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We pray that this magazine will stimulate non-Christian readers into thinking more about Jesus and also into seeking Him for themselves.

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

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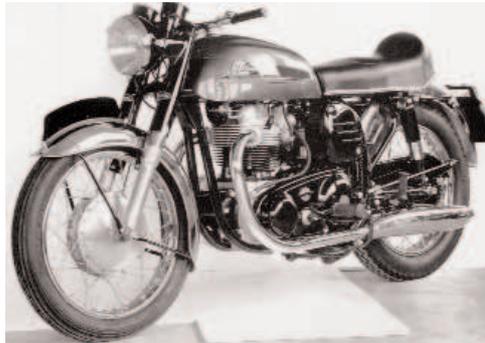
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Norton Atlas
overhead-valve twin.
With searing
acceleration and
effortless cruising
this big Norton could
top 110mph.
Retail price in 1966
£369.3s 6d.**



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CMA President - Mike Fitton



Dear Friends,

It is wonderful to be able to write to you as the President of CMA (UK), my position is so recent that I still pinch myself at the thought, I feel so blessed and privileged to be able to serve God in this way. The transition from my previous role as an Evangelist in Whitby, North Yorkshire, has been made much easier by the numerous words of encouragement I have received and the obvious prayer support that so many are engaged in on behalf of Sandy and I (not forgetting our family Tiffany 20yrs and Emma 14yrs), thank you.

In my first few weeks I have had:

A whistle stop trip to The Isle of Man TT

It began with me leaving my Harley at Roy's parents home, and sharing some of the most memorable fellowship I will ever experience. His Mum prayed for me before I left and believe me I still ride in the wake of those words. Arriving as a foot passenger meant that Roy was my chauffeur for the next 24hours, lets just say ...smallish island, great roads, no speed limit, Suzuki 1400, excellent rider, big grin!!!!

Thank you to Steve Parker and all the Isle of Man branch members that I was able to meet, particularly Dave Boulton and his family for the driveway viewpoint and excellent barbeque. It was also a great opportunity to meet up with numerous members from other areas of the UK. Needless to say I have already booked for next year, this time five days.

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CMA President - Mike Fitton

Run for the Son - Northern section

If I had to sum up the Run for the Son this year it would definitely involve the word 'rain' or 'monsoon proportions of rain', at least that is what we experienced on the northern section. That was a minor point though compared with the tangible presence of the Lord throughout. Again I had a brilliant opportunity to meet people, learn names (please can we all start wearing badges, it would make it so much easier!!), try and work out where their branches are on the Tuff Map and plan to visit them in the future. A huge thank you must clearly go to 'Les the planner man', what a success! We found the estimated times were to within five minutes. Our heart felt sympathy for the loss of Ross' Mum too.

I was grateful for Sid introducing me to staff members and three of the lads at the Lighthouse Foundation Rehab Centre. Jason, who has been on the programme for over two years shared his testimony with us, wow! I would defy anyone not to be moved by what he said. Praise God that He sent His Son to release the captives. Addicted to Jesus, what else would we want to be?

The ride culminated with 'Songs of Praise' in Doncaster Minster. I was grateful to the Canon for permitting me a few minutes to share the work of CMA and encourage the congregation to pray for us, and the biker community we seek to reach. They kindly took an impromptu collection and divided it between local church funds and CMA.

I arrived home at 9.30pm, just over 900 miles clocked up on the Harley, to a wonderful Fathers Day chocolate cake that my daughter Emma had made and cards..... excellent! I was starving and gulped down two big slices, not a good idea, after all that travelling. Great trip, tired, bath, bed, praise God, ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

I expect by the time this goes to print to have visited Wigan for a party, Cumbria branch and arranged a number of diary dates to get around the country and see you all, but please be patient. I am organising meetings with printers and Video companies, contacting European Biker Clubs about the EMC rally and planning sermons for the Friday and Sunday services. E-mails galore. Rob and I shared a five hour session in Peterborough recently, which was invaluable, I'm very grateful to him.

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CMA President - Mike Fitton

Prayer

I should like to ask everyone to prayerfully consider the following:

- I would like CMA to have a Patron, someone that is a Christian and a well known figure who could be a voice for our ministry, to gain us support and possible sponsorship by their recommendation. Obviously it would be ideal if they were a biker, but it isn't essential. Any ideas?
- If you haven't yet planned to be at the EMC Rally please would you give it your maximum support, this is an opportunity for us to promote ourselves and raise the profile of the (UK) CMA. If as we hope the press turn up and the numbers are low, that wouldn't give a very positive impression of our 25th Anniversary celebration or the European Annual Rally.
- Do you know of anyone in your area that could be a financial sponsor of CMA? I would like to have the opportunity to invite them to become partners in our missionary outreach. Bear in mind that this could be donors of £500 or £5,000+
- Do you know of anyone that would like to be a 'Friend of CMA'? These would be people who can see the value of our ministry, perhaps they don't ride bikes but want to be actively involved in a support role. They may have gifts in prayer support, fund raising, serving, ministry skills, practical gifts, promotion, anything. Don't let them get away, please make use of their enthusiasm.

In closing I would like to encourage you with the words that I became well known for when I led a mission in Poland, "Keep looking up". Whatever each day brings, keep looking up. If you feel crushed and broken "Keep looking up". If you feel elated and soar on wings of eagles "Keep looking up" If the road is flat and mundane without any highs or lows, "Keep looking up". That's all you have to do 'Look to Jesus the Author and Finsher or our faith (Hebrews Chapter 12)

I look forward to building a deep relationship with you all, I shall endeavour to learn all your names, I promise to serve God to the best of my ability in CMA but never to the detriment of my family, and I don't expect you to either.

God's richest blessing on you all, including the kids. Mike <><

The Vision for the CMA UK



by The President of the
CMA



Promotion of the Christian Motorcyclist's Association

We need to communicate our Mission to the wider Christian Community:

Links with key Churches and national organisations that will share our vision and give greater credibility to our ministry

Interdenominational Minister's regional meetings

Via monthly regional groups such as The Evangelical Alliance, FGB Dinners.

Presentations to Bible Colleges and Ministers Training Colleges

Promotional stands at Christian Resource Exhibitions (both north and south)

Promotional stands at Christian Conferences i.e. Spring Harvest, Keswick Convention, Greenbelt, Soul Survivor, Easter People and many more



The Vision for the CMA UK



**Who needs to catch
The Vision
and come on board with us?**

Fundraisers
People with promotional skills
Bible teachers
Preachers
Evangelists
Designers
Facilitators
Leaders
Skilled craftsmen and women
Organisers
Logistical people
Pastors
Counselors
Prayer warriors
People passionate for the lost
Musicians, Singers
Mechanics
Bikers
Learner riders and Instructors
**Representatives from all aspects
of the world of motorcycle sport**
Accountants
Administrators
Graphic designers
Writers
Photographers
Video experts

**More representatives from other
bike clubs and organisations
i.e. MAG, HOG, BMF**
**Contacts within the world of Radio
& TV, The God Channel, Christian
Magazines the secular press and
media**
Press Release officers
Those with relationships skills
Special needs
Disabled riders
**Women with a vision to
reach Women**
**Veteran and Classic bike
enthusiasts**
Motorcycle Retailers
Retired bikers
Youth Leaders
Children's workers
**Innovative dreamers with visions
based on God given possibilities!**
Encouragers (always please!)
**Those who want to try and not
give up when it gets tough**
Friends
**Brothers and sisters who will
laugh and cry together**

(This list is just the beginning, who could you add?)

The Vision for the CMA UK

Diversifying in the Focus and Basis of CMA's Outreach	Financial Strategies and Promotional Materials
<p>God will provide new opportunities to enter into additional areas of the biker community</p> <p>Reaching out to the nations youth and children, working in close partnership with young people's organisations</p> <p>Specifically targeting the many thousands of ever day bikers as well as those who attend rallies</p> <p>The elderly, particularly those who can no longer ride</p> <p>Learners, young or old</p> <p>Scooter riders, & the twist and go crowd?</p> <p>Off road competitions (Trials, Moto Cross, Beach Racing, Hill Climbs etc.)</p> <p>What could we do in addition to 'Holy Joe's'?</p> <p>Never stop dreaming....</p> 	<p>Establish a dedicated National Fund Raising committee</p> <p>A committee to keep close relationships with sponsors, ensuring they are updated and informed on a regular basis</p> <p>Regional dinners for invited guests to discuss financial sponsorship for CMA</p> <p>High quality promotional video's of CMA's ministry</p> <p>Every region to have it's own promotional display system</p> <p>High quality promotional leaflets specifically designed for non-Christians, Christians/Churches, Sponsors, prayer partners etc.</p> <p>Regular advertisements in Christian publications and secular bike magazines</p> <p>Tracts produced in partnership with 'CPO' or similar profession Christian publishers</p> <p>Church promotional packs</p>

Your Executive. committee and admin.



Les Jones



Paul Mitchell



**Rob Urand
Treasurer**



Mick Brooksbank



Johnny Hallas



Andy Hogan Administrator

Some BMF 2004 Photos.



TONY CRIDLAND PASSED AWAY 12TH June 2004

Tony was one of the founder members of the NE London branch and although he was troubled by ill health for many years, remained committed to supporting CMA in prayer until he died. He had been diagnosed with lung cancer a few months ago and was receiving chemotherapy treatment. Ironically, he had been told only the Tuesday before he died that his tumor was shrinking. Unfortunately his liver then failed, and he knew he had only days left to live.

Tony was the sort of guy who would do anything for anyone. I remember when my ex-husband and I were trying to sell our house in Barking; Tony gave up two whole weekends to help us paint it inside and out.

