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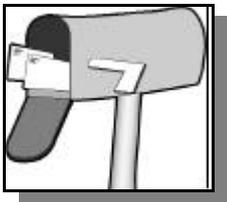
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The Bible says: "seek and you will find".*

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CMA National Executive committee and
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Howard Robinson with Wife Denise
Who runs CMA UK Merchandise



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Run for the Son 2003



Chainlink **From Pat**

It all started at a North Cheshire branch meeting. Sid O'Neil, my predecessor, was having trouble meeting the deadline for Chainlink.

"You could do this you know, you'd be good." Said Sid one day. "I don't know about that" I replied.



The outcome was that with the September 2001 issue, I worked with Sid on the magazine. Then December 2001 was my first issue - a '40-pager'. I loved it. Spent hours and hours working on it. Sid printed the cover. A copy was sent to Tigger (SWEL branch) who checked it for spelling and grammar. Then I popped down to church to duplicate it. I think we had 425 magazines. Here are a few statistics:

Covers	425
19 x Pages of A4, folded to A5, x 425 =	<u>8075</u>
	8490

These sheets had to be then collated and stapled - all done by yours truly.

The job didn't finish there. Labels had to be stuck on envelopes. Then the stamps. If I recall, a single magazine cost 33p, and the Post Office had stopped producing 33p stamps, so a first class and then another to the correct value had to be stuck on. The stamps alone took 2 hours. All were loaded into the boot of the car and carted into the Post Office. Phew, what a long job, but I loved it!

The one thing I wasn't satisfied with were the photographs. The duplicator at church wasn't doing a good enough job. I had enquired at one or two printing places, but told me they couldn't handle Adobe PageMaker on a Zip disk. So I prayed about it. A local printer, whose road I walked past almost every day was using PageMaker on an Apple Mac, also had a Zip disk drive. Praise the Lord. Sorted!

As you all know I had to make a decision to relinquish the job after being diagnosed with Lung Cancer December 2003. I was quite ill before this, hence a number of errors were made. Information I had been given went completely from my mind. But I will recover.

I am in constant touch with Ken Hardy who has taken over the magazine. Please do send him information, but more importantly hold him up in prayer. Without YOU there won't be a Chainlink.

Note from the Editor

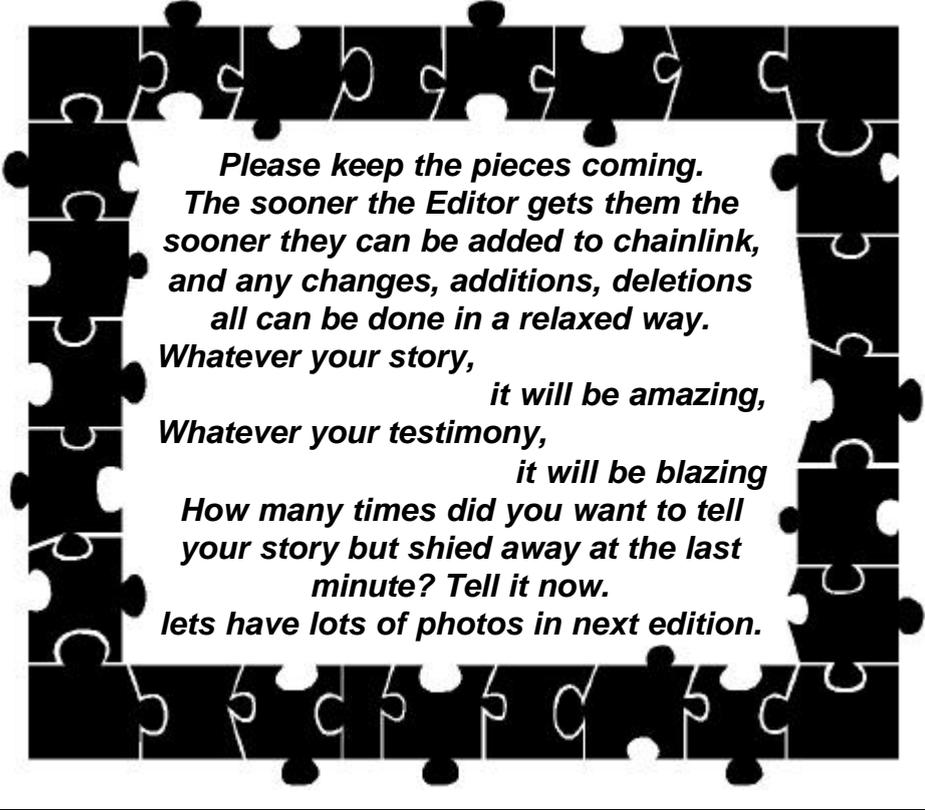
As many of you know, Pat the CMA Chainlink editor, is fighting lung cancer, and for obvious reasons found preparing the Chainlink difficult. I have been asked if I would like to do it, and yes I would love to have a go. I am Ken Hardy and at 57 semi-retired, have time and enthusiasm and have quite a lot of equipment, but with prayer and a lot of help from you all, will, I hope, meet the deadlines for the Chainlink.

My request is to send anything to me at any of these E-Mail addresses:-
chainlink@bike.org.uk --- chainlink@cmduk.net --- chainlink@holyjoes.net
If you need to phone then E-Mail first I will return your call.

You all do many things around the UK and it would be nice to have too much for the Chainlink, so big, small, pictures, fun items, whatever you would like to share, tell me.

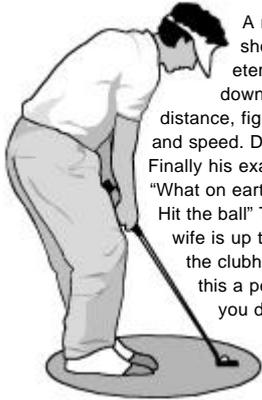
Please don't wait till the deadline given is upon you, send it now.

Deadline for August/Summer edition is 5th July



*Please keep the pieces coming.
The sooner the Editor gets them the
sooner they can be added to chainlink,
and any changes, additions, deletions
all can be done in a relaxed way.
Whatever your story,
it will be amazing,
Whatever your testimony,
it will be blazing
How many times did you want to tell
your story but shied away at the last
minute? Tell it now.
lets have lots of photos in next edition.*

TRIVIA AND STUFF



A man stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. Driving his partner wild. Finally his exasperated partner says, "What on earth is taking so long? Hit the ball!" The man answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot." "Well, man, you don't stand a snowballs chance of hitting her from here!"

IF

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get going without pep pills,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcoholic drinks,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then . . .

You are probably the family dog.



A bit from Ted Russell our Membership Sec

Communication its the thing which keeps people informed as to what's going on, not only in the CMA but in every thing we do, so lets get communicating. If you are on E-mail, or you have changed it, or you just don't know that we have yours, could you please keep Ted informed, and the webmaster so the CMA records can be kept up to date, also so that any information we send out to you via e-mail is going to as many as possible. If you're the Chairman, Secretary or on Finance please keep all your branch informed as to what's going on.

Thank You

Talking about communications

Perhaps you will remember Geoff & Lela in your prayers. Geoff and Lela were editing the Chainlube Prayer letter, but due to unforeseen circumstances are unable to do that job at the moment and need all our prayers and fellowship. So if you have time, their number, why not give them a ring. Fill them with Gods Love.

INFORMATION

Also available for
Western Europe &
London Street
Map



12 miles to 1 inch
UK & N Ireland

The Map that lasts!

The maps are published by Roy O'Hara, a member of the CMA.
Profit from sales are going to CMA National funds, Members also
get a good discount. Members phone Howard on 01642 641419.

OLD MEMBERS

25 years National Rally EMC

*Do you have contact with or have an address
for any old members from the past 25 years?*

We want to invite all past members to join our celebrations.

