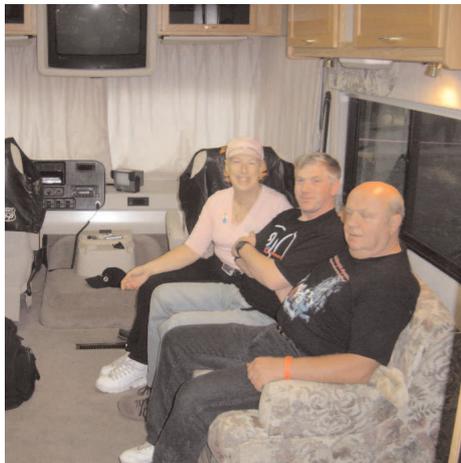


One morning, during a service, we met Norman, who asked us to meet his wife. "She's British" Norman explained. (below right) Barbara was in a wheel chair; the results of Chemotherapy had left her tired and weak. In fact, she explained that her doctors were not pleased she was coming to the rally. It is a credit to them both that they don't give in. Barbara had been in the US for over 30 years, although she still had a very posh English accent I thought. We spent an evening with them; us on our Harleys and them on their 1800 Honda Goldwing. We had a great time. It was also great to spend time with Ollie (Dutch President) and Klaas (Vice President). I'd not really spent any time with them before. They are great fun. Ollie has a great sense of humour. I was amazed one evening, at a service, when Ollie got up onto the stage and started singing and playing the piano. Complete with wooden clogs. Please pray for Ollie and the Dutch CMA. They get into some heavy duty warfare.

Each day started with an early morning prayer meeting and then two 3hr services; one in the morning and one in the evening. I found it quite hard going at times. Mike was particularly busy and I lost him a few times. We did try to give each other space though. I would disappear to a camp fire and just chat with whoever I bumped into. I spent some time with a CMA Branch (Chapter) called the Gap Riders. Each Branch has a name. They gave me a Gap Rider T-

Shirt and some 1 cent coins, with a cross cut in them, Oh! and some anointing oil in a key ring. Sadly the security poured it out at the airport. Mike Fitton was one of the International speakers, booked for the rally. He got a great reception, and had them laughing. I'm not sure what they thought of his Yorkshire accent, bearing in mind most of them spoke with a deep southern tone. There were one or two times we both looked at each other and asked "what did he say". But not too often. All in all, it was a fantastic trip. It's impossible to write it all down, I'd fill this edition. Every day was different. God willing, I'd love to go back in 2007 with a group of willing UK members. Let's see. I would like to finish by sharing what the Lord was showing me while on the trip. You see, at home, things had been a little tense between me and my 19 year old son Peter. He's gone his own way like we all have at some time.





UK President, Mike Fitton Preaching to over 3000 people at the 'Changing of the Colours' Rally @ Iron Mountain, Arkansas, USA.

This had caused us to clash on more than one occasion. At times I felt like a fraud.

I could be out on the road with CMA, sharing the love of Jesus, and then at home I'd clash with my son. I'll spare you the details. At times I felt like giving up CMA and stop any involvement in any evangelism. I knew I was saved, I had His assurance, Praise God, but felt I should take a back seat and leave it to all the Christians that had everything boxed off in a perfect life.

I know what you're thinking. So can you imagine how I felt when I learned that 30 years ago, in Hatfield Arkansas, a local minister who was having the same problems with his teenage son, cried out to the Lord for an answer. Buy two motorcycles came the reply from the Lord. Herbie Shreve Snr. had never been on a

motorcycle! But he obeyed, and they went riding and learned how to become friends again. On the road they came across bikers with broken lives. His son watched amazed as, time and time again bikers gave the hearts to Jesus at the roadside.

And so CMA was born. Can you imagine how I felt when I realised their ministry I considered leaving, was birthed out of an identical situation to mine. What a wonderful Lord we serve. I came home on fire. Ready to ride again with CMA and to trust the Lord with the situation at home or otherwise. I'll not let any situation get between me and serving God through CMA. I'm looking forward to riding with you. Bless you all. I'm grateful for the trip. To God and the guys who supported me, and to Mike for his support too.

'Sid, North Cheshire Branch'

Heaven's Saints M/M by Bruce Potenza

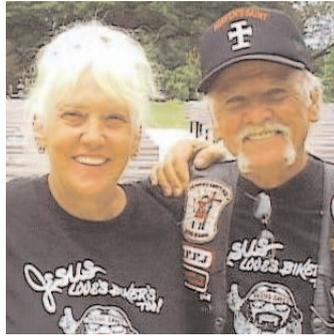
From last month a little more.....

I have surrendered my life to Jesus and I trust Him to complete the good work that he has started in my life. I have my wife Fran, two sons and a daughter with me, and as I think about

God's goodness and love, I know that we are growing together in Him. If you have not accepted Jesus Christ into your life and allowed Him to become your Lord and Savior, Romans 10:9 Says "that if

thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." GOD LOVES YOU AND WANTS YOU TO EXPERIENCE PEACE AND ETERNITY IN HEAVEN THROUGH HIS SON. WHAT YOU MUST DO:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you (on the Cross and rose from the dead).



Fran & Barry



4. Through prayer (talking to God), invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life. Receive Him as Savior and Lord.