When his health permitted Tony to be an active member he was always willing to support local events and was always in the forefront of talking to people at those events. He was also a great pray - er and could always be relied upon if prayer was needed like yesterday for something. He was also committed to prayer for others and often asked me months or years after I had asked him to pray for someone by name how that person was doing.

Tony was a great man and a great friend. Those of us who were privileged to know him, well will never forget him.

"When my body lies without a song, my spirit and the eagles will soar together to the heights. Tony will be soaring to the heights now with his Lord who he dedicated his life to. God bless you Tony and thank you for the support and friendship you brought to me and others.
Kate Mead

In the Winter edition of the Chainlink we would like to include a picture of all the Chairman. If possible preferable on a bike. Not wearing a crash hat, so the bike is facing to the right, is a side view with the rider holding the left hand bar facing the camera, also with a smooth or as little in the background as possible.

Post all photos or the digital to the editor please



This is a picture of the Norfolk Member John White and his TDM

Something like this will give a good idea by putting names to faces and faces to bikes. Its a thought, any one up for it?

Note from the Editor

Thank you for all the articles and pictures you sent for the Spring 2004 edition of Chainlink. Did you spot the error? If not, good, if you did, the excuse is that the printers computer and my computer did not communicate very well, but it won't happen again. *If you spot mistakes do let me know.*

My request is to send anything to me at any of these E-Mail addresses:-
chainlink@bike.org.uk --- chainlink@cmauk.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 until the deadline given is upon you, send it now.
Deadline for Winter edition is 1st November***



***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.***

***Thank you for the pieces you sent me for
the Spring Edition of Chainlink
How many times did you want to tell your
story but shied away at the last minute?
Tell it now.***

***let's have lots of photos in next edition.
Wanted: dead or alive - Photos!!!!!!!***

Publication dates are:- April - August - December

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.

GTKEOB & Family Rally

Warwickshire
20th - 22nd August
Dave Piddington 01217833417
Just a reminder



What?

Where?

Why?

OK so what do you do with your Chainlink when you have read it? do you, hide it up? throw it away? leave it in a handy place for others to read it? ie Doctors, dentist, rest room. Answers on a post card to:-

DO YOU PRODUCE A NEWS LETTER?

If you do would you like to post me one? Why? Well I would like to produce the front cover, and put them in the Winter Chainlink to show everyone what your doing. Some I have seen are brilliant and I believe everyone should see what you are producing.



OK so what is it?
Taken at the 2004 BMF. Answers on a post card to the editor.

MAJOR EVENTS LIST 2004

Where	When	Contact
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	10th - 12th Sept	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	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
S.A. Toy Drive. Manchester.	Sat. 20th Nov.	Julia Harley 0114 274 9621

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

If you have an event please tell me if you would like it to go in here.
 Are you doing a poster? YES?/NO? Do you want me to do your poster - you tell me what you want, supply me with your ideas, I will do the rest, colour, text, layout, whatever you would like. Posters lets get them on the web, Paul has given me a new area so we can add posters of events or whatever you need to make a splash about. Use it or loose it.

When you lay the page out, decide what you want to say with a contact name, phone number. You can have A5 or A4 -- A4 is best. Also I need to know how many you want, just in case you want me to produce them. Or if you wish to reproduce copies yourself, I can send you a PDF file master copy. Can you accept PDF files? If not, you can download Adobe Acrobat reader free from the web at www.adobe.com You must include:- The Christian Motorcyclists Association, the CMA Logo and I will put the logo in also I need photos (the actual snaps are best) digital will do, if a last resort or graphics off the computer.

Let me know in plenty of time, I can post you the proof so that it can be your main copy to use if you don't want to bother with a computer.

Whatever you want it can be done. We have the technology and we need to all be using a corporate design so people get to know we are one body working for the same goals.

National Rally History by David and Jayne Parkes

Genesis	1984	Henley-on-Thames	Reading
Exodus	1985	Norwich	East Anglia
Leviticus	1986	Norwich	East Anglia
Numbers	1987	Kent	Kent
Deuteronomy	1988	Stathern	Midlands
Joshua	1989	Stathern	Midlands
Judges	1990	Hollybush	North east
Ruth	1991	Hollybush	National/North East
Samuel	1992	Castle Donnington	N.A.S.A
Kings	1993	Castle Donnington	N.A.S.A
Chronicles	1994	Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern	Malvern, Bristol
Ezra	1995	Priddy, Cheddar	Bristol
Nehemiah	1996	Southport	North Cheshire
Esther	1997	Wales LLANYBLODWEL	National
Job	1998	Southport	North Cheshire
Psalms	1999	Forest of Dean	South Wales
Proverbs	2000	Stathern	National
Ecclesiastes	2001	Stathern	National
Song of Solomon	2002	Stathern	National
Isaiah	2003	Stathern	National
Jeremiah	2004	Hollybush	North East

Four pictures taken at rallies over the years we have:-Top left Chronicles, Top right Exodus with David, Bottom left Hollybush, and Bottom right Leviticus with Davids children, Adam and Ruth receiving the Presidents award



UK Clubs and the CMA

Zinc Alloy R.S.C.(riders social club) by Mike Snailham

Zinc Alloy is a none political side patch club, open to both Male and Female members in their own right.

Bike or Trike owners or just people who enjoy the biking way of life are welcome.

We enjoy Rally's, Music, Festivals, Ride outs, but instead of doing it alone, we do it with friends and like minded people.

We are also a 'Family friendly "club and don't mind if "The kids come to "

We have a Rally once a year about 2 miles from the North Norfolk coast. In a small hamlet called Knapton, a really lovely site. with a purpose built club house and aprox 5 acres of flat land. Each year from this Rally we try and donate £1000 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance in the name of Ricky Browne (Twinkle), who was killed on his bike in 2002 (Youngest Son of Sparrow)

The area we cover at the moment is Kent, London, Suffolk, and Norfolk but welcome people from all over. Our Subs are £5 per month , this money helps to put on our Rally and gives us a club party in September, plus other things we do as a Club.

The Norfolk branch CMA were invited this year to Knapton to bless the rally, it was an excellent rally well run with good food, good company, good music.

Zinc Alloy riders social club President is "Wolf" Vice President is "Dog"

Treasure is "Witch" Club Rally Sect is "Smudge" Sgt at Arms is "Sparrow"



UK Clubs and the CMA

" Who Are The N.A.B.D. ? " by John Lysons

The **N.A.B.D.** was set up in April 1991 by a small group of people in Manchester who believed that disabled people should have full access to the independence and enjoyment of motorcycling. During the past ten years, this unique Association has developed immensely. The membership of the **N.A.B.D.** has increased to over 3,500 individuals from all over Britain and Eire, with well over 200 affiliated clubs, groups and businesses.

The **N.A.B.D.** has many diverse aspects including: - FINANCIAL GRANTS ASSESSMENTS & TRAINING, MOTORCYCLE/TRICYCLE INSURANCE. AWARENESS, ADAPTIONS, EVENTS, FINANCE, & OTHER FUNDING. REPRESENTATIVES, CAMPAIGNING.

MEMBERSHIP N.A.B.D. membership is available to anyone with an interest in motorcycling irrespective of disability. Each member receives a members' pack, the Open House quarterly magazine, discount tickets for most NABD events and discount prices on some items of NABD merchandise. Also, and perhaps more importantly, you get the chance to help lots of people to enhance their lives in a practical and constructive way. Affiliations from motorcycle clubs and businesses are also very welcome.

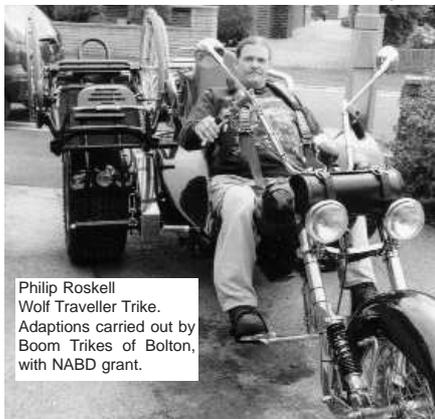
THE FUTURE Over the years the NABD has helped thousands of people with disabilities to enjoy the freedom and independence of motorcycling. With the continued support of the biking community the NABD will remain the world leader in this field. It is our belief that 'when it comes to motorcycling a disability should not be a handicap'.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR BIKERS WITH A DISABILITY

Unit 2, Renrue House, Dairy house Lane,
Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 5RD. Telephone/fax

0161 233 0122. E-mail nabd@nabd.org.uk - www.nabd.org.uk

Registered Charity 1040907



Philip Roskell
Wolf Traveller Trike.
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Boom Trikes of Bolton,
with NABD grant.



Twin Levers

It's coming ... listen ... look!

'The Wave of His Blessing' by Mike Fitton

When I go body boarding I place myself beyond the breaking waves and then rest - waiting for the 'Big One'.

There is nothing quite like riding a twelve foot high crashing mountain of boiling surf which powers you forward while you hold on tight Thrilled by the ride a fleeting thought passes through your mind; "can I handle this one?"

Your heart is pounding, your eyes constantly searching for the core of the wave structure so you can position your board to get the maximum effect possible before it fades to white water and hits the beach. As you wait for the 'Big One' your eye is on the horizon at all times, waves arrive in sets and the more you watch the more you learn to discern which one is your dream ride, it's coming but you must be patient.

As you watch and wait you must constantly prepare yourself, it's essential that you face the direction the power surge will take, if you are even a few degrees out you will be cast aside. If you loose concentration you miss the ride - it's all in the preparation. As the wave appears and you see it building up there comes a time when you turn your back on it and begin to use your fins to build up speed, so that as it arrives you are already moving and match the speed. Then you are off and there's no going back now!

