

# CHAINLINK

The Magazine of the  
**Christian Motorcyclists' Association**

Reg Charity No. 1080911



**Spring 2007 Jesus *is* Lord**

**Chainlink is the magazine of the  
Christian Motorcyclists' Association (CMA) UK**

The views expressed in *Chainlink* cannot be taken as the official CMA policy on any subject. The magazine is published three times a year, to provide information for its members and to encourage them in their personal walk with God.

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

*The Bible says: "seek and you will find". Matthew.7.vs7*

**Exec. CMA Members in the UK**

<b>Mike Fitton</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Rob Urand</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Ted Russell</b>	<b>National Secretary</b>
<b>Johnny Hallas</b>	<b>Branch Training Officer</b>
<b>Christine Clifton</b>	<b>Ladies Ministry</b>
<b>Jason Bee</b>	<b>Rally Liaison</b>

**CMA National Officers (UK)**

Ken Hardy	Chainlink Editor
Andy & Naomi Hogan	CMA UK Merchandise
Kate & Simon Moore	Fasttrack E-Mail Prayer Letter
Stephen Hague	Membership Secretary
Paul Mitchell	Webmaster
Sid O'Neill	Tracts Officer

'Working in partnership with Bible Society'



**Editor**  
**Ken Hardy**  
**E-Mail**  
**chainlink@bike.org.uk**

Designed by  
Ken Hardy  
Printed by  
Barnwell's of Aylsham  
Norfolk  
Phone 01263 732767

Proof Readers:-  
Thanks to:-  
Dennis Harley  
  
Plus much help from  
many people

**CMA UK PO BOX 8155 Loughborough LE11 9AR**

# What's in the Spring 2007 Chainlink

**Two types of  
power might catch on  
in these days of green  
machines  
Anyone else got some  
good ideas?**



<b>Page 2</b>	Names of Executive and National Officers
<b>Page 3</b>	Index
<b>Page 4-5</b>	CMA UK President. Mike Fitton
<b>Page 6</b>	An Encouraging Word by Rev Bob Bogart. West Mids, Branch
<b>Page 7</b>	Hindsight is 20/20 Vision by Sue Brown
<b>Page 8/9</b>	Ladies Page and Ladies Conference 2007 by Sandy Fitton
<b>Page 10/11</b>	Shock Horror! Treasurer's Report by Rob Urand
<b>Page 12/13</b>	XCEL by Nick Ruskin
<b>Page 14</b>	President and the Executive team
<b>Page 15</b>	Notes from the Editor by Ken Hardy
<b>Page 16</b>	Kiddies page 0-11 year olds
<b>Page 17/18</b>	The 12-18 years Young Adults page by Jake Bishop
<b>Page 19</b>	Wordsearch Challenge for the Youth by Ken Hardy
<b>Page 20/23</b>	From around the branches
<b>Page 24</b>	EMC Rally Information 2007
<b>Page 25</b>	Major Events List 2007
<b>Page 26/38</b>	From around the branches
<b>Page 39</b>	Where to find a CMA branch
<b>Page 40/48</b>	From around the branches
<b>Page 49</b>	The BMF Invitation to join the CMA by Les Jones
<b>Page 50/54</b>	From around the branches
<b>Page 55</b>	Caption competition for the oldies
<b>Page 56/63</b>	From around the branches
<b>Page 64/66</b>	Some of our Sponsors
<b>Page 67</b>	A message and a prayer by Mike Fitton

**To sponsor a page in this magazine please e-mail the editor. This magazine is distributed all over the world, but is also on the web at [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) and we get many visitors to the CMA UK web site.**

## CMA UK President Mike Fitton

Hi Again,  
I once read a Snoopy cartoon that showed Peppermint Patsy trying to catch a baseball during a very important game. She was on Charlie Brown's side and if she succeeded his team would win for the first time. As it always seems to happen to Charlie she missed the catch, he asked her what went wrong it was an easy catch? Her answer has never left me "I thought back to all the catches I had missed in the past and the past got in my eye."



I'm sure that Peppermint Patsy spent the rest of the day feeling kind of depressed because she failed again, I'm sure Charlie Brown took every opportunity to ensure she did. In fact I wonder if there are people reading this and you feel like that today? You screwed up in the past, let someone down, let yourself down, let God down and now you are hesitating to try again.

It would be so easy wouldn't it to pull the bedclothes over your head and hide away like we did when we were kids and we didn't want to have to

face a difficult situation, but of course life isn't like that in the world of a Gospel preaching power house reaching out to those lost in sins darkness

Let me encourage you with God's perspective on this, here are just a few verses to consider when you might feel a failure:

Psalm 73 v26

'My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.'

We might fail but God will never fail us, His forgiveness and wisdom

is a constant resource for us to turn to, but we must turn and trust.

Proverbs Ch15 v22

'Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Who do you seek out for counsel? Are they Godly people who speak with wisdom or do you ask someone who will tell you what you want to hear?

When seeking to succeed for God's Glory surround yourself with advisers who will encourage you with God's Word.

Finally bear this in mind, Winston Churchill failed sixth grade, but he was no failure as a leader of our nation. Thomas Edison failed all his classes in school and was sent home to work on his widowed mother's farm, but he was no failure as an inventor and creator of progress. David Livingstone fled from the pulpit of his first church in Scotland, a failure because he could not remember the text he was to preach on. From there he went to Africa and brought the Christian faith within reach of millions.

Failing, in itself, is not the issue. It is what we do next that matters.

As you reach out to the thousands of bikers in the UK don't let the past get in your eyes.

God is the strength of your heart and your portion forever.'

Keep Looking Up to Jesus.

God Bless you, Mike and Sandy <><  
President UK Christian Motorcyclists Association.



# An Encouraging Word

by Rev Bob Bogart, West Mids.



"...and we beheld His glory, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

The word this issue is GRACE, and is used more than 150 times in the New Testament. Of this number, the Apostle Paul is credited with almost two-thirds. The word 'grace' carries a wide variety of meanings, but it's basic and foremost meaning is that of favours shown to the utterly undeserving.

An excellent example of 'grace' was seen one day by a pastor friend and described in such manner. Dan began by saying, "I saw a dog riding in a Mercedes Benz the other day". Now, there's nothing strange or unusual about seeing a dog in a car, but this scene conjured up a theological picture in his mind. "Not every dog", said Dan "has the high honor of being transported in such elegance. But there he was, prancing back and forth on the plush seats. Extremely proud! A noble sight indeed! You would have thought that he owned this car.

Now, I must admit he didn't look like some common mutt; he was of high-

brow stock, for certain. Still, he was just a dog! His circumstances were definitely a cut above the average canine, but it wasn't by any of his accomplishments.

Without the owner-driver, the old dog would have been hard pressed. He was riding high because his 'friend' bought him, cared for him, gave him the run of the nice car, and even opened the door for him. 'Mr. Dog' was indebted (whether he knew it or not) to his master for everything, and it didn't cost him a penny.

God's 'grace' is a close parallel. We ride in the chariot of His love, not because we deserve to, but because He makes it possible. We may think that we are riding high and mighty, but sinner is our pedigree.

Jesus paid for us with His own blood. He loves us, cares for us and even opens the door of salvation for us. Because of Christ, we are who we are, and where we are. And think about it, it doesn't cost us a penny.

At Calvary, God's best was on display for man's worst. And through Calvary, God provided 'grace', which brings joyful and eternal life. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus these words: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." God's gift to us is His 'grace'. It may not have cost us, but believe me, it cost plenty!

## Hindsight is 20/20 vision by Sue Brown

Sitting in the small circle of heat from an old electric fire, I wonder how many people hold the view that Portugal in January is warm.

Between November and April, my parents, both now in their eighties, are as much concerned with keeping warm as they are between May and October, keeping cool. As they have acclimatised out here since 1986, their capacity to deal with seasonal extremes has tailed off in line with an increasing polarisation between Summer and Winter. And now, late January, the ragged period that spanned the latter cusp exists merely in a memory of evening magic found in the early orange pearl of sunset as it settles long shadows across the hills. My mother's morning walk takes her through thick white rime, clinging to the skeletons of sistus and other-world stillness echoing with silence: even the birds lie in against these brittle days of cold. My mother will be 84 and my father 82 this year (he's her toy boy!) and I am struck by how fast it's gone since their decision to emigrate 21 years ago. I was 28. With my 18 month old daughter sharing a side-ward at Bristol General Hospital, I was having a new ear drum grafted into my right ear following a punch to the head and it was around a week before they left, for good. In more ways than the physical, I was hurting and angry and I couldn't see beyond into my future with much hope. All I knew back then was that I



would be homeless on my return to Manchester, and I felt orphaned, despite my adult status. For many reasons I was woefully ill-equipped for single parenthood and yet, through the experience, I believe that this was how the Lord showed me His love. It took me several

years to get over the deep sense of abandonment that had accompanied their departure. Not dead (which I could rightly grieve), they'd done something far worse it seemed, at the time. It was five years later, after I met Jesus and discovered my own need for forgiveness, that I began to understand why they had gone. I am not suggesting that I had been responsible for their choice to leave, simply offering that one devotes one's "best years" quite often to the task of raising children, and I had not been an easy sort of child. I have an older sister, but she always seemed more self-sufficient in relation to my parents. Whereas, I? Well, I look back sometimes and see, pre-Jesus, a lifelong trail of destruction in my wake. With the advent of my daughter outside the security of a good marriage, back in another January (1985), I also clearly see the first of many turning-points to which I owe my life.

Hindsight, as they say, is always 20/20 vision.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

1 Cor. 13:13

# Ladies Conference 8th-10th June 2007

by Christine & Sandy

Hi all. We hope that God is blessing you this New Year. We thought we would update you on the Ladies conference, which both Sandy and I have been working on. We are really excited about it



and have already been blessed in the way that our Lord has helped us with ideas, speakers and finances.