*This is a valuable opportunity to contact people
who may have drifted away from the Lord*



Please forward A.S.A.P. any info to:-
Pete Crane 6 Uplands Road, Leicester LE2 6PB
peteandjen@pjcrane.freemove.co.uk

BMF Show & Memba Rally

Peterborough 21st - 23rd May 2004

CMA has reserved 20 BMF Show & Memba Rally tickets
COME and HELP on the CMA stand! Tickets are £22 each and give
entry to the MEMBA rally campsite from Friday night until Monday morning
and the Showground on both days.



With over 80,000 bikers through the
gates over 2 days, it is one of CMA's
main showpiece stands of the year
To reserve your ticket, cost £22,
contact Les Jones: Tel. 01509 827387
E-mail
les.jones75@ntlworld.com

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better biking

MAJOR EVENTS LIST 2004

Where	When	Contact
AGM, W Yorkshire	23 rd - 25 th April	Dot Gough 01484 305631
2nd Classic Bike Show	24th - 25th April	Jason Bee 01260 281331
Slimbridge Rally, Gloucester	3rd - 4th April	Colin O'Dell 01452 857584
Helmet Park, Bristol	1st - 2nd May	Martin Bridgewater 01225 359132
CMA Ramsey Bike Show, Isle of Man	3rd May	Steve Parker 01624 815946
Speed freaks Ball, Santa Pod	7th - 9th May	Pete Crane 01162833213
HJ's Bike Show, Bristol	15th May	Martin Bridgewater 01225 359132
NABD Rally, York	14th - 16th May	Jason Bee 01260 281331
BMF Rally, Peterborough	21st - 23rd May	Les Jones 01509 827387
Wallbanger Rally, London	2st - 23rd May	Alun Allford 01483 837759
Builth Wells, Bike Show	29th - 30th May	Jeff Sparks 01656 724507
North West Road Races, Nth. Ireland	TBA	Ronnie Ogilby 02890 878307
Hellish at the Mellish, Nottingham	28th - 30th May	Pete Crane 01162833132
TT Isle of Man	29th May -11 June	Steve Parker 01624 815946
2nd Classic Bike Show, Halifax	TBA	John Hallas 01848 322302
BMF Garden of England Show, Kent	12th - 13th June	Chris Clifton 01797 366689
Lion Rally, Reading	11th - 13th June	Alun Allford 01483 837759
Pow Wow Poker Run, Kent	19th June	Chris Clifton 01797 366689
Run for the Son, CMA National Event	18th - 20th June	Local Branch Officials
Youth Bike, Tattershall, Lincs	2nd - 3rd July	Glyn Ellis 01162106068
Only Fools & Bikers, S.W.London	2nd - 4th July	Alun Allford 01483 837759
Rave in the Nave, Ely Cathedral	16th July	Mike McKeegan 01234 767426
CMA 25th Anniversary Rally E.M.C. At Hollybush, Nth Yorkshire, Pay at Gate.	22nd - 26th July	info on CMA web site.
Care for Rumania Charity Run, Scotland (Ring Early)	TBA	David Hunter 01505 850573
Stroud Vintage Rally, Kemble	7th - 8th August	Colin O'Dell 01452 857584
Iron Horse MC Rally, Kent	30th July - 1st August	Chris Clifton 01797 366689
Bristol Bike Show.	16th August	Martin Bridgewater 01225 359132
Pissed Indian Rally, Kent	20th - 22nd August	Chris Clifton 01797 366689
GTKEOB & Family Rally, Warwickshire	20th - 22nd August	Dave Piddington 01217833417
Bikewise Show, Durham	TBA	Andy Hogan 01642 611995
Stormin the Castle (MAG) W.Aukland	3rd - 5th Sept	Howard Robinson 01642 641419
FEW Rally, Huddersfield	TBA	Dot Gough 01484 305631
NABD Madness Rally SW London	10th - 12th Sept	Alun Allford 01483 837759
ACE Cafe Reunion, Brighton	14th September	Ted Russell 01737 210222
Biker Service with FCM, Kent	26th September	Chris Clifton 01797 366689
Quay Vipers MCC Rally, Nth Ireland	TBA	Ronnie Ogilby 02890 878307
Round Oak Rally, SW London	1st - 3rd October	Alun Allford 01483 837759
The Copdock Show, Suffolk Show Ground Date TBC	TBA	Marshall Crowe 01473 612900
NABD Coffee Bar, Bristol	TBA	Martin Bridgewater 01225 359132
Toy Run, Kent. Normally last weekend in November	TBA	Chris Clifton 01797 366689

Any deletions, additions or alterations to this list please notify the Chainlink Editor ASAP.

God cares about people who have been hurt, so should we
(The Christian Counselor)

The 2004 EMC Rally

Will be held at the Hollybush centre in "Miracle Valley"
Near Thirsk in the north east of England
On Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th of July 2004



It is combined with the

CMA (UK)'s 25th anniversary rally.

The rally is expected to cost approximately £20 (about €30) on the gate, with no pre-booking required.

The Hollybush centre is located on the eastern side of the A167, to the north east of Thirsk (see map). It can be easily reached from the A1 (northbound via the A61, or southbound via the A684).

The site will be open for camping from Thursday 22nd to Monday 26th of July.

There should be the possibility of camping later in the week, at a different location within the site.

The Russ Page disco will be playing on Saturday night.

There will be on-site, burger van-style, catering for those who do not wish to cook for themselves.

Children's' entertainment, such as a bouncy castle, will be provided.

Further details to be announced as they become available

Men & women do not just sin, they are under the power of sin, they need more than forgiveness, they need deliverance. (Full life commentary on Romans 3)

GTKEOB & F

Get To Know Each Other Better & Family

RALLY

Hosted by PIDD and West Midlands Branch, CMA.
Week end August 20th to 22nd, 2004

After the drama and high excitement of the National, EMC rallies, and other events of the year why not come to a relaxing informal get together in Leafy Warwickshire for CMA members, friends and families. Self catering with shops, take-aways, Supermarket etc. within easy reach in suburbia. Cost per week end per head £7.50
(under 14s free)

Hall on site for meetings, also has kitchen and microwave. No showers but hot water available. Due to site limitations the rally is limited to the first fifty applications.

Apply to PIDD for advance bookings, tickets, details, etc.

Email: piddloco241P@beeb.net

Or by post (with SAE)

to GTKEOB, 79 Kington Way, Yardley,

Birmingham B33 8PU

“cheques made payable to CMA West Midlands”?



A Soul-Winner's Prayer

God break my hard heart, make it bleed for the lost
I want to reach people whatever the cost
Let me warn the unsaved of the torments of hell,
Then the story of Calvary's love to them tell.
Please God **MAKE** me a soul-winner.

God burn in my heart those words plain and true,
"As the Father hath sent me, so send I you."
Just make this old sinner a vessel for Thee
And through me show others your grace rich and free.
Please God make **ME** a soul-winner.

God help me to learn from my Master and Lord
How to use with wisdom Your Own precious Word,
That I may show others with each passing day
That Christ is the answer, the Truth and the Way.
Please God make me **A SOUL-WINNER**.

Dear Lord when I come to your Heavenly seat,
There prostrate I'll fall at Your nail-pierced feet,
As I see the unsaved turned away will I cry?
Lord, but for a soul-winner ... there go !.
Please God, **MAKE ME A SOUL-WINNER**.

