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## **The Winter of Contentment...**

In 2020 I wrote a church magazine article about how we approach winter. It had been the strangest of years, where some of us had worked harder than ever whilst also trying to ensure our children engaged with school, others had found a gift of unexpected time during which they became fluent in Italian, and learnt how to create perfectly thrown pottery, whilst many had struggled to cling onto a sense of health and well-being in a torrent of uncertainty and flux. As we faced winter, we did so knowing that the things that usually created bright jewels of light in the dark, damp months, would not be as we wished; we wouldn't have Christmas with family or friends, and we would need to find new ways to enjoy the day to day without, the endless, lazy summer weather and walks. It was easy to mutter "now is the winter of our discontent...".

4 years on, and much has changed. Our world is certainly different post covid, and for many folk it feels a little harder. Not many weeks ago the government announced the cessation of the winter fuel allowance for pensioners. Many are saying they will be a little colder this winter (please make use of the warm spaces we offer). Even without that, winter can feel a little harder for many; especially as the cold, damp weather keeps us at home more.

But the lesson that I certainly learnt in 2020 was to embrace the winter of contentment. It was most obvious one day as the daily evening prayer gang (you do morning prayer; my last churches do evening prayer every day!!) were chatting as we gathered on zoom. Susan had been baking for some neighbours, and had enjoyed a brief walk with her dogs. Sonya had enjoyed an interesting book that day, and I had been cooking with the bountiful apples from our tree, and had watched a film. All very ordinary and simple things, but we had all found a profound sense of contentment and joy in our ordinariness. And so I set myself the challenge to be content. Instead of longing for the sunny days, and business of seeing people, I enjoyed books, knitting, films, and cooking. I enjoyed time with the family, and time alone.

Perhaps it's the fact I've just moved to a new place that is causing me to look back and think on what I've learnt over the past few years. But I certainly approach winter differently as I look forward to contentment and coziness.

I wonder what is causing discontentment for you at the moment? Could it be reframed or looked at differently to somehow learn to find contentment?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are drawn into a way of living that enables us to find peace in even the most turbulent times. Some of the most astonishing testimonies I've heard have been from people who have known peace and contentment, even when their whole world is in chaos. But it is a habit to choose to live with God's peace. It is not something that happens passively to us, but is something that we actively choose to accept.

So this winter, when we've had 9003 straight days of rain, the heating is costing too much to put on, and even our eyeballs feel damp... will you seek contentment, and choose to accept God's peace? It's hard in our own strength, and on our own merits, but we can choose habits like a quiet moment in the morning over our first hot drink (tea or coffee or water?) to breath deep and choose peace. Choose to see God in the people around you. Choose a winter of contentment.

# Curiosity 1

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*Revd Chris Harrigan*

# LANNER PARISH – 180<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This anniversary celebration comes at the end of November and Pat Williams has written the following introduction:

*While reading through articles written by my late husband, Rev. Peter Williams I came across information he had gleaned about Lanner. As many will know, the village was at one time part of Gwennap Parish; but, presumably due to its increase in size it was decided to declare it a parish in its own right. This took place in December 1844. This means that this year will mark the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lanner Parish.*

*My idea to have a celebration at the end of November is supported by the Parish Council and it will be held in the Village Hall. Organisations and groups are invited to display information concerning the part they play in village life. The celebration will be called: **WE ARE LANNER.***

The date is: **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 / 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Village Hall.**

If you are interested in displaying information, please contact:-

Fr Peter 079 038 079 46    baptism66@gmail.com



**FP**

## ST STEPHEN TRELEIGH



The Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 15th September was celebrated by our new Rector, Reverend Becca and we were delighted that she was able to join us in the hall for light refreshments afterwards so we were able to get to know her a little.

On Sunday 29th September, we were pleased to be holding the Parish Service when we welcomed the congregation from our sister churches for our service of Holy Communion and on the following Sunday, being the first in the month, it was the congregation of St. Euny Church's turn to join us for 11.15 am Holy Communion which was also the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Sadly, the weather was a little against us with strong winds and heavy rain but once inside the church the beautiful flowers and a wonderful contribution of all sorts of non-perishable foods given as donations for the Food Bank, together with the sheaves of corn on either side of the altar and the basket of loaves between couldn't fail to bring the sunshine into the church. Simon played our well known Harvest hymns and when we left the church to meet again in the hall for refreshments, somehow, the rain didn't matter anymore as we were so thankful for all God's goodness.

