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ADULTHOOD

I have a memory of being 22 and informing my mum that I needed a new bed-sheet. I was working at a university in London as a lay chaplain, and living in my own tied flat. I had not lived at home full time since I was eleven, and was a relatively competent adult. Mum thanked me for informing her of my domestic crisis and suggested I buy a sheet. I asked if that wasn't her job. She pointed out I'm an adult. I said I was in denial.

I bought a new bedsheet. And a new pillow while I was at it. And I appreciated the improvement in my sleep.

I am sure you can remember moments in your life when you suddenly felt the responsibility of adulthood. Perhaps it was a mortgage agreement, or a new baby, or your first pay packet. That moment of realisation that you hold responsibility can feel weighty!

There is an interesting culture within the Church of England which is shifting. In a very simplistic way (and it is always more complicated!) there has been a culture of a few having significant power, and making decisions around budget, buildings, and activities. The Rector/Vicar, and wardens would hold the power in these decisions. And more than that, they would do most of the work, often with a small group of supporting women who would often do the actual practical work!!

It is a very simplistic depiction of life, but I would suggest it is not too far from reality in many parishes. Over the last 100 years this has shifted. Leadership and society has shifted. Gradually, parishes have had to learn to rely less on clergy, and to stop looking for an "adult" to sort things! I still think there is a big conversation to be had around the amount of responsibility being pushed onto clergy and parishes regarding safeguarding, Health and safety, and other governance, but I do think its a really good thing that we are more collaborative in how we make decisions and conduct our life as a church. I think it's a very good thing that I do not have to tell you what we are doing, but we discern it together. I like that I can open our conversations out to whoever wants to be a part of discerning a way forwards. But it does also mean we need to take responsibility for our life as a church, and not simply blame "the diocese" or "the priest" or "the church cat" when things do not go the way we think they should. We need to buy our own bedsheets!!

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Over the next couple of years we have some ambitious, but I think achievable, plans. A couple of things have emerged that need dealing with, but which will take time, capacity, and money. Treleigh's hall needs a new roof (or a new hall?!), and there is woodworm in the organ loft. St Andrew's Redruth needs some work on the roof, and we are hoping for toilets and a servery in the nave to enable better hospitality. St Andrew's Pencoys is exploring if there is more community support to enable the building to thrive into the future.

Add into this that we want to see our community grow, because others discover the joy and comfort that we all find from being a part of Redruth Parish, and the Kingdom of God.

But it does not happen because the rector, or the PCC, or the Ministry Team, or even the person who refills the community larder is doing it for us. All of this will happen because we as a community of faith decide we want to be part of it and enable it with our time, energy, (and yes, our money!) And prayers.

If you are reading this and thinking that you need to be loved and given space to be, and nothing more, then that is what you must do. We all have those seasons. And sometimes they can feel very long seasons. I hope you have found the friendship and support you need.

This is not about becoming a frenetic hive of activity that is in danger of burning ourselves out with activity; this is simply about owning that, as part of the community of faith, we are more than a passenger; we are an integral part. Legally we fulfil our roles by voting at the APCM or PCC, and spiritually we fulfil our roles by praying. Practically... well you can work out what you have capacity for at this time, but just don't imagine that there is someone else to be part of the church in the way that you can! We are all precious, needed, and adult!! And we have a very exciting road ahead to enable the people of our parish to encounter and acknowledge the God who loves them.

Revd Becca Bell

A Letter from our new Curate

Dear friends,

It's been a beautiful start for me in Redruth Parish. I have been welcomed by so many of you with a smile and, those I have spoken to have allowed me a little peek of their life at home and in the community. I have cherished your openness, and I will of course be praying for you all.

I need to say a big *thank you* to those who catered at June's benefice service. I felt so included despite my complicated dietary requirements. Being a coeliac is not anything I wish on anyone! I had my fill and enjoyed our fellowship together. St Stephen's, Treleigh is a beautiful building, and its circular chancel is enchanting. At the Altar it feels a bit like a divine hug! It's what I needed when deaconing for the first time. Almost like God was saying, 'You've got this Esther!'