Since I joined the North East Branch of the CMA I have become strongly convicted that the Holy Spirit wants us to be the instrument of a specific outpouring of God's blessing on the bikers of this nation. To prepare them in advance of the 'Big One' that I sense is building up on the horizon; a massive outpouring of the Spirit in Revival Fire, to break the chains of the spiritually oppressed and to crush the strongholds of satanic forces that blind the minds of unbelieving bikers.

Revival Fire will bring liberty - be assured of that! A Revival of Love that has paid the price to set them free.

We must prepare ourselves in consecration to God's holy purpose, letting nothing hinder His blessing as it arrives.

To be willing to pray for the Revival Fire to the point of exhaustion, then pray some more.

To call upon the Nations Churches to join with us preparing the ground.

I believe a major yet simply profound way that God is wanting us to prepare the bikers, is to ask God's blessing on every biker we pass as we ride the highways of this nation, and acknowledge God's love to them by a wave of friendship.

'The Wave of Blessing'

We should never underestimate the awesome power that God's blessing directed to an individual can have. Imagine it - hearts full of hatred and evil receiving LOVE capable of breaking the bonds that hold them in darkness, setting them free, the Light of Christ taking holdthen as the 'Big One' arrives ... well only He knows how far that ride will go.

But are we ready?

Can we handle this one when it comes?

Are we looking toward the horizon with expectation?

Are we in the correct position not to be cast aside when it hits?

Are we ready to build up to speed so that we go with the force as it arrives?

It's coming ... listen ... look!

Bits & Pieces

"When I was a little kid, it seemed that time would never move. It barely crawled along. I wanted to become a big kid so I could do the things a little kid couldn't do.

Well, I certainly got part of my wish. The time now flies by like a jet plane setting a new speed record.

The winter is gone and spring is here. Another year is going past as fast as ever

Realize that now is the day to serve Jesus, not tomorrow.

In Heaven, we will be able to sing songs of praise and worship.

We will be able to gain understanding of the great prophetic truths. We will be able to spend time fellowshiping with one another. The only thing we won't be able to do later in Heaven is witness to the lost. They will be eternally doomed to Hell unless we ask our God to help us be a witness today. (Ezek 33)

Don't say you'll do it tomorrow. When you wake up tomorrow, it won't be tomorrow, it will be today. Tomorrow never comes, and this day will end more quickly than you ever dreamed. Don't quit now. We're almost there."

TIME

Thoughts of the future, memories of the past *Time.*

Never enough or too much on our hands *Time*

Swift as a swallow, yet often at a snails pace *Time*

Time, distance or death separate us from loved ones. *Time*

Time will bring all that we know to an end *Time*

We look forward to events that only time keeps us from *Time*

Yet we embrace it when it cushions us from painful events *Time*

Describe to me its merits, its value, yet all we can do with time is measure it *Time*

Psalm 90vs.12

Why Women Cry

A little boy asked his mother, "Why are you crying?" "Because I'm a woman," she told him. "I don't understand," he said. His Mum just hugged him and said, "And you never will." Later the little boy asked his father, "Why does mother seem to cry for no reason?" "All women cry for no reason," was all his dad could say. The little boy grew up and became a man, still wondering why women cry. Finally he put in a call to God. When God got on the phone, he asked, "God, why do women cry so easily?" God said: "When I made the woman she had to be special. I made her shoulders strong enough to carry the weight of the world, yet gentle enough to give comfort. I gave her an inner strength to endure childbirth and the rejection that many times comes from her children. I gave her a hardness that allows her to keep going when everyone else gives up, and take care of her family through sickness and fatigue without complaining. I gave her the sensitivity to love her children under any and all circumstances, even when her child has hurt her very badly. I gave her strength to carry her husband through his faults and fashioned her from his rib to protect his heart. I gave her wisdom to know that a good husband never hurts his wife, but sometimes tests her strengths and her resolve to stand beside him unflatteringly. And finally, I gave her a tear to shed. This is hers exclusively to use whenever it is needed." "You see my son," said God, "the beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart - the place where love resides."

There are over many who have much knowledge and little virtue and who often speak of God while barely speaking to him. (blind, St Malval)

Members Ads.

Yes, Place your advertisement in the CMA Chainlink Magazine and get worldwide coverage. Please send to: Ken Hardy, 4 Sale Road, Norwich Norfolk. NR7 9QU
E-mail: chainlink@bike.org.uk **please quote your membership number**
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Special Interest

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Off road biking is one of the great pleasures for many two wheelers. The problem is that a very small number of irresponsible bikers are spoiling it for the responsible majority.

Recently, this whole issue has become quite important for the Government. That's because a group of MPs have started campaigning actively for the Minister in charge of this area to do something about it. In short, they're asking him to stop bikers from using rural paths and so on, because they're ruining the peaceful countryside.

Well, as Chair of the All Party Motorcycle Group, I'm trying to do something about it. I've got a consultation going between the biking groups and the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Basically, we're trying to come up with a solution which works for everyone, and I'm fairly optimistic we can.

There are two ways this could go. Either we get a solution everyone likes, which would be great. Or the Government will impose a solution on us. I'd hope for the former, but that takes some reasonable talking and sensible solutions which the Department will take seriously.

There's one other solution. Those who are causing the problem in the first place could show a little more consideration to other countryside users. Next time you're out there in the wonderful wilderness, spare a thought for the ramblers and horse riders. The countryside IS big enough for the three of us!

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:Selwyn continued his theme for on June 6th he writes "*How different Christian gatherings would:*
:be if we focussed more on the thought that we are not just a group of compatible people getting:
:together but are in reality meeting together with our Lord." I submit to you that, nationally, we:
:really ought to be doing it more often. by Pidd
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Waiting Time in Rhyme

Mad as a Box of Frogs By John Peverill

When I went to see my Psychiatrist
He said, "John, it's clear you're round the
twist,"

I looked him straight between the eyes
And replied, "Well there's a surprise."
His predicament, "What should I do about
this so you're craziness will desist?"

I suggested a nice lottery win,
He didn't laugh, but there was a rye grin.
"There are combinations of things I can do
which may or may not work for you."

"Try me, my brains needs repatriation,
how about two weeks of Greek island
recuperation?"

I think he was getting fed up by this time,
"Could be worse," I said "You could be
reading my rhyme."

"Look let's be serious," I was getting to him,

His patience was wearing a bit thin.
I thought, "By the time we've had a cup of
tea

He'll be just about as mad as me."
He said, "I can prescribe you drugs
Which may get rid of those crazy bugs,
but I think you need someone to talk to
that decision is entirely up to you."

I contemplated a while
And replied like this, with a nice big smile.
"Drugs, okay I'll give them a try
so long as my feet remain rooted and I don't
try to fly.

Counselling, don't really need that
I talk to my rabbit which I pull out of my hat."
That for him was the last straw
No sense of humour,
I was rapidly shown the door.

All The Time In The World By John Peverill (also see article by John White!!)

"Excuse me sir, have you got time?
My mate's just been murdered,
it's a horrible crime."

"Sorry son, come back tomorrow,
I don't have a minute today,
you can borrow."

"Excuse me madam I could do with a hand
to cross over this road,
I can just about stand."

"Sorry it's late and I'm in such of a rush,
I want to get home and miss
that 4 o'clock crush.."

Shall I go on and on, if so for how long?
Or will they take notice
if I start singing a song.

Or exchange my clothes for a birthday suit,
Will they then see me as mad
or cuddly and cute?

No one has time, there is so much to do,
So those who need time
Stay locked in at the zoo.

Wouldn't it be nice just once a blue moon
If the answer for help
Was "Of course," not "Real soon".

Glass Box By John Peverill

What's it like to live in a glass box
Where those who look in
Know the make of your socks.
Observed by a Cyclops with a magnified eye
Guess who's got pride
Stop playing eye spy.

Does the sight of a person in a wheelchair
Mean a crowd has to gather
For a bloody good stare,

Have a good look he's no chimp in pyjamas

The sign says he's human
Please don't feed him bananas.

I bet you a pension those who walk past
With mouths wide open
In a posture aghast
Are the same ones who, when asked for
assistance
Pretend they can't hear
Until they're off in the distance.

Poems copyright belongs to John Peverill. His book and more are available contact the Editor for more information.

News from local Papers

Motorbike Fans put Safety First by Dan Harris CMA Kent

This was in the local paper and sent in by Dan

Teenagers in Medway have learnt about being responsible with motorbikes during a course in Gillingham.

The Momentum Motorcycle Course attracted 18 youngsters aged 15 & 16 to Will Adams Centre in Woodlands Road.

The teenagers were taught to ride by Gillingham firm Magnum Motorcycles, which provides machines and a discount on training, before being given an opportunity to take their test for free.

After the 30-hour course, the teenagers qualified for a license and achieved NVQ level 1.

Christian Motorcyclists Association member and biker Dan Harris said the course was supported by several medway clubs.

"A Medway group called Iron Horse MC has been providing training on motorcycle maintenance, and the National Association of Bikers with a Disability has been explaining the consequences of what can happen if you have a serious accident," Mr Harris explained.

"We also deal with problems caused by illegal off-road riding, and the cost of running a motorcycle."

To drive home the message about responsible motorcycle riding, youngsters on the course were taken to meet wheelchair bound Mick Murray, who was seriously hurt when he crashed his own motorbike.

Solemn message of biker and cross

by Dan Harris CMA Kent

This was in the local paper and sent in by Dan

The bizarre spectacle of a biker carrying a crucifix through the High Street greeted bemused shoppers in Canterbury on Good Friday.

Wearing a black leather waistcoat with a white crucifix emblazoned on the back, the biker led the Walk of the Witness procession through the city. Closely behind him was the Salvation Army band and some 300 people.