On Monday, 23rd September, we said our final farewell to our dear and faithful friend, Joy Pedley when she was carried into the church where she had worshipped for many years. Mary and Anne, carrying their Churchwarden staves, preceded her flower bedecked coffin with Fr. Peter, in respect for the years that Joy had been Churchwarden. The entry music was a recording of the Mass in G by Franz Schubert with the Soloist, Claire Pedley, Joy's granddaughter who lives in Australia. Joy had chosen three of her favourite hymns and the reading from Ecclesiastes 3 vv1-6, and her son, Brett, read a wonderful tribute to his mum and her grandchildren recited a poem that they had written. Rest in peace dear Joy and rise in glory. On Tuesday, 8th October, we held our Tea Party in the Hall for the children and their families. It's been a most enjoyable way of getting to know the regular attendees. The next one will be held on Tuesday 12th November from around 2.30pm - 4pm. On Thursday 10th October at 2pm, a beautiful sunny afternoon, Treleigh schoolchildren from Key Stage 1, with faces beaming, filed into church to perform their Harvest Thanksgiving in front of a packed church of proud Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandads. Reverend Becca introduced herself as our new Parish Rector and said the Blessing at the end. We look forward to seeing the children again soon.

Our Christmas Fayre is to be held on Saturday, 23rd November from 11am - 2pm, a week earlier than normal but this is because of the Buttermarket being open on the first Saturday of each month and so much of interest goes on there that we felt it was better to move our event. Some of us will try to get to Christchurch for their Christmas Fayre being held on the same afternoon. On Sunday 3rd November at 3pm there will be a Remembering Service where anyone who has lost loved ones can come to remember. This is a very special and meaningful service especially for those people who do not attend church but who have had funerals held in the church. We are thankful that at last the Council workmen have arrived to cut back the churchyard vegetation which will make it much easier and safer for anyone visiting graves. Our "Wayside Chapel" gates have also been left open again for anyone to sit quietly or leave a prayer on the tree.

***Christine Cunningham***

## 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. *Although the 'vacancy' has ended, the LAST Sunday of each month will continue to revolve*

*through the SIX worship settings and starts at 10.30am. In addition, the FIRST Sunday of each month will alternate between the settings with their Sunday Service at the same time:*

ST ANDREW, REDRUTH & CHRISTCHURCH, LANNER / 9.30am

ST EUNY, CHURCHTOWN & ST STEPHEN, TRELEIGH / 11.15am

THE FLAPJACK COMMUNITY (St Andrew, Pencoys & Four Lanes Chapel) are already linked at 11.15am.

**THE CHRISTCHURCH SUPPER CLUB:** Christchurch enjoys a SUPPER CLUB every three months. There is always lots of food etc. brought by the guests and a good time, by candlelight is had by all. The next Supper Club date is yet to be finalised, but it will be in January 2025, so, watch out for details. The October event celebrated Harvest and there was much laughter in the six round quiz as people struggled to identify images of flowers, trees, vegetables, tractors, fruit and farms!!

**OTHER EVENTS AT CHRISTCHURCH:** *Margaret's Last Monday Tea Party 2.00pm – 4.00pm.* Home made cake and lots of chat!! The next tea party is on **MONDAY OCTOBER 28** and if you miss that one, how about **MONDAY NOVEMBER 25**. You will be very welcome.

**CHRISTCHURCH FIRST SUNDAY EVENTS:** The next First Sunday Event is in Christchurch on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 at 6.00pm which will be a 'remembering service' within the Octave of All /Saints / All Souls.**

The collection will support **The Children of Nepal**, a cause Christchurch has supported for many years.

