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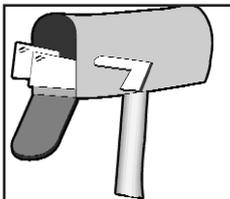
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God has forgiven you; you'd be wise to do the same.

What's in the Spring 2005 Chainlink

Paul
*The smile says it all,
Join the CMA today and
continue to smile.*

From the book.
'I am dreaming of a MV for
Christmas'
by I.N.My-Dreams



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President's Page - Mike Fitton

'Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul and Dawn Baker from Kent and their family as they mourn the loss of their daughter Amy. May God uphold you and may His Grace carry you through this painful time.'

Ephesians Ch4 v26 & v32

Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

I am travelling on a train at 7.00am en route to Peterborough Cathedral to attend the Executive meeting and it occurs to me that we have a year ahead of us full of God given opportunities. Are you ready, is your branch ready and as a national missionary organisation are we ready?

We need to be ready for an influx of new members into CMA nationwide, we need to be ready to minister to lives that are hurting, lonely, addicted, empty, desperate and full of questions.

I am planning to share the above verses with the Executive before we begin our business meeting.

Ephesians gives us all clear commands that if we choose to live by them they will have a profound ongoing effect upon the CMA as a whole.

If issues arise that cause disagreement take every opportunity to find a solution, you may have to agree in love without getting your way.

Before the sun goes down agree and don't harbour grudges.

Never use the verse 'Speaking the Truth in love' as an excuse for rudeness or unkind, unhelpful comments.

As a climber I used to be able to climb cliff



faces with tiny hand and footholds, to the untrained eye the face was blank and smooth. But they were there. Never allow the devil to get an in road into your life or walk with Christ. It may begin with a totally insignificant act or thought,

you may criticise a brother or sister and in so doing you are providing a landing strip for the enemies assault.

Choose to be kind and compassionate, it's a choice.

Forgive each other, no matter what - forgive, for without it God cannot forgive you.

You see, if we don't prepare ourselves for this year and live this way, we have nothing to offer because that's the way the world lives; we are Ambassadors for Christ, just as Paul said when he was in chains for the sake of the Gospel. The Oxford dictionary definition is 'someone sent to represent the government in a foreign land'. You are in a foreign land, not part of the foreign land. You must represent Jesus in a truly Christ like manner.

Be culturally engaged and morally distinct, not culturally involved and morally the same.

I am very excited to see what God has planned for us this year,

Ride safe, God Bless you, Mike and Sandy <><

Mike Fitton since the last Chainlink?

Branch Visits:

I have visited the Scottish branch, and received a very warm welcome. The presentation to the branch was well received and everyone gave very positive feedback for the future. I was encouraged as they said many aspects of the strategy were in line with their prayer concerns. Praise God. My thanks go to David and Helen for a very comfortable stay and great fellowship.



After attending an MOD Carol Service, where David surprised me with his expertise on the keyboard, we went to the Wesley Owen Bookshop in Glasgow; I needed to replace my bible, which had become a 'loose leaf' edition. Would you believe it the lady who served me was Jean the Assistant Manager who sold me my original bible at Keswick Convention 23 years ago! What was more amazing to me was she remembered me!

I visited Forth and Tay branch, and received an equally enthusiastic reception. I was particularly blessed by the response of a couple of new members, it was their first meeting and they were very excited about the future.

I am also visiting: Lincs and East Yorks. Twig
Stafford - Preaching at evening service.
Thames Valley, Isle of Man
Bristol, Gloucester
North Cheshire

Establishing dates for Merseyside / Ireland/ North London and Highlands.

International CMA: 3rd-5th December, I attended the European CMA Leaders Conference in Frankfurt with Rob URAND. We were very well received and officially welcomed back into membership. Germany was freezing!!!

I have completed the promotional leaflets with the Apostle Design Company, in Newcastle and we now have 25,000 copies. Please use them to the best advantage possible.

Work is now finished on the promotional posters, as you read this all branches should be in possession of 40-50 to be displayed in Churches, Bike Shops, Biker cafes etc.

All Branches should now have the Church Promotional packs consisting of a Powerpoint presentation on CD Rom, CMA presentation on OHP Acetates, a 5-6 minute CMA promotional video and guidance of how to communicate with a congregation for those without experience. The packs are to be used in conjunction with the posters and leaflets to raise our profile in local fellowships and encourage membership, affiliation, prayer support, etc.



I have preached in Whitby and Pickering at a Celebration of local churches. Please pray God will call His people to support and pray for CMA as they hear of our ministry.

On Christmas morning Sandy, Tiffany, Emma and I led worship and I preached at a service for the Salvation Army in Whitby, then we served Christmas lunch to 40+ people of all ages.

Annual Leave, I took a few days off between Christmas and New Year and had a good chance to relax with my family.

I will be attending the baptism of an ex-Hells Angel, Toby Talbot in Rossendale, on Sunday 30th January. I have put Toby and his wife Liz in touch with the North Cheshire Branch who will also be attending. They have already visited the branch. Please pray for Toby and his family as they grow in Grace.

I attended the Bible Society with Les Jones and Rob URAND for a photo Shoot to accompany the press release for the new Manual for Life, this will be published in numerous Christian magazines, newspapers and some secular biker magazines. Photographs will also be used in future bible productions. Discussion took place regarding future events CMA can be involved in with the Bible Society. I rode a total of 704 miles arriving home practically glued to the bike which was coughing and spluttering from carb icing but don't forget it was on a Harley so I still had a big smile!! Actually the smile began at Northampton and never thawed out.

I am working on putting together a guide to starting a Twig. If you have any thoughts on what this should include would you send it to me as soon as possible please. (thefittons@aol.com) You may have experienced difficulties, or needed specific guidance, share your good ideas help others avoid your mistakes etc. I would be very grateful for your help. Who knows when you see how easy it is, you may be challenged to establish a Twig in your area.



Please pray for me as I work on my general fitness, I plan to build time into my schedule to swim and exercise I need more stamina as I travel to avoid exhaustion.

I have seen a throat specialist due to regular choking and coughing fits. He examined me with a camera down the nose! Not very pleasant, but he was able to rule out any growth that may have been causing problems. I had an x-ray of my throat on Monday 17th January, awaiting the results. It may be due to talking too much.... no really! Have you ever heard such a thing, me talking too much, what nonsense, I'm such a quiet person, verbally selective, that's me, if one word would do I use it.....



Mike & Sandy

President and the Executive Team

Do you ever wonder what the National Executive do? This is the first of a new regular feature in Chainlink to give you a report on business from the Executive meetings.

The National Executive comprises the President, Mike Fitton, along with Rob Urand (National Treasurer), Paul Mitchell, Johnny Hallas, Les Jones and, our newest recruit, Chris Clifton. The Exec meet about 6 times each

year. We meet regularly through the winter months and then there is a gap over the summer when 'the season' is in full swing.

During the winter we have met in Peterborough at the end of November and again in mid-January, using rooms at Peterborough Cathedral. Our agendas are lengthy and we all enjoy a good debate! But we managed to stop talking long enough for a photo.



From left to right **Les Jones, Johnny Hallas
Mike Fitton President
Christine Clifton, Rob Urand, Paul Mitchell**

Publicity materials

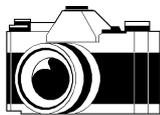
A lot of work is being put into new and better publicity materials. It is hard work trawling through photos to find just the right one and reading and re-reading text to get the message spot on. A lot of this has been done by Mike.

By the time you read this you should have new leaflets and posters. Make sure you put them to good use with your churches, friends and wherever you can promote CMA and what we do. The posters are intended to be renewed every six months, with a new photograph each time and maybe variations on the message.

Has your branch got a branch photographer yet?

If not, could it be you?

We need lots of photographs of CMA



out and about and in action. While we tend to take group shots of people standing around bikes, there are only so many of these we can use! SO be imaginative. And keep the (preferably digital) photos rolling in to Mike Fitton and Ken Hardy. (By the way, make sure the people in the photos are willing for the photos to be submitted, particularly if there are children in the shot.)

How we use the publicity materials is also important. Make sure your local church leaders get copies. Use the posters in churches, Christian bookshops and bike shops.

Why not use them amongst your non-biking Christian friends to get them on board as prayer supporters? Make a start with those who sponsored you for Run for the Son and to encourage prayer partners for CMA. There will be a new list of Major Events where CMA has a presence - see centre pull-out in this issue of Chainlink.

We are looking at adding a prayer bookmark to our promotional materials for you to give out at church visits and to prayer supporters.

Prayer Initiative

The Executive is seeking to broaden the base of CMA supporters. The new prayer initiative which Kate Mead and Simon Moore are leading, has that as one of its objectives: Do give them every support you can in re-launching CMA's prayer initiative. The evidence is that where the people pray we see fruit.

There are many areas where the expertise of our non-biking friends can benefit CMA. Now that the new promotional packs, including a six-minute promotional DVD are available, do make good use of them. Your branch officers should have one.

If you have any ideas on other ways we can promote CMA, let us know.

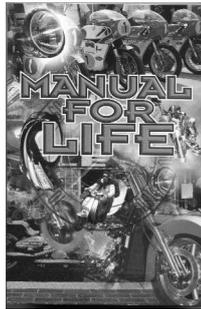
CMA International

Mike Fitton and Rob Urand attended the International CMA meeting in Frankfurt in December. The Executive agreed beforehand that we would rejoin CMA International provided that we were able to continue wearing the white cross on the back of our jackets rather than the International patch. As you may be aware this was accepted and CMA UK is now formally part of the International movement again.



Manual for Life

The National Executive agreed to costs for reprinting the Manual for Life. It is also intended to join with the Bible Society in a major promotional initiative in the Bristol area in the Spring.



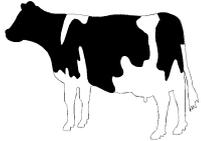
President's Job Review

Much of our January meeting was spent reviewing what Mike has been doing over the last 9 months, and where, as a President and Exec., we wish to focus our attention over the next year. Make sure you come to the AGM to find out!

More mundane matters discussed included : Mike's job description; finances; pastoral care in branches; CMA involvement with marshalling and security; health and safety issues; Run for the Son 2005; planning the leaders weekend and the AGM; and increases to membership fees.