We already have 47 ladies booked. If you have not yet booked then you still have time. We now need the balance in of £62.38 for those who have sent their deposit; £72.38 for those who have not yet booked. This needs to be sent to Sandy by the 1st May (Please no later). Please make cheques payable to CMA North East.

Unfortunately, if you cancel and have paid, we cannot give you a refund, as this is the conference centre's policy. The money is only for the room. These are

mostly shared, but there are some singles. Please let Sandy know if you need special arrangements and food.

The conference will start from 3pm on the Friday and departure is after lunch on the

Sunday, with the latest being after the afternoon coffee break. We would encourage everyone to stay until lunch, as we will be having final celebrations and message, plus the two last workshops before lunch.

We are trusting that God is going to empower you for the purpose He has given you to do, in whatever ministry He has set before you. Praise His Holy Name.

For any further details, either contact Sandy Angel-Jones Fitton on 07798 784474 or Christine Clifton on 01797 366689.

God Bless from Chris and Sandy.

# The Christian Motorcyclists' Association Ladies Conference 2007

We warmly invite you to the first Christian Motorcyclists'  
Association Ladies Conference

At the Hayes Conference Centre  
Swanwick, Derbyshire

on

8th, 9th, and 10th June 2007

The weekend will include shared accommodation (two or three to a room) with Friday night supper, Saturday breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon coffee, supper, and then Sunday breakfast, morning coffee and lunch, plus all the conference facilities in the most amazing setting, where prayer walks will be an absolute blessing.

Added to this, we have a full fun (and relaxing) agenda, with lots of prayer, praise and worship, also a guest speaker and workshops covering some of the issues that were raised at the National Rally.

This is all for an amazing price of £72.38 per person. Don't forget, this is inclusive of everything. Unless you would like to have your own room, which would be at an additional cost.

**We are now requesting the full amount, made payable to CMA North West.**

**Post to:- CMA UK Ladies Conference, Sandy Fitton**

**CMA UK PO BOX 8155, Loughborough LE11 9AR**

**Please respond to Sandy by phone  
(01287 660329) or e-mail (thefittons@aol.com)**

**As soon as you can please.**

This will be an incredible time with the Lord and our friends.  
Be encouraged. We look forward to welcoming you there.

God Bless You,

Sandy and Chris <><



# SHOCK! HORROR! Treasurer's update

by Rob Urand

Nine months of CMA's financial year now having gone, it seemed a good time to let you know how things are going. I have not mentioned amounts here because this is read by a wider audience than the membership alone. Come to the AGM for figures!

Our General Fund (day to day) income continues to increase, mainly due to a further thirty seven people having either set up a monthly standing order, or increased an existing one, since April 06. Thank you to them. Setting up a monthly standing order in favour of CMA is very easy to do, and replaces your annual membership subscription. The monthly amount can be anything from £5 upwards (some contribute more, some substantially more). If you want to set one up, or increase an existing one. Please ask your branch secretary or treasurer for a form, and send it to me.

General Fund costs are under



control, allowing our annual income to catch up to our annual expenditure; always a good idea, and it may well get there this year.

More and more people who pay tax are allowing CMA to claim some of theirs back by filling in a Gift Aid Declaration form, again available from your branch officials. From small beginnings when CMA first became a charity in 2000, I now have a bulging lever arch file of these lovely little forms. Since we

incorporated the form onto the bottom of the membership renewal forms I have received more and more, BUT, there are a few people who haven't yet filled one in. So if you are in this group and are a tax payer, please fill in this form and boost our funds, courtesy of H.M Government.

The Scripture Fund is growing this year because of some good fundraising ideas, and members willing to try them.

Thanks to them. The new smaller size Biker's Bible is due to be ready for the Centenary TT Races in June, so we will be paying for it soon. Please keep sending in funds raised for this; we are not there yet!..

How would you feel about the annual affiliate's subscription being raised to £60 per year, and the annual member's subscription being raised to £90? Believe it or not, if we relied on subscriptions alone, without standing order funding, that would have to be the level of subs. This tells us that those paying by standing order are subsidising those who are not

The actual level of subsidy is even more shocking. At last year's AGM I said that only twelve people contribute 44% of CMA General Fund income, a further 4% comes from interest and such like, and the remaining 52% comes from the other 461 members and affiliates. Shocking, but absolutely true, and

that situation is little changed today. If you are contributing via the standing order scheme, please continue, you are providing the financial backbone of CMA. If you are not in the standing order scheme you are being heavily subsidised by those who are.

If you are an affiliate, you have probably yet to establish your level of commitment to CMA, or cannot commit much time or money now; but do please consider the standing order scheme when you come to review your level of commitment. There are quite a few affiliates already in the scheme

If you are a member, committed to following Christ through service in CMA, why are you leaving the burden of financial support to others by choosing not to join the standing order scheme?

Please support your local church with funds first.

ALZHEIMERS' EYE TEST, Count every " F" in the following text:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS...

THERE ARE 6 -- no joke.

READ IT AGAIN!

Really. Go back and try to find the 6 F's

There is a reasoning behind this. The brain cannot process "OF". Incredible or what? Go back and look again! Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius Three is normal, four is quite rare.

## Thought

- Trust - in His timing
- Rely - on His promises
- Wait - on His answers
- Believe - in His miracles
- Rejoice - in His goodness
- Relax - in His presence

# XCEL MENS CONFERENCE by Nick Ruskin



**Without hesitation I have already booked for next year and would encourage as many of the membership to do the same**



Gary Risdale and I travelled from Bristol to Bradford for the Xcel Men's Conference, via Halifax.

The mistake Gary made was letting me lead the way out of Halifax. For a while I wondered why I could see the setting sun in my eyes and on my right. Then it dawned on me that we were travelling south instead of north down the motorway! Arriving in Bradford we bumped into Steve Hague from Devon & Cornwall branch.

We arrived at the Abundant Life Church to a cheery and helpful welcome from the Stewards, who directed us to our marquee and to the hose pipe for a quick bike wash.

The marquee soon filled up and at the last count we had 18 bikes inside on display, plus another dozen or so in the entrance.

After speaking with some of the delegates that evening we left for our accommodation in a hall, but not before sampling one of the delights of Bradford i.e. the local 'Curry House', where you can get 'all you can eat'.

Saturday morning dawned with

breakfast at the local café, then the realisation that my back tyre was rather soft; 12lbs instead of 40lbs and a great big screw in it! The tyre was pumped up and we are on our way back to the church.

Saturday was a busy day with many of the delegates, both young and old, visiting our tent and engaging the CMA members with varied topics. Some of the young female stewards couldn't resist coming in to sit on the bikes and chat with us all.

Interspersed with that was the worship and teaching. Now I enjoy the company of women and have never worshipped God in just a male group, but I found it so uplifting to be part of a 'Brotherhood' that were there for just one purpose and composed of 2,000 men. Can you imagine what it sounds like to hear 2,000 male voices singing "Our God is an awesome God"?

We all went our separate ways to head home, and I pimpedpumping up the rear tyre many times at the regular service areas.

# President and the 2007 Executive Team



**Mike Fitton (President)**



**Christine Clifton**



**Jason Bee**



**Johnny Hallas**



**Rob Urand**



**Ted Russell**

## Note from the Editor

### ***Deadline for Summer 2007 edition is 1st June 2007***

Publication dates are:- April - August - December

## **A Challenge for you** by Ken Hardy

Hi all, I am sorry but I am excited. Why? I hear you ask. Well hopefully you did ask! I look forward to 2007 as an amazing challenge but not only me-Norfolk branch as a whole. We have been invited to many churches again this year, at least one a month and they are all different. Over the last two years we have visited over 30. The Cathedral was by far the biggest and certainly the grandest. We have been there 4 times now, but then even the smallest one had a brilliance about it. God was there in all His glory, we praised Him, we sang songs for Him, we got on our knees to Him. Jesus is alive and well. We even told people about the CMA.



So what are we all doing in 2007? Well Norfolk have got a host of events that we can go to, from the small church fete, where we have a stall and eat hot dogs, to the big bike rallies run by an assortment of bike clubs and patch clubs. We go to many events, and in all honesty, nothing beats a biker, for they are certainly the best people to mix with and chat with; many with stories and tales. So what are we going to do? Well we are all going to try to take someone else to one of our meets; someone new, maybe not a biker. We are also offering to all the local pastors to take a bible study at our monthly meet, also inviting some to the rallies. We have already asked people to think about the Ladies conference and we have already told many about the CMA National rallies in Holybush and Sweden. We are advertising the fact we are here. We have written to over 200 local churches and 50 local motorcycle businesses. We plan to write to more further afield later in the year, so 250 posters, leaflets and letters have gone out. So tell us what you're doing, Jesus is alive.

**Articles for the Chainlink are most welcome, PLEASE REMEMBER.**

**All names, addresses and pictures, especially of children, must have permission to be published. If I get them, I am assuming you have done just that, so the sender needs to be responsible for all information sent. If in doubt, run it past the President or the Exec. committee. PLEASE read the following**

**All pictures must be separate from any document; ie, send them as tiff or jpg, either on e-mails or CD by post. For all photos sent, give an accompanying description of them on a thumbnail picture page, so I can relate them to specific events, then they can go on downloads as a picture montage. All photos sent will be returned.**

## Kiddies page 0-11 years

### What Sophie thinks about Jesus.

Jesus is important to me because he looks over evry one so wen I've been nauty I think of jeusus and he comes in my hert and sort of pats me



on the head and tells me not to be it agian.

Sophie Brown Age 9

Sophie is the grand daughter of Dot & Jim Gough (West Yorkshire) Branch.