**OTHER EVENTS:** The games afternoons and the film nights are advertised in the weekly pew sheets. **BUT** maybe you'll be able to be involved in the **180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish of Lanner** (see the article in this month's 5 Alive)

**ALSO!!** To celebrate the Patronal Festival on Sunday November 24, there is:

*Patronal Dinner, 7.00pm., Mary Anson's House, Friday November 15*

*Patronal Fete, 2.00pm – 4.00pm., Church & Hall, Saturday November 23*

*Patronal Festival for us all!! 10.30am., Joint Eucharist at Christchurch*

**With God's blessings to the parish, and to Rebecca our Rector.**

**FP**



## ST EUNY

The change in the programme of the Mining and Pasty Festival included a walk to the St Euny Engine Houses and 'smoking chimneys'. The wind took the smoke in a horizontal direction, but you might have seen this around 7.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, two hundred and thirty years after they closed for the final time in 1893. The Town Council had asked that St Euny be open for a possible shelter and meeting after the event and thanks to the persistent positivity of our Church Warden Andy and Sarah and FP, a large group retired to the church for tea and chat. We hope to look at incorporating this into the Mining and Pasty Festival programme in future. On Mining Sunday the torrential rain of Saturday was slightly alleviated, but the walkers on the reflective pilgrimage were significantly soaked. There was a good turnout for the service and we were able to welcome several representatives from the Town Council, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as well as the group of visiting Mexicans from Real del Monté.

It is two hundred years since the Cornish miners set out for the silver mines of Mexico at the invitation of the Mexican government. The silver mines were in a terrible state and the Cornish miners from this area helped to re-set the economy. The story is fascinating and riddled with unrest, robbery, division and fraud, but against severe odds the Cornish people who went to Mexico managed to revive the mining industry and create a thriving economy. Many of those families came from Redruth and are buried in St Euny Churchyard. It is lovely that we are able to help host a link with the people of the Mineral Real del Monté area today. Many thanks to those who came to St Euny on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate Harvest at our feast service. Pip's presentation on gleaning was enlightening and there was a great feeling of community amongst the people attending. We have collected a substantial amount of food for food bank, thank you again to all who contributed.

We hope to run two wreath-making events on the first two Saturdays in December, on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-3.00pm. As in previous years there will be stalls and refreshments, to include soups and mince pies. These are an opportunity to open the church to help everyone in the community prepare to celebrate Christ's nativity in an informal and hopefully familiar setting and to bring people into the church who might otherwise not come. If you are able to help on either of these dates, any amount of time offered would be most welcome. We will be taking bookings in advance if you wish to be assured of a place, but all are welcome. You can book by email to me ([lindabeskeen@gmail.com](mailto:lindabeskeen@gmail.com)) or contacting Joan, Andy, Sarah or any of the St Euny regulars.

We are planning a small Remembrance exhibition in St Euny at the beginning of November as well as one at St Andrew's, so please do come and look if you can.

***Linda Beskeen***

# St. Andrew Pencoys with Four Lanes Methodist Church

## 'FLAPJACK'

Worshipping, praying and working together as 'One in Christ'

St. Andrew's Church remains open daily from about 10am until 4pm with optional Covid-safe precautions in place.

The Methodist Church was full to capacity on the afternoon of Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, when a host of family and friends joined Mel and Christine Walker to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all who came. After a sumptuous tea and special Anniversary cake, baked by Doreen assisted by Eileen, Mel and Christine were presented with a beautiful white hydrangea bush for their lovely garden for which they expressed their sincere thanks, and for the amazing amount of £435 received in donations for the Macmillan Nurses. So thank you, everyone, for being part of this splendid celebration and to see Christine looking like Princess Margaret in their wedding photos! (in Fr. Peter's words).

Our First Sunday Evening Event on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, was our Harvest Supper, at which Becca (H) told us about 'Food Troops' in Redruth, and raised £200 for this worthy cause. We were particularly delighted that Revd. Becca was able to join us and we thank everyone who came to support this. The next Event will be at Christchurch Lanner, on Sunday 3 November at 6pm when the theme will be 'Remembrance'. If you would like a loved one remembered by name, who is not already on Fr. Peter's list, please contact him as soon as possible. Everyone is very welcome to all these Events.