WHAT TO PRAY:

Dear Father, I know that I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Christ died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I am willing, by God's grace, to follow and obey Christ as the Lord of my

life. If you accepted Jesus as your Savior, then this is just the beginning of a wonderful new life with Christ. NOW:

1. Read your Bible every day to get to know Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Tell others about Christ.
4. Be baptized, worship, fellowship and serve with other Christians in a church, where Christ is preached.
5. Write to us and let us know, so we can rejoice with you!

Where to find a CMA Branch

Scotland

Forth and Tay
Rest of Scotland
Scottish Highlands

North West

Merseyside
North Cheshire
Lakes N' Lancs..

Midlands

East Midlands
West Midlands
Stafford
Bedford
Norfolk

South West

Bristol
Gloucester
South Wales

Ireland

Ireland
Dublin

South East

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

Isle of Man

Isle of Man

North East

West Yorkshire
Lincs & East Yorks
North East
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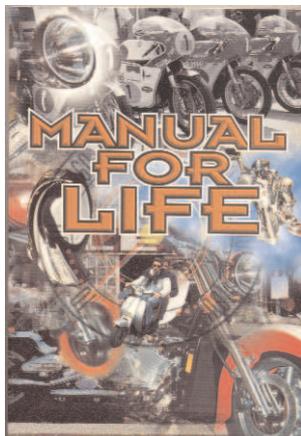
Devon
Portsmouth
North & West Wales
Scottish Borders

*More information can be found on the web site www.bike.org.uk or
PO BOX 8155 Loughborough LE13 9AR*

Manual for Life - Bibles for bikers

Sent on by Roger from the East Midlands Branch

A couple of months ago David had the idea of putting a copy of 'Manual For Life' in the local motorcycle shops. C.M.A. is a charity, committed to a ministry of telling motorcyclists about the Lord Jesus Christ, and by having a copy of 'Manual For Life' available for the staff and customers to read at the



shop, there is the opportunity for people to know about Jesus and what an impact He has had on other motorcyclist's lives. Also by getting known at our local shops, people are becoming more aware of C.M.A. and we are available to help them, whether it is practical or spiritual need.

The bibles are for use at the shop, in a similar way as bibles are available for patients in hospital.

This scheme is really taking off in Leicester and has also been broadcast on Premier radio, the national Christian Radio Station. This is God working through his people to spread the Good News about Jesus. At this time, Sunday 4th September 2005, we have nearly covered Leicester and Leicestershire, and will next be going to the motorcycle outlets in Nottingham. With God

nothing is impossible. Let's get to work and put a 'Manual For Life' in every Motorcycle outlet in the country. It needs to be coordinated by each branch and prayerfully put into action. Please use any of the press, radio or web material we have already generated in Leicester to get started. Approach your local radio station and

newspapers. Roger Moseley can help to get you started in your area contact him.

(all contact details are at the end of this story)

1. Article from BBC Radio Leicester.

Bike shops spread Christian word
Bike shops in Leicester are being given Bibles to encourage more motorcyclists to take an interest in religion.

The East Midlands branch of the Christian Motorcyclists' Association is handing the books out to stores.

The group holds monthly prayer meetings for bikers and also provides help and support at motorcycle rallies.

Roger Moseley again is available for any help you might require.

Roger did say: "I hope it will bring more to know about the Lord Jesus Christ. and also get to know about the CMA and the outreach work we do.

Story from BBC NEWS:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/england/leicestershire/4198174.stm>

Published: 2005/08/30 15:25:42 GMT
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2. Email from Leicester to Mike Fitton.

Hello Mike.

This has been on our heart for a long time. we would like to see the CMA 'Manual For Life' in every motorcycle outlet in the country. A biker's bible for the staff and customers to have access to. We have started in East Midlands and are receiving a very positive response. The branch was interviewed recently on Radio Leicester and also had coverage on their web site. The interviewer was very interested in the scheme and we compared it with the Gideon's Bibles being there for patients in hospitals. we would be grateful for your thoughts and input.

Yours in Christ

3. Email from Mike Fitton.

Hi Leicester Branch

Excellent idea. Go for it, and share the success and God's hand at work with the Chainlink magazine, to encourage others branches to do the same. There really isn't any limitation to where we need to take His Word, as long as it is covered in prayer, Well done. Isaiah 55:11 "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

God Bless you,
Reach the lost and Glorify God. What a privilege!
Mike <><

4. Web page addresses.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester/content/articles/2005/08/27/manual_for_life_feature.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester/content/articles/2005/08/26/christian_bikers_feature.shtml

Contact for more info:-

Roger Moseley aka Moses',
E mail 'motomoses@hotmail.com'
Walk in The Light



God has a positive answer

from Pidd



YOU SAY

"It's impossible"

"I'm too tired"

"Nobody really loves me"

"I can't go on"

"I can't figure things out"

"I can't do it"

"I'm not able"

"It's not worth it"

"I can't forgive myself"

"I can't manage"

"I'm afraid"

"I'm always worried and frustrated"

"I don't have enough faith"

"I'm not smart enough"

"I feel all alone"

GOD SAYS

All things are possible

I will give you rest

I love you

My grace is sufficient

I will direct your steps

You can do all things

I am able

It will be worth it

I Forgive you

I will supply all your needs

I have not given you a spirit of fear

Cast all your cares on ME

I've given everyone a measure of faith

I give you wisdom

I will never leave you or forsake you

BIBLE VERSES

(Luke 18:27)

(Matthew 11:28-30)

(John 3:16/John 3:34)

(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

(Philippians 4:13)

(II Corinthians 9:8)

(Roman 8:28)

(I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

(Philippians 4:19)

(II Timothy 1:7)

(I Peter 5:7)

(Romans 12:3)

(I Corinthians 1:30)

(Hebrews 13:5)

Believe God is there just for you.