They made their way to the Longmarket where they sang hymns and recited the Lord's Prayer. The event was organised by Churches Together in Canterbury. The Rev Stephen Laird, chaplain of the University, said: "The Walk of Witness through the High Street is to remind shoppers of the significance of Good Friday."

If your local paper prints anything about your branch let me know and we will print it with photos as well, would be nice

Are you too busy?

SORRY I'VE NOT GOT THE TIME! by John White

Recently a friend of mine went to his pastor for "a word". He was a little upset to be told the pastor was too busy, did not have the time as there were other things needing urgent attention. Now my friend is not an unreasonable person, but I gathered from his tone, he was distressed. I like him in this short article make no judgement on the pastor in question, but it does raise the issue of the importance of the use of "time".

Mark 10 vs. 13-16 is that well known scripture of how the disciples would have prevented the children from approaching Jesus, bad men! How would it have been if Jesus had said, "keep those kids away from me, I'm busy teaching the adults". The outcome of that would have been predictable, or would it? Was his teaching manner such it would not have had any effect on the children, or maybe someone listening was just about to make a decision, and what's more important than that! Did Jesus prioritise ? There is in this brief passage, which is also recorded in Luke 18, a powerful message which tells us this, Jesus makes the point we adults should take children as an example not because they are innocent and trusting but because, and yes like us, they are vulnerable and pretty powerless. Note he did not spend time teaching the children, He blessed them. Of blessing is another subject, but just briefly to recount Jabeth's prayer (1 Cron.4), when he asked please bless me, let me grow, have your hand upon me and keep me protected from evil

On a personal note I recall having to sell my Hayabusa, which to be honest broke my heart. I sold it believing that I could not afford to run it any longer, being retired. However after it had gone and the mist cleared from my eyes it dawned on me I had spent too much time on/with it, it had in fact become for me a replacement of other things in my life which in reality, were of greater importance.

So then TIME. Jesus had time. I do not recall anywhere in scriptures where He was saving or making time. In 2 Peter 3 vs. 8 and Psalm 90vs.4 we are told that with God, time is insignificant, 1000 years as a day. If we are to spend eternity with God, what's the hurry? - I recently spoke with a young lass from one of the Fellowship Churches, who happened on the day to be worshipping with us. This young lady lives in our village so I vaguely know her. I asked how things were progressing in her fellowship, praying as I do for discernment I sensed when she said, "we are so busy doing the Lord's work", it was not a joyous experience but an exhausting time she was having. Now I know for some to have "burn out" for Christ is their aim! I think not, for a few perhaps, called for a very specific work, but not for the majority. I have always been intrigued by the story of Mary and Martha as recorded in Luke 10. Martha it seemed invited Jesus into their home, great! Just imagine inviting Jesus, during His earthly ministry, into your home only then to be too busy to spend time with Him. But note how friction then arises between the sisters when the one who made the invitation is angry with the other, who after all, may have only been being a sociable host.....Cont. next page

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SORRY I'VE NOT GOT THE TIME! by John White

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However I think not because in Jesus gentle rebuke of Martha he tells her that Mary has gained by not only His attendance but by also her attention, she had chosen what was best and that the experience would not be taken from her, why, all because she took time out away from the chores, however necessary, to be with Jesus.

Scriptures say much about time, just look in any concordance. In Colossians (AIV) ch.4. Vs.5 it gives us some indication of how to spend our time, walk-wisdom-redeeming-time. It is also worth reading the NIV which says, "making the most of every opportunity" = time!

As an ex-Samaritan I well know the value in that the Samaritans have time to listen. They don't make time, you can't, they set aside time. Perhaps apart from Christ, time is our most precious gift. In Hebrews 13 we are told not to be too busy to entertain strangers because some who were unaware, had in fact entertained angels, so be warned, or better still, be advised.

Pauline my wife of some 41 years, and I were early the other morning, having one of our in depth conversations. On this occasion we were discussing old adverts. You can see from this what an exciting existence we have here in Norfolk! However, "Cheers for Chivers" came to mind, which I believe was the brand name for jellies and jams. The point! Well I always associate "Cheers" with something in a glass other than milk, so clearly "Cheers" means more than just hooray

The Greeks had two differing meanings for the word "time", CHRONOS from which we get chronometer and chronology, which simply means time as a measurement. KAIROS, is very different, for it means a very special time e.g. 2 Corinthians ch.6 vs.2 "...day of salvation", and is that not a special day?

I love hymns; mostly Sankeys it is to be said but there are other of course. Unfortunately we can often miss out on the power of the message given, because of a nice or familiar melody. For instance, to you of a certain age, sing to yourself Amazing Grace to the tune of A nightingale sang in Barkley Square. See how you can really emphasis some of the word because the tune seems to encourage it. However back to time. In William Longstaff's "Take Time to be Holy", in the first verse it says, "make friends of Gods children, help those who are weak.....". Billy Graham's Hymn Stories say of this hymn, "It bears a unique challenge that spiritual maturity requires, poise, patience and perseverance. I guess however, the title says it all "Take (set aside) Time", not only to become Christ like but also for your fellow man, woman and child, be they Christ's or not!

Have a KAIROS day,

Also see **All The Time In The World** By John Peverill

Are you a "Lone Wolf"?

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25 NIV

Growing up in California I was always aware of Motorcycle Clubs (or "gangs", depending on your point of view). California was the birthplace of the Hell's Angels and countless other groups of riders (or "outlaws", see previous comment) who rode together and always could be identified by their "colours"; the club's logo prominently displayed on the back of their jackets showing the world where their allegiance stood.

However, I also noticed those who rode alone, often with "Lone Wolf - No Club" or something similar on their jackets. I always found myself attracted to that notion of riding alone, not dependent or even desiring the company of others.

While being a "lone wolf" certainly has an idealistic, almost romantic appeal, it is not a calling that Christ has placed on His people. Christianity is no place for lone wolves. We are called as a flock by the Great Shepherd, we are meant to be a people together.

The Apostle Paul says, "It was [Christ] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." (Ephesians 4:11,12, NIV)

There is a plan and a purpose to our participation in our local church. As God's people we are to be prepared for works of service, and that can only happen in fellowship with others who are called to do the preparing, so that we all can be "built up".

If you aren't involved with a good church, let me say to you that there almost no reason to be a lone wolf, and every reason to be involved in what the Lord is doing in your community (re-read Acts if you need more encouragement about the benefits of meeting together).

While we are meant to be together, we are not meant to be church hoppers either, fluttering from one congregation to the next, leaving when times get difficult or when plans don't go our way. No roots can take and no growth can take place during continuous uprooting.

Whether it is for evangelism, teaching, encouragement, service to others or even discipline and correction, being involved in a local church is an essential part of our Christian walk. Going it alone is ok for bikers, bad for members of the body of Christ.

Written By Glenn from KCC Norwich a CMA supporter

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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
N/E Derbyshire

North West

Merseyside
North Cheshire
Stafford
Lakes N' Lancs.

South West

Bristol
Gloucester
South Wales

South East

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

If you are not a member of the CMA and you have read this magazine and wish to find out more then go to the CMA web site at:-www.bike.org.uk

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The Girt Gallybagger Rally by Ian Williams

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Jen Crane Ref East Midlands Branch*

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*Thinking Point Matthew 7 vs 5 by Simon Moore
Chipping Sodbury HJ report By Somon Moore*

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16th Trinity Run by Uel Irwin

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North Cheshire	<i>CMA North Cheshire Branch by Snowie</i>
N/E Derbyshire	<i>Kate Mead has written a piece about Tony Cridland. - Kate is a member of NE Derbyshire and former member of MESS and ex chair of NE London when it was a branch. N.E.Derbyshire Branch - We meet on the second Tuesday of the month. NED twig became a Branch at the AGM - only 9 months from starting! Please pray that we will remain totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit's nurturing and guidance.</i>
North East	<i>CMA President, Vision for the CMA UK Mike Fitton. The Wave of His Blessing by Mike Fitton CMA Tracts and leaflets by David Shepard</i>
North London	<i>Larry Hartland and Kate Mead knew Tony Cridland and his support for the NE London Branch</i>
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West Yorkshire	<i>My Testimony, & The Passion of the Christ by Johnny Hallas 420 days is a long time by Harley John Glen Knight The C.M.A. AGM</i>

From around the Branches

Heresy! Or not? by David Hunter Chairman, Scottish Branch

Have you ever been asked why you are a member of CMA, or perhaps asked the question of yourself? Some people may have joined CMA for different reasons, such as to enjoy Christian fellowship, or runs with like minded bikers, or because it seemed like a good idea for a Christian to join a Christian bike club. Others may have been brought along by a friend to a meeting or event of some kind and joined because they liked the company. Others have noticed the website without having first met any current members and joined direct through the web. Whatever the reason that you joined - and none of the above reasons are wrong in themselves, what is it that the Lord wants us to do through our membership of CMA?

The old Scottish Shorter Catechism which used to be taught in schools in Scotland asked the question of what man existed for (for man read mankind - man/woman/young person/child). The answer was that "Man's chief aim is to glorify God and enjoy Him for ever." As Christians we look forward to enjoying being in the presence of God in the life to come and should be enjoying a personal relationship with Him now, but what about the first part? How do we glorify God through our lives as individual Christians and as members of CMA? We can be said to glorify God through our worship, at least we do if our hearts are fully committed to the act of worship, but as most of us only attend a service of worship once or twice a week at most this cannot be what is meant by our 'chief aim'. What is it that brings most glory to God? As Jesus commanded us to share the Gospel with others "preach and heal" surely when we share the Gospel with others and by so doing move people towards the Kingdom, we bring glory to God? This, I believe, should be the main reason for being a member of CMA, even if it was not our main reason for joining in the first place.