My reflection at Treleigh was about *welcome*. I noted its connection to being missional people in Redruth, called to share the love of Christ by being ourselves and taking our worship and prayer life into the everyday. We can have a wonderful array of activities that serve our parish and raise funds for our buildings and charities, but as the apostle Paul suggests, if we have not love it lacks impact for the gospel. 'Freely you have received,' Jesus says, 'freely give.'

You may not wear a robe, share a homily, play the organ or even give out the pew sheets, but everyone has something to bring. At the benefice service, I shared my own struggles with welcome and hospitality in our home. I always want things to be clean and just right. I end up often missing out on precious conversations with friends, because I am too busy washing dishes and clearing up. Being a missional people is not all about activity. Sometimes being present and attentive to others is all that's required, like sitting at the feet of Jesus.

St Stephen's is of course not the only church in our parish. So far, I have visited services at St Andrews, Redruth and St Euny. I am already noticing that we are blessed with some gifted Readers and Local Worship Leaders, and even puppets make an appearance! It was a fun time at Bubble Church, a happy atmosphere! The children looked right at home. It was a joy to meet some of the parents there who say how much the service benefits their family. St Andrew's, Pencoyls and Christchurch, you'll see me soon! FLAPJACK!

You'll discover that I love to sing and play guitar. These are my tools for worship with a contemporary twist! Hopefully I can use them as gifts to lead you in prayer and devotion where appropriate. Nevertheless, I am also here to learn how to be a deacon and priest in the Church of England too. I am blessed to have Becca to teach me the ropes and to guide me in all things pastoral. It will be a wonderful time of training, I am sure.

Once again, *thank you for your welcome* and I look forward to getting to know all of you over the next few years as your curate, fellow missionary and friend.

Every blessing, Revd Esther Sardar

ST ANDREW REDRUTH

It is six weeks since Lez had her hip replacement and one can tell the frustration at being out of the St Andrews Church Warden action, but she is enormously grateful to those who have covered all the tasks she would normally have done. When recovering from surgery like that it is easy to wonder if we will ever get back to where we were before the op, let alone be better than that! It certainly focusses my prayers not just for Lez but for all in our congregations in recovery or heading towards having replacement joints!

As a Reader / Licensed Lay Minister I have seen little of my home base at St Andrew's in the last month except when I have been there to update things on the office computer, discuss the crypt door lock problem or deliver fruit for Tiddlers. My ministry has been elsewhere. The second Sunday is my regular 'Service of the Word' at St Euny but most of my services have been on the Methodist Circuit, taking me from Troon to Redruth and from Beacon to Wall.

I use pretty much the same service for all the venues but the readings, hymns and the sermon change to suit the week. The lectionary readings are the same so you might wonder what the difference is.....

In the methodist churches the minister is expected to choose the hymns they want for that Sunday, which has both benefits and drawbacks. The benefit is that one can match the hymns more closely to the message for that week but the drawbacks (for me) are firstly, picking a hymn with a well-known Anglican tune only to discover that the methodist hymn book version is something I have no idea about and so I have to stand, mouthing the words and pretending to sing or just looking helplessly lost! To be fair the Methodist church has an online resource which is very helpful with links to the tunes, so I have not fallen foul of that lately. And.... Secondly, it takes much longer to plan a service because I can spend an age going down musical rabbit holes trying to find the right tune or the right version of a tune.

Both Centenary and Redruth Methodist have been without an organist when I have been there, but they do have projectors and screens so being able to put everything on the screen including the hymns has been helpful, but very time consuming.

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When I had taken a service at Centenary Methodists for which I had chosen the hymns as usual, a lady approached me at the end of the service saying that she was so grateful I had used a particular hymn because it was her mother's favourite and that day happened to be an anniversary! God moves in mysterious ways!

I do speak for longer in the Methodist Churches but probably not as long as most, for which, I am sure they are grateful. As a preacher, it is always gratifying when people want to discuss something you have said afterwards and that is another difference between the denominations.

For the methodist services I always make sure I have a tie and look reasonably smart.. but in Anglican services it was always the case that it did not much matter what I wore because it would be covered up by a cassock and surplice and my Readers blue preaching scarf but that has changed in the last year or so and so the last time I wore 'the kit' I was taking a funeral at Treleigh! Helpful for showing who the minister is.

