying at the monastery of San Martín Pinario before and after the pilgrimage, which should be sufficient reward for our endeavours. A sizeable group from the French Amis de Saint-Jacques, under the leadership of Mademoiselle Jeannine Warcollier, will also be in Santiago in late August and we look forward to sharing activities with them, including the European Associations' day on Sunday 29 August.

A place remains for one woman on this August pilgrimage (August 23 to 30) and anyone interested should contact Pat Quaife immediately on (081)-883 4893.

The Pilgrimage Toward Full Communion of the Churches Will Gather at Santiago

Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC

In the last hundred years the divided Christians of the world have begun to heed God's call to unity in Christ by following the pilgrim road toward full communion in faith, life and witness, by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is a pilgrimage as pioneering and deeply spiritual as ever the ancient and modern pious journeys to Rome, Jerusalem and Santiago. Significant markers on that journey have been such events and places as the founding of the World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, in 1948, the Second Vatican Council, Rome, in 1965, the release of the Anglican-Roman Catholic *Final Report*, Rome/Canterbury, in 1982 and the five World Conferences on Faith and Order, the last being at Montreal in 1963. On this journey there is the call to constant prayer, endurance of tensions and worldly distractions, careful preparation by study and dialogue, and a willingness to travel with a motley crew of fellow pilgrims with whom we have real differences, even if called by God towards the same goal. The journey is irreversible, but it calls for the steep ascent of prayer, study, dialogue and mutual care.

The Fifth World Conference on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches will meet in Santiago in August 1993. For Catholics the pilgrim site will have particular significance, especially in this Holy Year, when it is hoped all of the Santiago pilgrims will be praying for the unity of all Christians in the common ground of the Apostolic Faith. Spain, even with its small minority of non-Catholic Christians, has shown significant leadership in contribution to the modern ecumenical movement. Its transformation from a society where Catholicism was identified with Spanish culture

and government to an open, welcoming and pluralistic society which now celebrates religious liberty, is itself a tribute to its ecumenical leadership. In tribute to the leadership of the Spanish Roman Catholic Church, Archbishop Raymon Torrella, of the historic see of Tarragona, will be the opening preacher in the Cathedral.

The World Conference will bring together leaders of Orthodox, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in ten days of prayer, worship, Bible study and theological formulations on the theme: Towards Communion in Faith, Life and Witness. The enormous progress in developing a common basis on the faith of the apostles; a convergence in understandings and celebrations of our sacramental life; and witness of the Church together in the modern world, will be brought together. The gathered pilgrims will search for what decisions the churches can now make to bring this agreement into the life of the Church. It will take all the patience, prayer and discipline of seasoned pilgrims for this group to be responsive to God's reconciling grace and to go forward towards the goal Christ has put before us. The Roman Catholic Church has been a member of Faith and Order since 1968, and it will take up a particularly important responsibility in its journey, calling all of its people to the conversion necessary for the pilgrimage to be a faithful and successful journey.

In this pilgrimage we have produced agreements on Scripture and Tradition, the doctrine of grace and justification, on baptism, eucharist and ordination, on a variety of ethical issues and marriage and even on the episcopacy and papacy. The Roman Catholic Church, on this pilgrimage, has changed a great deal since the Second Vatican Council of 1965 and deeper transformations will be necessary in response to the Holy Spirit's impulse to complete the journey

In Great Britain the Santiago scallop shell has become familiar even in Protestant and Orthodox circles through the ecumenical process 'No Longer Strangers but Pilgrims' developed between 1982 and 1990. The churches of this

Kingdom came together in prayer and discussion to discern the ecumenical future. In 1990 new ecumenical structures were inaugurated, now with full Roman Catholic membership, as an important stage in the journey toward full communion. On the day of inauguration in all the churches the leaders joined their people in their prayer:

It is our conviction that, as a matter of policy at all levels and in all places, our churches must now move from co-operation to clear commitment to each other, in search of the unity for which Christ prayed in common evangelism and service of the world.

This is the seriousness of conviction that represents not only the resolve of an individual pilgrim, but of the churches in their own deepest spiritual reality and identity.

Not all Protestant Christians will be enthusiastic about the selection of Santiago. One remembers that the Armada sailed from close by. Santiago Matamoros often became Santiago Mataindios in the New World. There are even representations of Santiago, as for example in the Jesuit Church in Cuzco, Peru, where the turbaned Moors, with Inca Indian features, are labelled 'Calvino', 'Luthero' or 'Zwinglio'. The pilgrim piety was not celebrated by the Reformers, though as history shows there were already Catholic critics, like Erasmus, well before the Reformation. This will be an important moment for the healing of memories, as Pope John Paul has so frequently called for. The non-Catholic interest, in recent years, in the pilgrimage and its history may be a useful contribution to that healing. The prayer, hospitality and ecumenical zeal of the modern pilgrim will also contribute to God's reconciling work.

In the United States we have very little experience of pilgrim piety, though most know of Lourdes, Guadalupe and Fatima and many have visited them. Of course, there also pilgrims to Rome, Jerusalem and even Santiago. The tomb of Dr Martin Luther King Jr. in Atlanta is a frequent site of

pilgrimage and prayer. I remember a visit with the Church of England's Dr Mary Tanner, present moderator of World Council Faith and Order. The abbey of Gethsemanie in Kentucky guards the simple grave of Father Louis, Thomas Merton, which I have visited many times, most recently with Orthodox Father Leonid Kishkovsky, President of the U.S. National Council of Churches.

The iconography of the great Cathedral of Santiago will be bracing for many, especially those in the free church traditions. The use of the great incense rite in the opening service will challenge the interpretive skills of the best Catholic ecumenists. However, the three stages of the Santiago imagery on the main altar themselves can point to positive stages in our common future.