So far no heresy! But what if I said that as a member of CMA, indeed as a Branch Chairman for many years, obtaining new members for the Association was not a high priority of mine? What if I went even further and said that I would rather speak with non-Christians (about the Gospel) than chat with Christian brothers and sisters. Both statements are true, as I consider it much more important to reach people with the Gospel than have fellowship with fellow Christians (much as I enjoy the latter), and more important to point people in the direction of Christ than in the direction of CMA or indeed the Church as an institution. Don't get me wrong, I would be delighted if a new believer who was a biker decided to join CMA, and delighted if a new convert was to join my particular congregation. Both of these are, however, very secondary to the person coming to a living and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Perhaps most of those reading this consider that the above is exactly what CMA is about. Sorry, but I don't agree! All too often I have seen, or heard from other CMA members of occasions where people approaching CMA Stands etc found CMA members so engrossed in chatting with each other that there was no room for 'God-appointments' with non-christians. An example of this happened at the recent National AGM, where three 13 year old boys managed to wander past dozens of members happily chatting to each other outside the church building, through the entrance into the church itself, without anyone having had a meaningful chat with them. These lads were full of deep questions about Christianity, which just poured out as soon as initial contact was made with them - but they almost got missed. Life is full of such God-appointments, but we can so easily miss them because we have taken our eye off the ball so to speak. I am as guilty of this as anyone, perhaps I just notice more when I miss one of the appointments that the Lord has made for me, and believe me, it hurts!

What then is our chief aim as members of CMA. It is not nearly enough to get CMA noticed. The heretic in me says forget that in any case, let's aim to get the Lord noticed. Let's look for the God-appointments and make sure we keep them. The song says "We want to see Jesus lifted high" - do we? Let's do it.....and make our chief aim to glorify God, and enjoy Him for ever. Then we certainly shall.

A D.I.Y. Corner!

I recently read that the modern day gospel believer, does not think, is happy just to be fed whatever by whomever! One of the dangers, if this is true, and we do not research what we are being fed, is that we may not be being fed properly.

So here are two exercises.

- 1, **Make up your own parable:**
The ingredients are: One little light and a number of prisms.
(A clue is, A Lighthouse)

- 2 **It is said that the higher the cliff on which we stand, the further out to sea you can see. So then, how high do you want to go and what do you want to see?**
(A clue is, Glory)

by John White from Stalham Baptist Church

From around the Branches

Advanced Driving by Pidd

In the spring issue of "Advanced Driving – the IAM Magazine" there is a report that in New Zealand there is a motoring law that requires traffic, when turning left into a side road, to give way to opposing traffic signalling to turn to their right into the same side road. I have sent a reply to IAM suggesting that this should be extended, especially in suburbia, to give way even if you propose to go straight ahead and for two reasons. Firstly one has the opposing vehicle in sight all the time and secondly quickest removal of an additional hazard from a junction will be of benefit to all other motorists.

All this assumes, of course, that YOU are travelling at the legal speed limit for the road and I KNOW all CMA riders do this (Hmmmmm?) The main difficulty is getting the opposing vehicle to understand that you actually WANT him/her to pass in front of you. The headlamp flash will be inappropriate, if not downright dangerous, to others and would be incorrectly used anyway in this circumstance. Any amount of arm-waving is usually ignored by tunnel-vision motorists who do not expect a biker to be courteous.

In the same issue there was an enquiry regarding the use of white chevron's on motorways at apparently equal intervals. The reply was unusually banal but I would answer this with the enigmatic question "What is the minimum safe distance to travel behind another vehicle in good conditions at any speed?" Well, it's not a measured distance but a time interval. To be exact that interval is two seconds. In wet or otherwise bad conditions double that, or more. You will have observed already that most folk drive regardless of conditions about 2 YARDS (= 6 feet) behind the vehicle in front. At 70 mph one travels 205.4 feet (62.6 metres) in those 2 seconds. Taking an "average" car (a Rover 400 parked outside my home) at 14 feet long means that at 70mph you need to have a gap nearly 15 cars length between you and the vehicle in front and that's on dry weather.

So, when you are riding, at any speed, THINK about what you are doing. The message to car drivers is "Think Bike", but to us it should be "Bikers - THINK!!"

Pidd's mother achieved her 100th birthday on 6th June
Pidd, Jim and four from East Midlands branch intend to join the Meriden Megaride which is another charity event in aid of children's hospice. This is quite a big bikers rally held near Meriden, the village reputedly the centre of England by being the furthest from the sea in any direction. There was also a modestly famous motorcycle made there years ago called the "Triumph". (I dare you....!)

From around the Branches

TRACTS AND LEAFLETS FOR THE CMA

From 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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Many thanks for all your help. God bless David Sheppard

So did you respond to this request? Or did you think that everybody else would, so it was not important for you to do so?

From around the Branches

CMA Ireland Branch; 16th Trinity Run by Uel Irwin

I was sort of 'volunteered' into running the Trinity Run by Barry Moore the Chairman. It didn't seem like 16 years since a very much younger and inexperienced me joined in with the first one. Memories came back so we started at Stormont Gates like the first one and went into Co Down as I worked on organising it.

The sun was shining and the day was good. After running some bike tours for a number of years my theme was 'in the footsteps of St Patrick.' We went into Co Down and stopped where the saint was supposed to have landed near Downpatrick. Local man John from Comber, a man interested in joining the branch was on hand to give us a historical talk, which proved interesting.

We then went on to Saul church, now a Church of Ireland building where St Patrick gathered the first Christians together in Ireland and read the information boards on display. We had permission to park on the pathways as space was limited. Soon we went on passing a statue in Raholp erected by the Roman Catholics to the great man and on to the Co Down Coast and back via Struell Wells to Downpatrick. The wells are an ancient bathing house and derelict church site and though the day was sunny no-one jumped into the cold running water in the preserved Bath houses.

We all ended up in jail, but after rations got out again. The old Downpatrick jail is now a free museum and we used its cafe for lunch. Just up the road a short walk is a large stone covering the place where St Patrick is buried along with those of two other Irish saints, and some took the chance to visit Down C of Ire Cathedral which is adjacent to the burial site. Before leaving the parking area we gave out the prizes and enjoyed the success.

Still in the sun we rode to Newcastle, Co Down and parked at the centre where bikers meet to talk and pose.

CMA Ireland only has a few members presently but the whole Belfast area turned out.

We were pleasantly amazed when about 40 bikers including a few Christians turned up, some bike clubs and some individuals out on their first run. We made good impressions, many took the time to say so that it had been a good day out. Some hadn't really been into a church building much but went to see about the Saint's history. Now that's a start as St Patrick was a genuine man from what we know of him and maybe through Jesus some will come into the real church that we are part of and is alive today.

Sometimes in CMA we can have a presence, sometimes we make an impression and sometimes we can be a witness. I hope it was the latter even when out on a run.

.....
Biblical faith, is trust in the ability of God to do what we cannot do.
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From around the Branches

Bran Muffins by Pidd

The couple were 85 years old, and had been married for sixty years. Though they were far from rich, they managed to get by because they watched their pennies. Though not young, they were both in very good health, largely due to the wife's insistence on healthy foods and exercise for the last decade.



One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare vacation and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the pearly gates, and St. Peter escorted them inside. He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favorite clothes in the closet. They gasped in astonishment when he said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now." The old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied, "remember, this is your reward in Heaven." The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever-built on Earth.

"What are the greens fees?", grumbled the old man. "This is heaven,"

St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic deserts, free flowing beverages.

"Don't even ask," said St. Peter to the man. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy." The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods, and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked. "That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven!" The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?" "Not unless you want to," was the answer. "No testing my sugar or blood pressure or..." "Never again. All you do here is enjoy yourself."

The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your bran muffins. We could have been here ten years ago!"

From around the Branches

Have you ever? by John Pritchard

It's a Sunday morning service, and the congregation has settled down to listen to the speaker present a sermon from the bible.

As the teaching progresses, the speaker puts into the presentation a personal recollection of something that has happened, which you can relate to yourself.

This happened to me recently, as my Pastor was commenting on an event he had heard from another minister at a conference.

A wealthy young man had a desire which started as an persistent thought to travel to China, but he did not know why or what he was expected to do?

The man gave up his career and sailed to China.

He stood on the boat / landing jetty of a Chinese port wondering what was going to happen next?

In the large street ahead of him, a European lady was to be seen in the distance.

The lady had his attention from the moment he has seen her.

Being the only white person amidst the many Chinese / eastern people.

There was a young child walking beside her, the child was holding her hand.

The lady walked up to the man and presented the child to the man, saying that this child was his new responsibility!

What a display of the power of God, how two people can meet in a far off country / continent and then there be a purpose and reason for there being there at a certain time and day.

Now this is my personal story.

Before Christmas I had this persistent thought to go to the Isle of Man, to help Steve & Dawn Parker with an outreach at the Holy Joe's during the TT racing events. I did not know how I was going to travel to the island, where I was going to stay or if my wife, Shirley, would be going with me? Keeping this thought alive with prayer, as I believed that this would (somehow) happen. First action was to contact Steve & Dawn who live in Ramsay, to ask if Shirley and myself could stay with them, as we had done two years previously? As they are very dedicated Christians, they said that they would consider and pray about my request due to their own family commitments, and contact me later.

A number of weeks passed with no reply, and I still held onto the thought, with frequently prayer of thanks that Father God was in control of the whole situation.

Dawn contacted me by e-mail to say that they could offer myself & Shirley accommodation on the last weekend of the TT racing fortnight.

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With the dates provisionally set, I mentioned to Shirley that we might be going to stay with this lovely couple once again.