I am sure I shall find myself on the Rota at St Andrews at some point but I think Lez has cornered the market for the Seths! She will definitely be back for first one in August- standing much taller than the last time and hopefully looking fitter than ever.

Jim Seth

St Euny

At the time of writing we are preparing for our summer Barbeque, on Friday 17th July. The weather promises to be good and we have had many offers of help. A big 'thank You' to all those who will have put in the effort by the time of publishing and I hope that it proves an enjoyable evening. We have taken the precaution of having a hosepipe available to counter any fire hazard after this very dry weather, but other than that we are enjoying the warmth of the sun and the cool of the church.

Evensong on the last Sunday in June was a lovely occasion, at which we were pleased to welcome several members of the Prayer Book Society. It was lovely to have such a full sound for the hymn singing and they were grateful for the opportunity to visit. Many had never been to St Euny before and we hope that they will encourage others to visit in future. We also thank Father Gorran & Father Jeremy for hosting the PBS and members of our own church for a splendid tea in Trewirgie House garden, with an opportunity to explore this historic house and grounds.

The new Guide to St Euny has been completed, printed and we have run out of print copies, so more are on the way!

We have made contact with Anne Pascoe, a local Redruth artist who paints beautiful landscapes of this area, including some of St Euny Church. In the past these have been on sale in the church and Anne has provided us with a fresh supply, so that we will have these available as cards for sale over the summer. The cards are good quality and most are interesting pictures that you will not easily find in shops, so please do take a look and purchase from St Euny if you can. The price for all cards is £2.50p, which covers the printing and a small margin of profit.

The Cathedral was full and the contingent from Redruth and Camborne formed a significant part of the congregation on Friday 27th June, for the ordination of Deacons. The service was wonderful, the singing really 'raised the roof' and Jason couldn't stop smiling, so we were pleased that all went well and wish him all the best in his future ministry in Camborne. Rev. Esther, who was ordained at the same time, has already joined us for a service at St Euny and we look forward to seeing more of her and welcome her to the Parish, offering our prayers for her well-being here.

We have been joined at St Euny by Sue, an expert florist, who has kindly offered to help with our flowers. We have been blessed with some beautiful displays in the past few months, many thanks to Sue.

The Mining and Pasty Festival in Redruth is on the weekend of 11th-13th September. At the moment the Town Council website does not advertise the Sunday Mining Service, so please do spread the word to anyone who might be interested. I will be hosting a special Mexican with an interest in his heritage of a Cornish mining family, so please do come along and meet him and others.

Linda Beskeen

ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



We at St Stephens were privileged to host the Parish service which introduced our new Deacon Esther to the members of our churches present that morning. This was followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall where Esther was able to move from table to table and get to chat with us over a plate of food from the laden table. Thank you to everyone who participated, it was a meal enjoyed by all.

The fine weather continues and although welcomed by many especially the holidaymakers enjoying a holiday that has not been interrupted by rain which usually happens. For my garden rain would be a welcome visitor at the moment. For the elderly like myself the heat is not so welcome, we like the sunshine just not the high temperatures. Keep drinking the water and keep safe everyone.

Our summer fete took place on the 12th July with the sun pouring down on us. Football was down on previous years which we put down to the weather, the refreshment stall did a roaring trade with more cold drinks served than tea or coffee. The musicians playing in the shade of the tree. and the children putting on a brilliant display of the martial arts they learn, taught by Griff on a Monday and Friday in the hall kept everyone entertained. Our thanks to all who helped us set up on Saturday morning and putting everything away at the end of the afternoon. We really appreciated your help. To the stallholders who helped raised funds for our church, thank you.

Sunday however brought some bad news. We had been a bit smug at Treleigh as we avoided any major damage from the winter storms and although we need to put a new door on the cellar and a few slipped slates we escaped more or less unscathed. Charlie however, noticed that we have active woodworm in the organ loft. After an inspection this morning, the organ itself is not infected but will be a costly job to eradicate from the stairs and surrounding areas to protect the organ.

When the next magazine appears in October, we will be looking forward to our Harvest festival services and looking back with the hope that our gardens survived the heat of the summer. We will be thinking about our Christmas Fayre which will be on November the 28th in the hall, with Christmas just around the corner what goodies will be on offer. But before then enjoy the summer and take care.