The solidity of the Apostolic Faith, represented by the seated and originally simple, Romanesque St James witnesses to the clarity, simplicity and solidity of those elements of the faith, once received from the Apostles, that are shared and are the foundation of our unity. Faith and Order has published a study of the Apostolic Faith, *Confessing the One Faith*, an ecumenical commentary on the Nicene Creed. The next figure, the pilgrim James surrounded by the kings of this world in worship, points to the universality of the Christian faith and the diversity of races, cultures and nations brought together in the Church, subordinating nationalism, human prejudice and even institutional embodiments and wealth to the one Gospel to which we are called. Indeed, the pilgrimage route and devotion brought together people from all over Europe, cutting across all of the barriers of class and nation which have traditionally been the root of violence and inequality. Faith and Order has provided a study, *Church and World*, which is meant to contribute to ecumenical unity in common witness to the world.

Finally, the Matamoros itself, as embarrassing as it might be in an age of peace-making and inter-religious dialogue, embodies the energy, militancy and activism of the Christian

Gospel now in the pursuit of peace, justice and care for creation and in the quest for the full visible unity of the Church. Indeed, the contribution of the World Council of Churches, in co-operation with the Roman Catholic Church, is a witness to the apostolic call to service and advocacy in the world, against apartheid in South Africa, against violence in the Middle East, against ethnic struggles in Eastern Europe, against economic oppression in Latin America. This vital and even militant witness is grounded in a common sacramental vision of God's will for the world.

This World Conference will be the first of the five to take place in a Roman Catholic context like Spain, the first with full Roman Catholic participation, the first with significant numbers of women representing the churches, the first since the opening of Eastern Europe, and the first with major representatives from Asia, Africa and Latin America. These new elements will require a full measure of prayer, anticipation and patience if we hope to contribute to the reconquest of that unity for which Christ prayed.

Indeed St James can be a firm foundation for our pilgrimage towards full visible unity in Christ, and can be a gift of the Catholic Church, re-interpreted ecumenically, to the wider family of Christians who are called with us to be open to God's conversion towards the full communion He desires of us.

I will be attending the Conference in early August, among the Vatican consultants, and hope to make the pilgrimage by bicycle after the meeting. I hope to visit the site of the martyrdom of some of our De La Salle Christian Brothers in Turon, Asturias and thence to Bayonne through the Basque country and back via Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. Progress on the pilgrimage towards full visible unity and repentance for the sinful divisions in the Church will be my prayer.

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The Red and the Pink, or How to Find Your Way near Moissac

Jinty and Howard Nelson

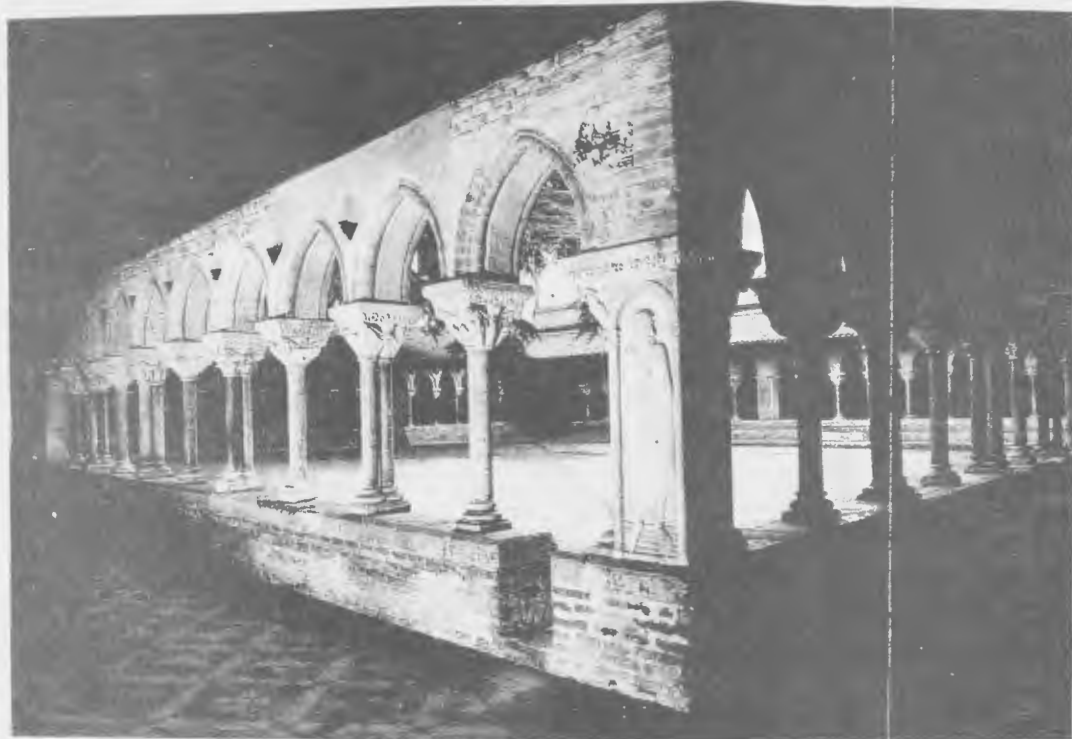
We have been walking the 'Chemin de St Jacques', the GR65, in week-long stages. We started from Le Puy at Easter 1991 and have walked from Cahors to Saint-Antoine, a little beyond Moissac. In this short note we want to pass on to fellow-pilgrims news of recent developments on this section of the route: the following information is accurate in April 1993 but we must add the caution that things change very fast.*

First of all we want to signal the publication of a new *Topoguide* to the GR65. It's number 613, *Sentier de Saint-Jacques, Cahors-Roncevaux*, and supersedes both the earlier Cahors to Eauze and Eauze to Roncevaux volumes. It came out in April 1992 and can be readily bought in France or from Stanfords.