Farmyard Rally

The Exec is delighted that CMA has been invited to take a Holy Joe's to the Farmyard party in June - the result of much persistence and prayer by West Yorkshire branch. This rally attracts 10,000 + and growing, for a weekend in North Yorkshire. It is big and will need a lot of people to cover Holy Joe's and marshalling... are you free?



The National Executive members have undertaken to make the 1st of each month a day of prayer and fasting for CMA. We encourage all members to join us.

Les Jones, January 2005



Note from the Editor

Deadline for Summer edition is 20th June

Publication dates are:- April - August - December

As I get so much stuff and some is not really suitable for the Chainlink I asked the Executive to give me some guide lines

Brief for Chainlink

Ephesians 4: 26-27, 32:

"We are all members of one body... Do not let the Sun go down while you are still angry; do not give the devil a foothold. .. Be kind and compassionate to one another, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Content should be encouraging, uplifting and/or informative.

Content should contain nothing which is critical of an individual, CMA or branch.

Chainlink is not a 'soapbox' for complaint or personal agendas.

Chainlink should in particular seek to publish testimonies, short bible teaching articles, event write-ups and details of evangelistic and charitable activities.

Anything which is contentious will be referred to the National President before publication.

The **Chainlink** Editor acts as agent for the National Executive. Positive feedback and encouragement should be directed to the Editor; criticism of content should be directed to the National Executive!

National Executive, February 2005



Baby Isaac, son of Chaz & Dawn, brother to Holly and Zephaniah.

Isaac was born on 29th of January at 12:14pm. At the Helmchase maternity unit in Kendal and weighed 7lb 12 1/2 oz.

Isaac's Mum and Dad are well

Young People - Mike Fitton

Why bother with young people & what makes them tick?

It was once said *"The world is passing through troublesome times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age. They are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they know everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness to them. As for the girls they are immodest and unwomanly in speech, behaviour and dress."*

I wonder if that is your personal opinion on young people today?

This was actually said by **Peter the Monk in 1274!**



EMC Rally 2004
Hollybush

Young people on the whole don't appear to have changed too much since then do they, or have they? I have spent twenty years sharing the Gospel with young people in groups, camps, church services and in schools via assemblies and Christian unions. Throughout this time friends, teachers and Christians have told me **"Why bother? They don't want to know, it's a waste of time"**

My experience has been completely the opposite, they do want to hear, they just want someone to tell them in a way they can understand, to make it relevant to their lives and in particular that it is exciting to know God personally. Not all Christians give that impression do they!

I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to prayerfully discover new ways in which we can integrate the children and teenagers of our CMA families into the CMA. **Ensuring they feel a part of CMA not apart from CMA.** You might react by saying, we don't have any families in our branch, well if I'm not mistaken you will be soon, God is taking us into new avenues opening new doors.



Mike's nephew Will
at NEC 2004

Here are a few ways in which young people of different ages think and feel if we can link our ideas towards this, we will make an impact.



Youth
Music
Belonging
Identity
Money
Employment
Happiness
Love
Relationships
Death
To be heard
Having a voice
Confusion
Peer pressure
Expecting to fail
Radical
Live for today
Boredom

Children
Fun loving
Games
Adventure
Visual
Vulnerable
Needing boundaries
Reliant
Happy
Friendly
Naïve
Honest
Childish
Mischievous
Naughty
Inventive
Energetic

As well as involving young people within CMA lets see if we can get CMA members invited into schools, church services and youth groups to share our testimonies and talk about bikes, we shall touch lives positively for Jesus. Usually teachers and youth leaders are desperate for visiting speakers who will talk about their lives in a positive way (remember you can't preach in schools, but you can share what you believe as a Christian). If you need a format letter of introduction please let me know.

I realise this isn't something everyone will feel inclined to do, but I'm sure there are many who will be.

Don't wait for them to crash and burn in adult life, let's begin now.

One phrase we must never hear within CMA is that 'young people are the CMA of tomorrow', not so - they are 'the CMA of today' it's just that we may never have told them.

Lets make space and welcome them.

Thanks, Mike <><

Kiddies page 0-11 years

No chance my dad brought me this!. This is my sister Sam's Christmas present from her Boyfriend David. He is my best mate now; roll on next Christmas. The photo was actually taken in my kitchen, but its been added to the



Donington race track background. Wishful thinking!. Aaron Hardy soon to be 3.

Thank you for all those prayers. As you see I look well.

Becky's Experience By Becky Clifton Age 9 3/4

I like being a Christian because I like learning about Jesus and I like my church because they are very friendly.

I like being in the CMA because I like helping out with the Holy Joe's and my friends that are in the Holy Joe's. When I was 2, I went on the back of the trike but I didn't like it much, so my dad made a sidecar for the Yamaha XJ650.

When I was 5, and was tall enough, I went on the back



of my Mum's Virago. Now I go on the back of her Triumph Thunderbird. Sometimes I fall asleep on the back of the bike.

When I'm older I would like to ride a motorbike too.

Picture from the Christmas run 2004

We have a picture here of the next generation; it's our youth. Full of the love of the Lord, loving the fact that her mum is a biker and eager to follow her in her role of preaching too the lost. Becky and Friend

- Z - Zeph
- E - engages
- P - people's
- H - hearts

Please pray for Zeph and the other children amongst us. Pray for a boldness for God in their young lives.

It is likely that they are going to need boldness, the depth of which you and I can scarcely comprehend



Picture:- Rossendale Bike Show 2004. Zeph Nettleton - a young CMA Pioneer in the making

as the world helter-skelters in a downward spiral. Year on year it seems as if last year's worst is this year's best.

Let's pray for their protection now; I'm sure it will be rewarded.

Dennis

Young Adults page 12-18 years



Children in song at the 2004 EMC CMA Rally at Hollybush



Youth? well, yes, don't you think? no introduction necessary.



Mike's nephew Will, Yes! he is playing a Harley video game, watched by Emma and Doug Townsend, who is joining CMA North East Branch

Young Will again, I wonder what make and type of bike young Will is on? No! Not a Harley surely?



Branches from around the UK



Some of the Bedford Branch

From left to right. Mike Flitton, Bill Kemp, Ian Small, Mike McKeegan, Jane Small, Fred Gill, Rosie Drake, Pete Shrubbs, Paul Crossfield, Ian Williams, Charlie Bays, Dave Thornton, Jill Evans, Barry Evans



Some of the Forth & Tay Branch

Front Row I-r Don McCutcheon and Roddy Barclay, **Middle Row** I-r Ian Cameron, George Mackie, Tara Watt, Helen Williams Mike Fitton President, **Back Row** I-r Nigel Mill, Jim Crawford, Jeff Williams and Paul Davis



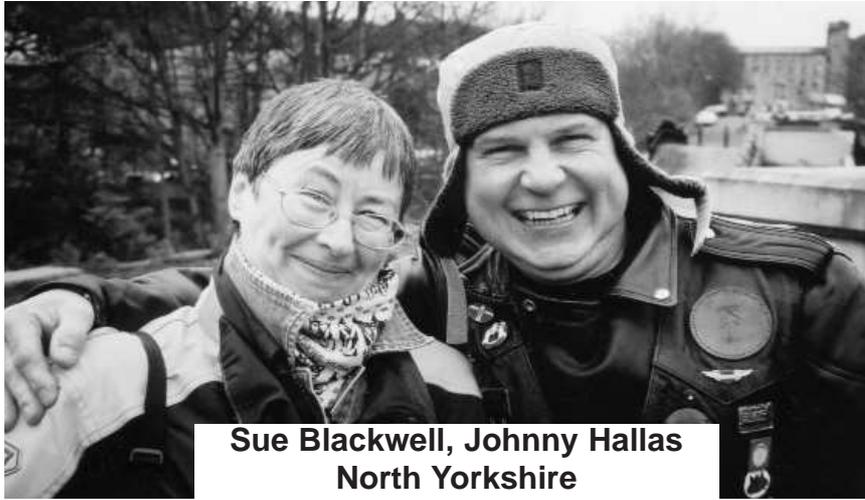
Some of the Surrey & Sussex Branch

Mark Zivilik, Sarge, Phil Kensit, Margaret Gallagher, John Owen, Martin Gallagher, Mike Jackie Russell, Ted Russell, Dave Phelps, Gaynor Sage,



Some of the Kent Branch plus others at the Pissed Indian Rally

Les, Rod (Belcher Kent Chairman), Brian (Custard), Luke (Rod's Son) and Paul Brant. Axal (Rod's other son), Paul A, Dan (Pumba Kent Sec), Chris (Bose SE Rep) and Becky (Tog, Chris's daughter). Missing on the day were Treasa (Angel, Rod's wife) and their daughter Daisy.



**Sue Blackwell, Johnny Hallas
North Yorkshire**

Sue Blackwell & Johnny Hallas West Yorks branch doing outreach in Slaithwaite near Huddersfield



**Some of the North Yorkshire
Branch**

left to right....Barry Thompson WY, Dennis Harley NED, Johnny Hallas WY, Glen Knight WY
Darren Warner WY. Were at Matlock Bath for a day of fellowship.

Don't feel guilty for God's goodness.

Major Events List 2005

- April** **23rd National AGM Coalville, Leicester**
- June** **17th-19th Farmacyard Rally**
 Helmsley North Yorkshire
- June** **25th Run for the Son sponsored ride**
- July** **22nd to the 24th National Rally**
 Hollybush Fellowship Nr Thisk
- August** **12th-14th EMC Rally, Venlo SE Holland**
- October** **21st-23rd National Board Meeting**

Classic Racing Motorcycle Club Ltd are looking for new members to join them to marshall their events. Their racing events occur over all the country and you are not expected to do every event just one or two in your area. You will get full marshalling training. If you are interested then

contact Sue Wale, 28 Stage Way, Countesthorpe, Leicester. LE8 5TY or call on 0116 2770458. So if racing or classic bikes are the thing for you, then what better than teaming up with them and spreading the Gospel as you do.

Talking about events! these were taken 12/13th February at the Dragon Rally North Wales near Betws-Y coed.



Bob's youngest son Robert Charles (9) on a well ready combination. The white lines and dots are **SNOW**



Jay (West Mids) Bob (Merseyside) Collin (West Mids)

Paul Mitchell

The CMA Websites

The CMA has three websites on the internet, which correspond to the three domain names that we have bought. These are **bike.org.uk**, **cmauk.net**, and **holyjoes.net**, which gives us the three websites:



website is where the CMA (UK)'s information lives, and is an alias for **bike.org.uk/cma**. This leaves **holyjoes.net** which is where we put information and activities relating particularly to Holy Joe's Cafés, HJ's Show etc.