Wendy E Price
Hand in Hand With Jesus

Inside My Lid

Inside my lid - it's peaceful there
The perfect place for praise and prayer
I lift my voice to the Heavens above
And sing to the Father of my undying love
Then I pray for loved ones with earnest please
As I'm blasting past the rivers and trees

Inside my lid - it's a special place
Where I'm learning more about His grace
Communing with God, my Saviour and Lord
While reflecting on His Holy Word
Talking with Jesus, my closest friend,
Our relationship growing with every bend

Inside my lid - just God and me
Whilst enjoying creation, vast and free
Like a black silken thread -I love the open road
Where I give Him my burdens, and He carries my load
To some, just a bike, but to me much more
It's my chariot of praise to a God I adore

Inside my lid - should I die in that place
In that very same second I'll see His face
He'll smile and greet me as a long lost friend
As He welcomes me Home to that Heavenly Land
Smile too as you think of me riding up there
Taking my bike for a spin around Hallelujah Square

Wendy E Price S
Hand in Hand With Jesus



In the Winter 2003 Chainlink, on page 24, Pat had included a letter of thanks from the Quay Vipers Motorcycle Club.

**We have had a letter from Ronnie written by George
Ref The Snakebite Rally**

Could it be that a few of the **CMA** have backslidden and joined the Quay Vipers MCC? It all began with Barry and Ronnie talking to some members of the MCC on the **CMA** stand at one of the Bike shows in Belfast. They were considering joining the club to be a witness for the Lord. Shortly after this George Best was talking to a biker in Carrickfergus who invited him to go to the club meeting that night, after praying about this, he decided that this is what the Lord wanted him to do. In faith he went to the meeting, told them he was a Christian and a member of **CMA** and would there be any objections to becoming a member. The response was very friendly, after joining that night he phoned Barry and told him what had happened, the following week Barry and Ronnie both joined as well. It is all about building relationships with other bikers.

They were attending some of the meetings and doing quite well when along came this rally of the Vipers. After finding out if they could put up a Christian stand at the rally, Barry and Ronnie organised everything, George provided the stand and a few boards with scripture on them.

After much Prayer, (the Vipers is probably the largest mcc in Ireland about 350 members) on Friday 19th September, Barry and Ronnie set up the stand at the 2nd snakebite rally at Maghermorne Blue Circle social club. The stand included a **Holy Joe's Cafe**. Not officially starting until Saturday morning and due to other commitments Barry was devoid of any Christian company until later on in the night when Ronnie had to go home. George and Ronnie arrived early Saturday morning.

The stand was impressive, **CMA** possibly had the best position on the site, just as you drove in **CMA** were facing the entrance. All through the day, bikers were arriving, pitching tents walking round the stalls, calling in for coffee or tea and a biscuit. Many members of Quay Viper's mcc were doing the security on the site; they were regular visitors coming in for a drink and chatting sometimes even about Christian issues! We had plenty of opportunities to witness to different people, some had drink taken, some had more drink taken, some had no drink taken at all, but were still wobbling all over the place! Maybe they were just tired?

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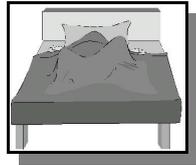
Ref The Snakebite Rally con't.

During the afternoon it was arranged for a Helicopter to come and take photographs of the site. At the back of the stand was a large white board with the verse "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. This board (with permission) was carried and placed in the centre of the field where all the tents were; this verse is now in most of the aerial photographs.

By late Saturday night there were nearly a thousand bikers and others on the site, most intent on getting drunk, but all came under the influence of the gospel in one way or another. During Saturday Brian visited the stand for a few hours, Uel was also present with a stand of his own, (more influence). Saturday night saw only Barry and George left to do the night shift, during this time lots of conversations were had with different individuals, some very personal things were discussed by individuals. Barry and George retired to their tents between 3-00 and 4-00 am. They were up bright and bushy tailed! At 7 am serving coffee to a lot of bleary-eyed people.

In the afternoon Ronnie arrived with the trailer and the three men ably assisted by Ronnie's daughter packed up the stand and headed home for a well-earned rest.

Overall it was a very good weekend, many people were evangelised, and **CMA** learned some very, valuable things about bike rallies.
Glory is to GOD.



Dear Lord

So far today, am I doing all right? I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card. But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.



This article was sent to the Editor by Dawn Parker
The Groom is Steve O'Hare (he is Dawn's son) And the young woman is Marianne Larsen (her dad is president of Kilden Denmark)

A real fairy tale story

Once upon a time a Danish princess, who was about to finish high school, really wanted to see a little bit of the world before starting at work. Eager to experience a different culture and learn a strange language, she inserted a little note in Chainlink hoping to get in touch with somebody she could stay with for a few weeks. A family from the Isle of Man contacted the princess, they had three almost teenagers and wouldn't mind having somebody staying with them during the summer holiday. So on her twenty first birthday the princess packed her stuff and went off to the Isle of Man. The princess just couldn't believe it, what a beautiful island and what a nice family. Here she experienced many wonderful things; she went on trips in the beautiful nature, saw cats with no tails, tasted kippers and heard all about the TT. Now the princess thought, it just couldn't get better, but then she found out that the family had an older son, hmmm, a real prince...! The prince took the princess to the museum, to the pictures, to the pub, to the beach and almost everywhere. It was so nice spending time with the prince. The princess' little heart was beating and her cheeks were blushing, this was real love.

But soon came the day when the princess had to return to her kingdom. There was no way around it; the duties were calling. On the day she left, the princess promised the prince that she would come back.

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The following half year the princess visited the island as much as she could and every morning and every evening she was on the phone, talking to her prince. It was not long before the people of Denmark found out what the princess was up to. The rumors said that she was spending all the tax money on phone calls and flights, and that she gave her country no attention at all. So the people gave her an ultimatum; it's us or the prince. The princess had no doubt in her heart, she knew that she belonged with her prince.

So on a cold winters morning she packed all her goods and moved to the Isle of Man.

It wasn't always easy living in a strange country, but the princess found good support in the lovely family and church. She got herself a car, a job and a nice flat where she could live. Soon the prince felt that it wasn't enough just having the princess in his country, he wanted to marry her and live with her. So he went on his knees and asked the princess to be his wife. So happy and proud was the princess, she told him that she would love to be his wife. And on a snowy winter's morning in Denmark before God and the congregation and in a beautiful church, the princess promised the prince that she would be with him through good times and bad times and forever.

After the wedding and the honeymoon, the prince and the princess went back home to the island to start a new life together and they lived happily ever after.

Marianne O'Hare

"WOODEN CROSS RIDER"

The Son of God Jesus Christ, when on the cross spoke seven times, these seven times are all found in God's word the Bible.

1. Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". Luke Ch23 v 34. Do you know what you are doing when you do not believe! Even when nailed to the cross suffering in pain and agony, he said "Father forgive them". Even then Jesus still loves you and wants to forgive you of all your sins and wrong doings, so you can accept him as your saviour.

2. Jesus said unto him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" Luke Ch23 v 43. Jesus was crucified along with two others, they were criminals, they were going to die along with Jesus. One criminal hanging there insulted Jesus by saying, Aren't you the Messiah, save yourself and us. The other criminal reprimanded him, stating We are getting what we deserve, Jesus is innocent! Then he said to Jesus, Remember me when you come into your kingdom. Would you like to go to heaven? Then ask Jesus into your life and ask forgiveness of all the wrong you have done.

3. Then Jesus said unto his mother "Woman behold thy son !" "Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy Mother !" John Ch19 v 26-27.

Jesus has provided a new home for you to, it's called Heaven and family, the family of God. In John Ch20 v 17, Jesus said, I ascend to my father and your father and to my God and your God. To get your name written in the book of life you must repent of all your sins and trespasses.

4. Jesus cried, "My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me" Matt Ch27 v 46. Jesus was the sin bearer, he took all the sin which was laid on him at the cross, dyeing, bleeding, pain unimaginable for me and you. So much so that God the Father could not bear to look at him. It must have broke his heart. God the Father did say, This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. Matt Ch3 v 17. Your sin was paid for by Jesus Christ in full so you could live in newness of eternal life.