The new guide is a must, because the route around Moissac has been radically changed. Instead of going south to Castelsarrasin, and then west to Bardigues, the new route follows the canal out to the west of Moissac, and continues along the north bank of the Garonne, which it finally crosses at Auvillar. It rejoins the old route at **Bardigues**. A helpful sign before Moissac tells you to follow the new waymarks, but here, as elsewhere in this region, the marks are idiosyncratic (often upside down and sometimes evidently done with a single paintbrush giving, instead of the familiar white and red, red and pink!) and sparser than you need. The old marks often remain, confusingly, on superseded sections of the path.

* Ed.'s note: Confraternity pilgrims who walked the route in May report much improved waymarking since the Nelsons' experience, possibly because of Holy Year.

The new route gives wonderful views of the confluence of the Tarn and the Garonne; and there are lovely waterside stretches. But we should never have found it without the help of Alain Bulois at the Cloister of Moissac, who most kindly photocopied for us the pages of the new guide which we needed.



The cloister, Moissac

It was Alain also who told us that the town of **Auvillar** is in the process of converting their former presbytery into a hostel for pilgrims, and advised us to phone the Mairie before we arrived. Behind the Auvillar project, we later discovered, was the Maire-Adjoint, Monsieur Merle. He had attended a conference of mayors held earlier this year at Le Puy to cater for, and foster the growing interest in the Chemin de St Jacques. Although the presbytery conversion is still in progress, the accommodation is already quite as good as that offered by the 'gites d'étape'. The main town of Auvillar is perched on a rocky bluff overlooking the Garonne, above the quay where barrels of the local 'vin noir' (Cotes de

Bulhois) used to be embarked for the journey down river to Bordeaux. The presbytery towers above you as you come up the steep hill from the river. It's a fine old house with a large balcony looking west over the Garonne, and it's offered free to pilgrims. At present you need to telephone Mademoiselle Falc at the Mairie (63.39.57.33) beforehand, and it's best to arrive, if possible, before the Mairie closes at 5pm to collect the presbytery key. M. Merle tells us that there will soon be signs in four languages telling pilgrims about their hostel and how to get the key.

We promised to pass on the word about the Auvillar hostel, which is the first we have found in France offering pilgrims free accommodation and which is too newly-available to be mentioned in the topoguide. This note also gives us the chance to express our appreciation of the kindness shown to us, both by those at the Mairie, and by others, in Auvillar. (We were also told, but did not check, that the Hotel-Restaurant de l'Horloge at Auvillar, listed in the topoguide, has closed. A phone call would be wise. Certainly many buildings in the town are in process of radical restoration. What's been completed so far - including the Mairie itself, in a medieval arcade on the main 'place' - has been beautifully done.)

Other, less significant developments on the Cahors-Moissac section are worth mentioning: the 'gite d'étape' project at **L'Hospitalet** did not come to fruition, and Madame Daudet, whose hotel-restaurant is directly opposite the church, intends to retire at the end of 1993, with, at present, no plans for anyone to take over the business. A phone-call (65.21.02.83) would be advisable for pilgrims in late 1993 or after. Meanwhile, Madame Daudet's restaurant, and hotel, are worth the detour!

The route has changed near **Durfort-Lacapelette** to lead - after protests from Monsieur and Madame de Smet, the proprietors - directly past their hotel, l'Aube Nouvelle, where pilgrims, however wet and muddy, can be sure of a warm welcome. Take care, though, for in this area older waymarks proliferate, and new ones are scarce.

A final tip, though possibly an unreliable one: if you find yourself in Moissac wanting to cash a Eurocheque, with chequebook and Eurocard, but without passport or driving licence as 'pièce d'identité', try producing your Confraternity pilgrim record, freshly stamped by Alain at the Cloister. It worked for us!

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A Cautionary Tale

Heather Coleman

At the end of May 1992 I left Santander with the intention of travelling up the pilgrim route in France from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Chartres, thence to Mont St Michel and home via St Malo.

Some hopes! On my very first day I was about fifteen miles west of Bilbao; it had started to rain and I was thinking about stopping at the next village for the night, when the front wheel of my bicycle skidded on a greasy spot (diesel perhaps) on the road and I came off to find myself with an arm which felt broken.

With the assistance of a passing motorist, help came quickly from the local Cruz Roja post (who also took charge of my bicycle and kept it until I could arrange for its return), and within half-an-hour I was in hospital near Bilbao after a high-speed journey by ambulance with the siren at full blast (much noisier inside the vehicle, and you can't get away from it).

After passing through reception, casualty, X-ray and plaster room, and now encumbered by a cast from knuckles to under-arm plus a large plastic bag with all my luggage, I was asked for my address. Not having one, long consultations produced an offer to keep me for the night, but the production of my Department of Social Security form E111 turned me from a doubtful stray into a bona-fide patient with rights to a free hospital bed, food and nursing for as long as necessary.

I cannot describe a stay in a Spanish hospital as 'restful'. The medical care is excellent and the food is about the same standard as expected here, but personal nursing is left to the patient's family and/or friends who can stay 24 hours a day. A room designed for six patients can have anything up to fifteen more or less permanent visitors, plus others who drop by, and sleep becomes very difficult against a continual background of chat which can go on through the night. One family had arranged for a private nurse to look after their relative at night. She helped other patients too and the hospital staff accepted her in a way that would not have been likely in Britain.

Two days later, after some help from the British consulate and the hospital's social worker, I was on my way home by air, and here the possession of a credit card eased my way. I had anticipated only two nights in Spain at most and although I had currency with me, it would have been insufficient for the fare and there were no facilities at the hospital to change travellers cheques.

