

## Lens letter from the Via

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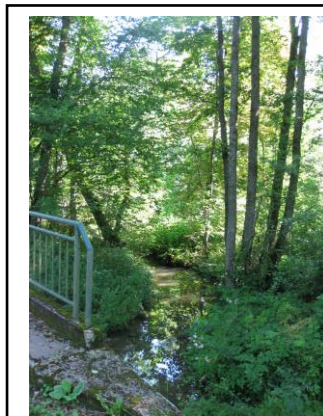
Location	Champlitte	KM's to Rome	1,405	Steps Today	43,780
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A postscript from yesterday. In Langres we spotted this public library in a box, the idea being you deposited a book and took a new one. All working on an



honesty system. Seeing this very innovative way to encourage the reading of books I was reminded of the task that I have set my fellow readers. My aim is to make this one big continuous book club meeting with a book to be discussed each week. But there is a catch, the book must be set in a place visited that week, or about a person who was born or became famous in a place visited. The obvious example would be Hannibal and his elephants crossing the Alps or alternatively Napoleon's crossing of the Alps. Come on all you serious readers put your thinking caps on and come up with

some book titles. There are no rules in selecting books other than they will be a good read. The only stipulation is that the books must be in a downloadable form. In the meantime I am enjoying a re-read of the Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy (1979) an appropriate read on a pilgrimage as the author seeks to answer the big questions in life.



This morning we left Chalindrey for Champlitte. A walk along quiet country roads with lots of forest to walk through in the morning. We came across this typical French country scene while enjoying the shade on our first really hot day. On the road was an old pilgrims' refuge which was used by pilgrims for centuries when travelling to Rome but unfortunately has fallen into disrepair.

Other walkers will be familiar with the difficulty in deciding what items to take on the road. I have made quite a few mistakes in choosing what to pack; too much computer equipment and too many paper maps which is a little contradictory so it is going to be interesting to see what gets thrown out of the next few weeks.

Here are a couple of pictures for my friend Molly.