Mary Harris

FLAPJACK

Here are some dates for August

SATURDAY AUGUST 1:

Quiz Night	Pencoys Hall	7.00pm
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SUNDAY AUGUST 9:

Songs of Praise	Chapel	2.30pm
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SATURDAY AUGUST 15:

Bingo	Pencoys Hall	6.00pm
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SUNDAY AUGUST 16:

Tea Treat in Jenny Opie's garden	1.00pm
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SUNDAY AUGUST 30:

Breakfast service	Chapel	9.30am
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Monthly tea-party	Pencoys Hall	4.00pm
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As you know, Pencoys Church stands at a crossroads. There was a meeting for the community on July 23 with the title: "WHAT NEXT FOR PENCOYS CHURCH?". A full report on that meeting will be given at the next meeting.

Have a good AUGUST

FP

Apologies to Fr Peter—this article was omitted from the printed version of Five Alive

HERE IS A THOUGHT!!

At the recent General Synod in July the following motion was put to synod members. The members are arranged in three voting house: Laity, Clergy, Bishops.

The motion was:

That this synod affirm that there are no fundamental objections to being in a committed, faithful, intimate same-sex relationship and that such a relationship can be entirely compatible with Christian discipleship.

The voting was:

Laity 101 for 83 against no abstentions

Clergy 93 for 79 against no abstentions

Bishops 11 for 14 against four recorded abstentions

The motion had to pass in all three houses. Hence, due to the vote in the House of Bishops, the motion was lost.

FP wonders how you react to that vote, perhaps with relief, perhaps with agreement or perhaps like FP with utter despair.

Please hold those in despair in your prayers as they face yet another rejection.

God bless you all, whatever you think, that we may stay together in hope.

FP x

CHRISTCHURCH LANNER



Christchurch remains open 10.00am– 4.00pm and Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday at 9.30am. The third Sunday is a Communion with new music and each Wednesday there is a Prayer Book Communion Service at 11.00am followed by a Bible Study. *The LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve through the six*

worship settings and starts at 10.30am.

OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH: *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.*
the AUGUST date is Monday AUGUST 31. EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME.

FUTURE EVENTS: The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheet. **BUT GAMES HAS RETURNED TO EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 2pm – 4pm. Future dates include: AUGUST 11, 25, SEPTEMBER 8**

FILM NIGHTS: Please note the diary changes and times:

NEXT MEETING: Friday July 31 / 5.30pm

"Mission Impossible, the final reckoning" PART 1

NEXT MEETING: Friday August 28: PART 2 / 5.30pm

SEASONAL SUNDAYS: The project has been devised by Julia KB. and hopes to attract an intergenerational congregation but with a new approach to church.

There will be opportunities for play, singing, Bible reflection, activities, refreshments, informal seating arrangements and prayers. People of all age are really welcome and SEND provision is a priority.

The next event will be held on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 at 2.30pm.**

DIARY DATES FROM THE PARISH Sunday / 2.30pm

SUNDAY JULY 26 the parish service was held in Pencoy's Church at 10.30am

In the evening at 6.00pm in St Andrew, Redruth, a visiting choir 'Resurgem' sang Evensong.

SUNDAY AUGUST 2: Bishop James chooses his 'Desert Island Discs' at 6.00pm

SATURDAY AUGUST 8: Summer Table Fair with 'Bacon Butties' 11am – 2pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 9: 'Songs of Praise' at Four Lanes Chapel 2.30pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 16: 'Tea-Treat' in Jenny Opie's garden 1.00pm

You're all invited to Pedleys People Famous
BBQ on Friday 28th August

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Thanks Alan, Nigel and team

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08	May	2026	Tracey Bennett	St Andrew Pencoyd
24	June	2026	Miles Robert Darwin	St Euny
03	July	2026	Sarah Tregonning	St Andrew Pencoyd
14	July	2026	Frances Hall	St Euny

INTERMENT OF ASHES

10	July	2026	Barry and June Jory	St Stephen Treleigh
	July	2026	Jean Rowena Selwood	St Stephen Treleigh
	July	2026	Stanley Charles Rowe	St Stephen Treleigh

David Patterson – RIP. Sad to write that David Patterson (Montreal) died just after the magazine for July had been published. Thinking of Margaret and his family at this time.