I would not like to think how I would have managed without the E111 and its notes. The hospital had obviously never seen one of these before, but once they had read through the papers there was no doubt that they made a tremendous difference to my status. As experienced travellers, we try to foresee and provide for emergencies, but carrying the E111 (obtainable at post-offices as well as social security offices) appears to be a must for all of us.

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'A la ida y al regreso': Walking Both Ways

Alison Raju

'A la ida y al regreso': there and back. Not many modern pilgrims have the time to walk to Santiago and then back again but last summer I did, starting from, and returning to, Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port. The previous year a one-way journey from Le Puy, though just as long, seemed incomplete and I was glad to have the opportunity to come back on foot as well.

Is the return journey any different? Yes, in a number of ways. Visually, for example, nothing ever looks quite the same in reverse so scenically it was another walk altogether. Route-finding is not nearly so easy either, since the 'camino' is only waymarked in one direction and had I not kept a sharp lookout for awkward manoeuvres on the way there I would have found it even more difficult coming back. Walking towards Santiago, for instance, your path reaches a road which the yellow arrows invite you to cross and then continue on straight ahead on the other side. Before you do so, however, your own path is joined from behind by two or more others from left and/or right and which all converge at the road. Walking west this is immaterial but what do you do going east? Unless you can see other pilgrims coming towards you, an unusually large number of footprints on one of them or can remember the place from the outward journey you may have to explore each possibility in turn until you come across your first 'flecha'. In other practical ways however - accommodation, places to eat or buy food - it is much easier coming back as you already know what to expect. You also have the opportunity to visit places of interest you might have missed on the way there or take variant routes.

And the people you meet? In some ways it would probably be better to travel with a companion for although you meet quite literally everybody walking towards Santiago, whether alone, in twos and threes or in huge groups, you only ever meet them once. There isn't therefore the same 'fraternity of the road' you may encounter going east-west, meeting up with the same people again and again, many of whom become your friends. On the other hand, however, because (at the moment at least) not many pilgrims do return on foot you become something of a curiosity. All sorts of people stop to talk to you, pilgrims and local people alike and sometimes I spent as much as three hours a day doing this. It doesn't do much for the number of kilometres you may need to walk to the next 'refugio' but it does work wonders with your Spanish, even though, as the same scenarios repeat themselves frequently and you have a lot of the same conversations, you can end up 'rehearsing' your part until it is word perfect ...

Other pilgrims ask about 'refugios' about the 'camino', about bars, shops, fountains, or give you messages for their companions further back. I also met a few people who, astonishingly, knew who I was: pilgrims I met on the outward journey had told their friends to look out for me. One afternoon on the 'meseta' between Hontanas and Hornillos del Camino, for example, I saw four people walking towards me, a 'peregrina' from Madrid and three students. 'Ah!' she exclaimed, 'you must be Alison! My friend told me about you.' Despite the heat we all sat down in mid-camino and half an hour later were still chatting. Some of the 'refugio' wardens and owners remembered me as well.

People who live along the 'camino' also talk to you much more than they do to those going east-west. '¡Mira!' shouts a voice from an upstairs balcony, 'una peregrina que va de vuelta'. However, a great many of them thought I must be lost and reactions varied from 'Santiago está por allá' accompanied by a quick backwards jerk of the thumb to the more circumspect: 'Perdona señora, pero ¿Vd está un poco confundida?' A number of people also went to considerable

lengths to check if I was sure I knew where I was going. This was often followed up by questions about why I was walking back and I was frequently asked, by elderly ladies in particular, if I was doing it as a form of *penitencia*. This was very hard to answer since, had I said 'yes' I must have committed a really grievous sin to warrant such a seemingly terrible punishment. (For why else would anybody contemplate such a strenuous undertaking?) If, on the other hand, I said 'no', then why didn't I just go back by coach or train? Because I like walking, because I had the time or because I wanted to didn't seem to be convincing explanations. Then there were others, including pilgrims, who asked if I was returning (usually to the place they had just left) because I had forgotten something, because I was tired, or because it was too hot... In general though it was extremely interesting to meet such a wide cross-section of people, to pause for a chat and be offered from time to time, a glass of wine to 'fortify' me for the journey. I regretted, however, that my Spanish wasn't up to understanding people with pronounced regional accents, as these were often the ones with the time and inclination to talk.

'A la ida y al regreso': if you have time it is worth it. Perhaps, too, it gives you a greater sense of what it must have been like to be a pilgrim in days gone by when everybody had to walk both ways. A note of caution to end with though. Because the 'one-way' pilgrimage has become the norm nowadays it does have one social/psychological advantage: most of the pilgrims you get to know arrive in Santiago at more or less the same time and the two or more days that many people spend there are friendly, sociable and enjoyable. Returning on foot as well, on the other hand, unless you quite literally walk home or have friends meeting you at your destination, isn't a particularly eventful occasion and may seem a bit flat when your very long journey comes to an abrupt halt. All the time you were walking the end seemed to be the goal but once you reach there it turns out to be the other way about: the journey itself was the end, the end merely the means.

Santiago de Compostela

The number of pilgrims and visitors to Santiago in 1993 is exceeding all expectations. This was particularly true over Easter when there was not a hotel bed or refuge space left in the whole city. The Cathedral is the natural focus of attention and long queues of people wait to enter through the Holy Door in the Plaza de la Quintana, open, of course, for the first time since 1982. A parallel queue of pilgrims with rucksacks and staffs waits patiently outside the nearby Pilgrim Office. Here Don Jaime García Rodríguez and his assistant Lucía spend most of their waking hours delivering 'compostelas' and answering a myriad of questions.