Shirley was so pleased and excited at the thought of staying with Steve & Dawn once again

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It is our faith in His ability to do what only He can do, make us righteous.
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From around the Branches

Have you ever? by John Pritchard from prev. page

This was the first sign that Father God was sorting the arrangements for this thought of mine. Then Ian Mylroi, who lives in Helenborough, Scotland, contacted me to ask if I had paid for my journey to the famous island?

Ian had just paid £151 for his motorcycle and self on the ferry.

I explained that I could not afford the £120 fare for foot-passengers from Liverpool to Douglas. Though I had made enquires to fly from Birmingham to Ronaldsway (Isle of Man), as Shirley does not like to travel by sea, also the return airfare was far too expensive at £254 return for us both. Ian asked me for all of the travel details.

I then quietly waited for his reply, which arrived the next day by e-mail.

Opening Ian's reply in the inbox of my e-mail, I was to read that he had paid for Shirley and myself to fly from Birmingham, and that the flight tickets would be in the post the next day!.

Ian also wrote to a letter to Shirley to inform her that she was going to have a holiday in the Isle of Man, with the flight already paid, and that Ian would be looking forward to meeting us both.

Having composed myself from the shock and surprise of this wonderful gesture, I sent Ian a card to say thank you, and how I really was so overwhelmed by this blessing, with such excitement of wondering what was to happen next?

I just know that I have to be assisting Steve & Dawn with the (Christian Motorcyclists Association) outreach to the thousand of motorcyclists who will be visiting the island for the motorcycle racing.

Having mentioned to family and friends about this wonderful holiday to visit friends, (and watch some of the racing), they are so surprised at the help we have received to make this all happen.

I have had a great joy to tell people whenever I have had the opportunity of this tremendous blessing of Father God upon Shirley and myself.

Some people have given a comment that it was just a co-incidence, or have disbelieved that this can happen as have I told them.

This reminded me of my Pastor giving the scripture reference of 1 Corinthians 2 verse 5,

So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

The result of this man's thought and actions is now a reality of a charity that cares for young children, which is a worldwide organisation!

For me personally, this is wonderful confirmation of God's work in not only my life, but of others that I have previously mentioned **To be continued!**

From around the Branches

Black Leather Jacket by R M Jameson

I have a very old, battered fringed leather jacket. It is about falling apart with wear now. Fiona remembers me as a student in leathers, for years it kept me warm and safe in the frozen North East. As a hardy Geordie I remember my breath frozen solid on the bed linen in my digs, the pipes frozen solid in the bathroom. Zipping up my jacket I would set off for the warmth of the University.

Several years later it protected me as I dashed out to attend emergencies through the dark back streets. As the family increased in number and size two wheeled transport was forsaken and a car was bought. For years bikes were forgotten and the leather gear was in the back of a cupboard. Now I have a bike again and the old leathers are revived with oil and gleaming and renewed protect me once more. The jacket is not trendy or fashionable not even respectable.

Jokingly the family call it my second skin. Some people are expected to wear "establishment uniform" like a pin-striped suit for work.

Joseph was like that with his "multicoloured dream coat" his clothing of status and privilege made him the envy of his brothers and, to make matters worse, he was an unlikable chap parading with airs. Yet God dealt with him to make him of use. We need to pray for those in positions of authority and Influence that God may change them and use them. Look how God later used Joseph in his finely creased suits in Pharaohs court.



Bikers sometimes are an anti-establishment lot and may misjudge others by appearances just as much as they can be misunderstood:

In many ways the Christian life is like my old black leather jacket. Just as I am vulnerable without it, so Jesus clothes us and covers our sins when we put our trust in Him. (Isaiah 61.10.) He protects us, we are told to put on the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 13.14). His second

skin protects us from the rough and tumble of life. Jesus had His hide tanned for us.

We need the armour, the leathers for someone will be out to get us or by our lack of skill we may fall.

We need too to put on our faith, we need the Oil of the Spirit to keep it supple and active in living for Jesus - so not to let our experience become a tale of musty past events hidden away and known only to a few.

My black leather jacket has a fringe, not always approved of; it reminds me of the fringed robe Jesus wore as a man of prayer. How He committed each and every detail of life to His Father, now my Father.

A reminder too of my frailty, so when I mount my machine I pray for protection and give thanks for a safe journey when I get off.

My fringed jacket marks me out as a biker, I hope that my style of riding marks me out as a Christian. '

From around the Branches

East Midlands by Jen Crane

As a branch the first 6 months of this year have been our busiest yet. Every time we get the marquee out of the garage it rains! Sometimes I do wonder if it's actually worth putting it away, it certainly doesn't have time to collect dust. The first event was The Speedfreaks Ball at Santa Pod, although there were only a few of the branch there we made many new contacts and met others we have had contact with in the past three years. And yes it rained, and rained. No sooner had we put the marquee away it was time to get it out for BMF, again a good few contacts were made. The following weekend was Hellish at the Mellish, although this is a relatively small MAG rally we were kept busy, and yes it rained.

Run for the Son weekend we had a dilemma, a new rally within 20 miles, the 1st International Deaf Bikers Rally. It was felt that God really wanted us there so we went. What a blessing. We met up with Deaf Christian Bikers who live in our area, who want to have more contact with us, a Manual For Life was given out and the service was well attended on the Sunday morning. Oh, yes it did rain.

The next outing for the marquee is Youth Bike. All these weekend events are interspersed with day events; we are going to 3 on the same day.

The organisation that goes into all these events is very time consuming. If you're reading this, I urge you to examine the contribution that you make to your branch events, don't always think that someone else will do it, because 9 times out of 10 they don't, it's always the same few.

Jen Crane *from the Editor read Poem 'are you an active member'*

Letter to the Editor from:-
 Jeff & Heather Sparkes
 "Greenfields"
 Bryncoch,
 Bridgend,
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Dear Brother and Sisters in the Lord, I am writing this to you to express my thanks to you all for the support, both financial and in prayer, to me and my family during the recent problems arising from an accident during a C.M. event some years ago.

The accident, though relatively

insignificant and thankfully without permanent consequences, was nonetheless magnified by the press and legal profession to appear as if a mass murder had just taken place (Must have been a quite week for news).

I cannot stress too highly how the support of you all meant to us all. Thank you all and God bless you.

Letter signed by:-
Jeff & Heather Sparkes

From around the Branches

My Testimony By Johnny Hallas

I was raised in a working class family with three brothers in a small terraced house in Huddersfield. We were a typical family of the time working hard to make ends meet, not poor but always food to eat and clean clothes to wear. My parents were not practicing Christians, although I believe my mother had some belief in God. Religion was never discussed and life just continued. I was married at 19, father at 21 and divorced at 28, I cried out in despair to God to help me when my situation over the divorce, custody of my son and the financial settlement became too much to bear. After I remarried I started to think how life is so fickle, and wanted explanations of what is going on, why I was here and where I was going, basically what was the purpose of my life. At that time I was training in martial arts so I started to look at eastern religions to find the answers. I found this very interesting but it did not address the questions that I was asking. The breakthrough came in 1985 with the birth of our daughter Jemma and my wife and I decided to have her baptized at the local church. The minister Howard enquired whether me or my wife were Christians, because in the baptism service we have to make certain promises before God. I admitted proudly that I was an atheist and didn't really know what a Christian was. Howard told me about Jesus and The Gospel. I had never heard anything like it before, it seemed so real to him, but I found it unbelievable. After many hours of explanation the jigsaw started to take shape.

The answers that I had been looking for were in the Bible. Howard suggested that I pray to God and ask Him to reveal himself with a sign, which I did that night.

The next day I was having my evening meal when there was a knock on the door. When I opened the door there was an elderly lady standing there, she invited me to an Easter service, I said I would like to go. When I closed the door I realized that I had earnestly prayed the night before for a sign from God and I became quite overcome. Sometime later I talked to the elderly lady who's name was Mary, why she had called at my house that night, she told me that she had been praying and God had told her she had to go out that night because there was someone she had to meet. I continued going to church and reading my bible and one night in bed I gave my life to Christ. The feeling of freedom was electric, the thought that my sins were forgiven, that Jesus loves me and there is a place in Heaven when I die. I now have a purpose in life, I know where I came from and I know where I am going and that Jesus will be with me every step of the way.

From around the Branches

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST by Johnny Hallas

I went to see the film THE PASSION OFF CHRIST just before Easter to see what all fuss was about. It seems that the film makers set out to shock us by the graphic torture and execution of Jesus Christ, well it certainly does that.

What do you make of Easter? Is it rabbits and eggs or torture and death? The real meaning of Easter is love and hope. When Jesus died on the cross he showed complete love for mankind, how can that be you ask, because Jesus took the punishment for our wrong doings that we can be set free, forgiven by God. But the story doesn't end there, on Easter day Jesus rose from the dead, and Jesus is alive today. This is the hope of eternal live for those who believe it, death has been conquered. Jesus said I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies {John 11: v25}
Chose life today, Turn to Jesus.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST by Dan Harris

Over the Easter period the Kent CMA made a priority of seeing the new Mel Gibson film, The Passion of the Christ, and fitted in the diary as an official event.

As with many people, we found the film to be dramatic, realistically depicting the brutality that Jesus received at the hands of the overlords of Israel. There was controversy over whether the film had "hammed up" the violence, and a few of our friends found the film extreme. However, other people's experience of the film was refreshing - more of the most accurate artistic attempts at visualising the reality of Christ's last hours.

It was with a sense of irony that, twelve hours later, I found myself carrying a cross up the High Street of Canterbury on Good Friday.