A Fishy Tale by Robin Jameson CMA Merseyside

This story below was told in a sermon by our local Methodist Superintendent. Once he was a Sergeant in the Traffic Police Motorcycle Division. He found it on the internet. I have been unable to trace the source to give the appropriate acknowledgments.



'My Mistake,' said the Officer. Sunday, August 14, 2005

An honest man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman hit the roof and the horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station, where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a

holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk and The Grandmother's for Peace' decal.

"Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."

Do you have an Icthus Fish symbol displayed on your vehicle? If so, take care for your roadcraft and riding style is an unspoken witness to your Lord. Don't forget, if you carry a fish symbol you must have competence, courtesy and consideration as you travel on life's highway.

Salt Box Straight by Moses East Mids

Salt Box Straight.

A number of years ago (so long ago in fact, that only a few members can remember), the intersection of the A511 and the A516 (old A50) used to be very popular with the 'ton up boys'. However, since the present traffic lights did not exist then, you had to be on the 'ton' before you hit the intersection, where the Salt Box Café and the Kestrel Pub stand.

The descendents of those 'ton up boys' (apart from a few) still make the same pilgrimage, driven not by the 'lust' for speed, but driven by the idea of a Breakfast Run. An early morning meet at the services at Donnington ("only the two of us" said 'Scooter'), and then as if choreographed another half dozen hunger driven motorcyclists appeared. Then



followed a spirited ride through the dry back lanes, faultlessly to arrive at 'The Salt Box'.

Since food was in the offing, East Midlands Branch arrived first and placed their orders, quickly followed by the West Midlands. Over twenty bikes all parked up.

With twenty plus bikers inside, the group occupied a third of the café, and aroused a lot of interest with our friendly banter and obvious high spirits. The fellowship was good, and meeting old friends was great.

A variety of bikes, bikers and Christians of different persuasions, but all united in bearing witness to a living God.

Not bad for a cold, November morning.

Walk in the Light.



Leicester Toy Run by Moses East Mids

This has grown over the last couple of years and is now becoming a confirmed favourite. Approximately two hundred bikers (and an Argos Lorry) met on a cold December morning in the top car park at the Mallory Park Circuit. The bikers and bikes were of a great variety, including a good selection of outfits (including the usual suspects) and even some un seasonal Italian exotica. Scattered amongst the collection of bikers were quite a few white crosses

The ride into the depths of Leicester was dry and restrained (except for the Police and Marshalls), but very well controlled and it brought a lot of joy to children (young and old) along the way (some of whom had come out especially to see 'the bikes').

The ride finished at the Saffron Lane Leisure Centre with hot drinks and mince pies, which were appreciated by all. The ride was marshalled by Leicestershire Motorcycle Police, who controlled the traffic with great success.

The raffle prizes brought out the best in some people, leaving some members amazed, then it was a short ride back to Pete's for a cuppa, tall stories and a viewing of 'Mechanibals' .

The day produced a lot of good contacts and requests for help out future events of a similar nature, and good contacts for the 2006 Leicester Easter Egg Run, which is considered by many as a 'CMA'run.



Bottesford Toy Run by Moses East Mids

This is a long established Toy Run that members of the East Midlands CMA have been attending for a number of years. With the decline of the Nottingham Toy Run (despotic sheriff), the numbers of participants has grown dramatically. Meeting in the car park of the Red Lion Public House (bacon butties etc. as usual) and then the rest of the village becoming one vast motorcycle park.

The numbers and types of bikes was great, from modern trikes through modified monkey bikes, to the beauty below.

The weather was very kind; cool, but not too cold and very dry. This attracted a huge number of motorcycles and different types of festive clothing. The final off from the village took a long time and was probably followed by a huge sigh of relief from the catering staff of the Red Lion.

A single police car led the way towards Gotham City (oops Grantham), followed by the bikes, amongst which was a goodly number of white crosses, and Santa Claus outfits.

Once in Grantham, a quick tour of the town, much to the delight of great numbers of children, who had come out to see the bikes and it was on to the stadium to meet the Mayor, who shook hands with all 450+ bikers. Then it was into the stadium for mince pies and hot drinks.

Many of the bikes then headed for Melton Mowbray for another Toy Run, which has become an integral part of the Bottesford Toy Run. I understand that this run was shown on Anglian TV. It would be great if bikes had some good publicity for a change.



Christmas Toy Run

by Phil Hull

The North London branch was involved in the London toy run, from the Ace café to two hospitals, by request.

Larry and I had planned to be involved in the toy run, but as a result of



Larry's contact with the Ace café over many years and the time spent getting to know people there, the CMA was asked to be involved in the toy run. I think it would be good to give a bit of background to this. Over the years the CMA, as a whole, has benefited from the contact and Larry's faithful work for the Lord in having a presence at the Ace café. In fact, the Surrey and Sussex branch, who man a stand on Brighton sea front, have this as a result of that contact.

The Ace café hold a weekend of events every year, culminating in the Brighton run on the Sunday and one year Larry was asked if the CMA would like to man a stand there. He asked the Kent branch for help and

they did the first year, then they passed it to SAS who have manned a stand every year since. God's word will spread when we are faithful to His call upon our lives.