The botafumeiro is in action each day at the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass and is as compelling a sight as ever. I have never seen the Cathedral so consistently full day after day with individuals and groups from all over Spain and the rest of the world. Except for people's modern clothing one could easily be back in the Middle Ages, such are the crowds, the enthusiasm and the piety. On June 12th the first open-air Mass was celebrated in the Plaza del Obradoiro for 10,000 senior citizens. The President of Galicia, D. Manuel Fraga Iribarne had walked with them for 1km as a symbolic pilgrimage.

By mid-June 15,000 pilgrims had arrived in the city and the forecast is for around 100,000 for the whole year. To date the majority are Spanish and except in Holy Week the new refuges in Galicia were providing sufficient accommodation for all who wanted it.

The Tourist Office in rua del Villar has also been under siege with literally hundreds of visitors every day and no extra staff to help. It's a miracle how our friend, Jose María Ballesteros, manages to cope with the number of enquiries.

Further away at Monte del Gozo the huge and much criticized development was officially opened on 15 April amid tight security. This did not prevent unhappy former land-owners of the site from protesting, their placards asking the President of the Xunta, Fraga, for a fair compensation for their expropriated land. The site is just as unattractive as feared, particularly the pilgrim accommodation - eight bunk beds in small rooms, free to pilgrims for one night only, thereafter over 1000 pesetas per bed per night. The thousands of trees planted will soften the effect of the concrete in time, and the famous view of the towers of the Cathedral remains relatively unaffected provided you don't look too closely to your left.

Visitors to Santiago in July and August, the traditional pilgrim and holiday months, will find a huge range of activities and entertainment on offer and on 25 July King Juan Carlos and other members of the Spanish royal family will be in the Cathedral to make the traditional offering to the Apostle. It is likely that the crowds will be so enormous that the Mass will be relayed into the square for those unable to get into the Cathedral.

It is hoped to have a report on July 25th 1993 in Santiago in the next Bulletin - so watch this space.

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Some Special Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage and healing, both as concepts and in real life, have gone together since the first visits to shrines and holy places. It seems eminently fitting therefore that a number of Confraternity members have undertaken and are continuing to make pilgrimages to the three major Christian shrines at Jerusalem, Rome and Compostella, and being sponsored in aid of a variety of worthwhile causes.

Laurie Dennett led the way in 1986, 1990 and 1993, walking successively to Santiago, Rome and Jerusalem to further research into multiple sclerosis. Paul Graham rode his now famous pennyfarthing to Santiago in 1987 'to help the hospices' while last year Frank Taylor walked to Santiago in memory of his son Guy and was sponsored in aid of cancer research. In Ireland in recent years large groups of pilgrims, often led by Bert Slader, have made successful pilgrimages for MS Ireland, the Irish multiple sclerosis organisation. Brother Anthony Brunning, formerly of Dulwich (and much missed in London) walked to his new job in Rome in 1991 raising much needed funds for Ethiopian children.

This year two initiatives stand out. Paul Graham is again going to be on his pennyfarthing on the second leg of his journey from London to Jerusalem via Venice and Constanta. He hopes to be sponsored in aid of the Relief Fund for Romania (the Russell project, which provides medical supplies and staffing and training in hospitals in Constanta). Full details will be found in the enclosed leaflet.

And from Dorset, led by Emma Poe, a group of new members, all very much involved with the hospice movement in Dorset, will be walking from Astorga to Santiago in September in aid of the Joseph Weld House Pathfinder Fund. Joseph Weld House is a charitable project to provide Dorset with a much needed Respite and Hospice Centre at Dorchester. The

Pathfinder Fund will specifically create a training, teaching and research fund for the whole hospice movement. Members wishing to sponsor the group should send their donation to The Appeal Office, P.O. Box 42, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8XQ.

NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM FRANCE

Two contrasting publications from France have given me great pleasure recently and will enhance Holy Year reading for both pilgrims and armchair travellers.

René de la Coste Messelière's latest book, *Sur Les Chemis de Saint Jacques* with 'reportages photographiques' by Jérôme da Cunha, is intended for the general reader but brings together both a wealth of information and splendid colour photographs, including some lesser-known depictions of St James, particularly in northern France. To take one example, we see a fine seated 16th century polychrome St James holding the Gospels in the church at Folleville (Somme) - a place of interest to English pilgrims as this village was at the crossroads of the 'chemin des Anglais' coming from Boulogne and the path taken by pilgrims from Flanders.

The early chapters listed on the contents page are more akin to a poem than chapter headings, and tempt the reader to enter into a magical world:

Les Chemins de Saint Jacques
Le Chemin d'Etoiles
Saint Jacques - quelle histoire?
Saint Jacques - quels pèlerins?
Saint Jacques - quels chemins?

After answering these questions authoritatively René de la Coste Messelière then examines the different routes, starting with 'Itinéraires du Nord et voies d'accès a la route de Tours', the chapter containing the less familiar material. Proceeding via the centre of France and the Arles/Toulouse route, he takes us over the Pyrenees and along the Camino Francés, ending at Finisterre at sunset 'dans l'au-delà de la Fin des Terres'. Rabanal is not forgotten with a picture of the church of Santa Maria and honourable mention in the caption of the Contraternity and our restoration of the parish house as a pilgrim refuge.

It is hard to see how anyone could resist taking the road to St James after reading this delightful book. Conversely, having enjoyed a visual feast of art and architecture from northern France to Finisterre readers may feel that they have already been on pilgrimage. Whatever the reaction *Sur les Chemis de Saint Jacques*, with 146 pages and published by Perrin (1993) is highly recommended and Monsieur de la Coste Messelière and his team deserving of many congratulations. The book is widely available in French bookshops at 240 francs.