By Rebecca Clifton (Tog) aged 11

# Young Adults page 12-18 years

## S.S Great Britain By Geraldine Ruskin - Bristol Branch

Like a lot of people, I live a busy life and sometimes I am aware that the busyness of my days gets in the way of my relationship with our Lord. I go to Church and fulfil a very important need in myself to



Our grandsons; Dominic, Myles and Cameron  
Nelson (aged 11, 9, & 7 yrs)

worship and like others have a few jobs as the congregation at St. Andrew, Hartcliffe is not large. I also try to take part in as many CMA events as possible and also work full time. Oh, I suppose I should mention that somewhere amongst this I have a husband. Some of you may have met him, Nick from Bristol branch. And I love school holidays! The grandchildren then get more of my attention; we go on day trips, out to lunch and generally enjoy one another's company. Last year, during the holidays, Dominic, Myles, Cameron and two doting grandparents, went to visit the S.S. Great Britain. A good year to do this as Bristol, among other places, was celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Isambard Kingdom

Brunel, who built the first iron clad steam ship. Nick and myself were expecting the birth of our first daughter, Louisa when we went to the historic dock in Bristol in 1970 to see the arrival of a rusting hulk

that had been towed from the Falkland Islands on a pontoon, with the hope of restoring it to its former glory. It was decided to bring it to Bristol as that is where it was originally built.

We then got on with our lives, moving around the country as Nick was in the RAF. Finally we settled back in Bristol and thought it would be nice to 'do the sites'. So we took our children, (by this time Emma had made our family complete) and went to visit the S. S. Great Britain, to see what progress had been made. The outside looked good, but we weren't very impressed. The inside was less than remarkable as it seemed to us that in 9 years nothing much had happened.

*see next page*



Last year, we finally decided it was worth another look. We had a great day out, the inside is still not fully restored, but that is on purpose, to show the difference between its arrival back in Bristol and now. It shows the progress that has been made and what wonderful work that we can do when our Lord blesses us with talents.

There is a fully functioning engine; it doesn't go anywhere, but still managed to enthrall our boys. There are interactive bits, great for kids and adults alike.

Also the difference between the steerage and first class accommodation is remarkable. If you couldn't afford first class, you had to get used to very little privacy and perhaps even sharing with strangers. How many of us would want to do that nowadays?

The ship has had a remarkable life, as a passenger liner, cargo ship, coal ship off the Falklands and now historic monument. Well worth a look and can be recommended as a wonderful day out if you ever visit Bristol.

## What's in a word? by John Pritchard

Have you ever thought for a moment about the meaning of the words you have used? Especially if you consider the "church language" that is used once you get into the "church family" environment on a Sunday morning. Here are a few samples.

Jesus = God, the Son anointed.  
Christ = the Messiah.

Faith = confidence and trust in God.

Saved = securing salvation

Salvation = the saving of man from the power and penalty of sin.

# Wordsearch Challenge 3

by Calum Hardy

**This is for all the younger generation under 18 years old.**

**Hi - the challenge is to find each of the following words.  
The bigger challenge is to beat the adults.**

Roger, Kenneth, Brian, John, Phillip, Gaynor, Emma, Seb, Ted,  
Mike, Susan, Marion, Yvonne, Gill, Anne, Helen, Men, Lady  
*come on you youth let's be having your entry.*

d	i	h	n	r	l	e	k	i	m	l	s	l	o	w	u	b	c	q	l	w	n
r	a	s	u	e	r	i	z	u	l	t	o	l	p	d	o	g	y	t	l	k	o
i	b	n	l	z	v	g	y	e	c	y	r	o	g	e	r	k	h	a	i	v	t
n	s	g	j	e	r	o	s	k	g	o	d	h	a	i	n	l	i	n	g	p	t
e	s	u	j	o	o	s	w	h	h	r	g	a	b	k	g	t	h	n	e	h	i
l	r	k	e	p	h	f	b	k	o	t	h	r	l	n	v	e	u	e	v	q	f
l	t	n	b	r	w	n	m	b	e	e	i	a	r	e	t	s	c	z	i	j	e
e	y	z	e	d	r	q	u	a	f	n	j	x	u	m	n	a	s	u	s	r	k
h	k	e	s	o	a	r	z	t	n	i	n	t	d	j	z	i	z	n	p	o	i
d	t	i	p	q	a	i	i	w	r	k	o	e	t	x	l	n	c	o	c	s	m
a	i	g	v	i	t	w	e	y	j	e	e	d	t	d	y	d	b	d	o	j	g
y	h	z	d	y	l	l	a	r	c	m	e	a	m	h	e	j	i	n	l	o	k
k	z	z	k	p	y	l	f	v	s	a	m	m	e	a	v	t	o	o	c	n	v
c	x	g	s	s	p	w	i	n	u	m	o	v	w	u	l	g	s	l	v	o	p
e	n	n	o	v	y	c	h	h	t	f	w	y	u	g	r	o	n	y	a	g	u
n	o	i	r	a	m	a	m	d	p	r	s	f	g	g	u	o	k	f	b	u	h

If you do not want to tear this page out of the Chainlink magazine,  
this wordsearch is also on the web site:

[www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) under 'Downloads' 'Wordsearch'

then you can post it to the editor, who will check them all off.

In the event of a tie, the one I get which has the most other words found will  
be the winner. Just as an extra incentive.

**The winner, last issue, was Jonathan Wilgress age 12 from the Norfolk branch. He found all the names  
and also found many more hidden in the wordsearch. His attempts were brilliant, with no help.**

# Bristol CMA visit to Stoke Gifford

by Geraledine Ruskin

On the 13th January, six members of Bristol CMA were pleased to attend a breakfast presentation at Stoke Gifford. The welcome was very warm and a cup of tea was soon in our hands on arrival.

About forty members of the local church were present, both male and female, and a mixture of ages. One or two were also bikers, hopefully they will consider joining us. They hold a breakfast with presentation monthly and, after reading about the local branch of the CMA in the press recently, thought we were an exciting and different aspect of Christianity.

We all sat down to a good old-fashioned English breakfast; it was extremely welcome on a cold January morning. The chat around the table was relaxed and friendly.

Nick, (Bristol chairman) then gave a short thank you and introduced the CMA members present; Ian, Martin, Mike, Alan, Nick and myself.

Martin, our previous chairman, then did the Powerpoint presentation on the CMA, saying what goes on both nationally and locally. It was very well received. We then played the DVD, which they enjoyed. It was good that they had an opportunity to see this instead of just a talk as it shows the CMA in action.



Next was me! I gave a short chat, too unrehearsed to call it a talk, on the role of women in the CMA. I also told them that we are having a women's conference in June this year. This will be an opportunity for women to say what they want from the organisation and show that CMA is not only for men. I also informed them that I am not a rider, just

the owner of a pillion seat, but women riders are well represented in the CMA.

Then Nick gave his testimony, during which he had their total attention. It's always good if someone is willing to stand up and tell of their own personal 'road to Damascus experience' in which ever way it happens. God is good.

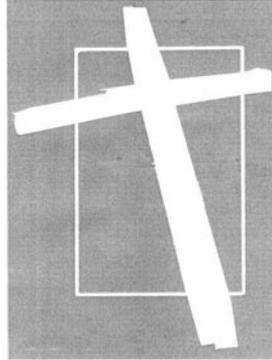
Now came the chance for questions and they were eager to speak, although I think we had answered some whilst eating. They also looked over our tracts and bibles. At this time several donations were made and they very generously gave over £100 towards the Manual for Life.

This truly was a wonderful start to the weekend. How often do we get the chance to start our day by talking to strangers about our beliefs and work for the Lord? Praise God.



# COG TURNING

by Gale Baverstock from Norwich



Life;  
Is like a wheel;  
It keeps turning;  
What makes it turn?  
A cog;  
We all have something,  
In our lives;  
That keeps us turning;  
Day by day;  
The cog in your life and mine;  
Could that be;  
Jesus;  
Making sure we don't get;  
Driven off course;

With worldly things;  
That tempt us;  
Jesus;  
Is the one;  
That keeps us safe;  
As we travel life's way;  
So let your cog be;  
JESUS;  
Who will keep you;  
on the right road;  
Whenever you travel;  
Let Jesus;  
Be turning your cog today.

**Gail Baverstock**, who is a member of Witard Road Baptist Church Norwich, has the condition Cerebral Palsy.

An article, Witard Road Baptist Church is pursuing the possibility of starting up a group especially for disabled Christians in Norwich. on [www.networknorwich.co.uk](http://www.networknorwich.co.uk) key in Witard Road into the search top right hand side.

There are many roles you can play in your church and i'm sure many more roles within the CMA. Use your love of the Lord to be involved, use your skills to be active in the Lords work. If it needs doing, you might have to do it yourself, but do it; keep those cogs-a-turning.

## Fishless Fishermen-A Parable

by John M Drescher, sent in by Gaynor

**"Come, follow me," Jesus said "and I will make you fishers of men."**

**Mathew 4:19**

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters around. Week after week, those who called themselves fishermen met and talked about the abundance of fish, and searched for better methods of fishing.

They loved slogans such as "every fisherman is a fisher,"

Sponsored special "fishermen's campaigns," convened nationwide congress to promote fishing. Constructed beautiful "fishing headquarters," and built large printing houses to publish fishing guides. One thing they didn't do, however; they didn't fish.

In addition to meeting regularly, they organised a board of those with great vision to send fishermen to faraway streams and lakes. The board in turn, hired staffs and appointed committees, but they did not fish.

Expensive training centres were built to teach fishermen to fish, and where to fish. Those who taught had doctorates in fishology, but they did

not fish. Many were graduated, given fishing licenses, and sent to do full-time fishing. But they spent their time building power plants to pump water for fish, plowing new waterways, supplying fishing equipment. They didn't fish.

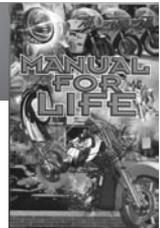
One day after a stirring meeting on "The necessity for fishing," a young fellow actually went fishing. The next day he reported his outstanding catch. He was honoured for his excellent catch, and scheduled to speak everywhere. To have the time to do this he had to quit fishing.