Every Good Friday Canterbury's churches unite to join in the annual Walk the Witness, a procession headed up by the Salvation Army with volunteers leading carrying a 10ft replica of the cross. This year, when I saw my ex-youth worker volunteering, and with some nudges by my own minister, I put up my hand to volunteer also.

Carrying the Cross was a profound experience. The Cross was heavy and it dug uncomfortably into my back. As we walked, I could not help thinking back to Mel Gibson's film depicting Jesus's harrowing experience being force to carry his own instrument of execution.

A few days later I heard that, I had been caught by a photographer and featured in the local paper. The feature commented on the "bizarre spectacle" of a biker carrying the cross with a white cross emblazoned on a leather waist coat.

From around the Branches

CMA North Cheshire Branch by Snowie

First of all the vision from (Is) 45 2-3 It all started back in 1979 by Nigel Fish who had this Vision from God, and in 1980 there was three branches in Bristol, London and Preston. And than it was called CBA. And in 1983 it was called CMA.

In 1983 Warrington Area started, it was Terry Bullard who started Preston Branch in 1980 with about 10 members until 1983, when Barry Gardner from Southport took over from Preston, and than Warrington Area started up in May 1984 when taken over from Southport, and then North Cheshire Branch started up in 1985.

Who started it? well it was Peter BRITCLIFFE, who came from Preston, and than moved to LYMM in 1983, there was about 5 people who used to meet at Peter's house in LYMM.

So can you see how prayer works? (never give up, carry on) on a run out about 4 may turn up, but on a good day we can get about 6 turn up for a ride out, but on a bad day we may only get 3 turn up for a ride out.

Around 1988-1989 North Cheshire Branch took off in a big way when about 20 people turned up on their bikes for our First meeting at snowy's house, and yes we did meet at people house's once a mouth, and they came from Southport, Chester, North Wales, Manchester and Stoke, and it was a big area to cover at that time.

As we did start to grow that big, we had to start up the meeting at Arthur's garage for a meeting place in around 1990-1991, and we are still at Arthur's garage for our meetings (started of year 2001). And now in 2002 we move from his garage into Arthur's new extension for are first meetings on June 11th.

In 1993 with our blessing to Wanda to start of Branch which was called CASC-CLWYD & South Cheshire, and yet we are still growing after we started of CASC Branch.

In 1997 we started of yet other branch in which it was called Merseyside, with our blessing to them all them started off Merseyside Branch.

And in 1997 we started West Yorkshire Area, and in 1998 it became a Branch with our blessing to them all.

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Christ became what we are, so that we may become as Christ is!.
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CMA North Cheshire Branch by Snowie

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And we like to thank the Lord for is blessing to us all, and we like to thank all people who has taken on and started up new branch in their area.

In 1993 Wanda, Kevin and Philip started up CASC.

In 1997 Philip, Eddie, Jane & Thingy plus Paul & Carol started up Merseyside. In 1997 Jim & Dot plus Andy & Kate started up West Yorkshire.

In 2001 we started a Stafford Area with Colin & Kim with our blessing to them both in the work they do in the area around Stafford, and in 2002 it came a Branch with our blessing to them all.

Chris Kirk, who went to Isle of Man to work and started CMA Branch in Isle of Man with our blessing.

Trevor & Vivienne Kane from Ireland started CMA Branch in Londonderry, with our blessing to both them.

Chris & Trevor came to our meeting at North Cheshire Branch before moving on to where they are now, God bless them in all they do.

And in 2003 we started a Cumbria Area with Jim, chez and Malcolm.

Rocket Roy we do like to thank you for all your hard work you did here over the years, and with our blessing to you as you move to your new home in Isle of Man.

May the Lord bless you all because we are all one in the Lord and one in CMA and we all one big happy Family and are Meeting at Arthur on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8pm, and what do those branches do and where do we go?, Holy Joe's Cafe at rallies doing tea and coffee all night, Prison work, Churches, Youth clubs, outreach, and others bike meeting and bike shows. Snowy Date May 2003.

<p>Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just content that your name is on the list?</p> <p>Do you attend the rides, and mingle with the flock or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?</p> <p>Do you take an active part to help the group along? or are you satisfied</p>	<p>to just belong?</p> <p>Do you push the cause along and make things really tick? or leave the work to just a few and talk about their clique?</p> <p>Think this over friend. You know right from wrong. Are you an active member or do you just belong?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">This is from Patty Jamieson USA</p>
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The Girt Gallybagger Rally by Ian CMA Bedford branch

Hallo C.M.A Members. May I tell you about my ride to the rally in the Isle of Wight? Dates of the rally were 30th April to the 3rd May

I set off from Bedford on Friday at 9am. I was supposed to meet a friend at Bicester, but that went wrong as I was supposed to meet him at 10.30, well by the time I got there it was 12 mid day, I had a drink, then set off to Southampton, this was a mistake as I was supposed to go to Portsmouth to get the cheap tickets of £10 return, in the end I paid £23.00 return and had to book the return voyage home and state a time.

Whilst I was on the way to the island it rained all the way and continued until Saturday morning.

When we awoke it was blistering hot sunshine, just enough to dry out our clothes laying on the tents. On the Saturday we went to the town, a walk around the shops and souvenir shops.

One of the shops looked like a satanic shop, to which I was reluctant to go in, but I did and felt safe, I was wearing my cross at the time because of this the owner spoke to me and said she is a Christian. I gave her some CMA tracks and she was pleased to see me. Her name was Lynn, vets all her stock and where it has come from. If it was from a bad back ground then she will not stock it. Her church does not understand this and her church do not associate motorcycles with Christians.

Maybe the tracts will help to change their minds.

Some good bands were on such as Pear Tree Bridge from Milton Keynes they all ride bikes and are followed with their instruments in a van.

On the Sunday a friend and I took the bike for a ride out to see the local towns as I have not been to the island before, we went to a town in the most southern part and I met a biker on the docks waiting for the ferry. When he saw my cross we started chatting, he was on a tour of the Island and due to return to the main land to go to back to Scotland. He was divorced and just enjoying his the relief that gave him, he was also visiting as many churches as he could to spread the word, his name was Doug.

Well I returned on Monday in the rain again and yes I got wet yet again. God Bless you all and ride with Jesus as your guide.

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John 3.16 - what more do you want to know?
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From around the Branches

420 Days is a long time by Harley John

Although I had to return my license to the DVLA last year following the return of a brain tumor, the 26 March 2004 was a good day for me as it ended 420 days of me not being able to ride my bike.

Earlier that week I'd been really down as DVLA were still dealing with my application, but then Pat rang me at work on the Friday afternoon to let me know that they had written to say that I could ride again. After I'd managed to calm down a bit my immediate challenges were to sort out my insurance and get the bike MOT'd.

Fortunately I was able to sort out the insurance within a couple of hours and get the MOT booked for the following morning. It was strange riding to the garage on Saturday morning, as my last (very wet) ride out was round the Lake District last January with Johnny & Jim. It was a great relief to get the MOT certificate and head on to Slaithwaite to make a surprise visit to our club stand there.

The journey there was fantastic and the reception I got on arrival was very emotional as everybody knew how much I'd missed riding and how frustrating it had been not being able to get round under my own steam. Since then I've attended the Good Friday Service at Settle, visited the AGM venue at Winterton and been on a few short runs locally to get used to riding again. In the coming months I'm hoping to visit the ACE cafe in London, spend a few days in Scotland and take a more active role in some of our Branch Outreach work.

For those who don't know me, I believe that I'm a walking riding miracle. I can say that with confidence as I have recovered from major brain surgery on two occasions in the past five years and am once again well enough to ride my bike. During this time I had been down at times but to quote Isaiah 40 vs31 - Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. (With hindsight I don't think I ever last hope of recovery and I felt like an eagle when I got back on my bike and rode along the Pennine roads and villages to Slaithwaite).

In conclusion I would like to thank the medical staff who cared for me last year and all those who have prayed & supported me over the last year. I also want to say big thanks for to my wife Pat, who has cared for me and acted as my chauffeur as I have recovered.

Thinking Point From Simon Moore CMA Gloucester Matthew 7 vs 5

Simon has suggested that you actually get the bible out and read it so it can be speaking to you from the book.

From around the Branches

Sign and Symbol. by Robin M Jameson, Merseyside.

As highway users we are familiar with signs and symbols. Signs give instructions and directions, like "Stop" or a name on a signpost directing us to our destination. In the Christian Life signs and symbols are used too along the King's Highway. There are "Stop" signs like the Ten Commandments and simple directions such as "this is the way walk in it." Also there are lots of symbols, for example the "types" in the Old Testament which have a deeper meaning than a simple stop sign. The function of such symbols is to open the soul to hidden levels of reality that cannot be grasped in any other way. One example springs to mind in the Old Testament, the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle in the wilderness. The profound truth in this symbol is deep and many layered. The gracious possibility of entering into the intimate Holy of Holies of God's presence is made achievable by the sacrificial death of Christ on our behalf so we sinners can enter into communion with God and be co-workers in his Kingdom through prayer. I love Martin Luther's word gnadenthron which is translated in our English bible as Mercy Seat.

In our Christian traditions we have two such Symbols in the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. One writer called such symbols where we can experience God in a special way "Thin Places." In our experience along life's journey Thin Places are where the division between the transitory/earthly and the definitive/eternal seem transparently thin as we experience God in a very special way. Such Thin Places where we experience God in an exhilarating way are common to all God's people. These special places are sometime unique and individual because God made us all different individuals. Others are special Thin Places shared with God's People. Such shared Thin Places can be the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist when we truly appreciate the meaning of the word (thanksgiving) when overwhelmed in gratitude our hearts overflow in love for God and we worship in thankful awe.

Such symbols with their layer of meaning are helpful in the Christian journey.