- 1.<http://www.bike.org.uk/>
- 2.<http://www.cmauk.net/>
- 3.<http://www.holyjoes.net/>

So what is a website, and how does it help the CMA?



There are two main functions of a website. Firstly, it is a window on the CMA, its activities, and what it stands for; that's visible from all over the world to anyone with an internet connection. Secondly, it's an information resource for our members, and indeed non-members.

Also, because we own the domain names and not just the websites, we can forward e-mail for these domains. This is how we can set up e-mail addresses for each branch that can be delivered to whoever you like, and we can create any e-mail address at our domains that we like.

So, why do we have three websites? We have three because we use all three slightly differently. The **bike.org.uk** website is designed to be a biking portal with links to all sorts of useful things, and could even host other (sympathetic) bike clubs sites if necessary. The **cmauk.net**

All three sites have a search facility that will allow you to find something on the site if you can't remember where it is. Of course this only works if you put your stuff like branch events and photos on to the website in the first place. The search indices are rebuilt every night.

bike.org.uk

Here you will find pages for rallies, on-line publications, club websites, manufacturers, other biking portals and biking holidays. The rallies page is populated with details entered in the members' section, more of which later. If you have any suggestions for the other pages please do let me know.

cmauk.net or bike.org.uk/cma

Here is the bulk of CMA information. I have tried to divide it up into logical sections, which are shown down the left-hand side of the pages. Also shown here is our "Picture of the Day", which is randomly chosen from the branch galleries.

There is the general "CMA" section, which contains general information on the CMA, and things like AGM minutes, "Run for the Son" details and a link to the Holy Joe's website, and so on.

The **"Activities"** section contains all the details relating to the branch web pages maintained by each branch. So you have links to the branches, branch events, branch pictures (galleries), and a region page showing which region each branch is in. The regions are a bit speculative, so if you don't think they're right please let me know.



The **"Site"** section has links to the advanced search page, a simple site map to tell you where things are, and some technical specifications that are only of interest to people like me.

And at the bottom is the login to the members-only section (see below).

The **"Communications"** section has links to the page describing how to join and leave the open mailing list, and a link to the CMA bulletin board. The bulletin board is a place where anyone who signs up can leave messages and take part in discussions that anyone can read. This is an ideal place to talk about recent meetings or events, telling others what they missed, and discussing it with others who did not.

holyjoes.net

Here too the "Picture of the Day" can be found, with links across the top of the page to the various sections of this website. The Holy Joe's website has a completely different theme to the other two, with a logo and colour scheme based upon a tee-shirt that I saw Howard Robinson wearing. Andy Hogan did the original logo.



In the **"Downloads"** section we have the recent copies of Chainlink as PDF files, both in black and white, and colour, depending on how big a file you want to download. We also have general downloads where you can find flyers, some branch newsletters, testimonies, posters, picture montages and all sorts of things.

The **"Café"** section shows those events entered by branches that have been marked as Holy Joe's Cafés. A little care should be exercised when doing this as we may end up with the same event listed more than once, and details taken out of the context of your branch page may not make sense.

The **"Links"** section has links to other Christian motoring organisations' websites, and links to a number of other Christian sites. Again, if you know of others, please tell me.

The **"HJ's Show"** section holds details of the up-coming HJ's Show, or later in the year, details of the one just passed. There are photos of the winning bikes and a brief write up of the day.

The **"Biking"** link takes you back to the **bike.org.uk** website.



The "Helmet Park" section is similar to the café section, and lists branch events marked up as Helmet Parks.



The remaining links are for an advanced search, the CMA bulletin board, or the main CMA website.

Members-Only Section

There are two parts to the section, administration and information. There are currently 4 levels of access to this section.

- 1.National:** Can see and change all information on the website.
- 2.Regional:** Can see and change events/pictures for branches in his/her region.
- 3.Branch:** Can see and change information for his/her own branch.
- 4.Read Only:** Cannot use the administration section at all.

All users can access the information section.

Administration is where the branches can add, delete and change their information relating to the branch, it's events, and picture gallery. You can add links to other pages, and create new (CMA format) pages with your own text on them. You can add entries to the inventory and rallies etc for the "Rallies and Events" section of bike.org.uk.

All e-mail addresses set up here will be created for all three domains, e.g.

- webmaster@bike.org.uk**
- webmaster@cmauk.net**
- webmaster@holyjoes.net**

So you can give your branch e-mail in any of the above three forms as suits you best. We can create any e-mail address you can think of (within reason) so if you need one for an event just let me know.

National users can also add downloadable files for the "Download" section above, add e-mail addresses, editions of Chainlink and update the members' and open mailing lists.

The information section allows all users to see the information stored on the website, such as the branch contact e-mail addresses, regional reps e-mail addresses, all of the general e-mail addresses and the officials address list. Also the inventory, downloadable forms such as the patch form or Membership form. A selection of CMA logos as used on the site, and some that are not, but since I made them they're there for use. Also the site logs are there, so you can see how popular we are.

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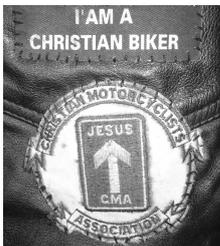
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Needless to say all of these addresses are replicated at **cmak.net** and **holyjoes.net**.



The Future

At some point I hope to be adding a merchandise section to the websites, that will mirror the information and pictures currently published in Chainlink. Because of the signature requirements we do not currently plan to sell directly from the website, but will make the order form downloadable.

I will also add an "Exec" page with our ugly mugs on (Christine excepted of course), using the pictures that Ken Hardy took, and a "Trustees" page too. That is unless I'm bribed to keep such horror off of your screens!

I am also going to add a bookings capability to the inventory, so that it will be possible to keep track not only of what equipment is available, but when it is in use.

I hope that this article has gone some way to explaining the working of the CMA websites, and I hope it encourages you to use them more than you perhaps do now. As ever, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to drop me a line/call me etc.

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Biblical principles to do with wealth and money

Hebrews 13 v 5

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13 v 16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lordship

To the Christian 'Jesus is Lord'

When we become Christians we hand over control of every part of our lives to God.

We are acknowledging that we have made a complete mess of trying to run things 'our way' (Remember: 'I did it my way' = sin, because it says 'I can run things fine without you God') We are giving God first place in lives, in everything. No exceptions.

As part of our Christian lives God will draw our attention to any areas we have failed to surrender to him.

Because we tend to say: 'Lord you can have everything, but I want to hang on to this wrong relationship, or this bad habit, or this inappropriate pastime'.

One popular area of life that many Christians hold back from God is the area of wealth and money.

Our attitudes to wealth and money need to be surrendered to God; they need to comply with biblical standards.

Our attitudes to wealth and money are not exempt from Christ's lordship.

So how do Christians get away with keeping this area of their lives for themselves?

They keep it secret. 'No one else knows, my finances are a private thing'. But God knows!

They plead poverty. 'I don't have enough to run my finances God's way. Perhaps one day when I have more'.

They are not challenged. To most ministers this is virtually a 'no go' area because they can be accused of being after people's money if they ever preach on the subject.

They dispute the biblical basis. 'The tithe was an Old Testament thing for the early Israelites, not for today'.

Many Christians experience a blockage in their growth, their vitality, their joy, and their receiving of all the blessings that God wants to pour out in their lives, because they are resisting God's Lordship in some area of their lives.

God is saying, 'I want you to give me Lordship in this area of your life'

We are saying, 'No, I want to keep control for myself' So Jesus isn't Lord?

The result; our Christian growth stagnates; we might even slide backwards, until this blockage is removed.

We have to surrender every part of our lives to God of our own free will.

Wealth and money

'Keep your life free from love of money' (Hebrews 13 v 5)

Money is power, can be a drug, can become our God, can take over our whole lives. Worshipping wealth is dangerous; it could usurp the Lord Jesus Christ in our affections. Self worth and net worth are not the same.

Most common myth about money: having more money will make me more secure.

Real security can only be found in what can't be taken from you - your relationship with God.

Jim Elliott, Christian missionary, said: 'He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose'

At the age of 29 he was martyred by the Auca Indians of Ecuador.

'and be content with what you have' (Hebrews 13 v 5)

What an alien concept in 21st century Britain!

But if we have surrendered all to God, and he is our provider, then not being content is a bit like the Israelites murmuring against God in the wilderness, and that was just the start of their rebellion against Him.

None of those murmuring against God reached the Promised Land and all that God wanted to give them.

This Christian concept of contentment contrasts with our society's restless discontentment with what it already owns, and the drive to always own more, based on the misconception that having more will make us happier.

These attitudes are best illustrated by the desperate popularity of the National Lottery. Be content with what you have. See also 1 Timothy 6 v 6-9.

'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Hebrews 13 v 5)

God's rock solid promise; God is faithful to us, are we faithful to him?

'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God'. (Hebrews 13 v 16 goes on to cover our attitudes to the use of the resources God gives us).

The parable of the rich fool in Luke 12 is God's warning about the dangers of selfish spending.

The rich fool is only concerned with himself, and has no thought for God, or anyone else. He forfeits his life.

'For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? (Mark 8 v 36)

God gave us people to love and things to use; we have used people and loved things. 2 Corinthians 9 v 6, 'the point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully'.

God's generosity needs to rub off on us; our money needs to be managed to Godly wealth principles.

Where is my treasure? (Matthew 6 v 19-21)

Your answer determines where your heart is, on earth or in heaven. Where your priorities lie.

We need to follow Godly wealth principles, not the get rich quick ways of the world around us.

He who trusts in his riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf' (Proverbs 11 v 28)

How can I run my finances on Godly wealth principles?

Everything belongs to God; 'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (Psalms 24 v 1-2)

We are his stewards. Our money must be acquired honestly. Do we work a full day's work for a full day's pay?

Are we honest in paying taxes and filling in the forms?

Do we spend the money God gives us wisely?

Are we careful borrowers? The easiest available money from credit cards etc is probably the most expensive.

Are we trying to plan and provide for the future?

Be spiritual in your giving.

We are giving back to God what is already his.

Our giving priority as Christians should be for the extension of God's kingdom. (Galatians 6 v 10)

Support Christian work you know something about and with which you have a direct link.

This should include your own church, perhaps a local Christian work, perhaps a friend serving abroad as a missionary, perhaps Christian poverty relief, it might even mean supporting CMA!