Back to the toy run, it was a crisp morning as we gathered at the Ace café with around 100 other bikers. With some dressed as Santa others had their bikes decked out in various ways. I forgot to take my camera would you believe it! We left at 11.00 and, with a police escort, went firstly to St Mary's in Paddington and then through London with our police escort to St Thomas's hospital, which is opposite the Houses of Parliament.

It was a good time. We had a couple of good conversations and also showed the white crosses. May God be honoured through the coming year as we ride and show the cross in the various parts of the country that we live.

A certain little girl, when asked her name, would reply, "I'm Mr.Sugarbrown's daughter." Her mother told her this was wrong, she must say, "I'm Jane Sugarbrown." The Vicar spoke to her in Sunday School, and said, "Aren't you Mr. Sugarbrown's daughter?" She replied, "I thought I was, but mother says I'm not."

Sharing the way ahead

by Paul Wedgewood N.E. Branch

A short while ago I was contacted by the Lakes and Lancs.. group, to ask if they could visit the N.E. Branch. A date was agreed and things set in motion. On reflection, I asked myself why we had never done this before.

The plan was to come down on the Friday night, have s u p p e r , fellowship, and

stay overnight, then after breakfast next day slip off home.

It says in Hebrews 13 verse 2. "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it".

I don't know if Malcolm, Charlie, Christine and Alan are Angels, but by simply meeting, sharing fellowship, and a little praise and worship, brought blessings to us all.

We met in my home village of Castleton where we had a shared



meal in the village hall, after quizzes, (written and pictorial and a television quiz. Wallace and Grommet's "A Close Shave", because of the bike, makes a brilliant watch and observe quiz. We took them to their beds for the night, - a Camping Barn in Westerdale, where they settled down with thoughts of bacon

sandwiches and tea for breakfast.

Saturday brought good weather and the N.E. Branch rode back with them as far as Hawes in Wensleydale. Here we had a meal in the Biker Café, before saying our farewells.

What a way to get to know one another and what a way to realise you are part of a bigger thing in God's mission field. Why not try it with your nearest Branch. You may find God showers you with blessings.

A little girl asked her mother, "Can I go outside and play with the boys?" Her mother replied, "No, you can't play with the boys, they're too rough." The little girl thought about it for a few moments and asked, "If I can find a smooth one, can I play with him?"

CMA International Giants



CMA Family

Yes, the whole family all get involved **BIG** or small

This is a picture from the Iron Mountain
'Changing of the Colour Rally' USA

Do you want to be part of the bigger family of God?
Then visit the web site, ring the number, look up your local branch on
the web, we await your call.



The Mandate; Belfast November 2005

by Bob Draper (Surrey And Sussex)

God Works

I went with four friends to "The Mandate" in November. This is a men's event, held annually in Belfast, and I can say that to be with 2,500 Christian men for a day (09:30-21:00) of worship and encouragement was incredible. The main message was brought by James Ryall. Very powerful, very challenging - based upon the story in Luke's Gospel, chapter 6, which tells of Jesus' healing of the man with the withered hand in the synagogue, on the Sabbath, no less!

We were shown that to be effective for Jesus, we need to stand up, step forward and stretch out our hand. That is, we are nothing if we stay put in the shadows, but it's not enough to stand up, but still stay partly hidden. We need to step out into the light, put all our trust in God and carry out the task that is asked of us, whether that be big or small. James Ryall put every one of us in the hall in the position of that man in the synagogue. Jesus calls us to stand up, step forward into His light, be healed and to honour Him.

We also learned that the Pharisees decided on that day to murder Jesus, because of the ridicule they felt, having been "shown up" by Him for what they were. Because he had healed a man on the Sabbath, he was to be condemned to death on a cross.



He heals us, and pays the price. Too awesome for words. A secondary theme, played out superbly in comedy, was "Ten Reasons Why Men Hate Church". These were portrayed as :

1. Because they've been. The "Sunday school experience" sticks.
2. Because of its image. It's no longer seen as "the Church Militant" of the "good old days" when Christianity was for men and was spread by heroes.
3. Because of the words. At church you hear words no self-respecting man would use, without serious female persuasion (e.g. "share", "precious").
4. Because it could involve having to touch someone. They might be asked to hold hands with "strangers"; even worse, with other men!
5. Because it's seen as a support group for the weak. Heroes of faith didn't concentrate on their own problems, they got on with serving God.
6. Because of the image of Jesus. Previous generations were challenged to follow Christ; now they're asked to have a relationship with a more gentle figure.
7. Because going is seen to be conforming to decent behaviour. Privately, men imagine they are on the side of good, but are dangerous and unpredictable with it.

8. Because it's full of "nice" people. In the sense of soft and easily bullied.

9. Because male interests are not represented. They might have to sit still and listen to advice often for longer than five minutes!

10. Because women seem to like it. No comment.

The Mandate event has been going for ten years and, as you would imagine, is mainly attended by guys from N. Ireland/Eire. Small numbers come from other parts of the UK and smaller numbers still from further afield. The 2005 event was held in the Waterfront Hall in Belfast. This is a large theatre complex and the event is so popular, you have to book seats way in advance (March!).