Now it's true that many fishermen sacrificed and put up with many difficulties. Some lived near the water and bore the smell of fish every day. They were ridiculed about their fishermen's clubs. So imagine how hurt some were when someone suggested that they were not fishermen. It made them stop and think.

But after all, are you really a fisherman if year after year you never fish?

**Manual for Life**  
**DON'T RUN ON EMPTY.....**

**Want to know more?**  
**the best book in town. Read it,**  
**live it, tell others about it.**



# EMC 2007 Winning Europe for Christ

## European Motorcyclists for Christ-August 1-5 2007



The homepage for EMC 2007 from 1-5 August is almost ready. We expect visitors from all over Europe. All meetings during EMC 2007 are in Swedish, English and German.

<http://www.emc-rally.com/index.php?start=1>

On Wednesday, the 1st of August we will have the first meeting.

Our desire is to have a meaningful and good time with Jesus and one another. He has great plans for Europe.

We will have various programmes, biker services, concerts, outreach, seminars and a special programme for the children.

It is our desire that everybody feels at home: children, families, single,

disabled, people of every age.

Biker presidents will have three important meetings, where we will take time to pray and to talk about visions for Europe.

It is advisable to book as soon as possible. Available are bungalows, rooms, places for caravans and tents. If you book early, the chances are better, of getting the desired accommodation.

The concert hall has about 1.100 seats. We expect to fill this hall during the evenings.

Feel welcome,  
God's blessings  
The EMC-Team



# Major CMA National Events List 2007

Always check out the web site [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) under events, for events throughout the UK.

Look at the whole of the UK. The major events where the CMA have a presence also need your support. Go, you will love it, give it a try. Get to a NABD rally or the Farmyard. What about Stormin the Castle, or the HJ at Bristol - GO FOR IT, SUPPORT YOUR CMA.

**AGM 21st April, 2007** At St. Philip and St. James Church, Larkhay Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester GL3 3NP Contact Liz Robertson

**Ladies Conference** 8th-9th-10th June 2007  
See page 9 for the invitation.

We can confirm that our **National Rally** is definately booked at Hollybush for **20th-22nd July 2007** with the option to attend on **Thursday 19th**.

**The EMC 1st-5th August, 2007** will be in Sweden, run by the Holy Riders and Tribe of Judah. The venue is to be Halmstad, 90 miles south of Gothenberg on the coast. Further details will follow.

**Xcel Conference;** NOW its 16th-17th November 2007

**National Board Meeting-October 2007** (Date and Venue to be confirmed)

**Stop press** There is now a list of events, which is being updated all the time. Need more info? then e-mail the branch you're closest to for up-to-date information. Look at [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk), click on branches, click on the location nearest you, and you will find a wealth of information.

A ride out to the BMF.  
Over 80,000 people  
each day.  
WOW!  
What a mission field.



# Stories from around the camp fire

by Aje and Mandie - North Surrey Branch



We meet every 1st and 3rd Monday at St. Paul's Church, Addlestone Surrey. This is a very friendly and active church, with a variety of groups and outreaches. Last spring we were approached by their Youth Leader, Annie, to run a workshop at their annual "Youth Festival/Summer Camp" in July. Joining them were young people and leaders from other churches in the area, bringing the total to around 100 youngsters, ranging from 11 to 18 years old. All camped out over 2 nights in the Surrey countryside, pitched in the groups they arrived with and their own leaders prepared and cooked their meals.

Over the weekend the leaders had planned various events and workshops, so the kids had a chance to sign up to whatever they fancied doing and could swap around and do

other workshops over the weekend. These ranged from banner making, to mime, talking about sex and relationships, step families, loss and bereavement, music, prayer and getting your hands dirty with the Christian Bikers. The main event was a huge "It's a Knock Out" on the Saturday afternoon, followed by a sing song around the campfire. Mandie and Aje were the only ones able to attend from the branch and we had carefully prepared the content of our session and just prayed some of the young people would want to come along.

We were very surprised to find out that we had drawn the biggest crowd to our workshop and braced ourselves. We had introductions, an ice-breaker quiz about riding bikes (with plenty of sweets for the correct answers) and a chat about safety



Then it came to the 'getting dirty'. We ride a 1992 K100 BMW. For the weekend we had the panniers on as well as the top box, and had gone to great lengths to make the bike dirty. But Aje had also written on the bike the seven deadly sins, using primer undercoat before applying the mud and water mixture. We asked the group to suggest the best way to clean the bike. Hot, soapy water was agreed as the best option, so two volunteers set about cleaning the mud off the bike. Looking at cleaning off the carbon and oil deposits, volunteers put on rubber gloves and tackled the chrome with an appropriate cleaner. This continued with various bits of the bike until it was quite sparkly, apart from the words that had become apparent. We asked the young people if they knew what the words meant and how they could best be removed, but none of the cleaners we had would budge them from the bike. Aje explained that we would need a special kind of spirit to remove these stains and produced a container marked with an ichthus. He explained that he had cellulose thinners that would do the job; in life,

only Jesus can clean away sin. Having applied a small amount to a cloth, with one quick wipe the writing was gone. Aje said how proud he was of his clean bike, but oh how easy it is to sin again as he succumbed to pride.

Some of the young people were keen to have a ride on the bike, but we explained that this wasn't possible. However, Aje did have the bike securely on its centre stand and allowed, under supervision, those who wanted to try the bike out, to sit on it.

We had a great time at this event, but have to share some words of caution. Both of us are used to working around young people and Mandie is trained within the Methodist Church to do so. We ensured we took appropriate action with the protection of the young people and ourselves in mind. Adults camped slightly away from the young people and had separate toilet and washing facilities. We were both asked to be prayer counsellors and worked with other leaders so that there were always two adults of the same gender with a young person seeking support. We had permission to take and publish photos, but had to be careful as it was an extremely hot weekend and some of the young people were scantily dressed.

But don't let this put you off working alongside young people. They are fun to be around and can even teach you a thing or two!

# On the road for Jesus with Deaf Bikers UK

by David (aka Zippy) and Elise Whittall

Since giving our lives to The Lord Jesus Christ, we have followed Him wherever he had led us. We have been involved with The Christian Motorcyclists' Association for about 5 years, and have been blessed with the ministry



God has given us. He has taken us to many motorcycle events, rallies, churches, and prison visits to tell people about His Son Jesus Christ.

In June 2004, we were invited to The 1st International DeafBikers UK Rally at Market Harborough, on the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire border. When we arrived, it soon became apparent that this would be like no other rally we had attended. We were helped by DeafBikers to put up the marquee and we were soon up and running. But what next? We had no idea about Deaf Culture or how to communicate. During Friday evening/night only a handful of DeafBikers visited the tent.

After a prayerful night, Saturday morning was on us. Colin Hewitt and I decided that we needed to be among the DeafBikers to be able to get to know them, and went on a ride out with a large group, consisting of many nationalities.

We soon became aware of the close bond the Deaf Community has, even

though British Sign Language varies from region to region in the UK. There is also a different sign language used in other countries. However, that bond, that love and friendship they had for one and other, crossed over that

barrier. When we returned to the rally site, God had enabled CMA to cross that barrier too. His love opened a communication channel and a friendship had begun. In the autumn, I enrolled at night school to learn British Sign Language (BSL). I have passed level 1, and completed the first year of level 2.

One of the group, Andrea, was learning to ride a motorcycle. God laid it on our hearts to lend her a 125cc motorcycle that she could take away and use to learn to ride on, and I was also able to help out with tuition. God answered our prayers; she passed her test and now is the owner of a Honda 600 Hornet. Andrea, like many of our friends in Deafbikers UK, has been presented with a CMA Bible Manual for Life.

At the 2005 AGM, I became the CMA representative for DeafBikers UK.

In April 2006 we were invited to The City Temple in Cardiff, to witness the baptism of Tracy, the wife of Paul, secretary of DeafBikers UK.

Paul is also a Christian, and they have both been very supportive to us with our work.

In June 2006 we were at the 2nd DeafBiker UK International Rally at Letchworth. We provided a CMA Holy Joes for the weekend, and the event was well attended by DeafBikers from UK, Holland, Belgium, Austria, and Germany.

On the Sunday morning we held an open air service outside the CMA marquee. Paul gave his testimony, and Tracy interpreted for everyone. The DeafBikers told us of the difficulties and barriers that they have experienced in churches.

We need to understand that that BSL is the first language of the Deaf Community, and English the second. Written text can sometime be difficult to understand.

Elise and I joined Deafbikers UK in 2005, and have been to several DeafBiker rallies abroad. DeafBiker clubs from across the channel also know why we wear the white cross on our backs.

From that first contact in 2004, we have made many friends, and continue to this day to enjoy fellowship and give our love and support.

DeafBikers UK meet on the 1st Sunday of the month from April till September at The Ace Café, London. See you there?

East Midlands Branch of The Christian Motorcyclists' Association  
<http://www.bike.org.uk/cma/>

On The Road For Jesus  
<http://www.ontheroadforjesus.com/>

DeafBikers UK  
<http://www.deaf-bikers.org.uk/>



Letchworth UK 2006 Rally



Helen and Adam Walker



Antwerp Belgium

## A Grand day out by Pete and Jen Crane - East Midlands

The best known sidecar users these days are probably Wallace and Gromit and it seemed appropriate to name this article after Nick Park's first film.

Finding they had no cheese for their

crackers Wallace and his trusty companion build a rocket to fly to the moon to get some. This feat was only made possible by the staff at Aardman Animations.

But if there really was a journey to the moon to collect cheese, the guys to organise it would be the volunteers who run Jumbo GB.

Jumbo has been taking children with disabilities and special needs for a day out every year since 1961. The children are transported in sidecars and three wheelers, ridden by people from all over the U.K. and Europe.