En Chemin Vers Saint Jacques, by contrast, is a 91-page, pocket-sized spiritual guide for pilgrims, produced jointly by the Premonstratensian community at the Abbey of Sainte Foy in Conques and Hospitalité Saint Jacques at Estaing. The latter is a small, lay community of former pilgrims that offers traditional hospitality to pilgrims in the rue du Collège. A letter from the authors sums up their reasons for producing the guide:

It is because of the renewal of this pilgrim road that we felt it necessary to produce this guide. As with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the Lord walks with us and gives a meaning to our journey. He explains the Scriptures to us. This guide aims to help pilgrims to St James to receive the Word of God.



Using a mixture of songs, prayers and Biblical texts, the guide illustrates a number of pilgrim themes, including departure, fear, healing, solitude and arrival at the shrine. The lives of pilgrim saints or saints whose churches and relics are to be found along the way are given a section to themselves and the guide ends with a useful list of pilgrim accommodation and services at key points along the Le Puy route.

En Chemin vers Saint Jacques should be in every pilgrim's pocket as s/he makes the pilgrimage to St James, for spiritual comfort and prayer on the Way. The Confraternity has ordered a number of copies to sell to members, probably for £2 each including postage. Enquiries and orders to Paul Graham at 100 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6EH.

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1993 Events – a Roundup

The spring newsletter did not allow for a review of Confraternity events to date so a summary is given below.

First in date order was the 1993 AGM on January 23rd, our 10th birthday AGM, which was attended by over 150 members. The highlight was undoubtedly the presentation of Ten Years of the Confraternity, orchestrated by vice-president James Maple. A variety of speakers, including James Hatts (then aged 11), reviewed different aspects of our first ten years. Anthea Hopkins, speaking about Confraternity visits to Spain, convulsed her audience by producing some pink bed-socks originally lost in Ponferrada, while Mary Remnant concluded the pre-supper proceedings by conducting us vigorously through well-known songs from the *Codex Calixtinus*, including 'Dum Paterfamilias' and 'Ad Honorem Regis Summi'.

For the record, some extracts from the Chairman's report for 1992 are reproduced below:

Reporting to members is easier than usual this year as we have the history of the Confraternity from January 1983 to December 1992 displayed on the walls and after tea we will be hearing from a number of members on 'Ten Years of the Confraternity'.

At the end of 1992 our President, H.E. the Spanish Ambassador, D.Felipe de la Morena, came to the end of his term in London and we thank him warmly for his support over the past three years. His successor is D. Alberto Aza Arias, who has been in London only a very short time; we look forward to meeting him and working with him in the future.

1992 was in effect a double year for committee and sub-committee members: not only were there 1992 events to arrange but we also prepared intensively for 1993. The 1993 sub-committee achieved its aim of producing a definitive programme in late November - a tribute to their hard work since late 1990.

The great physical achievement of the year took place at the Refugio Gaucelmo in Rabanal in the summer when a number of volunteers dismantled the rotting roof of the barn and rebuilt both it and a substantial area of the barn walls. Timothy Wotherspoon, the first warden for 1992, featured in a dramatic Bulletin photograph in August where he was shown spreadeagled on a steeply pitched roof, leaning precariously on a rotten board, wearing protective clothing and with hammer in hand as he removed the old tiles. In September Ken Thomas' team of volunteers laboured non-stop - apart from sleeping - for a fortnight on the huge task of putting on a new roof, using the old, traditional tiles and rebuilding the walls. By mid-October the barn was looking immaculate and obviously met with the approval of Rabanal residents.

The Refugio was open from 1 April to 20 October, its first full year. Some 2677 pilgrims enjoyed accommodation and breakfast there and, as someone said at the inauguration in October 1991, 'the dream has come true'. But 1992 has demonstrated what a vast amount of work is needed to keep the dream up and running. Fortunately the wardens seem to be tireless and the twin rewards of meeting so many pilgrims and getting to know the people of Rabanal recompense them for the more mundane duties. I am grateful to all the wardens and particularly to Mary and Walter Ivens for everything they do for the Rabanal sub-committee.

It is wonderful to have had 2677 pilgrims at the Gaucelmo this past year, but I invite you to consider the wear and tear involved with 5354 feet pounding round the refuge between April and October. The result is a long list of maintenance and renewal jobs for the spring working party. Our fund-raising emphasis changed in 1992 to concentrate more on this on going maintenance work although there are still some capital improvements that we would like to see. By the end of December 1992 £66,600 had been raised and in the November Bulletin we launched Paul Graham's idea of Sponsor a Week at Rabanal to encourage further participation by members.

Towards the end of the year we learned with much sorrow that Alberto Moran had resigned as Secretary of the El Bierzo association, following his move from Ponferrada to his own parish in the village of Dehesas. A new El Bierzo committee is currently being set up and we will be remaining in contact with Alberto, who is an honorary member of the Confraternity.

The Ponferrada/Villafranca holiday group in mid October made a mini-pilgrimage along the Camino, from Rabanal in the east to El Cebrero in the west, sometimes with a cheerful bus driver called Santiago. With our minibus we were able to go off the beaten track, to some of the hidden villages of the El Bierzo area, such as Peñalba de Santiago with its 10th century mozarabic church in the mountains south of Ponferrada and to the extraordinary Roman mine workings of Las Médulas. We also visited a 7th century ironworks at Compludo and saw an early Iron Age-type plough called an 'ard' being used in Corullón, near Villafranca.

To return to events in this country: the greatest loss in 1992 was the sudden and unexpected death of Professor Derek Lomax of the University of Birmingham on March 12th, just days after his 59th birthday. Derek Lomax had been a member and active supporter of the Confraternity since late 1983, and since 1988 he had been chairman of the Research Working Party. In that capacity he entertained members twice a year in the Department of Hispanic Studies at Birmingham. He is grievously missed, not just here and in Birmingham but in Spain and elsewhere in Europe where his scholarship and unassuming kindness were widely appreciated.