To make the most of the week-end, and to avoid having to rush, we travelled on the Friday and stayed with friends just outside Belfast. On the Saturday morning, we got to the venue and went to our seats; four in one row and one on the end of the short row behind (this only had four seats). This single seat was meant to be next to a wheelchair space that we'd reserved for our local friend, with whom we stayed the week-end, but he wasn't well enough to come. Arriving at the venue, I had given back the wheelchair ticket to the organisers and had then handed out our tickets beforehand in the foyer. I got the single seat. I was wearing my CMA waistcoat and "flying the colours" (by the way, I didn't see any others). The place filled rapidly. After a short while,

I noticed my immediate neighbour peering (literally) at the CMA badges. "Are you a biker?" he asked. "What makes you think that?" was the immediate response, delivered with a broad grin. Being half-Irish myself, I learned long ago always to answer a question with a question.

My new friend was an American, living in Aberdeen, and rides a BSA 650 (I think!) and was also with a group of friends. They booked later than we did, and were spread around the theatre, so there were just two of them together in this row. They'd distributed their tickets randomly amongst themselves, just as we had done.

"This is weird," he said, "We were on our way here this morning, talking bikes, and I said that it would be good if, at some time, I could get some information about a Christian biking group! I didn't expect to get an answer within fifteen minutes!"

I'll leave you to ponder upon the "what ifs" and the "what if nots".

What if my group's reserved seats had been somewhere else?

What if we had distributed our tickets differently?

What if his group had distributed their tickets differently?

Why were we both prompted to book for this event? (I know there are, of course, many other reasons for going)

My conclusion; I'm thanking God for the way in which he works in, and with, our lives.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation...as you grow older, it will avoid you.
Winston Churchill

North and West Wales

by Bob

.Andy and I joined C.M.A in 2004, Andy was given South Wales for his branch and I was given Merseyside.



Sue, Bob & Andy at Devil's Bridge

E a c h r e s p e c t i v e

branch was around one hundred miles away. I only managed to attend one meeting in Heswall at Chris's home (branch chair). Andy unfortunately did not manage to get to any South Wales meetings.

When I first made enquires about C.M.A it was said that one day we may have a branch of our own in North Wales. At the meeting in Heswall, Pat had the same thought. When I spoke with Andy about this, he thought it might be good, if the Lord led us that way.

In just over a year, with the much appreciated help of the National executive and mainly the support of our President Mike Fitton, and a lot of prayer, we, Andy, Sue and I started a twig for the North and West Wales area. In our very first meeting, we committed to the Lord all our desires for the Twig and I, for one, did not expect to happen what did.

It was announced at the National rally that a new Twig was starting for North and West Wales and we received

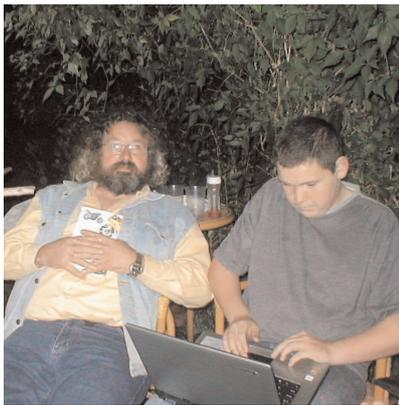
blessing from all there. On our return to our individual areas, the applications started: firstly Nick then Richard. Also, interested but not able to join till next year, was John. Our numbers where five and more people were interested.

The Ladies also play a big part in the work of the CMA



Gill, Angie, Caroline, Dawn, Sue and Jill at a BBQ at John & Sue's

Unfortunately I have not managed to recruit from North Wales yet but I am working on it. All our member are from west Wales, except my wife Dawn and I. Angie, Andy's wife joined. Also John, Sue's husband, so the numbers grew. With us living about 90 to 100 miles apart, we needed somewhere



Andy Twig Treasurer and Stephen at BBQ

to meet that was an equal distance for us all. We decided on Tywyn roughly 60 miles away for all of us.

Now we needed a meeting place. The prom café was ok in summer, but in winter? So we had a look around for a church building. The first I saw was a Roman Catholic church and I was made to feel very unwelcome (I later found out that the Lady I spoke to thought we were hells' angels, and rang around the local people telling them we were going to rob the church), Andy found Tywyn Baptist church, took the contact number, passed it on to me. I made a phone call and, some 8 weeks later. We held our first meeting there, Praise the Lord.

It is now November. So far we have had several outings to different places: Bala, Devil's Bridge and Llandoverly. We have also visited churches in Aberystwyth and Cardigan. We gave our first presentation to John and Sue's church, The Barn Fellowship, on the 20th November. We, were very well received. Our next is in December in Tywyn Baptist Church, accompanied by Mike Fitton.

This year we attended Builth Wells bike show and also Angelsey. Bob made it down to Norfolk for the board meeting. I was very encouraged by it all. We have plans for the AGM in April and Thirsk, Builth, Angelsey and others, but dates are to be confirmed. Please continue to hold us in your prayers for us to grow. We wish you all God's Blessing and hope you too will grow.

The cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good spit it out.
Unknown

The Wide and the Narrow Way

by Paul Wedgewood N.E. Branch

On a ride out with the Lakes and Lancs.. group, the route took us through Swaledale, over Butter Tubs Pass and onto Hawes in Wensleydale. If you have ever ridden that route, you find the roads extremely narrow. With this going through my mind, I was reminded of Matthew 7 verses 13-14.



Narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Pray for the work of C.M.A. We know the way; we must tell the lost.