Keep informed about the causes you support, be involved, pray, build links, be part of the work.

Satisfy yourself that the causes you support are making good use of God's resources.

Be generous in your giving.

The bible talks about 'tithes and freewill offerings'.

This reminds us that although the one-tenth tithe was the expected norm, there was also the opportunity for those who felt especially blessed, to say a special thank you to God for his bounty, by giving an extra freewill gift on top of the tithe.

'Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you'

(Deuteronomy 16 v 17)

God's measure of generosity is illustrated in Luke 6 v 38

Start with a tithe of 10% of gross income (that's before income tax and national insurance deductions) No income is tithe exempt.

Be organised in your giving. We should give regularly; a long term commitment.
Give privately; 'be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them'. (Matthew 6 v 1)
Give prayerfully; Speak to God and he will speak to you.
Give first. What we do first with our money shows what we value most. The first fruits of our labours.
Give promptly; God doesn't send reminders, so don't let your gifts to him slide.
Set money aside in a separate account for tithe funds; use regular standing orders to gift the money from there.
Maximise your giving; sign Gift Aid declarations so the taxman contributes another 28% on top.
We cannot out give God (Malachi 3 v 10)
Regular giving leads to regular money management. Ever done a budget of your expenditure, or tracked where it went?

Tithe pointers

Sacrificial giving must be responsible giving, we should give what we have, not what we don't have. (2 Cor 8 v 12)
We need to balance our tithe with our other responsibilities.
Is a tenth too hard? Is there a Christian who cannot spend a tenth less than their friends and neighbours outside the church? None of this will kill us, and it could save the life of a child in Africa.
Tithing makes us more careful with our money.
The 90% always seems to go further than the 100% did before.
The test
Most people don't realise that money is both a test and a trust from God.
God uses finances to teach us to trust him, and for many people, money is the greatest test of all.
God watches how we use money to test how trustworthy we are.
'If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven' (Luke 16 v 11)
This is a very important truth.
God says there is a direct relationship between how I use my money and the quality of my spiritual life.
How I manage my money ('worldly wealth') determines how much God can trust me with spiritual blessings ('true riches').
So, Is the way you manage your money preventing God from doing more in your life?
Can you be trusted with spiritual riches?

On the next page Three examples.

Three examples

a) Wilkins Micawber. (David Copperfield by Charles Dickens)

Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds ninety five pence, result happiness.

'Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds and five pence, result misery. -and in short you are forever flooded. As I am!'

b) Robert Laidlaw of New Zealand

He started a business and took God into partnership. He decided that if his business succeeded he should give an increased share of his income to God's work. He drew up a progressive scale, starting with 10%. As his income rose to the next level, so the percentage would rise, first to 20%, and then to 30%, 40%, and 50%. As soon as he had done this, his income started rising rapidly towards the top percentage. He felt that God was saying to him that, since he had been taken into partnership, he was blessing the business.

c) John Wesley, churchman and writer

He lived in the eighteenth century, was the fifteenth child in his family, and became a country parson, living simply throughout his life. He then found Christ, became famous as a travelling evangelistic preacher, and writer on Christian themes. When his income had been £100 per annum he had lived on £30 per year, giving the rest to God. When proceeds from his writing boosted his income to £1,400 per annum, he still lived on £30 per year (Before the days of inflation). His £1,400 income is equivalent to about £200,000 today. Towards the end of his life, he said 'if I leave behind me £10, then I have died a thief and a robber'.

N.B. We should not expect to become wealthy through giving, but our giving should be proportionate to our wealth.

Final bible quotation

'Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospels will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"' (Mark 8 v 34-36)

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Priorities

HEADGEAR by John White

I'm writing this on Saturday 21st. August 2004, having just been reminded by the EDP (Eastern Daily Press) that Christmas is only 126 days away! I suppose that means Christmas crackers and silly hats. I'm the one who never wears those silly paper "crowns" for fear of looking silly. The truth of the matter is of course, I look even sillier because I'm usually the odd one out. I often during the summer months watch "Super Bikes" on TV, and very often the victors, having removed their crash helmets, don two even three sports type caps, advertising some product which has enabled them in their winning performances. At this time we are mid-way through the 2004 Olympics in Greece. It's good to see those, who after months, years even, receive their Laurel Crowns for performances achieved. The ancient Romans it's said, had a prejudice against crowns, but would grant them as symbols of victory to successful generals. These often took the form of laurels or leaves modeled in gold

Looking at a very old hymn sheet (10/- per. 100!), recently discovered during restoration work at the church, I noted the caption over the hymn "Crown Him with many crowns", this, "On His head were many crowns" Rev. 19 vs.12. So then this is about headgear! In 1Corinthians 3 vs.4, the passage is clear enough. If the saved, who's salvation is free and instantaneous, labour in love service to Christ, they "Shall" (AV) or "Will" (NIV) receive a reward. However this seems to me to be in the future, see John 4 vs.10, Romans 6 vs. 23. and many others indicate instant

acceptance and thus salvation. So what then is the future reward, as if eternity in glory were not enough?

In 2 Timothy 4 vs.8 (NIV), "Now there is in store (future).....the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day and not only on me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing" The A.V says "Laid up", a future event. No, we do not have it now because we are but still "HEIRS", not in possession of, but promised. A crown is a sign of authority of one kind or another, why given to the saints in glory? Because their holiness and righteousness (see Romans 10 vs.3. another study in itself), will be perfected in Christ's presence.

I've quoted one hymn, here are two others. "Love divine all love's excelling" and "Holy, Holy, Holy". Note the last verse of the former, "Till we cast our crowns before thee" and in the latter and verse 2, "All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns".

So then, this "Reward", will be willingly and longingly cast before Him, because they are unwanted gifts? NO, but because of the awe of being in His presence. Does it not want us to make our worship the more reverent?

And of the giver who wears "Many crowns upon His head", and why not, after all, to quote a lovely chorus "ALL HAIL THE LAMB.....ENTHRONED.....HE REIGNS VICTORIOUSFOREVER GLORIOUS", His name "JESUS", His title, "LORD".

Amen and Amen

True Story?

WHY I LOVE MY MUM

Mum and Dad were watching TV when Mum said, "I'm tired, and it's getting late. I think I'll go to bed." She went to the kitchen to make sandwiches for the next day's lunches. Rinsed out the popcorn bowls, took meat out of the freezer for supper the following evening, checked the cereal box levels, filled the sugar container, put spoons and bowls on the table and started the coffee pot for brewing the next morning. She then put some wet clothes in the dryer, put a load of clothes into the washer, ironed a shirt and secured a loose button. She picked up the game pieces left on the table, put the phone back on the charger and put the telephone book into the drawer. She watered the plants, emptied a wastebasket and hung up a towel to dry. She yawned, stretched and headed for the bedroom. She stopped by the desk and wrote a note to the teacher, counted out some cash for the field trip, and pulled a text book out from hiding under the chair. She signed a birthday card for a friend, addressed and stamped the envelope and wrote a quick note for the grocery store. She put both near her purse. Mum then washed her face with 3 in 1 Cleanser, put on her Night solution &

age-fighting moisturizer, brushed and flossed her teeth and filed her nails. Dad called out, "I thought you were going to bed." "I'm on my way," she said. She put some water into the dog's dish and put the cat outside, then made sure the doors were locked and the patio light was on. She looked in on each of the kids and turned out their bedside lamps and TV's, hung up a shirt, threw some dirty socks into the hamper, and had a brief conversation with the one up still doing homework. In her own room, she set the alarm laid out clothing for the next day, straightened up the shoe rack. She added three things to her six most important things to do list. She said her prayers, and visualized the accomplishment of her goals. About that time, Dad turned off the TV and announced to no one in particular. "I'm going to bed." And he did...without another thought.

Anything extraordinary here?
 Wonder why women live longer...?
 'CAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR THE
 LONG HAUL.....
 (and we can't die sooner, we still have
 things to do!!!!)

Now: GO TO BED!

Listen twice as much as you speak.

'Patches' and the CMAEMC 2004 DVD

Following CMA UK re-joining CMA International, Members are entitled to wear the yellow CMA International patch. This is to be worn on the front of waistcoats or jackets.

Patches are 'rented' to members and are to be returned to the President if the Member leaves CMA.



CMA UK's white patch and the International patch are available at a cost of £5.00 each (cheques payable to CMA (UK)). Applications should be made to Your Chairman of your branch, using the form available on the members area of the website or one from your Chairmen.

DVDs of UK National Rally and European Motorcyclists for Christ Rally 2004.

The DVDs of the National Rally/EMC and the two services recorded during the weekend are now available.

The DVD of the Rally includes lots of footage of people on the campsite, interviews and testimonies and the services. Good content for introducing people to CMA.

The DVD of the rally weekend costs £11.00 including P&P



DVDs of the Friday evening worship service and the Sunday morning service are also available: Friday evening (single DVD) - £4.00 including P&P

Sunday morning (double DVD) - £7.50 including P&P

DVDs may be purchased from CMA Merchandise (see merchandise section at back of magazine for address), via the PO Box or dvd@bike.org.uk
Cheques payable:-
CMA North East Branch.

CMA DVD would like to apologise to customers who had to pay additional postage and surcharge for the DVD sent out in December. This was due to the Post Office giving the wrong information and stamps at the time of weighing and posting.

Any future postings of DVDs will have additional postage and ergo the problem should not re-occur.

Apologies,
Andrew Hogan
CMA DVD

Flexible Marshalling System

ADVICE Written by Dudley, West Yorks Branch sent in by Les Jones

This advice on a flexible system for Marshalling runs was submitted to the National Executive by a CMA member. The National Executive members endorse this as a good means for running safe and successful runs and commend it to the branches.

When riding as a group and wearing our white crosses, we have certain responsibilities to ensure the safety of ourselves and other road users. It is incumbent upon us to demonstrate best riding practice. The below described 'Flexible Marshalling System (FMS)' is a tried and tested method ensuring a group of motorcyclists can travel from place to place in safety and without the need for riders to exceed their capabilities.

There are a number of simple guidelines that should be employed:

1. Do not exceed speed limits.
2. Ride in staggered formation (the lead machine generally taking the offside position) so that you are behind the rider next but one ahead.
3. Concentrate up at junctions and be prepared to set off in pairs.
4. On multi-lane dual carriage ways and motorways, use the nearside lane unless overtaking. Do not move out too early as it encourages vehicles to undertake.
5. Do not overtake other riders in the convoy.