5. Jesus said, "I thirst". John Ch19 v 28. Jesus thirsted after the work God the Father gave him to do. Jesus thirsted after the glorifying of God and finishing the work of Redemption, our sins forgiven and our names written in the book of life. Do you thirst to know Jesus as your personal saviour and to know him as a friend.

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"WOODEN CROSS RIDER" con't

6. Jesus said "It is finished". John Ch19 v 30.

The humiliation Jesus went through for you and me is unbelievable, it doesn't bear thinking about! Even when thirsty all he was offered was vinegar. They had put Jesus, Gods son through so much torment that his persecutors could do no more. Jesus, Gods son was the perfect and only sacrifice that can rid of us of all our sins.

7. Jesus said, "Father into thy hands I commend my sprit". Luke23 v 46.

God the Father said to Jesus "sit thou at my right side". Matt C22 v 44.

Jesus took your place ! Gave his life ! Now he has gone back to his rightful place at his fathers side.

Just remember he died for you ! .

Seven last sayings of Christ Jesus on the Cross

Luke Ch23v34	FORGIVENESS
Luke Ch23v43	SALVATION
John Ch19v27	AFFECTION
Matthew Ch27v46	ANGUISH
John Ch19v28	SUFFERING
John Ch19v30	VICTORY
Luke Ch23v46	CONTENTMENT

From Mike (Rainbow) Snailham. Norfolk Branch



Communicate do you do it?

*Do you bother to keep in contact with your Members and Affiliates?
Do you bother to keep in touch with your local or nearest CMA branch?
Read David Hunters article for inspiration, lets communicate, talk to
each other. Read the other reports from the branches*

"And when this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter that is coming from Laodicea." Colossians 4:16 NASB

Ever read a letter addressed to someone else? Been over at a friends' house and seen an open envelope lying on the desk while they were in the kitchen making you a cup of tea? Well, even if you resisted that temptation, if you have read the New Testament, you have been reading letters not addressed to you. Or, at least, not originally addressed to you.

Originating from the Greek word epistole, "epistles", or letters, provide the majority of the New Testaments' content.

We tend to skip over verses like Colossians 4:16 in order to get to the "important stuff". In fact, whole chapters of the New Testament often read more like private discussion than public instruction (see Romans 16, for just one example). Reading through these passages can seem irrelevant, as if nothing there has any value to us today. Or it can feel awkward, like we are eavesdropping on a private conversation or stealing that peek at our friends' mail. However, both views overlook the point of these passages.

These passages are relevant and important because they show us the value that the early church placed on communication. These were not people working in a vacuum, distancing themselves from one another. They were constantly sharing with their fellow believers. Giving instruction or rebuke, support or blessing, these were people who wanted to share what was going on in their lives, as well as expected to hear about what was going on in the lives of their fellow believers, whether down the road or across the world.

Also, these passages are important because they show us that what happens in the church and in the lives of Christians today, has happened throughout the ages. Have a really good read through some of these passages, there are expressions of **joy, pain, loss, excitement, victory, defeat, thankfulness**, all laid out as nothing more than personal greetings. Giving encouragement and sharing one another's burdens form the backbone of the Christian life. Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us not neglect to communicate with one another, instead let us have an expectation of hearing from each other, and of sharing what's going on in our own lives.

Written By Glenn from KCC Norwich a CMA supporter

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Scotland

Forth and Tay
Rest of Scotland

Midlands

East Midlands
West Midlands
Bedford
Norfolk

Ireland

Ireland

Isle of Man

Isle of Man

Yorkshire

West Yorkshire

North East

North East

North West

Merseyside
North Cheshire
Stafford

South West

Bristol
Gloucester
South Wales

South East

Kent
Most of Essex
& South Suffolk
South West London
Surrey and Sussex
Thames Valley

If you are not a member of the CMA and
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NATIONAL CMA AGM

Friday 23 -25th April 2004

Organised by the West Yorkshire branch. Have you booked yet?

We do hope that you will make every effort to be with us!

Venue:

Trinity Methodist Church, Winterton, which is 6 miles north of Scunthorpe and just south of the Humber bridge.

Accommodation:

There is floor space for bedding down with sleeping bags etc. on the church premises.

Bed and breakfast:

Is available in the area.
A list will be available upon booking.

Camping:

Is available in the gardens of church members, and is within walking distance of the church.

Activities:

The AGM will be on the Saturday afternoon, 1-15 to 5pm, but the rest of the weekend will offer opportunity for fun, fellowship and worship together, a ride out or visits to local attractions, some entertainment and maybe even some outreach.
The weekend will close after the Sunday morning service.

Cost:

The full weekend is £10
(+ take-aways on Saturday evening)

Further information:

For booking form please contact:-
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Reports from around the Branches

TRACTS AND LEAFLETS FOR THE CMA

North East Branch.

My name is David Sheppard. I am a member of the Christian Motorcyclists' Association, North East Branch.

We have a vision to be able to centralise all the tracts and leaflets that we use in our work, so that everybody knows what is available, and where to get it. As part of that vision, I am putting together a list of everything that we already have in our group, and what is available from other sources.

How can you help? Easy! **First** you can tell me which tracts and leaflets you have within your own groups that you find really effective in evangelism. It would be really helpful if you could either put a copy of the tract or leaflet in the post to me, or you could send an outline of what is included in it.

Second, you can send me any information that you have about where we can get tracts and leaflets that will be useful to us in our work.

If you can do any of this, please do not hesitate to contact me in any of the following ways:

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Phone: 0191 386 5911

Many thanks for all your help. God bless David Sheppard

Reports from around the Branches

Bristol

Did you know about Holy Joe's?

Holy Joe's Cafe's are run by the Christian Motorcyclists' Association at a number of bike rallies and shows such as Stormin' the Castle, BMF Show and the Isle of Man TT.

T T MILK MILK SUGAR SUGAR The **Holy Joe's** cafe's provide a haven from the noise and bustle on site, where people can come and talk, will not be offered alcohol, and find a friendly atmosphere.

2004 May 31st - June 11th TT Festival. Bikes, outreach, bikes, **Holy Joe's**, bikes, camping, and er, bikes.

Oh, and no speed limits. **Holy Joe's**



Holy Joe's
The Place To Be
For Coffee And Tea

Helmet Parks

The Christian Motorcyclists' Association has run charity helmet parks at places like Box Hill and Matlock Bath. These helmet parks provide a safe place for rider to leave their helmets rather than carry them about whilst on foot. Typically a helmet park will make a small charge for the service and the proceeds will be donated to charity. Other services such as visor cleaning may be available too.

And now we have:-

The second annual "**HJ's Bike Show**" took place on the 17th May 2003 at the Chipping Sodbury Masonic Hall, after an unfortunate double booking at the usual venue of the Rugby Club. All proceeds from the show go to **The Freewheelers** charity in Bristol, who deliver urgent medical supplies (by bike) around the area helping to save lives. The day started off cool and dry with the face-painter huddled in her jumper for warmth. Later in the afternoon there were a number of showers, one or two of them quite heavy, but none lasted too long fortunately. The kitchen at the hall provided a sterling supply of burgers, bacon chips and onions. At lunch time there was even rhubarb crumble. All of which help to keep spirits up (along with the bar no doubt). Entertainment was provided by the band **Twisted**, who certainly rocked the hall. At one point their singer made use of his radio mic' and came outside to the bike display during the set!

If you have the web then do look at www.cma.org.uk and follow the many links

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Bristol

Bristol branch will be running the 3rd **HJ's Bike Show** this year, having got the BMF to move their rally so it does not clash with ours!

A bit a history first, the branch were given the show 4yrs ago by a couple that moved from the area but wanted to see a charity bike show continue. After a couple of hic-ups with foot & mouth and then talking with the local small patch club we were up and running. We also lost 2 large garden gazebos at the first show, which provided good entertainment for all those watching!