Flapjack services and events during **November** will be:-

Said Holy Communion each Wednesday at 6pm at St. Andrew's, Pencoys

- Saturday 2 November** : Quiz, Pencoys Hall 7pm
- Sunday 3 November** : Flapjack Holy Communion Service, 11.15am Methodist Church  
Flapjack Meeting 12.45pm Methodist Church  
Lighthouse 3-5pm Methodist Church  
First Sunday Evening Event at Christchurch (see above)
- Sunday 10 November** : **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.45am Lych Gate, Act of Remembrance** then Flapjack Family Event with Holy Communion at 11.15am St. Andrew's Pencoys
- Saturday 16 November** : Games Evening (Bingo), 6 – 8pm Pencoys Hall
- Sunday 17 November** : Service of the Word 11.15am Methodist Church  
Holy Communion 6pm St. Andrew's Pencoys
- Sunday 24 November** : **Parish Holy Communion CHRISTCHURCH LANNER 10.30 a.m.**  
Teatime Celebration Pencoys Hall 4 – 5pm
- Saturday 30 November** : Bangers & Mash Methodist Church from 11am

The Wednesday Social Afternoons continue at Four Lanes Methodist Church on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, from 2pm to 4pm when all are welcome.

*Jill Tolputt*

## ST ANDREW REDRUTH

### The Red Blanket – (part 4)

Throughout the Autumn the church maintained a steady ice box chill, even when the sun managed to penetrate the blanket of endless greyness. Old John talked endlessly about grant funding for a new heating system but nothing had yet been confirmed.

Sally had already taken to wearing double layers and she worried about Lizzie, their eldest member of the congregation who, at 93, was probably the most vulnerable.

Maxim, the organist, had taken to wearing fingerless gloves as well as a large, slightly too big, Fedora hat he'd found in a charity shop. Sally thought he looked amazing with his long hair peeking out underneath amid two very large, golden hooped earrings. She chuckled wondering what he'd be wearing by the New Year when the cold really settled in!

Each Sunday the ever faithful turned up for Morning Worship. Sally so admired this little band, drawn together, caring and sharing as they had always done over the years, for each other. It was something so special, something that went beyond friendship and yet there was always room for strangers, those that just passed through and those that chose to stay. What was it about this building, this place, this church? Sally knew before she even framed an answer in her head. How many times had she sat here and just absorbed the peace, the serenity? How many times had she sought it's sanctuary? How often had she come, feeling alone and lost and found comfort? This place felt like home. It was a place where she felt she was accepted unconditionally, no strings attached.

Throughout all the issues concerning the heating Sally's thoughts were never far from the old red blanket that nestled on its pew week after week. It somehow seemed to her to be always waiting perhaps for it's owner to just sweep in and reclaim it. Over the months since it first appeared it had often been used. It had become something special, a comfort, a warmth, a welcome to all who came into contact with it. Baby Charlie was wrapped, most Sundays in it's threadbare folds where he slept contentedly. Lizzie used it sometimes to keep the cold drafts from her thin and frail shoulders. A rough sleeper had shared his problems underneath it's frayed tassels, warming his hands beneath it's layers. It was even planned to be used on Christmas Eve at Midnight Mass in the Nativity.

One clear, cold Sunday Morning, just before Christmas Sally, as usual, hurried down the gravel path towards the Church. She loved this time of the year more than any other. The church was already twinkling with fairy lights and the Christmas tree was heavy with ancient baubles. Sally smiled, even the bitter cold couldn't diminish this feeling of excitement and expectation. Old John called out, "That you Sal?" "Its me" She chimed back, hurrying in through the church door. John made his way towards her. "Strange thing." He said. "No blanket on the pew. Did you move it?" Sally felt a wave of shock. "No. Have you checked all the pews?" "Checked everywhere, not a sign of it." Said Old John. "Probably taken during the week and I just didn't notice." Old John hurried on, busy preparing for the service.

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Sally slumped into a pew. She waited to feel something, perhaps anger, disappointment, whatever but Instead she felt a strange contentment. A smile crept onto her face. She remembered that majestic young man, the Masi Warrior. How he came into their lives so very briefly and left a red, well worn blanket on a pew. Old John calling out, for a moment interrupted her thoughts. "Forgot to tell you Sal, we have the funding for the new heating system. Brilliant eh? No need for that old blanket now!"