If you are not familiar with the FMS, it would be

better if you position yourself towards the rear of the run to enable you to observe the actions of others during the early stages. Your responsibilities will vary depending upon your position during the run, which will be one of the following:

RUN LEADER (Usually fixed for the duration of the run)

1. Brief participants in advance and ensure they understand the FMS.
2. Establish the probable 'minimum fuel range' of those machines present and arrange fuel stops appropriately.
3. Ensure that the back marker has details of the route and planned stopping places etc.
4. Ensure you provide sufficient warning, time and space for the number two rider to appropriately and safely mark deviations at a junction.
5. Wear bright (florescent) and identifiable clothing
6. Arrange for radio or mobile phone communication with the Back Marker.
7. If you find you have run out of following riders, it is likely an incident has occurred, Stop in a safe place and expect communication from the back marker or re-trace your route collecting junction marshals as you pass them.



BACK MARKER (Usually fixed for the duration of the run)

1. Ensure you know the route and any planned rendezvous and fuelling stops, etc.
2. Wear bright (fluorescent) and identifiable clothing.
3. Arrange for radio or mobile phone communication with run leader.
4. Allow junction marshals to rejoin immediately ahead of you. Be prepared to stop in a safe position should the marshal indicate a need to communicate with you.
5. Be prepared to make appropriate decisions about action necessary in the event of an unplanned incident.
6. In the event of a rider missing a junction, it should remain manned for a sufficiently long enough to allow for that rider to return

RIDER NUMBER TWO (Everyone else will find themselves in this slot at some time ~ your responsibility is to stop in a safe position to mark the next junction at which the run leader deviates from the obvious 'straight ahead' route).

1. Don't get too close to the ride Leader; they may suddenly slow down for a junction, whereas you will have to stop in a safe position to mark it.
2. When marking a junction, position yourself in as safe and highly visible a position as possible.
3. The exit on all roundabouts must be marked, even if the route is 'straight ahead'. Remember, not all exits can easily be seen on the approach.

Where a deviation at a roundabout it is a concealed 'right turn' careful consideration should be given to positioning.

4. If necessary reinforce the direction to be taken by use of indications and/or hand signals.
5. Remain at the junction until either the Back Marker arrives or the run leader tells you otherwise. Ensure that the Back Marker has seen you and then re-join the run immediately front of them when it is safe to do so.
6. Flag down and advise the Back Marker if you believe that anyone has missed the junction.

ALL RUN PARTICIPANTS

1. Start with a full tank of fuel.
2. Ensure your machine is roadworthy.
3. Identify the Leader and Back Marker.
4. Travel at your own pace and within your capabilities. Do not worry about losing sight of the rider in front, as any deviation from the 'straight ahead' route will be marshalled.
5. Do not exceed speed limits.
6. Be observant and look out for junction marshals.
7. If in doubt about the direction to be taken, consult the marshal and/or wait for the Back Marker.
8. If you find yourself isolated (lost), re-trace your route.
9. If, at any point during the ride, you wish to leave the group, please stop and notify the Back Marker of your intention. This avoids the run leader thinking that you have been lost.
10. Enjoy yourself!



UK Clubs and the CMA

The National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD) by Rick Hulse NABD Chairman

We have moved

THE NABD has had to find new office premises due to the redevelopment of the existing office site (it is being up-graded to 'an eyesore').

As of November 22nd 2004 the NABD office address will be:

Unit 20, The Bridgewater Centre, Robson Avenue, Urmston, Manchester, M41 7TE.

The new telephone/fax number will be 0870 795 0603

All e-mail addresses etc will remain unchanged. as:-

NABD E-mail: nabd@nabd.org.uk
Reg. Charity No. 1040907

The Basic Facts:

The NABD was set up in April 1991 by a small group of bikers who would not accept the idea that disabled people could not ride motorcycles, scooters, or trikes.

Since then the membership of the NABD has grown to a staggering 4,500+ individual members with the support of over 200 affiliated clubs and businesses.

Unlike many registered charities the NABD does not spend donated money on wages and plush office



accommodation (we now have one paid employee, an office administrator, this post has been financed by a grant from the national lottery 'community fund'). All of the other people working for the NABD are volunteers.

Also unlike most charities, all donations from individuals, clubs or companies are used 100% for the benefit of, and services for, disabled riders (the administration costs of the association are met from our membership fees).

In almost fourteen years of existence the NABD has been directly involved in helping well over 2,700 disabled people to enjoy the freedom and independence of motorcycling.

More information can be obtained from their web site and by phoning their office.

NABD E-mail: nabd@nabd.org.uk



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Introducing The CMA Leaflet

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Nike Fitzroy
CMA (UK) President

As CMA members we are passionate about motorcycles, but even more passionate about sharing the Lord Jesus Christ with the motorcycle community of the nation, to be effective we need your support and prayer help. Please see enclosed leaflet for details of CMA (whether you ride a bike or not) and use your gifts to extend the vital message, join us as a prayer partner, or give financially as a member.

I sincerely make no apology for asking you to help, because I believe I am opening a door for you to engage in God's work.

Thank you, so much for taking the time to read this.

Every blessing, Mike and Beverly

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The Christian Motorcyclists Association
CMA (UK) is a home based missionary organisation which aims to be involved in every aspect of the biking world, and so we welcome people from all walks of life.

The CMA is not a substitute for the Church, we are an extension of it reaching out into the world of motorcyclists, whether they are on the fringe of society, the touring motorcyclist, the commuter on a 50cc or 100cc bike, vintage, classic, off road, or the racing motorcyclist.

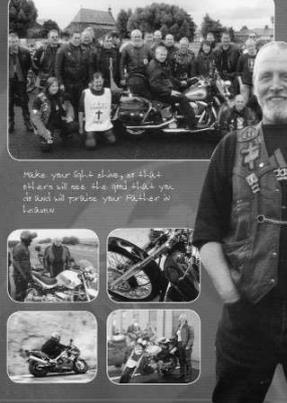
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved
Romans 10:13

Our objective is to see them all come to know Christ and then go on to have an active life within CMA and a local church.

Though we share Jesus in many ways, the most effective way is in building deep friendships.

We are consistently knocking down the barriers people have put up against Christianity and the local community, we share the Word of God without compromise, speaking the Truth in Love.

CMA members are involved in various kinds of ministries, taking the Gospel to many different people; examples include prison visits and youth work, but our main aim is to reach motorcyclists for Christ.



Make your feet shine as if it were noon and the sun shall be dark and you shall not praise your Father in heaven

Run for the Son

Run for the Son is the CMA's annual longest fundraising event of around the UK. The money is raised via a motorcycle ride, organised by us, in memory of our members as an extension of the CMA. The money raised is often split between CMA and other charitable causes connected with our own aims.

Holy Joe's Cafe

At some biking events we run a 'Holy Joe's Cafe'. Open till the early hours (or later on some dates), this has become a place for people to meet and share the good and bad times, vent their frustrations and needs, and be listened to and not judged at. It's not a great place to meet saints and pray that the 'holy one' Christ our God will heal and change many lives. A 'Hell' and come into holy hell over said 'I can and really forgive' it can be hell!

Manual for Life

In 1996 the CMA, in conjunction with the Bible Society, published the 'Manual for Life', a New Testament in the very easy to read Contemporary English Version. The Manual also contains a portion on where to go and what to do in a range of subjects, and is a source of encouragement for members.

For free copies of the Manual for Life please contact:
CMA (UK), P.O. Box 113, Walsingham, Norfolk, NG21 1UB

Please see your Branch Chairman if you would like to distribute copies to your local area. Its also on the web under downloads in PDF and can be printed from the web

"No one would deny that Prayer is important, but few believe their prayer life to be adequately developing!" (Gordon MacDonald)

From around the Branches

Wrong Way! Do Not Enter! Contributed by Mike Snailham

The freeway traffic was stopped by the deafening crash of a head-on collision. Except for one survivor, the passengers of both cars were killed instantly. The survivor said that the car he was in had entered the freeway by an exit ramp. No one saw the sign, "Wrong Way - Do Not Enter." They thought they were going the right way.



This accident parallels a spiritual one of much greater importance. Many people believe they are on the right road to heaven. But if their way depends on anything but Jesus Christ, they are on the wrong road. And its leading to spiritual death - eternal separation from God (Prov, 14:12).

Jesus clearly said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (Jn. 14:6 NKJV). No other way, no matter how appealing, will get us to heaven. If we depend on such things as church membership, baptism, or our own good works - we're going to crash and burn because we're going the wrong way.

We can't trust our eternal destiny to what we "think" is the right way. We must be guided by God's clear directions in the Bible. It say that man is separated from God because of sin. When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment for our sin: "The blood of Jesus Christ... cleanses

us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). The Bible also says that "all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:23). We must admit we are sinners, and believe that Jesus is the

right way - in fact, the only way to heaven.

Tragedies happen without warning - a missed road sign, a wrong turn, and crash! Should death come to you, where would you spend eternity? Why not, in simple faith, follow God's

clear directions to heaven?

Need more help reading the road signs to heaven? Then go to our website you will find out much more.

"From Grace & Truth Magazine, Danville, IL USA. Used with permission."

Here are Wacky and Mutley from the Zinc Alloy (riders social club) on the 12th Feb at their engagement party, in Norwich The CMA Norfolk branch were invited and were very pleased to be able to go.

For more info on Zinc Alloy contact the Editor



Holy Joe's Christmas Party By Chris (Bose) Clifton

It all started one weekend in August. Teresa (Angel) and I (Chris (Bose)) were enjoying the summer sun at the back of the Holy Joe's Tent. The morning had been busy and we had had our 2nd colouring competition for the kids. (About 10 in all). "Be nice to do something else for the kids" Teresa mused. "Yep." I replied. "How about a Christmas party." I joked. And that is how the idea



came up. Not a big idea but an idea still the same. The Pow Wow Clubs had been saying for ages about doing a Christmas Party for the kids but no one had done anything about it, so after a brief discussion with the lads it was agreed that was what we planned to do.

In September we had our annual Biker Service and the church there had said that we could use their hall. It was very nice of them to offer but I didn't feel it would be the right place to hold it. Rod (Belcher) had to go to the Pow Wow meeting and bring our proposals to the rest of the clubs. The Hells Angels (HA) kindly offered their clubhouse to have the party there. We brought it to pray where the venue should be. We felt that the clubhouse would be the place but we also didn't want to compromise our Christmas Message. We had already organised the Salvation Army to do a Puppet show for us, Teresa and her dad were doing a Nativity Scene and we had Children's praise and worship tapes for the games. If

the HA were happy about that then we would go with that. They were and so we did.