I was also shown a positive sign as I rode through Swaledale. I was riding tail end Charlie. The road was

“Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it”. We met fellow bikers in Hawes and talked motorcycles, roads; the usual. Jesus wept. He showed compassion as he looked upon the lost. How many times do we weep for the lost?

damp, and because of this, the bikes in front of me were leaving a series of dry lines on the moist road. On a short straight, I could see six bikes, all leaving slightly different dry lines, but all travelling in the same direction, seated on the bikes the leather clad figures showing to the world a simple white Cross, One Narrow Way, many different lives, one direction towards Jesus. God Bless you all.

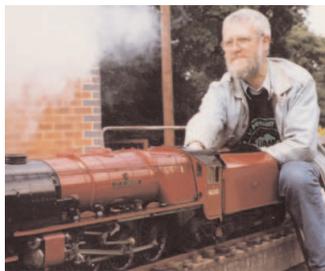
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HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That's their job.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. (keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches)
3. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with him or her.
4. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. Don't wait until it's too late.

Comments on Manual for Life from Pidd

For no better reasons than personal preference, I use the "Into The Light" CEV translation of Scripture, which is the complete version, from which CMA has taken its New Testament "Manual of



Life". I have the impression that many CMA'ers prefer other translations for their own study, which concerns me a little, for should a new Christian who has received an MFL, ask questions and immediately receive answers from another translation, which differs in its words and expression, will this not lead to even more confusion in that person's mind? I know of only one of my brothers who uses "ITL" as I do. It speaks clearly to me anyway; in fact in my den I have a number of reminders from it on the walls. For some examples, my daily readings have led me to some interesting comments, and more, and continue to do so.

"Winning souls does not involve forcing people to listen to the gospel. Instead we should go quietly with them down one road after another, showing them that this is not where life is found, and then gently bringing them to the inescapable conclusion that the one true reality is God."

"By your teachings, Lord, I am warned; by obeying them, I am greatly rewarded."

"I once walked by the field and

vineyard of a lazy fool. Thorns and weeds were everywhere, and the stone wall had fallen down. When I saw this it taught me a lesson. Sleep a little, doze a little. Fold your hands and twiddle your

thumbs. Suddenly poverty hits you and everything is gone."

"When you hear about wars and riots, don't be afraid. These things will have to happen first, but that isn't the end. Nations will go to war against one another and kingdoms will attack each other. There will be great earthquakes, and in many places people will starve to death and suffer terrible diseases. All sorts of frightening things will be seen in the sky. You will be saved by being faithful to me.

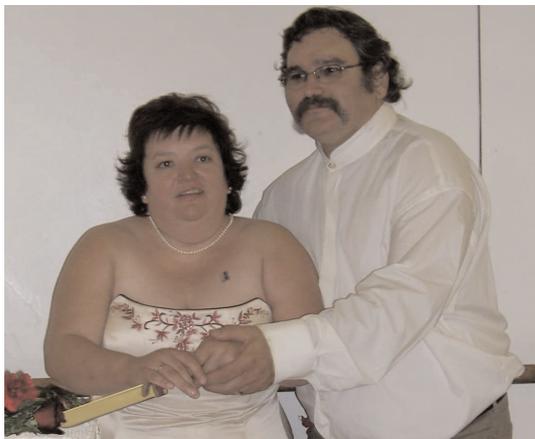
"We have a great High Priest, who has gone into heaven, and He is Jesus the Son of God. That is why we must hold on to what we have said about Him. Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with underserved kindness, and we will find help."

And there's lots more; try it.

My Testimony

by Simon Moore West Yorks

I was brought up in a Christian household as my dad was a vicar. It was not always the best of childhoods, but my parents did their best. There was lots of church and lots of crazy people always



Kate & Simon at the wedding reception 2005

learn farming. It was hard work, but I got through it. I worked on and off in farming for 14 years, 7 days a week, mainly in sheep and beef. I worked in Holland, France and Switzerland. I also learned

in and out of the vicarage. However, there was always lots of love given out.

My father was always working 24/7 and I found I did not fit the traditional mould as a vicar's son. I was always bad tempered and hard work for my mother. At school I did not learn at the right speed. I was told at about the age of 12 that I was dyslexic, which did not help.

I worked each weekend on the next door farm, which I found great; milking cows etc, but my passion was motorbikes as the walls of my bedroom showed.

At the age of 15, around Christmas, I met Jesus head on at a youth meeting. This started me off on my Christian walk. I finished school and worked for my dad for 2 years in Yorkshire. I then went to college to

about beekeeping.

When I lived in Dorset, I started to work in factories, ride big bikes and to mix with the hard core biker crowd. I spent a lot of time being crazy and met my best mate Adge during this time. I had my first big bike crash and broke my ankle. I had to buy a side car while my leg mended.

During this time, I also lived in Israel for about a year. This did not help my head. I lived in a war zone and it was not nice. It was a crazy time. I came back to Dorset very mixed up and went down to Taize in France. At this time I was in constant pain with my leg. I was drinking too much and was on high dosages of pain killers. At Taize my leg was healed big time. It was the first time in 2 ½ years I had been pain free.

At the time, I was working at Revlon. My boss sent me for a drugs test and I shared my testimony with him. My hating and bad temper had stopped and I was a nice person again.

I then got a Honda 750 fast and dangerous. I drove over to Switzerland on it. I moved to London and there I got into MAG in a big way. I set up shows and got into the biker lifestyle, but being the only Christian in the group was no fun. When my job at Rolls Royce stopped, with the factory closing, I went to live in Denmark. It was a hard time, but I got my life straight again. I worked with people with drug and alcohol problems, running a small farm. I met up with Killen, the Danish CMA, who were good Christian people. I still keep in touch with them 10 years on.