The show is a ride in and show one dayer which has found a new home at the Masonic Hall in Chipping Sodbury and is run with the very grateful help of other local branches. The show enables us to make good contacts with all sorts of people and show the club in a good light. This year the entertainer contacted us, which means we are making an impact. We aim to ensure that there is always a good atmosphere at the show with hopefully a good selection of raffle prizes and interesting and high quality awards.

The show is run for the benefit of Freewheelers Bristol, who runs medical supplies to hospitals in the area.

If you'd like to know more please talk to anybody from the branch.

From Martin Bridgewater

From Mark the Norfolk Chairman

The mission of the Norfolk Branch is primarily to evangelise people who ride motorcycles. It is my belief that we have to bring the church to the people before we can bring people to church, therefore we are active in sharing our faith by attending motorcycle gatherings. It is my hope that people can see the love of Jesus in me, and then come to find out more.

Because of the diverse nature of our members we all feel called to reach different kinds of motorcyclists. So as Jesus sent seventy-two men out in pairs (Luke 10:1) so we also go out in pairs to where we are felt called.

Reports from around the Branches

CHARLIE'S TESTIMONY

Lakes N' Lancs. CMA Twig

My name is Charlie and I am a member of Lakes N' Lancs. CMA. We meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month. There are 10 of us at present. I am also a member of the Three Percenters MCC, which is a motorcycle club for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous

And this is where my journey starts.

I am a recovering alcoholic. I came into the fellowship of AA in October '96, after 13 years of drinking and drug abuse. Through my attendance at AA meetings, I learned about the twelve step programme and the importance of the spiritual experience. I was told that God could remove the craving for alcohol. Christian faith is not compulsory in AA, so this is my personal experience.

One night, after 3 months of meetings and still drinking, I reached my stepping-off point. I could no longer live with or without alcohol. I had to make that leap of faith. I decided to ask God to remove the craving for alcohol.

By the grace of God I haven't had a drink or drug since Christmas Day 1996. I had expected powerlessness over alcohol, but came to believe in a power greater than myself, and believe that God could restore me to sanity. When God removed the craving for alcohol from me I could no longer deny the existence of God, but making a decision to hand my life and my will over to God has been a continuous journey over the last 7 years.

As a child I went to Sunday School and remember being told Bible stories, but we moved and that came to an end. I remember thinking about God at 12/15 years of age, and tried talking to Him. I asked Him to look after a relative which He did, but I can't remember thinking about God again until I found AA.

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CHARLIE'S TESTIMONY con't

Through AA I came across church people and attended a short course run by a local church called 'Understanding Jesus'. There I was told, 'Come to the Father, through the Son'. Here came a shift in my spiritual focus. I turned my attention to Jesus and started reading the New Testament and loved it.

After I came to live in Kendal in 2001, I met Chaz at the Granary (now Manna House). I was delivering free newspapers. I became a regular attendee at the Granary, which is a Drop-in Centre. Through talking to Chaz, I made the decision to hand my life and my will over to the God of my understanding. Chaz talked about me coming to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

We prayed. I started to attend the New Life Church. My spiritual journey was on the move again.

I have continued my attendance at AA and the New Life Church, joined the CMA and helped set up Lakes N' Lancs. Twig,, and tried to help Chaz with his motorcycle ministry 'Be Chosen' at Devil's Bridge, which I have very much enjoyed this year.

This year I've been learning who I am in Christ. Learning to let go of the past because Jesus has set me free. I have recently returned to Manna House as a volunteer where I hope I might help someone else, as Manna House once helped me. I am still learning about the Christian faith and hope my relationship with Jesus continues to grow. "Make me a Channel of Thy Peace".

Many thanks to the CMA members in North Cheshire; we all wish we were closer. Thank God for the M6.

Love and best wishes, Charlie.



Reports from around the Branches

EMC 2003 Ål in Norway By Jason Goodwill

In effect the rally started at the ferry terminal when I met a few members of CMA and the person I had planned to ride to North Cape with. This was a change, as usually on a ferry crossing I am on my own, so this was a good start to the event and holiday. After disembarking at Haugesund, I had a slow but pleasant and scenic ride of about 200 miles to the rally site. It seemed at the time that at each stop, I met someone who was going to the rally, on several occasions I met and talked to a young Danish couple, some Norwegians and also met one of the other CMA members who I had met on the ferry. I finally arrived at the rally site in fine weather about 1930, having found the site straight away, in the past this hasn't been the usual state of affairs.

After pitching the tent and grabbing something to eat, I spent the next while catching up with some old acquaintances and meeting a few new ones. The day finished off with an opening praise meeting led by a South African CMA music group.

Friday was a leisurely day, starting off in the on site cafe having a usual continental breakfast and loads of coffee, later I met several more CMA members as they arrived. Along with Michael from FCM (my riding partner for the North Cape trip), I rode into the local town for some supplies and to have a meal. Most of Friday was spent in fellowship with people from a number of countries. Time in the evening was spent around a small fire chatting, eating less than wholesome food and drinking soft drinks, (sugar free in my case).

Saturday was the main day of the rally, with meetings in the morning, evening and a midnight communion service. Early on the Saturday, Michael had decided to begin his tour to North Cape as he wanted to have a look at the Russian border, we next met up at North Cape a few days later. Again, I spent a lot of time with members of CMA as well as other friends, including meeting with one from Holy riders who I met at the previous EMC rally held in Norway (1993), who recognised me immediately. The afternoon's "highlight" as in many rallies is the silly games. These included riding an obstacle course whilst the pillion was trying to either grab or skewer something and a tractor pulling contest. The Saturday afternoon also includes a president's meeting, where club president's get together to share their vision for the club, God's work and to try and build unity and fellowship between the clubs.

Sunday morning was another fine day, putting away the myth that it always rains in Norway. I had time for a leisurely breakfast with fellowship before the morning service. Afterwards was time for a quick lunch during packing away my stuff and saying "see you" before heading out onto the road north to finally realise an ambition to visit the northernmost point of Europe accessible by road.

This is a brief recollection of a great event, with a sense of fellowship and unity I rarely find anywhere else. I hope that this will act as a taster and encourage others to come along to one this year. It is to be held at Hollybush Christian Fellowship near Thirsk (North Yorkshire) between 22nd and 26th July this year.

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PHOTOS By Jason Goodwill from the
EMC 2003 Ål in Norway



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Scottish Branch by David Hunter

By the time you read this we should have well and truly awakened from our winter hibernation (what a good idea to be able to sleep through all the bad weather!) and be fully involved in the 2004 biking scene. As I write this we are just a couple of weeks away from the Scottish Bike Show at Ingliston near Edinburgh, where we have a stand. Hopefully this year will be at least as fruitful as 2003 was, with many opportunities to break down prejudices about Christianity being irrelevant and for grey haired, boring old codgers. Although I have to personally admit to the old, grey haired bit, the boring part is hopefully not relevant (at least not all of the time) and the Gospel is certainly neither boring nor irrelevant. At last year's Show the stall-holder next to us was warned before the Show that he was next to 'these Christians' and might have had cause for concern due to the fact that he had a couple of young models on his stand who were not - how shall we put it - always fully clothed!!! His perceptions were certainly challenged and changed, however, as we all got on really well and in quiet moments we were able to gently share the Gospel in a non-threatening way - even with the girls; although we did wait until they were fully clothed!

Our programme of runs for the year will have been printed prior to the Bike Show, and it will be tremendous if the weather this summer follows the pattern of last year. Not a lot of bikers turn up for runs when they look out of the window and see what passes for a thunderstorm, but on the good days we get up to 25 bikes. On average last year at least 50% of the riders on each run were non-Christians, some having been contacted through Forth & Tay's bikers cafe. The whole point of this type of event is to reach non-Christians for Christ, and we create time for getting alongside these folks at our stopping points in order to build up relationships. The stopping points also often provide other opportunities to speak with other bikers and young folk.