Sophie did the fliers and they were posted out. Clubs to respond by the 1st of Dec. Nothing happened. After a flying start it all went quite. So we prayed and got our Churches to pray also. I had contacted a few clubs and they said that they hadn't got the fliers so

Teresa got onto the phone and called each club, around 22 of them. We had booked 20 kids for the day.

Teresa and I had taken a day off before the party to get the prezzy's and food. We were planning to get them out of club funds because we wanted it to be a free party. But God had that in hand too. Rod does some work at a soup kitchen in the Medway Towns. The organiser came to him and told him that he had been given some toys and could Rod do anything with them. Apparently they are given to him every year and some years he just bins them. Rod told him of our party and he gave him 6 black bin bags full of brand new toys. Much more than we could afford to give the kids. Not only were there toys plus extras but also toys for the colouring competitions in the summer and for the toy run Brian (Custard) and I were going to the day after the party. Praise God.

So that day was spent in my kitchen doing cakes and sausage rolls and all the nice party things.

11th Dec got up early and got the trailer hitched to the car. Boot full of food and drinks and made my way up to Rod and Teresa. We then had to go to Teresa's Dad to pick up



stable and the hay. It just fitted into the trailer. Teresa had been given soft toys and material to dress them in robes of kings and shepherds, Mary and Joseph. I set off with Teresa and Sophie to the clubhouse whilst Rod and the kids went off to meet the rest of the lads.

We got to the clubhouse and set straight to work, clearing tables, putting up decorations and setting the scene. In no time at all we were ready. We had time to pray into that room and for all those who would be in it and then went downstairs to have a hot cuppa and a chat with some of the HA downstairs.

That too was special because we could talk freely without the hubbub of a rally or party and talk about families and deeper issues. We even told them how God blessed us with the toys.

20'clock and the kids came. 15 in all. From 3 to 11. From all types of back grounds and they and we had a brilliant time. We played with the parachute and played wink murder, and stuck in the mud, and other silly games. There was one lad there who didn't seem to want to join in but by the end he was joining in too. Slowly the Nativity scene was filled as the kids' prize for each game was to place a character into the Stable. Food was eaten and plenty left for mums and dads. Whilst they were eating the Salvation Army set up and then entertained the kids so well with the Christmas Message. You

couldn't hear a pin drop. There was one little girl about 3 who kept taking baby Jesus out of the manger. Her mum was getting quite up tight about it and I reassured her that I

was sure that baby Jesus didn't mind. She then told me that her daughter didn't have a dolly and that was probably why she kept going for it.

Then the big FC came. Yes Santa came too. (Brian from the Highwayman MC did the honours). I don't know who was more blessed, him or the kids. The little 3 year old was I know, cause guess who got a dolly! I could have cried with joy to see that little one so excited because Santa had given her what she wanted (perhaps there is a lesson to be learned there).

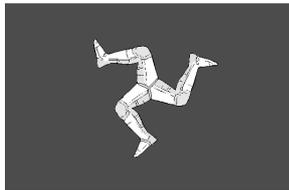
Some more games and cake and before long the parents were coming to take them back home. Some time for them to have some food and a chat and then home.

It was great fun and I hope they all got some idea of the real meaning of Christmas. The best present of all was what our Father in heaven gave to us, Jesus. And that is the best present we can give today to anyone young or old and you don't have to wait for Christmas. We have already been invited to do it again next year. (I'll have to be careful what I say as a joke in future!)



News Up-Date from Ellan Vannin CMA.....Steve Parker

Greetings Brother's and Sisters in Christ Just thought we'd keep you updated with the latest news on our branch.



We have just had our sixth Annual General Meeting, which was attended by all, and two new members(to be) Andrew who lives on the west coast at Peel and Liz Rivers who lives in the lovely village of Onchan. Both these folks are a real blessing & encouragement to everyone.

During this meeting Chris Kirk (secretary) Dave Boulton (treasurer) and myself, Steve Parker (chairman) felt it was our time to step down, not because there is a problem in our branch - but to allow the other members an opportunity to develop their leadership skills so.....

Our new Secretary is Katie Raybon, Treasurer Mariane O'Hare and our new Chairman is laen Skidmore - and yes for those who know us , laen was our previous chairman, and resigned two years ago due to his and his families call to Rumania, But a few months back laen, wife Sue and their two small sons Cameron & George returned to the island to live. What a real blessing this is for us - laen & Sue renewed their membership and opened up their home for one of our meetings, where I had an opportunity to speak with laen about taking on the job of a reappointed Chairman - laen & Sue have a great deal to offer the Ellan Vannin CMA Branch, as they are very mission focused and have

faced lots of challenges during their mission in Rumania which we all feel as a branch we can learn from and be encouraged by their ministry. Everyone was delighted when laen accepted his new role.

Now then - Chris & myself felt we could actually create new possibilities here so as to allow the leadership to function in their new roles we would take on the responsibility of Event Organisers, so.....that's what we all agreed on, we would take some of the pressure off others so none of us will be over stretching ourselves ..

So what else have we been up to?, well we've been partying with some of the local bike clubs here on the island, had an invite to a new bikers club formed about four months ago which was held down the south of our beautiful island in the village of Ballasalla; nice food!

And the Ellan Vannin CMA was also invited along to the third Annual Dinner held at the Mount Murray in Santon in aid of the Joey Dunlop Disabled Riders Fund. This was also a very good night, my youngest son Luke managed to have a T-Shirt autographed by Joey's brother Robert and a Local TT Winner Milky Quayle, and my eldest son Steve managed to buy Milky's Helmet in the auction, so they were well chuffed. Well that's about all for the moment.

The pony express rides again!

By Geraldine & Nick Ruskin. (Bristol CMA)

Early autumn 2004 saw the resurrection of the pony express delivery service in the form of CMA Bristol branch. Actually there was one big difference we don't possess any horses, so we rode our bikes!



Nick Ruskin with Rev Richard Martin, and his wife Marian and outside St Andrews Church, Hartcliffe, Bristol, handing over a package with the Bristol South Deanery Audit information for the congregation.

The Bristol south deanery of the Anglican Church held an audit, part of which needed the delivery of packages containing information regarding what the deanery intended to do about the shortfall in clergy and how it would utilise its current resources.

Over a period of two weekends seven members of the Bristol CMA rode out to all the twenty one churches in the Bristol south deanery to deliver information in a way that would capture the imagination of the congregations.

This was done by bikers in full leathers, including the easily recognisable statement of the Cross of Christ on our backs, interrupting the service where the notices were given and making a big show of passing on the packages.

The positive response to bikers with a belief in Jesus delivering the mail was astounding. We have received encouraging feedback on our mission to spread the Gospel, with definite

invitations to return and tell them more about the work and aims of the CMA in at least three of the twenty one churches we visited. Also, the possibility of the recruitment of new members.

The culmination of this was a gathering of the congregations of all the Churches at the Salvation Army Citadel in Easton, Bristol on Saturday the 15th of January 2005 to explore

where God is leading us. All the Churches had displays showing what they did well and learned also from others where they could improve.

We learnt that according to the 2001 census that there are 400,000 people in Bristol and in south Bristol 140,000; 70% of whom consider themselves Christian! Quite a sizeable amount! That means a possibility of 90,000 in Church in the south Bristol area alone.

The CMA was a valuable contributor to the success of the day, and is looking forward to future involvement in the Churches in the Bristol area. It would be good if we were always able to have such a close and positive working relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and reach out to these unchurched people.

Where there is no vision the people perish

By Roddy Barclay Forth & Tay Branch CMA

Firstly I would like to thank Mike on behalf of us all, for taking the time to visit us up here in Bonnie (but cold!) Scotland and to encourage us all personally.

A big thank you also goes to 'The Tilly Tearoom' for their excellent refreshments and hospitality, may God bless your business abundantly.



We as Heirs with Christ, receive and claim that blessing in Jesus' Holy Name!

I think we could all feel that the Holy Spirit was challenging us on an individual and corporate basis, to come out of our comfort zones and really

live our lives in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.

It seems obvious that Mike is the right man to take the CMA forward as the anointing was so infectious and the winsomeness of Christ shone through which confirmed that he is God's appointed man for the moment. (See Prov 13:9)

We all read about Mike's Vision for the future of the CMA, and it shows that he has the passion and energy and determination through the Holy Spirit, to do everything he can to make it come to pass (see Hab 2:3) so that souls can be won for Christ through the CMA, and we can do our share by picking up his vision and claiming it for ourselves because 'Where there is unity, God commands a blessing'

And may that blessing be Lost Souls!

It says in Scripture ' that where there is no vision, the people perish.'



The Lord wants us to be 'called out', different, so that what can win others to Christ is not our efforts but the efforts of the Holy Spirit as he changes us from Glory to Glory, the Fruit of the Spirit is what will win others (see Gal 5:22,23)



I believe that this is in essence what the Lord wants all of us within the CMA to be like, so that as Paul said 'I can be all things to all men, so that by all means, SOME will be saved.'

There are many changes afoot for the coming year with various events and visits to try out.

We will be having a biker's café at the Swell Café at Silver Sands in Aberdour, Fife on the First Saturday of every month. On other days we are hoping to do bike runs and also with Gods Blessing, outreach events in co-operation with various local churches throughout the region, there

is even a possibility of a rock concert with Christian Bands of course! On an individual basis we are also going to be going to 'THE FRENZY' at Dunfermline Athletics' Football Ground on June 11th where the likes of internationally renowned Christian artists such as DELIRIOUS? And also the Grammy award winning

THIRD DAY are headlining what is looking to be a wonderful day to worship and praise the Lord (Just hoping and praying He blesses us with Sunshine!!!)

My prayer is that all of us can start to look forward, not back, be One people, with One Vision under One Leader, Jesus Christ, so that His name will be Glorified and not our names so we can do our bit in fulfilling The Great Commission.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY



Amateur Radio & C.M.A by Bob, North Wales

Hi all, my name is Robert, (Bob) I live in North Wales on the Llyn Peninsula in a village called Llanybi six miles North East of the market town Pwllheli.