We were very fortunate that Professor Brian Tate, Emeritus Professor of Hispanic Studies at the University of Nottingham, agreed to become chairman of the Working Party and has since presided at the two 1992 meetings. Its members have been helping to prepare the late Constance Storrs' unpublished thesis on medieval English pilgrims to Santiago for publication this year by the University of Santiago de Compostela. County coordinators have continued to work on their county research and booklets and Peter Stanley has prepared the superb and informative map on St James in Britain that is displayed in the larger meeting room.

1992 was notable for the publication by the Confraternity of James Hogarth's translation of Book V, the pilgrim's guide, of the 12th century *Codex Calixtinus* or *Liber Sancti Jacobi*. This is the first full English translation of this medieval tour guide and we owe both James Hogarth and Barry Humpidge, who did the desk top publishing, an enormous debt of gratitude. Other publications included the 10th *Pilgrim Guide to Spain*, notes on walking to Finisterre by Alison Raju, a new Pilgrim Record with cover design by Julia Ramos and a bookplate by Clare Venables.

Confraternity events were equally divided between London and outside London. Special mention should be made of the St James's Day Mass held at St James's Cemetery in Winchester. For 400 years this has been a Catholic burial ground and before that the site of the church of St James-next-the-Westgate. Professor Terence Morris who organised the day believes that the Mass which members shared with parishioners of St Peter's, Winchester, was the first on the site for over 600 years. Excellent day events were organised by Sue Morgan in Bristol and Gloucester and a weekend by Ann and Simon Clark in York, the latter being the 1992 Practical Pilgrim weekend. London events, apart from the 1992 AGM, were not well attended and changes are planned for the future.

For seven years the Confraternity was the only English-speaking society promoting the pilgrimage, until the American Friends of the Road to Santiago was started in 1988. Closer to home, we welcomed very much last November the inauguration in Dublin of the Irish Society of the Friends of St James under the chairmanship of Don Henihan.

Committee members continued to attend meetings organised by the Xunta de Galicia in anticipation of Holy Year, along with the Galician Centre and university representatives. Both in correspondence and at the last two meetings, we expressed considerable concern about the major developments planned for Monte del Gozo, the historic hill just outside the city of Santiago. Our protests were courteously received but to no avail as the bulldozers moved relentlessly on. Buildings now cover a large part of the site.

1992 has been a year of many and varied activities. As always the behind-the-scenes work goes on, principally at the home of Marion Marples who dealt with 300 enquiries and an almost equal number of publications orders. Some 87 pilgrim records were dispatched by Rosemary Clarke, while Stephen Badger and John Hatfield looked after the library and slide library with their customary care and attention. The membership secretary, Walter Ivens, processed 240 new members, while lamenting gently over the 156 members who did not renew for 1992. Total membership rose from 814 at the end of 1991 to 885 in December 1992. Will the 1000th member join in 1993?

Could I conclude by thanking members for their enthusiasm and willingness to help and Marion Marples and Stephen Badger in particular for ensuring that our general and financial affairs are so well looked after.

To mark Pat Quaife's fifth year of chairmanship she was presented with a copy of Walter Starkie's classic work of 1957, *The Pilgrimage to Santiago*, that came in a handsome 1993 slipcase made by Dr Owen Gilbert. On a motion by Mary Remnant the meeting agreed to offer Pat honorary membership of the Confraternity, an honour which she was delighted to accept.

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1993 Practical Pilgrim Weekend at Northampton

A good, central location and an earlier than usual date (late March) to catch as many potential pilgrims as possible drew well over 40 members and friends to St James's Church for the practical advice sessions on Saturday morning, 27 March. Thanks to Nora Kilburn, a parishioner of St James, we were able to use its coffee bar until after lunch. For the first time the advice sessions were held indoors, in separate meeting rooms for walkers and cyclists. Both sessions provoked plenty of questions and information, and conversations continued over lunch which was available on the spot.

In the afternoon Mike Brown led a tour of some of Northampton's exceptionally interesting town churches, including the Romanesque parish church of St Peter (1160) and the celebrated round church of the Holy Sepulchre. St Peter's, with its splendid round-arched nave arcade and intricately carved chancel arch, is on the site of a Saxon church, with the site of a Saxon royal palace adjacent. Until at least 1511 the church had an altar and fraternity of the soldier saint St Ragener, nephew of St Edmund of East Anglia and both martyrs for their faith. A feature of interest in the present church is a rectangular, richly carved Norman stone in the south aisle, which is thought to be the lid of a large reliquary.

We enjoyed more Northampton history in the evening when local historian, Fred Golby, spoke about St James's Abbey, Northampton. This huge

establishment, to which 60 local parishes paid homage in its heyday, covered more than 40 acres and stood for over 300 years. For some of this time, mainly in the 14th century, the Great Seal of England was kept at the Abbey. All that remains now is a small portion of wall, a very humble reminder of past glories. At the Dissolution the Abbey was sold to a King's Commissioner and the site used as a stone yard, with some stones probably used for cottages all round the area. Mr Golby also mentioned some local parish churches with connections with the Abbey: Gayden, which has some seating from it; Duston, whose church was built by William Pedwell, an Abbey benefactor in the 12th century, and Upton, another Norman church.

On Sunday Church of England church-goers were able to visit St Matthew's for Sung Eucharist. This church is full of works of art, including Henry Moore's *Madonna and Child* (1943) and in March there was also an exhibition of modern Christian art. The afternoon was devoted to visits to the Saxon foundations of Brixworth and Earls Barton, jewels in the crown of Northamptonshire's glorious churches.