This year's Sponsored Run takes place over the 20th - 22nd August, and is in aid of Care Rumania and an Orphanage in Freetown, Sierra Leone which a Scottish surgeon we know who helps with Mercy Ships is involved with. Anyone wishing further information please contact me. We would value your prayers for a safe and successful run this year. It would be nice if we could break last year's total of approximately £3,000 raised in aid of TEAR Fund's project in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

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Scottish Branch by David Hunter Con't

As well as the above, we get quite a few invitations to speak at Services, youth groups, Women's Guild meetings etc throughout the year. It always amazes me how many invitations we receive from Women's Guild's and how well the ladies respond. We never turn down an invitation from any group if we are able to get along on the required date, as every non-Christian needs to be challenged by the Gospel, and all Christians need to be encouraged and motivated from time to time. Two members from Scotland will also be involved in the TT outreach again this year (no longer run under the CMA banner but staffed mainly by CMA members). Almost the whole of the Scottish branch will in fact be over on the IOM for the TT, as most of the branch go across each year, taking a load of non-Christian friends with them and witnessing to them through friendship evangelism.

The Scottish Branch is also expanding, as by the time you read this we will have a fairly sizeable 'twig' in the North of Scotland covering the area from Aviemore up to Thurso. It has been great to meet with Christian bikers in this area over the last months who are keen to get out there sharing their faith with others and using their bikes for the Lord. That's what it's all about, isn't it? Looking (and asking the Lord) for opportunities and sharing our faith and the glorious Gospel with whoever the Lord puts in our way. It's not about walking or riding about 'being seen', but about the Gospel being shared through us. We look forward to working together with the Northern branch as we currently do with the members of Forth & Tay, helping out at each other's events and sharing fellowship together whenever possible.

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Chairman North London CMA (twig) Larry Hartland

20th Anniversary Fred Hill Memorial Run.

Ace Cafe London Sunday 15th February 11am.

Fred Hill, as many of you know, died in Pentonville prison on the 10th Feb 1984 at the age of 74. His only crime being to carry on riding his motorcycle, as he had for many years without the encumbrance of a safety helmet Fred's peaceful protest against what he saw as a charge against his civil liberty, has, over the years, come to stand for much more than just a helmet protest

Members of CMA met at the Ace Cafe North London with the Surrey and Sussex at 11am.

The ride departed from the Ace at 11.30 sharp with a police escort from the **Police Think Bike Safe** and saw us through red lights (great fun) en-route to Lambeth Bridge. The idea is to have a photo taken against a backdrop of the Houses of Parliament. MAG hopes to achieve National press coverage for this event and a dramatic picture is just what they want. It is after all the Houses of Parliament where many of these so-called crackpot ideas and over protective rules are thought of and occasionally pushed through as law without adequate support from the people.

Larry had his Cross Photographed, it may appear in street biker, or in the press. Larry and Marianne were photographed on the Triumph.

Something for members to check out on our web site **Bike Safe** and other bike clubs.

Reports from around the Branches

MESS

(Most of Essex and South of Suffolk) Branch

We mainly meet weekly at Wycliffe Baptist Church in Colchester (kindly granted) and occasionally at members' homes. We currently have a membership of 17 affiliates and 4 full members. Our meetings are usually attended by 4-6 people and take the form of a Prayer and Social or bible study. We have found the Bible studies to be especially useful and these have continued approximately monthly since we completed the CMA bible study some time back. Topics are many and varied ranging from 'spiritual exercises,' the Sermon on the Mount to a study of the book 'Did Adam have a belly button' by Ken Ham.

Other activities include runs out (in season), barbecues, 10-pin bowling and an annual Christmas dinner (held in late January!). The dinner is a good opportunity for wives and partners to get to know other members and their partners better.

Our 'big' event of the year is the Copdock Classic Show held at the Suffolk Showground, Ipswich in early October (see National Events list). This show has grown from a small club event held in the village of Copdock in a number of marquees to the premier show in East Anglia of its type with over 10,000 visitors. We have been involved since the early days and set up a stand with literature, Manuals For Life and a few interesting bikes. In 2002 Rob Urand was able to procure a new Ducati 999 from a local dealer before these had even been launched. This 'draw' enabled us to reach a good number of people and tell them why we were there as CMA members. We have good working relations with the neighboring Kent and Norfolk branches and are glad to have had their help and support at this event over the years.

Looking forward this year we plan to be involved in marshalling SOLID, a youth weekend at Upminster, Essex. We will be joining with Kent and possibly N. London members on this event which should be an excellent opportunity to show our faces to the churches involved and witness to hundreds of young people (over 350 gave their lives to Jesus last year).

We have seen a lot of interest from people in the South of Essex and we are glad to see a twig has now started in North London which should be better located for these folk. We would ask that you pray for James Harpin and Larry Hartland as they work to form the branch in this needy area. Please pray for greater involvement in MESS by our affiliates - that more will become committed members and servants of the Lord in CMA
Marshall Crowe

Reports from around the Branches

East Midlands branch

Sunday 8th February 04 found us visiting Ian Stewart's church, St. Wulfram's in Grantham. Everyone had experienced the blustery winds and cold to make the 8.45am meeting point at Gonerby Moor services next to the A1 to gather in the Moto restaurant for a warming cup of coffee. A steady two mile ride into Grantham, then parking up outside the parish church entrance, we were soon inside from the bitterly cold wind, to be warmly greeted by the attendants and ushered into a side room to remove our excess clothing and helmets. The church was holding a parade that was well attended by the local Guides & Scout groups, which added a lot of colour and noise from the chatter of children and adults.

Krista & Peter's Honda VFR 750 and Ian Stewart's Deuvelle were highly polished for their display at the front of the church for everyone to see. With a mixture of hymn's and prayers the service was interrupted by some special events, like the investiture of a new head chorister, and two new members to the choir.

The minister at the beginning of the service, having been a surprise to many at his attendance from Cape Town, South Africa, welcomed Barnard!

With a wonderful introduction by the Reverend Vickie Sims a presentation by Ian Stewart and Colin Wood on the function of the CMA was given, with a simple explanation by Colin on how we cannot be a Christian with out having a relationship with Jesus.

With the assistance of Ian and some brownies, one eight year old girl was dressed up in his leathers and helmet, that brought a few funny comments and much laughter from the congregation, as the youngster struggled to stand up and keep the clothes on!

This was to give a visual display on how we need to be protected in the armour of God. The service finished, CMA members mingled with the congregation during the meet & greet then we gathered outside to prepare to leave.

A short journey to the Roman Cafe on the A52 to have a meal, enjoy the company and get warm!

During the time we were there, the visitors book was signed by us all, and some good conversations were had with other people who sat nearby to the three tables we had taken.

All too soon it was time for us to go on our separate ways, and we all said goodbye and thanked Ian Stewart for his effort in making it a great day out.

From John Pritchard



Reports from around the Branches

West Midlands Branch.

When I joined CMA back in 1991 I was a member of NASA** which did not actually put me into space but this born-and-bred Brummie was certainly living on a different planet for I was then, and still am the only Full Member of CMA actually driving a motorcycle within the City's boundary. (Over the years we have had a small number of Affiliate members). What was once a thriving and active branch disintegrated after something was said out of turn at a meeting. For 18 months only Dave Parkes and myself kept things going. We closed down in prayer and 3 months later I had three new contacts and we started up again as a sort of twiglet. The Leicester area lads and lassies had also formed a group and we re-combined under the name of CMA Midlands. Since then due to the distance involved for most travelling late at night between Loughborough and East Brum – about 35 miles – we separated into West, and East Midlands, each under their own Chairmen and Officers.