REEF DONATION

Thanks to the donations made by our congregations at parish 5th Sunday services, the church council was able to confirm that an immediate donation of £500 could be made to the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal relating to the Venezuela earthquakes.

Thank you for your continuing support for our emergencies fund so we can respond when there is a need.

Richard Robinson

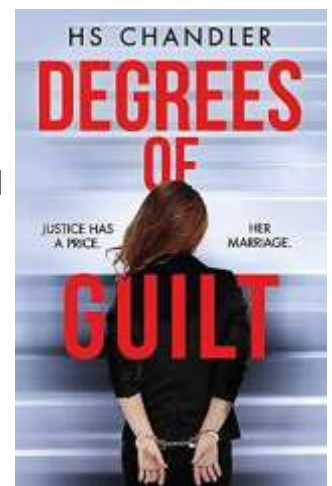
BOOK CLUB

We had a lovely time in July sitting out in the sunshine with strawberries and cherries to keep us going whilst we talked about *After the Flood* by Kassandra Montag.

The whole earth has been flooded and there are few communities surviving, many people are isolated and trying to survive. Myra sets out with Pearl aged 7, born after the flood, to search for her other daughter Row, who had been taken by her father to find more people when Myra was pregnant with Pearl. Having lived very much on their own for sometime they come across Daniel and took him on board their boat, reluctantly. Adventures follow them on their journey as they come across another boat just as theirs is wrecked. Myra manages to persuade this crew to head for The Valley where she believes husband and daughter are. They do eventually reach The Valley but only a few of the crew have survived.

It was a really good read, although the ending seemed very sudden. It certainly raised issues about climate change and the possibility of future generations facing something similar and how people would survive without knowledge of life before such a great flood. Issues of isolation and community and establishing good communities when resources are scarce.

We meet again in September having read *Degrees of Guilt* by H S Chandler, a psychological thriller with a shocking twist. Maria is on trial for attempted murder. She has confessed to the crime and wanted her husband dead. Lottie is in the jury trying to decide her fate. She embarks on an illicit affair with a stranger and her husband can never know.

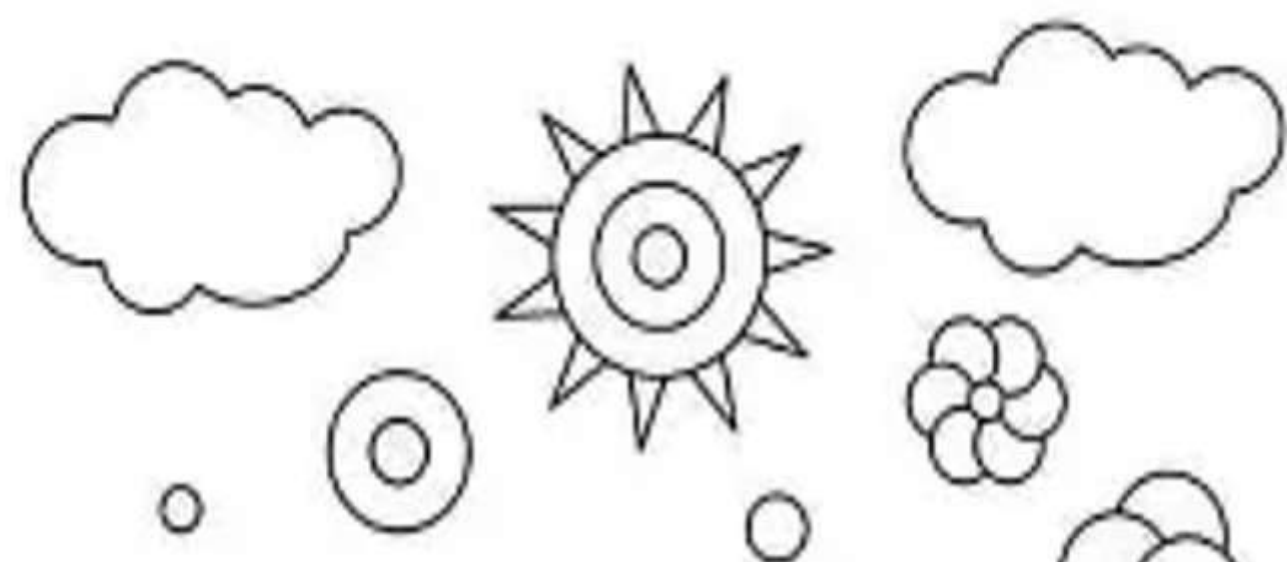


If you want to get ahead being a slow reader, you can join us in October having read *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

A frustrated teacher quits her job in 1950. She travels to the other side of the world to find a rare golden beetle. She is joined by an unlikely and quirky assistant. Together they learn the true value of friendship.

