**Ordnance Survey maps** *page 8 addition:*

From March 2023 the St James’ Way route will be available on digital **OS Explorer** and **OS Landranger** maps to assist orientation. The 430 continuous waymarks and maps generated with the route traced for waymark applications to unitary authorities pathed the way for this addition.

This link to the OS website <https://osmaps.com/> explains subscription options for their app, including a 7-day free trial, and its features. The app can be used and synchronised on all devices. The route will only be seen on printed OS maps as and when they are next reprinted.

**Pilgrim Stamps in Reading** *pages 13-15 addition:*

Before setting off, you can get your ‘starting’ pilgrim stamp at:

* **St James Church** (call ahead if possible, 0118 957 4171)
* **Reading Museum** (open Tues – Fri, 10am – 4pm; Sat, 10am – 5pm; closed Sun & Mon) **& Town Hall** (open from 9am Mon – Fri; Sat from 9:45am). Only the Museum sells pilgrim passports.
* **Carluccio’s** (open Mon – Fri from 8am; Sat & Sun from 10am, earliest close is 9pm on Sun.)

Carluccio’s is about 200m off the route, on the plaza (Forbury Square) just after Abbey Gateway, before entering Forbury Gardens. It’s nearly always open if the other options are unavailable. They also offer a take-away “starting-out” coffee and pastry for £3.95.

**Pubs with Pilgrim Stamps**

In addition to many of the churches along the St James’ Way, pilgrim stamps can now be obtained from the following friendly pubs, which offer rest, refreshments, and hospitality.

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|  | **Pub** | **Location** | **Page** |  **Offers** |
| *1* | **The Cunning Man** | Burghfield | 18 |  10% discount on both food & drink |
| *2* | **Fox and Hounds** | Sheffield Bottom | 18 |  20% discount on food |
| *3* | **Horse & Groom** | Mortimer | 21 |  |
| *4* | **The Queens College Arms** | Pamber End | 26 |  |
| *5* | **The Queen Inn** | Dummer | 31 |  |
| *6* | **The Purefoy Arms** | Preston Candover | 32 |  |
| *7* | **The Horse & Groom** | New Alresford | 34 |  |
| *8* | **The Bush Inn** | Ovington | 36 |  |
| *9* | **The Plough** | Itchen Abbas | 38 |  |
| *10* | **The King Alfred** | Hyde, Winchester | 40 |  |
| *11* | **The Bridge Inn** | Shawford | 46 |  10% discount on food |
| *12* | **The Junction Inn** | Southampton | 47 |  |
| *13* | **The Duke of Wellington** | Southampton | 51 |  20% discount on food |

**Other New Places with Pilgrim Stamps**

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|  | **Venue** | **Location** | **Page** |  **Offers** |
| *1* | **The Baobab** | Mortimer | 21 |  10% off “Camino cuppa” hot drink |
| *2* | **Swan Hotel** | New Alresford | 34 |  |
| *3* | **Winchester City Museum** | Winchester | 41 | ? |

**The Baobab** *page 21 addition:*

Found at the start of West End Road, The Baobab gift shop serves “a Camino cuppa” hot drink and offers local Ordnance Survey map and jig-saw puzzle excerpts with the ‘St James’ Way’ route marked on them. It’s open Mon to Fri, 9am – 5:30pm and Sat 9am – 1pm.

**Winchester City Museum** *page 41 addition:*

Located in the heart of the historic city of Winchester on the St James’ Way route as it enters the Cathedral grounds, City Museum tells the story of England’s ancient capital, the seat of Alfred the Great. Open everyday bar Monday, from 10am to 4pm and from 11am on Sunday, for a small annual admission this museum is worth a visit.

A brilliant audio introduction about to what the city holds is heard and seen through the Winchester Model, a breath-taking scale model of the city in Victorian times. On its first floor, exhibit 14 … is of pilgrim’s scallop shell on his way to Santiago.

**Pilgrim Certificate, Badge & Last Stamp**  *page 48 addition:*

A certificate, the **Via de Sanctus Iacobus**, and/or a badge may be obtained for a small fee to acknowledge your completion of the St James’ Way upon the presentation of a pilgrim passport with stamps from Reading at:

* **God’s House Tower** (open Fri to Sat, 10am – 5pm, and Sun 10am – 4pm)
* **Tudor House & Garden** (open Mon to Thurs, 10am – 3pm and weekends, 10am – 5pm; closed Fri). This venue is on Bugle Street, a short walk from GHT.

Last entry to these venues is ¾ hour before their closing time, so please be mindful of starting out on your final day in good time to enter and enjoy your achievement. Alternatively, leave the claiming of your Via de Sanctus Iacobus certificate to the next day, or a later date.

Tudor House is offering Camino pilgrims a 10% discount off entrance for a 6-month trial to 31st August 2023. It’s café, which is free to enter, serves delicious homemade food.

Lastly, another option to gain the final stamp before the Camino Inglés beckons your spirit to walk on to Santiago de Compostela, the **Duke of Wellington** pub, also on Bugle Street, is open nearly all hours.

**Seasonal Camino**

Why not walk the St James’ Way route again in Spring, Summer, Autumn, or Winter to discover its changing landscape? The contrast can be dramatic. Furthermore, the Via de Sanctus Iacobus certificate offered by Tudor House differs according to the season. A devoted pilgrim may gain a full set of four!