West Midlands -- covering postcode areas of WV, WS, DY, B and CV from west to east, Wolverhampton to Rugby, and north to south, Rugeley to Shipston-on-Stour -- is still a small group. The largest number recorded at our regular monthly meeting was 16 and at present we are averaging less than half that. Surprisingly with 8 affiliates (that I knew of at the time) of which one lives in Gibraltar, and two full members, myself and "Little John", we achieved a 75% branch turn out at the 2003 National Rally and were awarded the annual trophy. I expect like many other branches we have a lot of contacts in our area of which none ever make contact. There are a number of known Christian bikers in our area too but to be a fighting force for Jesus in the world of the biker, we need more able, and willing, Christian bodies to be an active part of CMA. We now have a new chairman from February, Jim Platt who, after he preached at the Leaders' Week End, is now known as the "White Sheep of West Midlands". Yes, he pulls the "wool over our eyes". PLEASE pray for us.

PIDD

**NASA = Nottingham And Surrounding Area.



It is in Christ that power over sin becomes a true possibility, rather than an impossible dream

Reports from around the Branches

Gloucester Branch

Gloucester CMA began as a Twig of Bristol CMA. It opened as a Branch in October 1993 and the Chair at that time was Liz Robertson.

The Branch organised the CMA National Rally in the 1994 and 1995 that included a run to the Bishop of Hereford's Palace who was a biker himself. Prizes for winning the silly games were knitted CMA dolls. Did anyone out there win one? Please let us know if there are any still surviving.

We attend various local shows and have close contact with the local MAG branch. Gloucester Docks was the venue for an outreach event one year along with other Christian groups. We have also enjoyed being involved in services at local churches.

Ken Bradley took over chairmanship from 1999 to 2003. Being the owner of several old British bikes he got us involved in the Vintage and Classic scene. His collection includes an AJS G80 for which he has won trophies at different shows.

At Pentecost 2000, held at Cheltenham Racecourse, our stand raised a lot of interest. Regionally we help out Bristol and South Wales branches at their local show and more recently at CMA's own Holy Joes Custom Show at Chipping Sodbury. We were part of the team that received best stand at the Welsh Show at Builth Wells and St Nicholas Show in Bristol. Being part of the Marquee recovery team at Holy Joes 2002 when it took off in strong winds was memorable!

We have been involved in Run for the Son events and in 2002 one of our members was half of the intrepid duo who braved Welsh weather to ride from Aberyswyth to Lichfield.

Current members ride a collection including old British, 3 side cars a smattering of BMW's and the odd Jap bike.

Colin O'Dell has been chair since 2003 and we remain a small but very active group.

Last year saw our official presence at 6 show plus individuals attending Vintage Show/runs, Rallies and generally getting out and about, including the reborn Magna Carta. Finally not forgetting the sell out and standing room only appearances at the local Mothers Union meetings!

See you out there in 2004.

Reports from around the Branches

Gloucester Branch Photos from recent runs



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Also my Yamaha is for sale due to ill health XJR1300SP. Y Reg, Black & Yellow, low mileage, new Dunlops, £4000 no offers

Reports from around the Branches

Isle of Man

Two Updates from Ellan Vannin CMA

Well Spring is just around the corner, and we have been doing a lot of planning, on the 3rd of May (May day) we will be holding our second Bike Show here on the island in Ramsey, last year was a great time, we not only had bike's of all different makes and classes, there was also something for the whole family with puppet shows and bouncy castles and not forgetting the teas & coffees!

This year we are hoping to have the local sand racing team put on a show for us on the beach at Ramsey! So if any of you guys feel like showing off your bikes - or just fancy a day out to the IOM, let us know.

We have also got great plans for outreach during this years TT festival - we have as a club been granted permission by the local authorities to set up a marquee on the Claddagh Camp Site at Sulby which we will be using as a Holy Joe's, where we can serve teas & coffees and just be there for the bikers during the ten days we will be there.

We are so excited about this vision and feel strongly that God really wants us there, please uphold us in your prayers. And a final note here are the dates for this years TT

29th May to 11th June

Thank you for reading
this
Ellan Vannin CMA



We have a lot to thank God for on the Isle of Man this year, as we prepare for several major events. Last year saw our first 'Custom and Classic Bike Show' in Ramsey, a small town in the North of the Island. It was a great success that enabled to make strong links with a large number of bikers. We are running the event again this year, although we are billing it as the CMA Ramsey Bike Show, and ditching the custom & classic bit! We have secured a local sponsor, Paul Dedman Performance Motorcycles, who is paying for our trophies and advertising. The show is booked in for Mayday, 3rd May. We had over 100 bikes on show last year, and feel confident that we will (weather permitting!) have significantly more this year.

The show is a great witness on several fronts. It is non threatening, fun, and involves Christians in number of ways from stewards, car parking, tea making and entertainment. It will be great day, especially if the sun shines. Please pray for the event, including the weather, and for Paul, he's a good bloke, and it would be great to have him join us i.e. be saved!

If you want to go to the Isle of Man and help contact:-
Chris Kirk 01624 816372;
Steve Parker 01624 815946;
Steam Packet(ferry) 01624 661661

Reports from around the Branches

North East Derbyshire Twig, NED for short by Julia Harley, Chairman

Covering the Chesterfield and Sheffield area, The group came into existence in July 2003 when 4 people - Dennis and Julia from Sheffield and Max and Les from Chesterfield, arranged a meeting to 'test the waters' (or in this case should it be 'test the tyres'?) We were keen, and well supported by surrounding CMA branches, so we decided to continue meeting and refer to ourselves as a Sprig (only a twig in the making!!).

We wanted to make sure that the group was founded on prayer, guided by God and that unity of spirit should be our aim, but above all we wanted to keep things simple, so we decided to meet for fellowship and prayer, and at the same time get to know each other better, rather than rush out to increase our numbers.

However, God seemed to be moving us on a little faster than we had expected, and as one person was about to become a full member we announced ourselves as a Twig in September. We meet on the second Tuesday in the month and our numbers have slowly grown. There are now nine of us.

We had our first ride out as a group across the Pennines in November to support the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Ride from Manchester to the `Trafford `centre. We joined another 400+ bikes. What a wonderful atmosphere! But the greatest blessing was to experience answer to our prayers for a dry day. Despite the weather forecast of fog and rain we enjoyed a cold but dry journey along the route we took - apparently the rest of Derbyshire was shrouded in fog or had rain all day!

We have just started to do the CMA Bible Study together and found the discussion refreshing and yet very challenging. We are also beginning to plan some outreach. It's all exciting stuff.



Photo of Les and Max Valentine and Julia Harley at the Trafford Centre, Manchester after completing the Toy Drive.
(Photograph by courtesy of Dennis Harley)

CMA Merchandise Price List 2004

Clothing: Please state size: S, M, L, XL, XXL Price includes P & P

Hooded sweater	Large CMA Logo Blue or Black	£22.00
Sweat shirt	Large CMA Logo Blue or Black	£17.50
Sweat shirt	Small CMA Logo Blue or Black	£17.50
Polo t-shirts	Small CMA Logo Blue, white or Burgundy	£14.50
T-t shirt	Large CMA Logo Blue or Black	£10.00
Holy Joe's sweatshirt	Black	£17.50
Holy Joe's t-shirt	Black	£8.00
Baseball caps	Small CMA Logo Blue	£8.00
Baseball caps	Emb. CMA Black	£8.00
Baseball caps	Club patch Stone/blue trim	£8.00
Woolly hat	Blue or Black	£4.50

Sundry

Metal side stand	Heavy duty aluminum casting	£8.00
Machine badge	Brass, circular patch	£9.00
Mug	White, One way logo	£2.00
Lapel badge	Metal, One way logo blue	£3.00
Lapel badge	Metal, round patch	£4.00
Keyring, plastic	One way logo	£1.00
Pen	"Christian bikers powered by the Spirit"	£0.60
Postcard, large	"What am I really worth?"	£0.70

Stickers

CMA patch,	round 4"	£2.25
Large blue fish with	"Christian Motorcyclists' Association"	£1.00
Small gold fish with	"Christian Motorcyclists' Association"	£0.80
Reflective with One way logo		£0.60
White vinyl with One way logo		£0.60
"Riding for the Son" black or white on clear		£0.60

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All orders should be accompanied by full payment.