I have been a member of C.M.A just under a year, I joined with my very good friend and Christian Brother Andy who lives in New Quay West Wales a village called Cross Inn 2 miles from New Quay (CEINEWYDD)

Andy and I meet through our other hobby Amateur Radio. How Andy and I got to know each other is through a Christian Amateur Radio organisation called W.A.C.R.A.L World Association of Christian Radio Amateurs and Listeners. When speaking to other radio amateurs we use a numerical greeting of 501, well one time before I became licensed I heard Andy use this term when ending a QSO (conversation) so I made a mental note of his call sign then GW7WEE (class B licence) now MW0WEE (class A licence).

When I gained my licence class B in January 2001 my call was MW1RHD but in August of the same year thanks to some very hard work and a lot of

patience by Andy and another Radio Amateur Peter GW0DFK I passed my Morse test and became MW0RHD.

When Andy started to find a re-kindled interest in biking he did not hold a full bike licence, but this was soon to change. Now Andy has his full licence, and is the owner of a beautiful Triumph Legend 900 TT. His winter machine is a trust worthy MZ 250. I (Bob) came back into biking two years ago after a 10-year break due a car accident in 1993 at the age of 40, which left me with a disability.

When we joined C.M.A my local branch was Merseyside 100+miles away, Andy local branch South Wales is 100+ miles away so we do not have a lot of contact with each respective branch, I however am fortunate in that I also have my home pc and the internet, e-mail so I can remain in contact with my branch. I have been to only one meeting with the Merseyside branch and during that meeting it was suggested that I might like to start a North Wales branch in the future, that was one heck of a seed to plant in me.

Don't spend tomorrow's money today.

Since that time I have been praying about this and, one can only ignore God for so long. He is a very patient God, all sorts of things have happened since that time when Pat casually said about starting a branch in North Wales. Andy and I met two Christian motorcyclists who only live 10 miles from me and run a hotel, a great place for meeting Christian motorcyclists, and week end breaks, to which they are agreeable.

So to bring this editorial to a close and make the point of which I am writing, we need prayer for us to reach and find those in the area who are searching for what we have found, FREEDOM IN THE WORD OF THE LORD, not to be ashamed of believing in JESUS and saying his name with joy in our hearts. Those people out there who ride bikes and

are CHRISTIAN but do not know of C.M.A in WALES.

We need them and they need to know of us, also the other point is Amateur Radio, are there any other Licensed Amateurs out there in C.M.A who might like to meet up on the air HF.VHF UHF may be you do not know of WACRAL you could join in our regular HF nets. If the answer to any of the above is yes do not keep quite lets hear from you. If you want any more info of Amateur Radio contact me Bob by either e-mailing bobmw0rhd@onetel.net or phone me on 07817679363. If you are a Licensed Amateur and you can work GB3MP try giving me a call or arrange a sked or call into WACRAL nets the times can be found on our web site www.wacral.org



Suzuki Intruder Volusia VL800

The Farmyard Party by Johnny Hallas

Chairman West Yorkshire Branch

This year's Farmyard Party will be different from previous years. Why? Because CMA will have a Holy Joe's café on site. This is truly an amazing breakthrough because GOD'S timing is perfect. In



previous attempts to have a Holy Joe's at the farmyard, we were told by the organisers that no religious groups were allowed on site. We could attend as individuals but not as an official body. MAG members who we talk to could not understand why there was no Holy Joe's café at the farmyard when these facilities were available at other MAG rallies.

After much prayer and fasting the breakthrough came by a change in the leadership who organise the rally, who have welcomed us in with open arms. THANKS BE TO GOD.

I believe part of the waiting was for CMA itself. The Farmyard Party was attended by 9,000 in 2004 with an expected attendance in 2005 of 10,000. Maybe CMA was not ready for that size of rally at that time.

The organisers of the Farmyard also want CMA members to help with marshalling at the rally. I must stress this is not a security role, that will be

carried out by a security company.

We can show the love of JESUS at this rally by helping bikers and marshalling will enable CMA members to get alongside bikers at this event.

When the President of CMA Mike Fitton discussed the vision of CMA he said, "We have to get out of the shallow water and into the deep." The Farmyard Party is that deep water.

We need a large CMA presence at this rally and the workload will be enormous. Sign up for the rally, get out of the boat, get out of the shallows, GOD will bless you for taking that risk. This is what CMA does. GOD has opened the door, we have to walk through it. GOD is in this, don't let HIM down.

Send names today to your branch chairman.

The dates for the Farmyard Party are 17th 18th and 19th June. Location: Helmsley, North Yorkshire. Cost for the rally: £18 (sorry no concessions)

If you are unable to attend than please remember us in your prayers.

15 EXERCISES WE'D BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT IN 2005...

- ~ Jumping on the bandwagon
- ~ Wading through paperwork
- ~ Running around in circles
- ~ Pushing your luck
- ~ Spinning your wheels
- ~ Adding fuel to the fire
- ~ Beating your head against the wall
- ~ Climbing the walls
- ~ Beating your own drum
- ~ Dragging your heels
- ~ Jumping to conclusions
- ~ Grasping at straws
- ~ Fishing for compliments
- ~ Throwing your weight around
- ~ Passing the buck

Mike Fitton

The Royal Flying Corps (Pre R.A.F) learnt early in 1914 that he who turns the quicker will get behind the enemy, thus gaining the advantage. Ought we, **as Christians to learn the same?** Acts 3 vs 19 is about Repentance e.g. **Turning** from old ways to new ways, and having done

so, the enemy **WILL** be then in hot pursuit of you. Another tactic was always to attack coming out of the sun. We need then to confront the enemy in like manner, coming out from the Son!

John White

It is planned to travel to the EMC Rally in Holland as a group, so anyone interested should book themselves onto the Stena Line sailing from Harwich to the Hook of Holland leaving at 10.40 a.m on Thursday 11th August. They should also book their return ferry for which ever date and time suits them best. Any problems contact the Editor please.

GOD AND MOTORBIKES

LLARRY began 'taking drugs like sweets' at the age of nine. At 22 he was a homeless dealer. Then he found God, bikes and turned his life around. His story is told in a biking version of the bible, which has been published by the Christian Motorcyclists' Association and Bible Society. For details, go to www.bike.org.uk/cma

I found this in the 26th of Feb. edition of M.C.N Larry North London

If I look at wealth and the wealthy,
I'm a pauper
If I look at 3rd world famine,
i'm a millionaire
If I look at Christ.....
John White

CMA(UK) provides a bike for Rev Pat and Pam Brooks' work in Burundi

"At the 2004 National Board Meeting it was agreed to use part of our CMA tithe to purchase a bike for a church worker in Burundi. A cheque for £1,500 was presented to missionaries Rev. Pat and Pam Brooks who now live in Rustington, West Sussex.

The presentation was covered by local press and an article from the Littlehampton Gazette is reproduced below with their kind permission.

CLAD in black leathers and riding high-powered machines, most bikers would be considered sinners, rather than saints by many motorists.

But a group rode into Rustington to show a more compassionate side to motorcyclists and to provide much-needed two-wheeled transport for a church worker thousands of miles away.

Four members of the Christian Motorcyclists' Association (CMA), Surrey and Sussex branch, delivered a £1,500 donation to two "retired" missionary workers who continue to spend two months each year in Burundi, Africa.

The Rev Pat Brooks and his wife Pam contacted the bikers' group after

Frederick, a church worker in the Matana diocese of southern Burundi asked if they could provide him with a motorcycle. Frederick, a trained surveyor, supervises the building of churches across the scattered, rural area.

Said Pat: "Our visit to Burundi earlier this year underlined for us how much better a job he could do if he had his own means of transport. He is not able to reach distant parishes because virtually no public transport exists, and some areas are almost inaccessible.

"One large parish we visited, called Kivungwe, had no school and the church building was the only available meeting place for literacy classes.

"The roads are very poor and in many circumstances a motorcycle will be able to get across more difficult terrain and a four-wheel drive vehicle could."

Pat and Pam's links with Burundi date back to 1958 and on their annual visits he teaches in a theological college and preaches in village churches, while she supports a project providing "recycled" spectacles from the UK, and working with the Mothers' Union and projects for disabled people.

Worthing-based bikers Gaynor Sage and father and daughter John and Eleanor Barber, all members of Maybridge Community Church, joined CMA branch chairman Ted Russell to present Pat and Pam with the £1,500, from the group's national funds and the proceeds of a charity bike run.

Ted said: "Having heard of the commitment that Pat and Pam have given to Burundi and the churches there for so long, it is a privilege for us to be able to assist them."

The Sussex and Surrey branch has 35 members, meeting fortnightly at

Horley Baptist Church for ride-outs, Bible studies and social events, and also visits biker rallies and gathering places such as Whiteways car park, north of Arundel, to discuss their faith with other motorcyclists.

"While we encourage people to be sensible, we don't preach good riding, we preach the gospel," said Ted, who lives at Banstead. "We also go to churches to talk about the branch, and for some congregations it is quite a shock to see us in our leathers and helmets."

Sent in by Ted Russell CMA SAS



"by kind permission of the Worthing Herald"

Pat & Pam having just received £1500 cheque

An update from Rev Pat and Pam Brooks' work in Burundi

Dear Family and Friends,

As Pelagie is going down to Bujumbura tomorrow, we must take advantage of the chance to send a floppy disc down. (This is new territory for us!)

We came up on Wednesday and many friends have come to greet us and we're slowly getting used to life here. We found that our stomachs didn't adapt as quickly as we would have hoped and that living at 6,000 ft. can be tiring. However, we are settling into 'our' bungalow – which was our first home together in 1965. Sussex calendar pictures are on the walls and photos of the family and the washing line is up!

Pat started teaching on Friday and discovered that not only is he teaching an Introduction to the Pauline Epistles and the Book of Romans, but they've included an Introduction to the Old Testament! He teaches 2 hours on 2 mornings a week and 1 hour for 2 other mornings. Tuesday is his free day. May we remind you of his students. Sadly there is no 1st. Year, so he knows the students well. In Year 3 from Buye diocese is Deo (Head student) and then from Gitega diocese Nestor and Stephen. In Year 2 from Makamba diocese are Onesiphore and Jean Marie and from Matana diocese are Jean Boscoe, Deo – and Fredianne, the only girl.