Sally closed her eyes. She was very aware that the blanket was not just 'any old blanket,' it was somehow special, she had felt it. Perhaps, after all, the young man had returned to claim it, that it was needed elsewhere. She liked to think so.

**The end.**

*Pie Louis-Smith*

## **HEALING SERVICE – YES IT IS FOR YOU!**

Healing Services have been taking place in the Parish of Redruth for a long time now so it is surprising that few people attend, especially when these take place in each of our churches in rotation. Fr Peter and I are mystified as to why.

All of us are in need of healing in many different ways. There are many among us in our communities who are suffering in body, mind or spirit who would benefit from the peace and quietness of this service. Yes, we might not see dramatic healings (but you never know what God will do!) but those who come do experience a wonderful blessing and may indeed recognise healing has occurred but do not mention it, it is after all, very personal.

There is no expectation to participate in the laying on of hands and anointing whilst quiet prayer is said, if anyone wishes to come and just absorb the blessing of peace and stillness. You may come for yourself or for someone you are concerned about wherever they may live. You may or may not want to say why you have come, again there is no obligation. You may wish to bring someone but are not sure what either of you will make of it. You may come only once or regularly but rest assured it is an opportunity to just **be**, in the presence of God, being open to the healing love of Jesus.

Why not give healing a try and if you have any concerns please do speak with Fr Peter or me, we are only too happy to allay your fears and worries, and if there is a specific reason you don't come we would like to hear it.

Our healing services are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month: November 5<sup>th</sup> at Christchurch Lanner and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Euny.

***Revd Margaret***

## PLEASE NOTE VENUES FOR 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November 3rd	9.30	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion
	11.15	St Euny Redruth	Holy Communion
	11.15	Four Lanes Chapel	Holy Communion
	18.00	<b>Christchurch Lanner</b> <b>Remembering / The Children of Nepal</b>	<b>First Sunday Event</b>
December 1st	9.30	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion
	11.15	St Stephen Treleigh	Holy Communion
	11.15	Four Lanes Chapel	Holy Communion
	18.00	<b>St Euny</b> <b>Advent Carols</b>	<b>First Sunday Event</b>

## PARISH SERVICE LAST SUNDAY in NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

November 24th	10.30	Christchurch Lanner	Holy Communion
December 29th	10.30	St Andrew Redruth	Holy Communion

I know we will all have been to church a few times during December but we always look forward to being together so I hope you will make an extra special effort to be with us on these Parish occasions.

On behalf of the Ministry Team

**Revd Margaret**

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### WEDDING BLESSING

12 October 2024	David Norman Williams and Georgina Alice Williams	St Euny
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#### FUNERALS

23 September 2024	Joy Pedley	St Stephen Treleigh
26 September 2024	Sylvia Pauline Hock	St Stephen Treleigh
04 October 2024	Jean Opie	St Euny

#### BURIAL OF ASHES

26 September 2024	Enid Margaret Chadwick Kemp	St Stephen Treleigh
26 September 2024	Geraldine Laity	St Stephen Treleigh

# BOOK CLUB

## The Great Western Beach by Emma Smith

The author was encouraged by her grandchildren to write of her childhood in Newquay between the wars. She lives a life of seemingly happy, carefree days with her older twin siblings - a brother who is plagued with health problems, and her confident and sassy sister - with the Great Western Beach as the one constant during summers full of sunshine and winters of wild weather. She quietly observes her middle class parents, in particular her father, Captain Hallsmith DSO, a much troubled man who cannot adjust to Civvy Street after the horrors of the First World War, who takes his frequent frustrations out on his charming and gentle wife, or his two older children. Despite this fraught atmosphere there are several light-hearted moments, with the family's social standing amongst their contemporaries a particular topic of discussion within our reading group. We observed that money was a problem for the family for at least half the book, and yet standards had to be maintained. A local servant girl, Lucy, was employed to help look after the children, and we wondered how the family were able to afford this extra expense.