All orders must have your membership/affiliates number on.

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"CMA UK Merchandise". Send completed order form to:-

Howard & Denise Robinson, 14 St. Luke's Avenue, Thornaby on Tees, Stockton, TS17 7HB.

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Leather

Belt	Please state waist size	£12.00
Cross	White leather for back of jacket	£6.50
Credit card holder	"CMA"	£5.00
Wrist band	"CMA" lace up type	£4.00
Circular patch	One way logo 3"	£3.50
Oblong	"CMA" 2 1/2" x 1"	£3.00
Oblong	"CMA" 1 1/2" x 1"	£3.00
Keyring	One way logo	£3.00

Clothing: Please state size: S, M, L, XL, XXL

HJ's t-shirt round neck	New HJ's logo	Light graphite or olive	£10.00
HJ's t-shirt v- neck	New HJ's logo	Navy or bottle	£10.00
HJ's long sleeve, v- neck	New HJ's logo	Black with red trim	£14.50
Ladies v-neck t-shirt,S,M,L	New HJ's logo	Turquoise or white	£10.00
Round neck t-shirt	Emb. Jesus/CMA	Jade	£10.00
Ladies v-neck t-shirt S,M,L	Emb. Jesus/CMA	Black with red trim or Lilac or white	£10.00
Ladies Polo shirt S,M,L	Emb. Jesus/CMA	Power blue or pink	£14.50
Round neck t-shirt	Triangle design	Royal blue or navy	£10.00
V-neck t-shirt	Triangle design	White	£10.00
Ladies v-neck t-shirt S,M,L,XL	Triangle design	Navy, khaki or purple	£10.00
Ladies long sleeve S,M,L,XL	Triangle design	Heather/navy	£10.00
Polo t-shirt	Round patch logo	Burgundy	£14.50
Ladies sleeveless S,M,L	Round patch logo	Black	£10.00
V-neck t-shirt	Round patch logo	Black	£10.00
Sweatshirt	New HJ's logo	Bottle	£17.50

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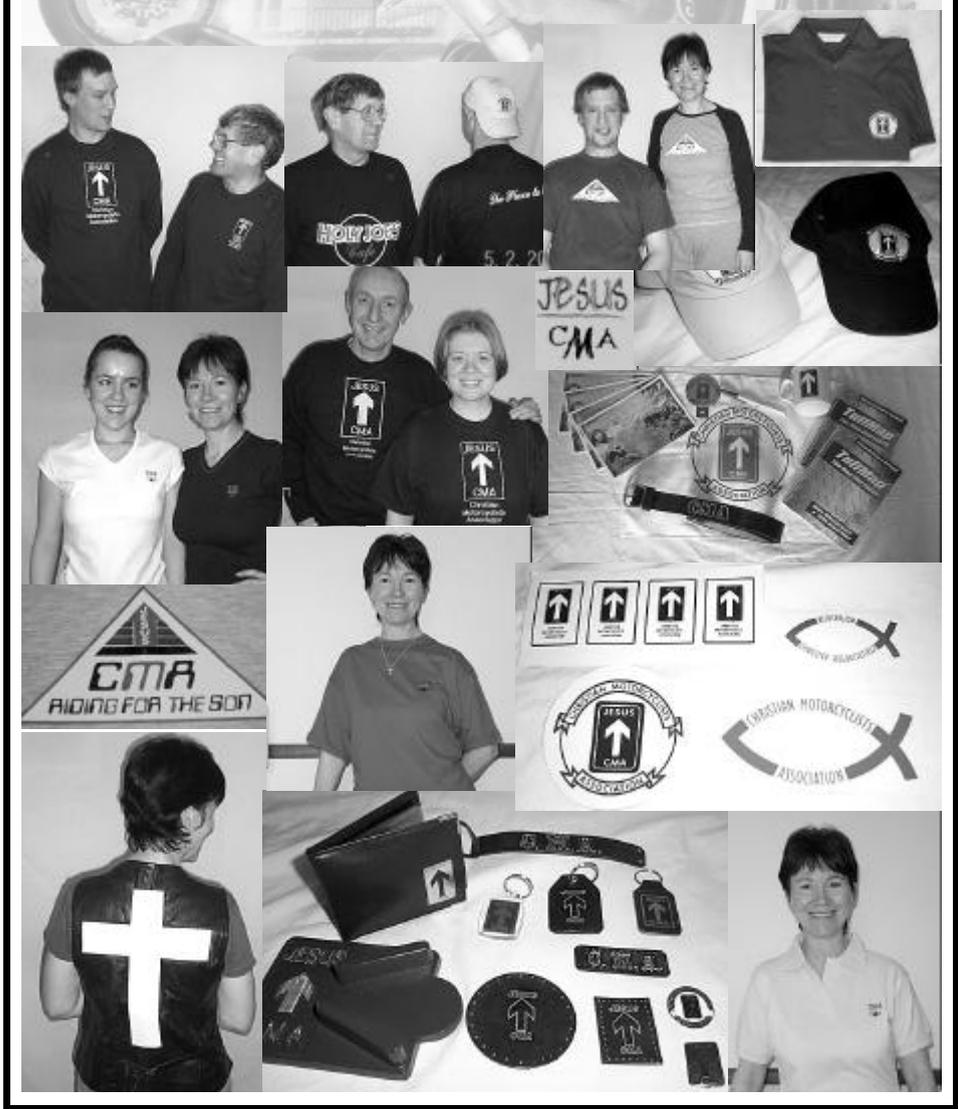
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**And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord
will be saved. ---Acts 2;21**

Christians believe that the Bible is the living word of God to His people, written over thousands of years by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit, so when you read the verse at the top of this page from the book of Acts, the word 'everyone' includes you!

Maybe you don't think God is interested in you, think again! EVERYONE! Is it beginning to sink in? God loves *you*.

In this edition of Chainlink you have read testimonies of people who have called on the name of the Lord, each one has a different story to tell, but they all have one thing in common, JESUS.

Salvation is free from God, you can't earn your way in with good deeds (read Ephesians 2;8,9). Maybe you're one of those people who they are not that bad. Please don't be deceived into thinking there will be a place in Heaven for the not-so-bad ones.

Christians the world over have learned that if you leave God out of your life, then you leave Him out for ever.

The CMA Members have found new life through Jesus Christ (read Acts 3:15). There will have been a starting point to this. God knows your heart, if you call on the name of the Lord, He will hear your cry. You can ask Jesus into your life today if you wish. God will hear your prayers. (If you have never prayed before try the one below).

Lord Jesus, You died on the cross so that my sins could be forgiven, I want You to come into my life, and become Lord of my life now and forever in heaven. Please forgive all the bad things I have done, wash me clean and fill me with Your Spirit. Thank you for bringing me back to our Father in Heaven. Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer for the first time and meant it from the heart, well done! You may not feel any different at first, but it will be a good idea to tell the person who gave you this magazine. With God's help you need to find a Bible teaching and believing church. Please contact the CMA on 0800 0154479, so we can support you, and send you teaching material. You're now part of God's family and or Brother or Sister in Christ.



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