Many evangelicals overlook the depth and wealth of spirituality that can be discovered in such symbolism. At this season of Pentecost we remember how God comes by the Holy Spirit making us realise how we need a Thin Place when eternal realities are vivid and real. What is your Thin Place when God is so real? Perhaps the moment when you realised that Jesus became your Saviour or when after years of nominal church attendance God met you in his beauty and you experienced an intimate moment with Him. Perhaps in taking the Bread and Wine when you realise God's generosity. Truly the term Eucharist is apt whatever your background, whether evangelical Free Church or belonging to one of the more formal denominations. In participating in the Eucharist we remember that we owe our very breath and being to God, our earthly and spiritual life, for the only things we can truly call our own are our sins, everything else we possess is a gift.

No doubt as riders we have our own Thin Places when the presence of God is very real. Sometimes such special places are apparently mundane, like Brother Laurence as he toiled in the kitchen, or may be it a favorite ride. I appreciated the poem "Inside my Lid" by Wendy E. Price in the 2004 Spring issue of Chainlink, the CMA magazine. please read it or ask the editor for a copy.

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Symbolism can help us in worship, truly revealing depths of experience that cannot be explained by reason alone. Think of all the theological debate about the meaning of Holy Communion in the Protestant churches let alone the doctrine of transubstantiation!

As a post Easter break my wife and I went to St. Petersburg in Russia and took an opportunity of visiting two Orthodox services which are full of symbolism and ritual. All churches have a ritual even the Brethren "hymn, prayer and bible sandwich!" Symbolism can teach us about spiritual truths. If things always remain the same it is easier to teach our children about worship even if they do not speak the same language or have the ability to read our write. The Orthodox Churches have rituals dating from ancient times when most of the population were illiterate. The church faces east so we enter facing towards the light of Christ. It is lit by candles representing the light of Christ without whose light we will stumble about in darkness. Believers use candles as symbols of their burning grateful love for God and as a reminder that we must shine for Jesus as lights in a dark world.

Orthodox churches have religions symbols, icons, which are more than painting as representational art; they have a deep religious symbolism. The church is divided into 3 sections, the entrance porch, the main body or Nave and the Sanctuary which is separated from the Nave by a painted door covered in icons, the Iconostasis. During the beginning of the service the Iconostasis is shut. A choir sings praises to God and the Iconostasis opens and the priest carries out the Scriptures. While the Apolytikon anthem is sung the priest carrying the Holy Gospel book comes in procession before the Beautiful Gate and prays. The Deacon cries out, "Wisdom! Be attentive!" The Iconostasis or Beautiful Gate opens as the choir sings. This reminds us that entrance into God's presence is only through the shed blood of Jesus and that the Gospel is God's wisdom giving light. Part of the liturgy is named the Great Entrance reminding us that we join cherubim and seraphim and the angelic host to worship God, we are not alone! During the Holy Communion the congregation say they are sinners entirely dependent upon the undeserved mercy of God and the cleansing of the shed blood of Christ. The service is full of ritual beauty and meaning. During it the communicants pray stating they are unworthy to enter with the saints and angels but the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin. "It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation. Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of your mystical Supper. I will not betray you with a kiss as did Judas, but as the thief I confess to you Lord remember me in your Kingdom." The ritual is very different from the Brethren breaking of bread or and from an Anglican Holy Communion. Sometimes helps us to mediate upon the symbols of our faith.

Yet in it all as we look at the symbols, what did Jesus say, "do this in remembrance of me " Till he returns its not our job to debate and understand bending our feeble intellects. We must simply believe, eat drink and be thankful, dutifully witness to him until His return.

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To whom do you belong, Christ or Adam?
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From around the Branches

THE C.M.A. AGM by Glen Knight

The weekend of the 23rd to 26th April 2004, the C.M.A. held their Annual General Meeting at a Methodist church in Winterton near Scunthorpe. Which was attended by about 120 bikers, with many of us sleeping on the church floor, in tents pitched in gardens of the congregation and a few being put up in their homes.

The AGM took place on the Saturday afternoon, where the new president gave a presentation of his vision from God, regarding the future of the C.M.A.. During the presentation he said that we are here in Winterton for a reason, but nobody knew why.

The reason came on Sunday morning, when the chef opened the doors at about 6.30am to let in his helpers. He found a biker asleep in the doorway, so he assumed that this biker was part of the C.M.A.. When woken up by the noise, the helpers started to speak to him, so this is his story and he is called Martin.

Martin had arrived in Winterton during the early hours of Sunday morning, after riding down from Scotland. On passing the church, he saw all the bikes parked up, but didn't know who we were or why we were there. Martin parked up and went to sleep because he felt safe surrounded by a group of bikers.

When Martin was woken up, he looked upset and downhearted, as the helpers talked to him. Martin said that about 4 or 5 days ago, his wife and 2 children aged 5yrs and 7yrs, were killed in a car crash, as he couldn't cope with this, Martin just got on his bike and rode to just get away from everything for a while, to clear his head and to come to terms with what had happened. But on the way down, Martin stopped of at a service station, upon returning to his bike, his saddlebags, containing all his clothes and sleeping gear, had been stolen. Martin had seen the gang with his equipment on the roadside, but felt that he couldn't challenge them, as there was too many. Martin had arrived in Winterton with literally what he had on his back.

As you can imagine the people who were listening to Martin were feeling, they invited him in for breakfast, God moves in mysterious ways, WHY? At the beginning of the weekend some body was selling a set of leathers (jacket and trousers) and yes you've guessed! They fit him perfectly, so they were given to him. As people were awake and still stirring a collection was taken and presented to him for petrol home.

As the morning moved on Martin said that he had an Aunt who lived nearby, and was going to visit her. Promising to return for the service, but didn't, for reasons we don't know. All I can think of is that when Martin told his Aunt everything, he could have broken down and being too emotional to come back.

After Martin had left us. A few of the C.M.A. gathered to pray for him asking Jesus to protect him in his travels, for the seed to have been sown, which will be watered and nurtured by somebody else in the forthcoming future.

During Martins time with us the Gospel was shared with him. We have left Martin in God's hands. So all we can do now is to continue to pray for him and at some point in Martins future, he will respond to God's call and open his heart to Jesus. For it is God who puts us in places for reasons we don't know, by his will and grace, he works the purposes out, through us his vessels.

When writing this article the parable of the good Samaritan came to mind, by not knowing the time or place when somebody will need your help, so we have to ready and open to respond to other peoples hurts and needs whatever the cost, as God calls us to serve.

From around the Branches

Fellowship by Pidd

As many of you know I have long promoted that we meet nationally more often within our CMA Christian life. I have felt, and said so, for a very long time that we do not get together nationally often enough. Partly to



promote this I have operated the family rally here in the West Midlands. Continued lack of interest by the majority of you has given me has caused me to consider, re-consider, and pray about whether the process is right and proper. Yesterday I received an email from our editor regarding an approaching deadline for the next "Chainlink".

Today my thoughts were dramatically supported in my daily reading (Every Day With Jesus) for June 3rd the quote included Matthew 18 verses 19-20 which reads, in "Manual for Life" (Jesus continued) -"I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you."

In EDWJ the author, Selwyn Hughes, commented "Most of us, but not all of us understand the significance of what happens when we meet

together in the Lord's name" "whenever we meet corporately" "His presence seems to be felt more intensely by each of us individually" "Why?" "I have discovered that the more effort I make to relate to my brothers and sisters in Christ, the closer I seem to get to God. It is as if in the physical presence of other Christians" --"as we share together" - -"something is triggered that opens our spirit more completely to God."

Hughes also quotes from C.S.Lewis:- "God can only show Himself as he really is" "to men (and women) who are united together in a loving, helping and sharing body" "the whole Christian community waiting for him together."

Although there are opportunities for CMA to meet nationally and corporately, we seem to be missing our en masse on what are wonderful events in our calendar. Few national events, not even the AGM, are supported by more than a quarter of the total membership. My message to other three quarters of my brothers and sisters is simple. In several ways suggested above.

YOU ARE MISSING OUT!

From around the Branches

Chipping Sodbury HJ Motor Bike Meet

by Simon Gloucester Branch

Here are photos from the Chipping Sodbury HJ Motorcycle meet. (We have loads more if anyone would like to view them) Around 500 bikes with bouncy castles, face painting, and the usual custom bike show. There was a local MAG stall and bar with hot and cold food sold on site.

After the days events all the 11 CMA people went for a pizza and good fellowship.

Enice looked after the preparation with Martin and we were joined by Alan for the food after the busy day.

Alan, Sue and I drove back to Gloucester and I left Alan's house at 9.00pm and had a nice cold ride home.

God was faithful in the weather and good conversation.



Run for the Son by Rob Urand

Nat Treasurer's bit - Run for The Son

It was a great weekend. Please collect in your sponsorship money asap, and send it in with your sponsor form.....Thanks to those who already have. It is not too late for you to support the Run with sponsorship as a donation. Well done to those who rode the whole of the southern run; Colin from Gloucester, Richard from East Mids, and the four lads from Stafford. I don't know all who rode the entire northern run 'cause I was busy on the southern run at the time, but well done to them too.

Reminder

A reminder to all those who read the information sent out about CMA's new strategy, and our new President, and then put it to one side so they could deal with it later,but didn't get round to it! Please dig it out again, read it prayerfully, and act upon it as God leads you. If you are led to support the strategy financially, there is a Standing Order form printed in this issue of Chainlink.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who responded to the new CMA strategy by supporting it financially. Please continue to pray as we all take the strategy forward together.

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See you at the EMC/25th anniv National Rally,
God bless,
Rob Urand, Nat Treasurer.

Run for the Son by Rob Urand

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Thank you.

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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 th 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:-
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