I went along last year for the first time and was so impressed with the organisation of the whole event.

The base for the run is the Civil Service sports club near Birmingham Airport. The site was open from Thursday to Monday, allowing a leisurely time camping before the run itself on the Sunday.

After breakfast, the outfits rode to the assembly area, where volunteers came and assessed the sidecars to see how many (and what size) passengers could be carried and then



returned with the children. Some of the smaller ones were accompanied by a parent in the sidecar, others on their own, while their parents or carers followed in a coach laid on by Jumbo.

Each three wheeler was given a number and the riders and passengers photographed at various points during the day. I received a calendar at Christmas with a photo on it of my passenger and me during the run.

While the sidecars were being sorted out, the marshals were arriving in another area. Hundreds of solo motorcyclists are needed to marshal such a run and all were provided with hi-vis jackets and instructions by the Jumbo staff.

The marshals set off about 20 minutes before the sidecars, which seemed a little early to me. All became apparent though as we rode off in a convoy of around fifty outfits and three wheelers.

The convoy was led by Police and Paramedic motorcyclists, riding with blue lights on. As they reached a junction they stopped the traffic and a civilian marshal, who was already in position, took their place until the last vehicle passed them. They shut off all junctions, including side roads, crossroads, roundabouts, slip roads

and even lay-bys. The convoy did not stop from leaving the sports ground in Birmingham until we arrived at Snibstone Discovery Park, in Coalville, Leicestershire.

At every junction horns were sounded, the children waved and (most) motorists waiting, waved back. Householders along the route had come out into their front gardens to wave to the children.

Once parked up at Snibstone, the enormity of the whole thing hit me. There were two coaches of relatives, vans carrying wheelchairs, ambulances and even a recovery truck. The organisers had every possible situation covered.

The return journey is organised in just the same way, so that if you are riding a sidecar you really don't have to think about the route, other traffic or

even breaking down as the tow truck is on hand. The organisers make it such an easy event to go to for those taking the children out. It is undoubtedly the best organised event I have ever been to.

I would like to encourage members of C.M.A. to go along. Sidecars are always needed, as are solo riders for marshalling. You don't need to be that experienced, as Jumbo do the difficult stuff for you. I feel as Christians it is the kind of event we should have a presence at.

If you want to get involved in 2007, it will be on Sunday Sept 9th. <http://www.jumbogb.org/>

If you can't make it, then please, if you see the Jumbo Stand at a show make a donation. Not only do they organise the day, they spend all year raising the funds to pay for it all.



# Let us fix our eyes on Jesus

## Hebrews 12.2 by Michael Stafford-East Midlands Branch

Have you ever thought how the techniques of riding a motorbike can have spiritual equivalents?

For example, in the above quoted passage of Scripture Paul is talking about a race. It takes no great effort of mind to



know that a race will not be won, whether on a bike, on foot, in a car or on a horse, if our eyes are fixed on things going on around rather than on the finishing line. We will not progress in the Christian life if we get so taken up with the world around us that we don't focus on Jesus, our goal.

But what about riding on the road? If we've been on any kind of training day the thing most emphasized is to "look where we're going". Let peripheral vision take care of the things immediately around us, but focus ahead and take in what hazards there may be. Look towards the next bend, and prepare for it by correct positioning on the road, so that we can take it swiftly and safely. Looking ahead to Jesus in the Christian life enables us to prepare to meet Him in a coming day, getting our "lines" right, by taking His way rather than that of the world, and safely arriving at that day when we hear Him say "Well done, good and faithful servant".

It is rightly said that you will end up

where you look. So if you come out of a junction to turn right and you are looking at the opposite kerb, that is where you will end up; probably in a heap! Look towards where you are wanting to go and you will be likely to get

there. So in the Christian life we either end up in victory over sin, or we end up in guilt and shame when we follow the ways of the world. It all depends where you are looking, "let us fix our eyes on Jesus".

An important rule when riding is "to see and be seen". Not only do we need to keep our eyes open to the road ahead, but we also need to be clearly seen by other road users. We may choose to wear a fluorescent band, or brightly coloured jacket and/or helmet, and certainly keep our headlight on during the day as well as at night. This will at least reduce the risk of a motorist knocking us off and saying "Sorry, mate, I didn't see you!" This again has a spiritual parallel: we want other people to see us and know we belong to Jesus and enjoy a life of hope and assurance. Not that we should be seen as pious "holy Joes", but as people who have purpose and meaning in life and a peace and joy which so many people long for.

Then there is the instruction manual. When I bought my second-hand Fazer there was no instruction manual with it. I straightaway bought a Haynes Manual, so whenever anything went wrong I could find help to deal with it. The Bible is our instruction manual and we can't do without it. But an instruction manual is not just for when things go wrong. If followed, it can provide details on preventive maintenance, so that things don't go wrong. The Bible is for everyday use, and regular reading will help to prevent us going astray in our spiritual lives.

What about those yellow boxes by the side of the road? We don't like them, they are intrusive, like any CCTV camera. They see us when we would rather they didn't. The fact is though, that God sees us all the time, and not just when we break the speed limit! Our very thoughts are known to Him; we can't hide from Him. We may as well be open and honest with our Maker, and make confession of our sins to Him, knowing that He, unlike the traffic authorities, is forgiving and merciful. "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

As a missionary in Nigeria in the 60s and 70s, I rode a Honda CD175 to reach places that were unreachable by car. I well remember one journey to a remote village, which entailed riding along narrow bush paths that often contained large pot holes or boulders. It was fine as long these hazards were visible, but then a tropical storm broke and turned the path into a stream! I could not see what lay beneath the water and it was a matter of riding in faith, and prayer, yet somehow I made it through to the village without falling off! Paul said "We live by faith, not by sight" 1 Cor. 5:7. There are many unseen hazards on the Christian pathway, but we have the Holy Spirit to guide us each step of the way and to give us strength to say "no" when temptations occur. The benediction at the end of Jude's epistle speaks of "Him who is able to keep you from falling". How assuring it is to know that He is with us to keep us every day. Let's fix our eyes on Him, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**Lack of passion is like insufficient propellant, or gunpowder - the effect is we miss the target.**

Mark forgot his wedding anniversary and his wife was really ticked off at him. She told him, "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in under 6 seconds, AND IT BETTER BE THERE."

The next morning, Mark got up really early.

When his wife woke up a couple of hours later, she looked out the window, and sure enough, there was a small gift-wrapped box sitting in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe, ran out to the driveway, and took the box into the house. She opened it, and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Mark is not yet well enough to have visitors.

## Riding for Christ by Mike Walters Kent Branch

"Do you realise I haven't had a holiday for 19 months" I exclaimed to my wife, I went to Thomson's and got a brochure on winter breaks on the Costa Del Sol. "Spain?" she queried, "Yes, I replied. "I cannot go



anywhere where there is no church, and good preaching" she lectured me. "Spain's got churches" I said defensively. "And of what denomination pray tell?"

"Well er Catholic I suppose" "Exactly, I shall not be going to Spain, it's full of Catholics" was her last word. I immediately texted my daughter Vicky. "Fancy spending a couple weeks in Spain, hire a couple of bikes and go exploring. Its an average of 18 degrees this time of year, my treat" "Wow Yeah dad Great" came the immediate response. My wife is the daughter of a Pentecostal Minister and apparently they don't get on with Catholics. To me a Christian is all part of one worldwide church, but not everyone agrees. The holiday was duly booked and then calamity. My daughter had been waiting for an operation to have some painful ovarian cysts removed. It was to happen three days before the flight! The doctors said she was banned from flying for 6 weeks. I was going alone.

I checked the Internet for Motorbike Hire. Very dear. Ok what about taking my own bike; that would cost even

more. I even checked Ebay Spain. Yes, for the cost of hiring a half decent bike, you could buy one. Then I looked into storage costs; again too dear. My accommodation, flights with meals on the plane, a luxury

8th floor room with en suite and balcony with sea views for two weeks self catering £422.

THANKYOU LORD!

I had looked at the websites for Hiring new BMW motorbikes and *Hardly Moving Sons*, (Harley Davidsons) but both were extortionate. I decided to rent once out there. Looking around the first day I found that Scooters were ten a penny, car hire even cheaper, but me on a scooter? Na Na got to be a 650 minimum. Then I saw a RentaBike sign, I walked in wearing CMA colours and carrying my own crash helmet; the ones that come with the bikes are bounced on the floor several times before you get to wear them. Can I speak Spanish? Of course not, I'm a Brit. They can all learn English I had to! So after playing the pointy at the picture game and vroom vroom handlebar mime, and pretending to vomit whilst pointing at a 50cc Scooter, they found someone who told me in English that I had to go to Torremolinos, where the big bikes are kept, I later discovered they were also garaged at Marbella and Fuengirola, but I digress.

Taking a taxi to the Renta bike shop, I saw a nice black Yamaha Dragstar, so I sat down and put on my Little Britain accent! "Want that one!" Yvonne, the nice Dutch Lady sorted out the paperwork; 60 Euros a day roughly £40 per day, I booked it for ten days and then added another two; total cost 720 Euros. Well I spent some time chatting to this nice lady, gave her one of my silent witness cards and a Gospel of John, and roared off after she promised me she would pray to God about her troubles. I managed to give out another 3 Gospels to Brits whilst I was there, and the Lord led me on His day to Los Boliches Evangelical Church, which is right on the sea front. It is used separately by the Scandinavian, Finnish, Dutch and English churches, who share it on a rota basis. It is non denominational. Address Paseo Maritimo Los Boliches, 29640 Fuengirola Malaga phone: +3495246 0728 Email: los.boliches@terra.es. They have communion at 2.45am on a Sunday, plus a follow-on service at

4.00pm with a Bible Class at 7.30 on a Wednesday, and on Saturday at 11.00am I helped with the coffee morning and outreach, on the street witnessing and inviting the holiday-makers to the coffee morning. Great Fun. Yvonne had told me I had to ride to Ronda through the mountains from San Pedro, which is a little further south from Marbella. So I did so on a warm day. Up in the mountains the scenery was magnificent and the road had very few straights, just sweeping curves. There were ice warning signs, and several bunches of flowers and some permanent shrines to travellers on the road, who never completed their journey. The sheer drops off the road frightened me quite a bit but, as always, I put my Faith in the Lord; if I am to die at least I die a Christian and repentant sinner. A terrific biking experience with minimal traffic in the middle of January, but only for the experienced biker. I came home to snow and a garage with three bikes that would not start!