There is still room for you if you care to join us, or if you want to pick up one of our books from St Andrew Redruth. Please ring me or ask about book club when you see me if you need more details (07930 471837)

Margaret



HELLO



SUMMER



My way to Compostela
Day 27
Villafranca del Bierzo to O`Cebreiro
36.1km (accrued ascent 1,600m = 6.1Km)

As we had an early breakfast we were in no doubt that the challenge facing us today would be a strenuous one as the route that we were about to take was dependant on the following conditions; Our fitness, the experience that we hoped we have and maybe the most important one, the weather. As a group we knew our individual fitness levels, after all we had got this far! We also wanted this to be a momentous experience and the weather at our 500metre start point was fine. So, we made the decision to take the more challenging and less trodden route the "Dragonte Route." Leaving the albergue we turned right and began our walk via 400metres of road before turning right onto a quiet minor road. This section is a steep road walk of 5.4 km until we reach the village of Dragonte, a welcoming attractive mountain village with the benefit of a pilgrim water fountain. It was an uninspiring beginning of the day except for the spectacular views down and across the valley to Villafranca. From the village the path became a wide earthen track that continued up less steeply. Veering off to the left we passed between a working quarry and a hill 'La Corona' to the high point of this path at 1,050metres (3,445ft) From here we turned right to follow the track downhill onto the GR11 part of the Internationally recognised GR routes (The GR routes are long distance walking routes throughout Europe).

For the next 3km we gradually descend to the valley floor arriving at the village of Moral de Valcarce. The valley floor, if wet can be very muddy but we had dry weather so did not get wet feet. We then climbed up out of the valley keeping to a wider more defined path through woodland coming upon an abandoned church that was once a monastery with a pilgrim hospice. A short 2.4km brought us to the hamlet of Vilar de Corrales an isolated village with no facilities except for a drinking fountain. The advice in the guidebook is to be cautious of the paths here as there are many local paths that could take us in the wrong direction, so we follow the signpost Camino de los Franceses to climb to a brow of the wide mountain plateau at a height of 1,055 metres (do the conversion yourselves!) Having got up here we now have to go down into the second of the three valleys we have to cross! Taking the path to our left as the obvious one as we can see our next village San Fiz across the valley in an NNW direction, we began our steep and zig zag descent. At times the route is confusing as the way-markers have, over time, eroded because of the weather and the effects of the continued quarrying, but if we could see the village of San Fiz in an NNW direction we knew we were on the right path. This part of the path took us into what was part of the working quarry and an area of blasting, 'Zona de Voladuras'.

As many pilgrims had passed this way without mishaps, so we too emerged onto the quarry access road with all our limbs intact. The track then crossed a river onto a public road where we pass signs for the GR1, here we turn right onto an asphalt road and take the next left turn to climb steeply for 500metres to arrive at the village of San Fiz do Seo, a village that has been semi-abandoned.

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After passing through the village the path now levels out as we follow the contours around the base of the hill heading to the next village.

The hill contours gradually steer us downhill to the valley floor, after passing several beehives we cross a stream before beginning once again to climb out of the valley towards the village of Villasinde. Arriving at the village we decided to take a well-deserved break and refill our water bottles and make a selection from Andrew's varied snack pack!!!

Len Cunningham

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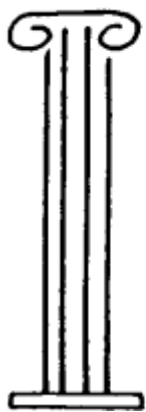


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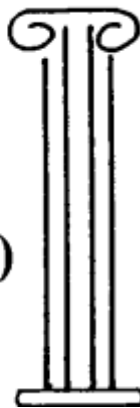
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