I came back to Warwick and trained as a mechanic and worked in many different jobs in factories. I started doing silly miles on the bikes, many with CMA, across England and Europe.

About 4 years ago I finally understood forgiveness, about putting my past at the foot of the cross. I learned to let Jesus lift off the sins and wrongdoing in my life, so that I might live again. This stopped me being depressed and put the true message of Jesus into my life. I have been searching for this most of my life. I am still responsible for my wrongdoing, but Jesus on that wooden cross has taken away my sin from the past. I now try to live in the Alleluia experience of Jesus daily. Do you? It's only one prayer away.

Do you read books? Do you have a good memory for what's read? and could you or would you like to write a book review from time to time? Look at the article **'Heavens Saints' M/M** by Bruce Potenza

Barry Mason wrote his story, Fallen Angel, how he found Jesus or better still, how Jesus found Barry Mason. If you get the chance to read it you will be inspired; it's what the CMA are about-seeking the lost.

There are so many good books out there that it would be good to get some sound recommendations.

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

It was that time, during the Sunday morning service, for the children's sermon. All the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said, "That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter Dress?" The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone, "Yes, and my Mum says it's a bitch to iron."

NEC Visit 2005

by Mike Fitton

Steve Wilkinson the new Secretary of the NE Branch, checking out the Buells at the NEC Bike Show-29th October. The majority of his smile is due to Jesus, but there's hint of the Harley there too"



I organised the coach trip again, using a luxury 49 seater coach, with bike videos playing throughout the trip. We had a short stop on the three hour route down, for breakfast at Tibshelf.

We had 39 'not yet christian' bikers join us and they had a great day. As usual, we subsidised the seats by £3.00 a head and obtained their entry tickets in advance.

On the way home, we gave out

response forms, offering them information about future trips, barbecues, ride outs, National Rally info and an opportunity to receive a bible. 10% requested a bible,

praise God. The rest became aware that there was a bible to request in the future. The response to ride outs etc was very positive.

Have you ever considered offering this service to your local biker community? Why not give it a go. You can obtain the entrance tickets in advance, on sale or return.

If you would like any further information about how to organise it drop me a line on

thefittons@aol.com



Knee not quite down. Why?

Visit to the USA

by Molly & Johnny Hallas West Yorks Branch



Johnny and I went to the USA for our annual holidays. We stayed with Johnny's brother, who lives in Ranlo, North Carolina. We thought it would be a great idea to meet up with some CMA members whilst we were there. We found the nearest chapter from the Internet, and we made contact.

Each chapter has its own individual name and the chapter we contacted were called the Charlotte Lamplighters. There are 17 chapters in the Charlotte area.

We arranged to meet at their monthly bible study, which incorporated a baby shower party (nothing to do with bathing a baby). This is a party given for an expected mother and father and all invited take presents.

We were met by the road captain Cecil, (pronounced Seesal) yeah right, who led us through Charlotte to our destination. There are about 15 members in their chapter and most of them ride Hondas not Harleys. Johnny got over excited, until the word Goldwing was mentioned.

We had a great evening of food, fellowship and study and watching the expected parents open their many presents.

It was a great blessing to meet like-minded Christian Motorcyclists sharing stories and experiences. We would recommend when you are on your travels to try meet up with fellow CMA members. You will be blessed by it.

Riding for the SON.

An introduction to the North & west Wales Twig by Andy

Here's an introduction to the North & west Wales Twig, Bob is the Chairperson Bob is he Big!

Sue is the Secretary, Pretty and petite. But don't you mess with her, Or your end you'll soon meet.

Andy is the Treasurer, Keeper of the money. If you ask him for a cheque, He looks at you all funny.

Sue is easy going, But don't you get her cross. Because she'll soon show you, That she really is the Boss.

Sue is the best rider, But her bikes keep breaking down.

Andy has the best bike, But rides it like a Clown.

Bob rides a cruiser, He rides it VERY WELL. But when Andy overtakes him, He sure does give him hell.

Andy is the quiet one, Of the chosen three. Taller & better looking? Than Robert H-B.

We also have Richard, Nick & some others. All are fellow believers, Our Sisters & Our Brothers.

Our partners also help us, Our husbands & our wives. They help support behind the scenes, They help us with our lives.

There's Dawn & Angie, John & Jill, And our Caroline. There's a name that's really hard, To find a word to rhyme.

When I say that Bob is big, I don't just mean his size. I mean his heart & love of God, Can never be denied.

So please recall us in your prayers, The North & West Wales Twig. Pray that in our work with God, We will grow strong & big.

To do God's work, to spread the word, To make Our Saviour known. And make our fellow bikers feel, That they are not alone.

But if they want Lord Jesus, They only have to ask. Whatever they have had before, We all have got a past.

We are now forgiven, We are the chosen few. And if you ask Lord Jesus in, This will apply to you.

So wear the cross upon your back, And wear it with pride. On such a cross Lord Jesus died, For he was crucified.

But on the third day he came back, To sit at Gods right side. He intercedes our prayers for us, For Jesus is ALIVE! Amen.

Owed to Jesus Everything.