Mike's Daughter Vicky on his ZZR1100

# The Journey

by Bob North and west Wlaes Branch

The weekend got off to a rocky start for me, Bob, in as much as that I was reminded yet again not to take my eyes of the Lord and completely trust in Him. I set off from home around 13.30pm on the Friday, bike fuelled and loaded, GPS in place and



programmed. Off I went and the wet stuff came down. Less than a mile down the road the battery warning light on the GPS started flashing, despite the fact that it was connected to the bike battery.

A quick prayer and on I went. Two miles down the road the rain stopped and it was sunny in the distance. The warning light on the gps had stopped flashing and all was well. The ride was getting better and I started praising the Lord instead of praying to Him.

Occasionally the gps warning came on then off again and concern started getting the better of my trust in Him. 88 miles had passed and the gps was now shutting down and then powering up; extreme concern-location Queensferry A55. Need to make a

decision carry on or head for mums and recharge the gps battery. I turned for mums and recharged the battery, putting me back by 90 minutes.

I set off from Mum's; all was well, rain threatened, but held off. It was getting darker by the minutes,

but all was well. 54 miles to go and a flashing on the gps told me the battery was running low again, I let out some none Christian comments and pushed on. Five miles went and I heard a voice saying" All is well trust in me", I asked for forgiveness and prayed "Lord I am at the point of no return. Do I carry on? Lord if I am meant to be at the leaders weekend then please make the battery last.

After some time, the warning light got steadily faster and I grew more anxious. The Snake pass was looming ahead, I had never ridden it before, never mind in the pitch darkness and still the warning light flashed.

11 miles to go and by now the gps warning was going into overdrive,

I stopped at a petrol station asked if it would be possible to charge up my gps. Sorry, no spare sockets, "try the pub down the road, they are very good there." Off I went to the pub, pulled up outside the door and the voice again said "All is well, trust in Me". With shame in my heart I obeyed and pushed on for my destination.

Five miles to go and there was a strobe warning light on the gps, but on I went till at last I heard a different voice in my helmet say "You have reached your destination" Thank you Lord was my cry. With the bike switched off and parked up safe, in need of a comfort break, I headed for the entrance door, with gps in my hand still flashing. I opened the door, put one foot on the door mat and the

gps went to sleep; over worked. The CMA members present wondered why I stood in the doorway, head bowed, praying for forgiveness, till later when I shared the journey.

Yes indeed I thought, "I am meant to be here this weekend. I wonder what else it is you have in mind for me to learn dear Lord and Father", Bike unpacked and journey shared, time for food and time for prayer, Bob I heard "yes I said "Would you care to sit with us at this table, and share with us again your journey whilst eating your food,"ok and thanks but who are you", doubting weary travellers, just like you. We sat and shared and fellowshiped well, then we grew tired as our bellies did swell, time for bed and sleep much needed, all His words we all now heeded.

## Tracts Available by Sid O'Neill

**Branches please note:-** Two Tracts are now available. The price to the branches is £5 per 100 or £20 for 500.

Please use them. The money raised from these two consignments will be used for the next 20,000 and so forth. CMA UK would like you to buy them for your branch, but also members

and affiliates are invited to purchase them. If you would like to buy them for your outreach work then please consider buying the tracts as they become available. There are 3 more styles in the pipeline.

Please contact Sid

E-mail:- [sid.oneill@ntlworld.com](mailto:sid.oneill@ntlworld.com)

Phone 0151 5101524



## A little personal information

**This month it's from Ted, (member of the Exec.) for the Chainlink. Do you know him? No? Well I am sure he would be very happy for you to chat to him. Why not phone your brothers and sisters in Christ from time to time.**

I became a Christian in 1989 at a Billy Graham Crusade at Crystal Palace in South East London. I was pointed towards a local Baptist church in Banstead, Surrey and had some solid bible teaching as a foundation to my walk with the Lord. I met Dave Phelps (SAS Branch) at



the church and through his friendship rekindled my interest in biking. I had a scooter in my youth, a BSA 500 in my 20's and had ridden the occasional borrowed bike, but when I started again it was with Harleys, a Buell, and then BMW's. I now ride a BMW R1100S. It was Dave who introduced

me to CMA, and eventually we were part of the founding of the Surrey and Sussex branch.

I was Membership Secretary for 4 years until recently and now serve as the National Secretary.

My wife Jackie and I have just moved to the New

Forest in Hampshire, near Sammy Miller's Motorcycle Museum and also near the old Rickman factory.

We are settling into a great Community Church and we wait for the Lord's leading in how to start something locally for CMA.

## Music worship band? by Fred Gill Bedford

I enjoyed being part of the impromptu worship group at the Nat. Rally this year (Playing Bass) and would welcome the opportunity to support again - with practice beforehand I could do better. Could we have a feature inviting members to form a worship group, and possibly even an entertainments group - blues/ rock/ covers for Friday or Sat night? I know distance would be an issue to get together, but if there are enough interested people in a region - or even several regions, each putting a band together, perhaps it might work. Just an idea. How about a worship workshop if someone is competent to lead one?

I do not feel competent to lead a group on worship leading, but am willing to support you with other things like helping to organise worship or entertainment groups if that would help, I know the organisers have a lot of work to do organising this event.

Please advise Fred if your able to offer any ideas.

## Where to find a CMA Branch

### **Scotland**

Forth and Tay  
Rest of Scotland  
Scottish Borders (Twig)

### **Midlands**

East Midlands  
West Midlands  
Stafford  
Bedford  
Norfolk

### **Ireland**

Ireland

### **Isle of Man**

Isle of Man

### **North East**

West Yorkshire  
Lincs. & East Yorks.  
North East  
North East Derbyshire

### **North West**

Merseyside  
North Cheshire  
Lakes N' Lancs.

### **South West**

Bristol  
Gloucester  
Devon & Cornwall

### **South East**

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

### **Wales**

North & West Wales  
South Wales

*More information can be found on the web site [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) or  
PO BOX 8155, Loughborough LE11 9AR*

# The family is getting bigger

by Gaynor SAS Branch



It got me thinking when I was asked to do an interview for Premier Christian radio about Christians and tattoos. One point the interviewer was trying to make was that bike "clubs" are a male dominated domain.

I was adamant that it was not as true as it might have been thirty years ago when I first swung a leg over a bike. There are many more females riding bikes today than there ever was then. Regardless of the semantics of the situation I did start thinking about the Surrey and Sussex branch and the fact that the majority of the time I am the only female riding on a bike (I look forward to the day that Jackie gets back on the road).

How do I feel?

When I first began to ride out with the branch, Ted thought that a sports bike

ride out might be too fast for me, not knowing what my riding ability was.

When-ever we were to meet somewhere that I did not know, someone would meet me and we would ride in together.

Whenever we finished a run I would have an escort to a road that I knew on the way home.

When I was knocked off my bike and it was written off I was offered a pillion until I got back on the road again.

Whenever we meet as a branch it is like meeting with my twelve big brothers, who are always looking after me.

When I was baptised at the National Rally last year I was made to feel so special by every-one, I feel that my family is getting bigger; it now includes many brothers and sisters.

Having my baptism in the river made it feel that much more real to me, I don't think it would have felt the same if I'd had a conventional Baptism. The branch has been so open and caring towards me that I frequently give thanks to the Lord for giving me the inspiration to go to Beaulieu that Saturday in 2004 where Surrey and Sussex happened to have their stand. I spent a while talking to Ted and had two cups of tea made by Sarge, who was floating about in the background. From there I have had many a pleasant ride out, some great lessons on witnessing and the best fellowship I could wish for.

*A prayer for my friends:*

Father, as I now remember my friends before you and ask your blessing upon them,  
I thank you for all that they give me in affection and companionship, In counsel and spiritual support. Help me on my part to give to them as generously and unselfishly in return, and always to count on my friends as among the richest blessings of this life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

## How God provides

by Fred Gill-Bedford Branch

A rather funny story (if you consider Frank Pickle funny on the Vicar of Dibley, it runs along similar lines.) Only working part time at the moment and not being flushed with funds, I was alarmed to hear our son Robert continually saying that his leather trousers are now too small. He is growing fast. Eventually a conversation arose with my wife, Frances, that she wasn't entirely happy with the fit of her leathers either. This led to a three way trial fitting of leathers, nothing kinky you

understand. I am now wearing Robert's leathers (I do understand his complaint of them being a bit low in the crutch. He always used to push me on-to the tank of my bike when he was pillion. Hopefully, I will have the seat to myself now. Fran now wears my leathers, which she says are a better fit, and I am wearing Robert's which fit quite well, apart from the aforesaid problem which will just take a bit of getting used to.

Isn't it wonderful how God provides.



# Patty Wakelings's Memorial service

by John Pritchard



I attended the memorial service for Pat Wakeling, where all the seats were filled, with late arrivals finding standing room only; that's if they could get in from the main entrance? The family and friends, who presented their personal thoughts and memories about Pat, all commented upon what a wonderful, faithful person she was, who would not compromise her belief, and had such a compassion for people.

Pat was indeed an "individual" person, who spoke her mind, did not suffer fools kindly, and as commented by one of the speakers who asked "what was the difference between a terrorist and Pat?"