We enjoyed Emma Smith's perceptive descriptions of her early life and how she caught the moment of a nostalgic Cornwall, now sadly lost forever.

## Our new book is A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

Russia 1922. Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest by a Bolshevik court. He must live in the attic of the luxury hotel where, until recently, he had been living in a more opulent suite of rooms. If he sets foot outside he will be shot. Deprived of his usual comforts we will see how he deals with the immense changes that are happening in his country outside. A number of interesting characters appear along the way, and the author's attention to the period detail will make this an unusual and fascinating read.



For next month our book will be **My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor** It is 1943 and German forces have occupied Rome. The senior SS officer, Hauptmann, rules with terror. A daring rescue mission is undertaken by an Irish priest whose home is in Vatican City, the world's smallest state, which is neutral. It turns into a race against time to save the vulnerable.

Thank you to Susan Perry who wrote this month's article.

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. Perhaps the new day will make it easier for you to join us?

**Margaret Saville**



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## *MY CORNWALL*

*Avril Nicholls*

Skies low, grey, leaden even,  
Black winds whip sullen seas  
And wild waves strike a rocky shore  
Salt spray on weathered cliffs,  
Granite firm against the onslaught.

Two people and a dog the only ones  
Take on the wind across the tide line.  
I in this space hear seagulls call, fly  
In graceful aerial ballet. Incoming  
Ribbons of wet, shiny seaweed.  
Sea and waves, at one with me.

Ice cold, the blue Atlantic  
Constant yet forever changing,  
Rising, falling with the tides.  
This is my Cornwall, wild and free  
Here is the place I love, here I can be.

**My way to Compostela**  
**Day 13 continued**  
**Villafranca de Montes de Oca to Cardeñula**

Leaving San Juan de Ortega we crossed the N120!! to pick up our route which climbing up passed a number of wooden crosses which marked the path through pine woods and scrub-land, eventually levelling out onto open hill pasture at an altitude of 1000 metres (remember your conversion to feet?) I had the feeling as we walked this stretch of path, that it had not changed much since it was first walked by the ancient pilgrims. After 3.4Km we came to the village of Ages population 60. What makes this an important site on the Camino is the small church of Santa Eulalia XV1C that once held the remains of the King of Navarre, Don Garcia who was killed by his brother Fernando the 1<sup>st</sup> at the battle of Atapuerca in 1054. We leave the village crossing over the Rio Vena by the medieval stone bridge built by San Juan de Ortega, the path ahead of us was marked by standing stones which commemorated the battle of Atapuerca. A further 2.4Km along, green lanes brought us to the larger village of Atapuerca population 200. This village has been a UNESCO world heritage site since 2000. It is the location of prehistoric caves dating back almost 1,000,000 years to early man. Archeological digs continue at the site and evidence continues to be found of how our early Homo Ancestors lived and survived. Recent discoveries suggest that those who lived in the cave may have been cannibals!! From here we left the village just past the information centre and turning left we began our steep climb up towards the Sierra Atapuerca, passing a military training area (no shots were fired towards us!) The path became more rocky and steeper till we reached the summit at 1070metres 3,500 feet to be rewarded with our first sight of Burgos City in the distance. From this point it was a careful descent on the rocky and steep path until we met a narrow country lane leading off towards the hamlet of Cardenula Riopico. As we approached the hamlet we noticed a small albergue off to our right, so a collective decision was made to spend the night here if they had room, instead of going on to Burgos. It turned out to be the right choice as we had the place to ourselves and were treated to a delicious late lunch of boiled egg, with mixed salad and rice. So a very pleasant afternoon was had, followed by one of the best suppers I have had so far (no walkers were shot or eaten this day) and a congenial evening was spent watching Spanish TV!!! Our hosts did not live on the premises, so we were given the door key to lock ourselves in for the night with instructions, to ensure that we opened the door for their return in the morning.

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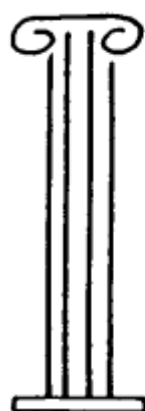


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