Andy



Sue



John



Bob

Richard



Angie



Caroline



Nick



Jill



Dawn



A.S.A.P.? from Pidd



Please send this on ASAP!
Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do,
 deadlines to meet,
You've got no time to spare.
But as you hurry and scurry-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is,
He wants to ease our cares.
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

Anon



Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.
Mark Twain

My Testimony by Sue Gibbons North/West Wales Twig

I live in Llanarth on the west coast of Wales with my hubby, John, and two of our 5 kids, Jon and T.J. I've been a Christian since I was 13 years old, having grown up in a Christian family. I've always loved



biking, progressing from a Honda SS 50 at 16yrs, Yamaha FS1E, Susuki GT125, Yamaha XS 250, Susuki 650 Tempter, to a Kawasaki VN 750 Vulcan now, and have recently acquired a Yamaha Virago 535cc, hopefully so that John can join us on runs in the summer with our lads as pillions.

I joined the C.M.A. through meeting Andy Brown at his church in New Quay. There he said, "I hear you ride a bike. Have you heard of the C.M.A., would you like to join it?" Doesn't mess about does Andy; straight to the point! Well I said yes and before I knew it I was their secretary. As I attend "The Barn Christian Fellowship" in Blaenporth, I thought it only fair to ask my pastor, Nick Oakes, to join us as he rides a bike too, and he has.

Just over a year ago I died; another story. I know it was all in Gods will, to bring me back in line with His plan for my life. God then gave me a job where I had to talk to people one to

one, so as to build my confidence and courage back up. After everything that had happened to me over the past 18 months, I just wanted to do whatever the Lord had planned for me. I know without a doubt He loves

me, and will never leave me. My Lord Jesus gave me Psalm 118 v 6, "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear: what can mere man do unto me?" and Romans 8 v 38-39, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

My Lord rose from death to give me life, a new life in Him, following where He leads, whether or not I want to go there. Being obedient brings blessings, peace and joy. It's not an easy path to follow, as Satan tries to trip us up, but all you have to do is keep close to the Lord 24/7. To fight this earthly battle we have to be filled with the Holy Spirit and "pray without ceasing", 1 Thessalonians 5 v 17, for there is nothing that Jesus used to defeat Satan, that is not available to us today. Victory can be gained for us as it was for Jesus! Praise the Lord!

What's on your cut-off by John Pritchard

Everyone watches people, with the first impression being the clothes they wear. Very often there is an "advertisement" t-shirt or fashionable label to be seen.

We judge people by what they are wearing, which can be quite interesting, or very distasteful!

I know what Emma Angel-Jones is wearing with pride. This young lady is not ashamed to be seen by everyone that she is a Christian with a positive attitude.

I think that motorcyclists are a popular group of people, who can be seen displaying their favourite motorcycle, club membership, or having been to the Isle of Man motorcycling capital of the world!

This is a simple way of communicating to the world, your feelings and passion(s) in your life.

I have over a number of years, added to my 'cut-off', starting with the simple white cross on the back. It's reflective tape from an old yellow police jacket, because I could not afford the one on offer from the club at the time.

On the front right side are the non-Christian badges; metal and cloth, from places I have visited like the "National Motorcycle Museum"-great to visit and see all British motorcycles, the "Ace Café" and the Isle of Man.

There are also some motorcycle club cloth badges; MZ Rider & Kawazaki GT Motorcycle Club, which I am or have been a member of.

Small metal badges display a Kawazaki ER-5. This was the first motorcycle I owned after I had passed my test, which was a gift and a blessing from Bob & Dawn Hay. The "Motorcycle News", which I read every week, and the "BMF" which



was the first big event I attended with CMA East Midlands.

Crossing over to the left hand "Christian side", the top fabric badge is for "Lincolnshire & East Yorkshire" CMA branch, which I am proud to be a

memberof.

The first metal badge is the CMA logo. Below this is a leather strip with "TORONTO" - my club handle, (Toronto John), which reminds me of the original "Toronto Blessing" that brought laughter with joy, through the Holy Spirit, into a small church at the end of the airport runway in Toronto, Canada.

I hope that I give people some laughter and joy after I have met them.

There is a selection of sewn patches; "If your God is dead try mine", "My bible is my roadmap", and "Ride safe with Jesus".

Over the side pocket is a Union Jack cloth badge, which was taken from the backpack which Darren, (our son), carried whilst he was with the "Royal Anglian Regiment", for two tours in Basra/Baghdad and reminds me to be proud to be British.

Finally, on the back, at the bottom of the white cross, is the CMA full member badge, that is flanked on the right with "Exposure to the Son will prevent burning", which has a black cross, surrounded by three warning triangles above. On the opposite side is the simple statement "If you want LIFE after death try JESUS". I take great encouragement from watching people, especially when I notice that they are reading the various items on my "cut off" that says so much, without me having to move my lips!

Now then, what are you wearing on your "cut off"?

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

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

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

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

Salvation is free from God; you can't earn your way in with good deeds (read Ephesians 2: 8,9). Maybe you're one of those people who they 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.

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

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

Lord Jesus, You died on the cross so that my sins could be forgiven. I want You to come into my life and become Lord of my life, now and forever in heaven. Please forgive all the 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.

If you have prayed this prayer for the first time and meant it from the heart, well done! You may not feel any different at first, but it will be a good idea to tell the person who gave you this magazine. With God's help you need to find a good church that can offer you the support, understanding and friendship you need. You are now part of God's family.

God Bless you. Mike Fitton. President (UK) CMA

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