The thanks of all participants are due to Marion Marples, Nora Kilburn, Mike Brown and Jim Stirling.

Holy Year Wednesday Lectures in St Etheldreda's

Four of the seven special Holy Year lectures have now taken place, all being well attended. In February honorary founder member, Dr Mary Remnant, informed and entertained her 50+ audience with an illustrated introduction to the pilgrimage and the founding of the Confraternity, complete with music and songs on a number of her replica medieval instruments. The March lecturer was Dr David Hugh Farmer, until recently Reader in History at the University of Reading, author of the *Oxford Book of Saints*, and an authority on monasticism. His theme, saints and pilgrimage with special reference to St James, provoked a wide variety of questions and a debate on the authenticity of the relics at Santiago de Compostela in the light of recent archaeological excavations.

In May and June we were delighted to welcome two American art historians, Professor Alison Stones, a native of Manchester and now based at the University of Pittsburgh, and Professor Annie Shaver Crandell from the City University of New York. Both concentrated on aspects of the *Codex Calixtinus*, with the former showing a fascinating series of slides of

both the Santiago manuscript compilation and other medieval manuscripts in which she had searched for comparisons in the illumination and decoration. Annie Shaver Crandell, addressing the Confraternity for the third time, took us on a delightful visual journey through time and space in her disquisition on the *Pilgrim's Guide* and the artistic landscape of the 12th century. Both she and Alison Stones are members of a team that have worked intensively for a number of years on the *Codex* and related manuscripts; the fruits of their labours are expected in the autumn.

As anticipated our Wednesday lectures are proving to be of a very high standard and members who have not yet attended one are encouraged to visit St Etheldreda's crypt at 7pm on 15 September, 13 October and 17 November. It is hoped to publish the text of the lectures at a later date.

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An account of the Reading to Canterbury pilgrimage will appear in the next Bulletin.

Stop Press: we have just heard that the Spanish Ministry of Culture has agreed to sponsor the concert of 'Music from the Codex Calixtinus' by Dr Mary Berry's Schola Gregoriana on December 4th in the church of St Bartholomew. 'Underwriting angels' who generously responded to the appeal in the Spring Newsletter will be hearing from the Secretary in due course.



NOTES AND NEWS

Conques and the Concrete Bunker

Lovers of Conques, the spectacular medieval village on the route from Le Puy, will be horrified to hear that an overbearing concrete structure, called the European Centre of Medieval Art and Civilization, has been built on the ramparts at the top of the village, looking down on the abbey church of Ste Foy itself. As well as being totally out of keeping (it has an amphitheatre seating 450 and parking for 100 cars) with the scale and size of the village (90 inhabitants), the building has also adversely affected the underground springs of Conques, so that wells have dried up or been reduced to a polluted trickle. Changes in the water table are affecting the future stability of some of the houses that have stood here since the 14th century. The project has caused a huge controversy in Conques and elsewhere and a campaigning society, the Association Internationale des Amis de Conques, has been set up to oppose, lobby and investigate the legality of the financing of the centre. Alas, this 'European bunker' as it has been called, was formally opened on May 27th by the new French Minister of Culture. Only ten days earlier the twelve European Ministers of Culture had met in Brussels and declared the whole Chemin de St Jacques to be 'Patrimoine Culturel Européen'. An empty declaration too late to save Conques, or indeed Monte del Gozo, will it help to preserve any places of historic and artistic interest on the Camino threatened by concrete and the ambitions of local politicians? It would seem unlikely. (The Association is at rue du Couvent, 12320 Conques, France.)

Pilgrim Information Centres

The Spanish Federation of Amigos del Camino de Santiago have set up a chain of well signposted pilgrim information centres for 1993, from Roncesvalles to Samos, including also Jaca, Santo Domingo de la Calzada (open all year), San Juan de Ortega, Carrión de los Condes (open all year), Ponferrada, plus San Sebastian and Oviedo on the Camino del Norte. Most of the centres are open until October.

Pilgrims in Castille and León in 1993 will welcome the news that the Junta de Castilla y León has set up ten special temporary camping sites, with tents, mattresses and washing facilities etc in key places on the Camino. From east to west these 'Bases de Acampada' are located in Villafranca Montes de Oca, Castrojeriz, Frómista, Carrión de los Condes, Sahagún, Mansilla de las Mulas, Hospital de Orbigo, Astorga, Molinaseca and Villafranca del Bierzo. They are open, free of charge, until 20 September.

Pilgrims in Santiago between July and September (precise dates unknown) will be able to visit a major exhibition 'Compostela, Camino de Europa' in the monastery of San Martín Pinario behind the Cathedral. If it is as good as its predecessor in 1992, 'Galicia no Tempo', it will be well worth a visit.

Pilgrim Leaflets

The Spanish Federation has also been active in the production of special leaflets for Holy Year. This useful series includes 'El Camino de Santiago andando', 'El Camino de Santiago en bicicleta' and a list of refuges. If you would like one of these leaflets please send an s.a.e to Pat Quaife, 57 Leopold Road, London N2 8BG.

Pilgrims to Paris

Members visiting Paris are recommended to read an article by Humbert Jacomet in *Archeologia*, no.289, April 1993, pp.27-39. Entitled 'La Confrérie des Pèlerins de St Jacques' it is a mine of information on pilgrim sites and vestiges of the passage of 'jacquets' through Paris. The Confraternity Library holds a copy of the article.

Refuge in Seville

The Amigos del Camino de Santiago de Sevilla - Via de la Plata announce the opening of a pilgrim refuge in the city at the Convent of the Padres Capuchinos, Ronda de Capuchinos no.1. Pilgrims will be received until 10pm when the Convent's doors are locked.

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