A welcome addition to the staff is Martin Phillips, a German young man, who has been sent by his Mission for an initial 3

years. He's been here for 6 weeks and is settling in well. He's had experience in Kenya and Tanzania in Bible Colleges and enjoys teaching and getting to know his students. English was his 2nd. language, but he teaches in French, has learnt some Swahili from Kenya and is now learning Kirundi! He's very disciplined and is doing well. Fortunately he has a lot of theological books in German, French and English which will be a great help to Pat.

Egide, who does so much for us in the home has much sadness as his 10 month baby died in Bujumbura suffering from respiratory troubles. His oldest boy who's about 5 years has suddenly lost the use of his legs. These are early days in understanding all the traumas, but we will unravel everything soon.

William comes to lunch, so that he gets one good meal each day. Slowly we are beginning to learn about his wife, Beatrice, and her mental troubles as a result of cerebral malaria and of his daughter Jeanne who is responsible for the home and is very, very tired. There have been times of real hunger.

It's so good that we have Pelagie with whom we can share all these troubles and be given wisdom to know how to help.

Your prayers mean so much to us and to the folk here. With our love, Pat and Pam

South West London Branch by Paul Mitchell

The South West London branch is spread out along the A3, with most of its members living outside the boundaries of London these days. We've even toyed with the idea of changing the name to the "South West of London Branch".



We are currently low on members and are going to embark on a local publicity campaign, hopefully using some of the shiny new leaflets that Mike has organised. However in the last half-dozen years or so we have turned two twigs into branches (SAS and Thames Valley), provided two Ministers (one on the Orkneys no less), given the Bristol and Lakes & Lancs branches their Chairmen. Does anyone fancy moving the other way to give us a hand? It's quite nice in Surrey you know, no? C'est la vie. Then there's the inevitable slowing down that comes with starting a family...

Our summer activities mainly take the form of joining with the other branches in our region to put on various Holy Joe's Cafés. We initially got going a couple of years ago with the help of the East Midlands who generously lent us their Holy Joe's kit. After a couple of shows the proceeds together with our savings enabled us

to buy our own. It now looks like we may be doing six or seven Holy Joe's this year (along with Kent, SAS, North London and Thames Valley branches). Check our branch events page for details.

In previous years we have run a Holy Joe's Helmet Park at Box Hill over the summer months. If the sun's out there will be hundreds of bikes there, and Ryka's Café there does the most truly awesome burgers around.

With any luck this year we will also get to do a bit of race track marshalling for the Classic Racing Motorcycle Club (CMRC). Like many racing clubs they always need marshals, you get to see the racing from very close up and I believe lunch may be thrown in. It's also an interesting look at British and European motorcycling history, with some makes you've never even heard of, and all being used as they were intended.

So if you're at a loose end on one of the weekends that we've got something on, please do feel free to come along. We'd be glad to see you and, you never know, you might just enjoy it!

REVIEW OF 2004 by Fat Mike Norfolk

Firstly I would like to thank Ken and Mike for their vote of confidence in me, as I took on the role of treasurer for the Norfolk Branch. I didn't take this role on lightly and a lot of prayer and searching



went into this before I decided to take the role on fully. Since I've become treasurer I haven't done a lot in this role as sorting the bank forms out and having them returned because of a technical error took up time. I can now gladly say that this has now all been sorted out and once statements arrive I'll be able to look at the Norfolk Branch finances. I hope to next year start fund raising so that we can eventually get our own Holly Joe's café set up but will need your help, support and ideas for this.

A little back ground first before I review my year (6 months). I first became aware of the CMA a couple of years ago when I used to ride my wife's scooter and I saw an article in the Ride Magazine and thought I'd like to do that but like all good intentions I forgot all about it. But in that time I progressed from a scooter to a Motor cycle Honda Deauville. Passing my test first time (God had a plan for me I think).

With the background info done I'll tell you what's happened for me since I found the CMA this year. My interest in

bikes has grown since I passed my test and although I don't profess to know lots about bikes or the biking scene, I do have the LOVE for Jesus and I believe he led me to the CMA in June this year and things have just

come on leaps and bounds. As I've already mentioned that I have taken on the role of branch treasurer, I did my first bike show the Fenman show which was such a great experience, and then I did the ambulance escort for Leonard Cheshire Homes with Ken which was good all round and all involved seemed to enjoy the day. I also attended the executives meeting at Yardley in Birmingham which was three days of excellent fellowship and my chance to meet Mike Fitton.

I hope this year has been as good for you as it has for me and hope that next year will be as fruitful for you and the CMA and hope that the Norfolk Branch grows like it has in the last 6 months from 4 to 15 friends and members, I hope that shows we have a purpose in this ministry in the coming year by attending events and rallies than the Chairman would like us to attend when we can.

And please keep your support coming for Norfolk Branch. We are all excited for 2005

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: Let inward Prayer be your last act before you fall asleep, and the first act :
: when you awake. (Bridget Herman) :
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A Weekend Rideout by Ian Williams Bedford

Hi folks I am organising a weekend ride out if you like a get together.

This will be from Bedford 14th & 15th May 2005 just before the B.M.F, leaving Bedford at 6am heading for the M25 south, first stop for fuel and eats at the M3



services. We will be stopping at places mentioned in this letter for food and toilet breaks, as for times of arriving at the rest areas this is as follows.

Leave Bedford 6am 14th arrive M3 services at 8am for 30minutes stop.

Next rest area Stonehenge car park at 10am, with 15min stop time.

Next stop Podimore services for lunch 30min at 12 noon.

Then on to the last stop Annies lay by tea bar, this is just before the A303 before Monkton, stop is at 2pm for 15min. Times are approx.

I will be riding a XJ900 Yamaha (Blue).

The place to head for if camping, will be the Bottleneck Inn, toilets are available and some good food also. There maybe a band if I can arrange it, but there is plenty of space for camping and some B&Bs in the area. Where are we going? I hear you ask!, well I've found a nice place in Devon. Can you make it? Plan it now, and it will happen. The place is off the A30 then the A386 to a place called

Sourton is a nice village with a pub called the Highwayman. this is an unusual pub worth a visit, but take some advice, the pub is very small, only 4 persons at a time. You will all be very welcome. The place to camp is at the Bottle Neck Inn

which is just as you come into the village on the left. Go up a country lane to the pub, easy to find as it's signposted, "The Highwayman". It's full if there are 15 people in the room but the company is pleasant with a wide variety of local beers.

The route that I will be taking is from Bedford the M1 - M25 - M3 - A303 - A30 to Exeter then Sourton, but I will be stopping on route at several places if you want to join me you may. I will be visiting a motorcycle shop that is well out the way but on route.

On Sunday we will be visiting a church before we all head off back home, if you have a particular church, then there are many types of churches in Oakhampton so you will be spoilt for choice.

The address of the Highwayman Inn, Sourton, Oakhampton, Devon EX20 4NH Tel 01837 861245 and my contact telephone number is just in case you want to ask me anything about the trip 01234 311536 Ian

Where Were You-----When? By John White

This is by way of a commission, probably only my second ever! I can remember things and where I was at the time, but not the dates. I recall being in my new caravan with my new wife, when the news came through that president Kennedy had been shot. We had to wait some time for confirmation that he was dead. That was 1963. I remember when the Americans walked on the moon 1969 and David Bowie was number one with, was it Space Oddity? You know, "This is ground control to Major Tom", and all that. I was flat on my back in hospital, and God was about to do a miracle in my life! I remember on our way home from shopping in Stalham, hearing that Jill Dando had been murdered. And who will ever, of our generation ever forget 9-11. We had just come in from Norwich; I put the telly on and thought I was watching one of those American drama films. It took some time to realise this was not some very sick joke, but for real. More recently and of course continuing, the events of Boxing Day and the Tsunami . We are as I write this into 300.000 + dead and the figure is still rising. Please bear with me as I digress for a moment. The sheer horror of all these folk dying has been mind blowing, but what



about Matthew 24 vs.40-41, where there were once two, one will be taken and the other left! Will it be any less scary for those who are left? (You need to read this passage). Now, getting back to, "WHERE WERE YOU.....Etc"

I am no longer an official member of CMA, sadly as previously reported the Hayabusa has now gone, but I hold dear the ethics of CMA, and it, as an outreach for Christ, is on my prayer list. But like all these groups, clubs, gatherings etc. and even more so those within any section of the church or religious (oh how I dislike that word!) group, how poorly supported they usually are. The classic I guess is the prayer meeting! We have had a Saturday morning prayer meeting for 3 years. It started as a 6-8 a.m., now as a compromise its 7-9 a.m., in an attempt to get those who may shop on a Saturday to drop in. There were 170 souls counted the other week, and how many at the prayer group.....5! Now I know folk around the church do meet and pray. The text we have for our "7-9 Prayer Group" is Acts 2 vs.1. "...they were all with one accord in one place", which speaks of unity.

I know folk are busy, but I believe the time has come to "PRIORITISE". What comes first, to clean the bike, take the wife shopping, so on and so forth? Time, there are only three things to mention about time,



you cannot save it, you can measure it, and you can use it wisely.

Perhaps there's a fourth, It waits, like the tide, for no one!

Miles Mitson a chaplain to the railways and The Railway Mission said in one of his News Sheets, how, following one of the major train crashes he was rushed by emergency vehicles to the scene to minister. During a latter conversation he said, " I just HAD TO BE THERE". On the Saturday prayer meeting to which I have just made reference, a man came for the first time, his opening comment was, "I THOUGHT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MANY MORE"

I close with this from Mahesh Chavda's book "The Hidden Power of Prayer and Fasting". He had called his church to pray and fast. When very few turned up, and later at a

church meeting, a prophecy was given by one of those present, I AM HERE, WHERE ARE MY PEOPLE"?

From "Angels" by Billy Graham (p106) the story is told how God was

asked the question, " In the event that men fail to preach the gospel as you have commanded, what other plans do you have"? "I HAVE NO OTHER PLAN", came the reply?

It's a strange thing to be humbled by what you have written, I trust no offence is taken, there certainly was none intended, but as Deuteronomy 1 vs. 6-7 (AV)

".....YOU HAVE DWELT LONG ENOUGH IN THIS MOUNT, TURN YOU, TAKE YOUR JOURNEY, AND GO....." It's time to move on folks, will WE be THERE?

Safe biking in the year ahead, may God's speed be not a camera offence, but a blessing to all you meet on you journeying.

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John White

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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 say has not done many wrong things. Please don't be deceived into thinking there will be a place in Heaven for the not-so-wrong ones.

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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 wrong 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.

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