The simple answer is "you could always try to negotiate with a terrorist, but not with Pat!"

Many people commented on how they had a great affection towards her because of the caring friendship that

She had shown to them, constantly over many years.

I thought "what would people be saying at my funeral / memorial service?"

Would I depart to leave such positive thoughts, happy memories, and loving feelings with my family and enough friends to fill a large (church) building?

What sort of lasting impression have I already made?

The funny thing is that we are not able to attend this final "earthly" event in the flesh, so we can only find answers to these questions by asking what our family and friends think at the present time.

If we do not know already, are we prepared for the honest reply, and willing to make a change?

I hope that we all will be a "Christian" example to others, in such a wonderful way as Pat was to us all.

# Manufacturere's Recall Notice

by Larry Hartland london Branch

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a wilful malfunction in the original prototype units, code-named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, "Sub sequential Internal Non-morality", or more commonly know as SIN, as it is primarily expressed. Some of the symptoms are:

- a) Loss of direction, b) Foul vocal emissions, c) Amnesia of origin,
- d) Lack of peace and joy, e) Selfish or violent behaviour
- f) Depression or confusion in the mental component, g) Fearfulness
- h) Idolatry, i) Rebellion

The Manufacturer, Who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service, free of charge, to correct this SIN defect. The Repair Technician, Jesus, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The toll-free number to call for repair in all areas is P-R-A-Y-E-R. Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next,



download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

- j) Love, k) Joy, l) Peace, m) Patience, n) Kindness, o) Goodness,
- p) Faithfulness, q) Gentleness, r) Self-control.

Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units a facility enabling direct monitoring and assistance from a resident Maintenance Technician, the Holy Ghost. Repaired units need only make Him welcome and He will take up permanent residence on the p r e m i s e s !

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on JESUS. **DANGER:** The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility.

# Tear down the barns

by Dave Phelps - Surrey and Sussex Branch

Luke 12vs 16-19:  
The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops". Then he said "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things



laid up for many years. Take life easy, eat drink and be merry".

Now we know the story and how it all ends in tears. We wouldn't be so foolish would we? But wait, how many of us have spare rooms with stuff piling up, cupboards we can't quite close and garages, let's not even go there.

It's not that we're greedy or possessive or in love with worldly goods it is just that things build up over the years. Things that we no longer use, unwanted gifts, impulse purchases, legacies, keep-fit gear that we never did get round to using and so on.

Ignoring the junk which we simply need to take to the tip, this stuff we've accumulated is of value: but not to us.

In fact it could be a burden to us because it takes up valuable space. The problem is, what do we do with this latent wealth?

Why don't we turn it into Bibles CMA Biker Bibles?

How would it work? Well, we could all have a major sort out, take the rubbish to the dump, give the tat to the local jumble sale but deliver the

saleable items to a central point, where enthusiastic CMA folk could sell them at a fair price and raise money to finance the production of Biker Bibles.

And the rewards for the donors? Freedom from clutter at home, Brownie Points from your partner (it's a fact of life that obsessive hoarders marry tidiness fanatics; you might get that GSX R1000 after all) and most important, an opportunity to convert your chattels into a useable commodity for the King.

The first need is for a few CMA friendly folk, with time, drive and an enthusiasm to raise money for the CMA. The team would have to include someone with computer skills

(experience with e-Bay would be wonderful) and someone with a flair for turning goods into cash. Others could be willing helpers with a desire to 'learn the trade'. There must be people amongst us who would be willing to take on the challenge. They could be CMA members, partners or friends who aren't working full time at present, are between jobs, or perhaps retired. There could be one central team that does it all or there could be small groups of 2-3 people that work in their area. This really depends on the number and location of volunteers.

A 'Barn' would be needed to receive, sort, catalogue, pack, redistribute etc the goods. A large space in a friendly church or home would be suitable.

The Team would decide how best to 'market' and sell the goods. The higher value items could be sold on e-Bay. This is an excellent selling medium. If no-one on the Team has experience of e-Bay, I know a man who has and who would be willing to

share his expertise! Other outlets could be the CMA website, car-boot sales, auctions, the local paper and so on.

As far as possible, donors of goods would arrange for transport to the collection centre/s.

This could be a one-off campaign, lasting until the donated goods had been successfully sold, or an on-going thing. CMA members could keep a continuous flow of goods for sale from their wider catchments of friends, family, work colleagues, church members etc. What an opportunity for outreach as well as money-raising!

But coming back to earth, what we need are these good folks to come forwards, with time and enthusiasm to serve the Lord through this ministry (because it is a ministry).

So, is anyone moved to volunteer? I am happy to co-ordinate responses and can be contacted on my home number, 01737 351886 or mobile 07941 456548.



Karl Edwards (seen here with Ken Hardy) who loves Suzuki's, cutting one of the Christmas cakes.

Karl lives at The Grove Leonard Cheshire Homes, East Carlton, Near Norwich.

Karl is one of several residents able to come along (subject to suitable wheel chair arrangements) to bike-related events, such as Copdock classic bike day. Karl is also hoping, with others from The Grove, to spend a day at the BMF in May.

They have their own ambulance and a driver for outings.

*Norfolk branch Events Jason Whiting.*

# Why Jesus is better than Santa Claus

by Robin Jamerson



Santa lives at the North Pole  
Santa rides in a sleigh  
Santa comes but once a year  
Santa fills your stockings with goodies  
You have to wait in line to see Santa  
Santa lets you sit on his lap  
Santa doesn't know your name. All he can say is "Hi little boy or girl, what's your name?"

JESUS knew your name before you did. Not only does He know your name, He knows your address too. He knows your history and future and He even knows how many hairs are on your head.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly  
All Santa can offer is HO HO HO  
Santa says, "You'd better not cry"  
Santa's little helpers make toys

JESUS is everywhere  
JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water  
JESUS is an ever present help  
JESUS supplies all your need  
JESUS is as close as the mention of His name  
JESUS lets you rest in His arms

JESUS has a heart full of love.  
JESUS offers health, help and hope  
JESUS says, "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you".  
JESUS makes new life, mends wounded hearts,  
repairs broken homes and builds mansions.

Santa may make you chuckle but -  
While Santa puts gifts under your tree

JESUS gives you joy that is your strength  
JESUS became our gift and died on a tree

It's obvious there is really no comparison. We need to remember WHO Christmas is all about We need to put Christ back into CHRISTmas. JESUS is still the reason for the season.

**Yes, JESUS is better, He is even better than Santa Claus.**

# Someone took your place

by Gaynor - SAS

One day, a man went to visit a church.

He got there early, parked his car, and got out.

Another car pulled up and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my

seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!"

The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and His appearance began to change.

Scars became visible on His hands and on His sandalled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him, and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from His eye, "I took your place."

Sometimes in life, we are so concerned about silly things, selfish things and habitual things that we fail to see the real things around us. We want Christ to be among us, we pray and sing songs for His



presence to be with us, but are we really being Christ-like in our attitudes, our treatment of others and in keeping the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord of our whole lives in every area.

Don't get stressed and agitated when someone takes your usual parking space, your turn in a queue, your seat on the bus or train, and especially "your" seat in church. If

someone takes your place, remember Who took your place on the cross.

"Thank you Lord Jesus for taking my place when you suffered those terrible wounds from the scourging you received, the cruel crown of thorns which pierced your loving head, the cross you carried all that way to the hill, and finally those nails which were cruelly driven into your hands and feet, and the spear which tore into your side. Let me always remember that it was my sins which wounded you, and that You took my place in Your suffering and sacrifice, so that I, the guilty one was made free. Thank You Lord Jesus that through Your death and victory when God raised you from the grave to gloriously reign eternally, I too, have forgiveness and the promise of eternal life as I ask You to be the Lord and King in my life forever.

Deliver us Lord, from evil, and may Your banner of love cover us always.

In the precious name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.....Amen."

## Light over Dark by Debbie Jones - South Wales Chair

This is an easy recipe. It reminded me of a revelation I had recently.

Ingredients (serves 4)

1 Jelly-any flavour, Small tub or cream, 4 or 5 Digestive or Rich Tea biscuits (chocolate or plain)

2 spoons of margarine or butter.

1. Make the jelly up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a pint and leave to cool.

2. Melt the butter or margarine in a pan then turn off the heat.

3. Crush the biscuits and add to the margarine mix, then put into glass bowls or nice drinking glasses. Leave to cool.

4. Whisk the cream an electric mixer is better, it doesn't matter if cream is single or double, but the end result will be a slightly different consistency. If it is double cream whisk just until it starts to thicken. If single, just a minute or two to get some air in-to it. then add the jelly and give one last whisk.

5. Pour over the biscuit base. Put in fridge and leave to set. Then decoration, ie strawberry jelly use a slice of strawberry, lemon jelly a slice of lemon, lime, get the idea.

This is so quick to make. With just basic ingredients, it can get you out of trouble if guests show up without you spending hours in the kitchen. It should take 10 minutes to make and, if you chill it at each stage in the fridge, it will be ready to serve in about an hour. I am playing with the idea of layering this, but have not quite got it right, so if you get ideas please let me know. The light of the mousse on the dark of the base looks as well and tastes great. I use dark choc digestives which I find give just that bit more taste. Now for the good bit; my revelation of Light over dark. It involved; two pieces of scripture and was so basic. but I had never seen it before.

John 3: 19-21 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Carl and I were travelling home over the mountain one Sunday for church after a CMA weekend. It was starting to get dusk, so Carl put his head-lights on, but they made very little difference. In fact, they made no difference that we could see and we commented on this as being our least favourite time to drive, because you can't see clearly.

As we climbed the mountain it got darker and darker, especially when we went through the tree-lined areas. What we suddenly realised though was that as it had got darker, the light had become more effective and we could now see more clearly than we had a few minutes earlier when there was still some day light.

Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus told the people "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

I realised that Jesus is the light and shines through those who follow him and that the darker it gets the brighter the light shines. These are dark times, but the Lord will light our path if we just stay close and follow him. Be an effective light for God and He will shine through you.

# BMF SHOW

*'Europe's biggest outdoor bike show'*

**19-20th May 2007, 9am-5pm**

**East of England Showground, Peterborough**

Come and support the CMA Show Tent at BMF in May.

Join the Show Team and camp in Exhibitor camping (£12)

OR

MEMBA Rally Tickets (Est. £25-tbc) on request ONLY

by 20th February



To be part of the CMA Team, contact:  
Les Jones on 07970 172322



# San Francisco Visit with Gospel Wheels

by Colin Wood - East Midlands Branch

In September 2005 and we got news that a daughter of a friend, who we have been supporting in her work with YWAM in San Francisco, is engaged. This was no surprise as we had



recently met the young man to whom she was now engaged, when the two of them visited the UK a month earlier. What was a surprise was a note that came with the announcement that we should keep September 2006 free. We were, along with other supporters and friends, being invited to the wedding in San Francisco.

Thus began the planning, and in January 2006 we booked our trip.

Then I read of Mike, Sid and Johnny's trips to America and the welcome they had received. This set me thinking that it would be a good idea to contact a CMA chapter near SF to let them know we were coming to the USA and, if possible, to meet up with them.

Through the Internet, I was able to make contact with a CMA chapter that met in San Jose. This chapter is called the "Gospel Wheels".

Soon I was emailing Deanne and

Dale Cotton. Who are the magazine editor and vice president of the Gospel Wheels. They were very helpful with all sorts of things and we knew we were going to have a good time.

Then came a big surprise. We received an invite from Deanne and Dale to:-

"Y'all Come Kickback Party, Labor Day BBQ" and we were the International guests of honour. Invitations were going out to other CMA groups and other Christian bike clubs. Not only were we to be guests of honour, but also invited were the Northwest Regional Evangelist, Joe and Judy Maxwell, State Coordinator, Jim and Virginia Allen a CMA National Director Bob and Wanda Sandberg, Chapter officers, several CMA members from Gospel Wheels and some from other chapters in about a 50 mile radius.

Tony (scooter) from East Mids dropped us off at Birmingham Airport in the early hours of September 1st. We then flew to SF via Amsterdam.

The day of the BBQ arrived and we left SF via the BART system, (a bit like the underground).

We travelled to the last stop on the track at Fremont. Here we rang up our hosts who were to pick us up. "I'm the one wearing my CMA leather cut off", I said. Deanne soon arrived, also wearing her CMA cut off, but driving a SUV. We were greeted with a big hug. This was a good start and we soon felt right at home. There was a big CMA logo on the side of the SUV and, as we travelled along the freeway, we were soon joined by another car with a CMA logo. This turned out to be Bob and Wanda, CMA national director, who had just travelled 100 miles to join with us. Deanne and Dale live on the outskirts, overlooking San Jose. Their house was easy to spot; the one with all the bikes outside. In the main these were big bikes, Harleys etc.

We were shown to the guest bedroom to freshen up and then we were introduced to everyone. (They even had a Union Jack flag up in the porch just to make us feel at home).

We felt like royalty; the reception was great. The BBQ was now in full swing. Bikers and others would be coming and going throughout the rest of the day. We got chatting and eating. Not much difference there than with a UK CMA BBQ. I met members of the Gospel Wheels and one of the other fledgling Chapters that meet not far away. I also met members of the "Rapture Ready motorcycle club". These are a Christian back patch club, whose main ministry is to the

outlaw 1%ers biker.

The International CMA patch was one of the taking points during the day. Most were intrigued by the white cross we wear. I explained that this was not our back patch, but was open to any Christian biker to wear. I was able to show that we wear the International patch in a smaller form on the front of our jackets or cut offs, with the CMA UK patch usually on the opposite side. One of the things I was to learn is that there is a certain amount of respect given to the patch. Whilst I was busy chatting outside, Vanessa was introduced to "Lady CMA" and was soon sharing with Virginia Allen and Sharon Vaughn, Chaplain to City Mission. Later on Vanessa talked her way into getting a ride on the back of a Gold Wing trike. I also had a go.

It was 11pm before the last person left. We had been chatting and sharing, swapping stories of CMA all day. We were now, along with Bob and Wanda, guests for the night.

The next morning we had a typical American breakfast with waffles and crispy bacon.

After breakfast I joined Dale to take Bob and Wanda to SF airport, whilst Vanessa was whisked off by Deanne in an open top Chevy. After dropping off Bob and Wanda, we met up together. Dale and Deanne were, to our surprise, to be our guides for the day. We had a great day out with them along the coast.

**The greatest mathematical equation ever : 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given**

We even had time to share with other bikers that we met. A Russian young man on his bike at a gas station and a group of German bikers, who had hired Harleys and were at the Golden Gate Bridge.

When we reached Sausalito we found a fish and chip shop, so we treated Dale and Deanne to an "English". Soon it was time to head back to our

hotel in SF and to say goodbye. It felt like we had known Deanne and Dale a lot longer than we had and it was sad to leave them.

We had had such a good time. What a privilege it is to be Christians and part of an International Association like CMA, which means we have brothers and sister throughout the globe.



Colin in San Jose



Deanne, Vanessa  
Colin and Dale



Colin and Dale at the Golden  
Gate Bridge



Dale and some German  
bikers

## Can you decide? by John Pritchard

For those "mature" people, maybe like myself you just drift off to your memories of some wonderful times in your life, like the first girl or boy you kissed, the moment you asked your partner to marry, or seeing your first child being born.

Maybe it's the recollection of the first time that you realised, and accepted that Jesus was there for you, or you have just surfaced from the waters of baptism.

I recently had the privilege to lead a person to accept Jesus into their life, then



I gave the person a huge hug and realised that we were both so surprised how easy it had been.

All of these examples are so special and emotional, I hope that you can add some of your own personal events to this list. Have a look at John ch10 verse 10, where Jesus simply tells us about the

threat of satan, but, that Jesus has come to give to us a full, and enjoyable life.

Now just have a moment to add another special memory, and say "PRAISE THE LORD" for what He has done for you.

### **A fair exchange, CMA style John Pritchard**

The faithful "MZ" was feeling poorly, so the engine was removed and taken away by Julian (Swingler) to his workshop to have some care and attention. Having been given some new innards with a rebore, the engine was refitted into the frame, so the "MZ" was back on the road for use every day.

A few months later the M. O. T was due, so the MZ was taken down to the local test centre, where it was found to have failed on lights and the rear brake "excessive grabbing"; also road tax with insurance was due at the same time, I could not afford the total cost or justify keeping the motorcycle on the road.

Julian came with the motorcycle trailer and took the poorly MZ away with the paperwork.

A week later I was preparing to leave my home to meet Julian, then travel with him to Pat Wakelings remembrance service, when "Ducati Gill" called in to leave a new

"Frank Thomas" gortex textile jacket that had come from Julian, which did not fit her.

A member of the Bingham M.C. was selling this jacket as it was surplus to his requirements, so I phoned up Julian and asked if I could have the jacket. If it fitted (which it did!) could I keep it?

So it was agreed that I would keep the jacket and sort out the price at a later date.

After the remembrance service had finished, Julian mentioned to me that I had not requested anything for the MZ?

I replied that I was not bothered, as Julian had trailered the motorcycle away for no cost.

Then to my surprise, Julian then offered to pay for the jacket on my behalf in exchange for the MZ motorcycle as he knew the person who was selling the jacket, and knew that I was in need of a replacement jacket.

Well, that was a fair exchange - CMA style  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**

# Springfields Motorbike Show Jan 2007

by John Pritchard

Early January and I was wrapped up for the journey south to Spalding, famous for the tulips and daffodils, where a motorcycle event was being held at the Springfield's shopping/gardening centre.



After calling for Ian Stewart, we met with Bob Hudson, "Zippy" and Elise, Krista, Terry Riddle and Les Jones, on the A1 south to Colsterworth Services. As they chatted between themselves, I was talking to a gardener, who asked me what the cross on my back was for?

After a brief conversation I handed the ex-serviceman a CMA leaflet.

The journey was steady on the same roads used by "Motorcycle News" riders who use the route to test out new motorcycles, which is filled with bends and short straights through some beautiful villages and countryside.

Just outside Bourne, we all came to a halt off the main road as one of the members was taken ill, so it was out with the "Christian" first aid, lay on hands with a prayer.

Once more we travelled, having left Bourne and now heading towards Spalding. At a traffic light controlled junction, whilst waiting for a green light, my engine just cut out, what an surprise!

With a check of the fuses, all was ok, except the battery had not coped with

my having had fog lights on.

With a good push, the engine fired up, then I lead the others through Spalding to the Springfield's Centre to meet up with everyone else in the motorcycle park, close to the entrance of the main hall.

Ian Stewart called us together for a prayer time before we made our way into the main entrance, then we looked in the main and small halls, along with the two large marquee's. Clothing and helmets were very cheap. I met up with Jed and his wife from Kirkby Le Thorpe, who are keen members of "Trikes R Us" at their club stand with their 8 cylinder diesel powered trike which took up most of the allocated space.

There was a varied assortment of stalls. Over the two days a number of motorcycling sports personalities made an appearance, such as Jenny Tinmouth (TT rider) Mike Walker, Leon Haslam, Cal Crutchlow, Stuart Easton, Steve Plater and Neil King.

I was asked by a couple of visitors, why did we (CMA) not have a stand or a stall? mmm maybe next year.

Though this is not a large venue by some standards, it is a friendly event, not over crowded and is a way to make ourselves known to the Lincolnshire motorcyclists, clubs and traders.



#### Caption competition 4

This was sent in by Ted Russell. Its the one he uses to go to the shops on a Saturday morning, Think we are all ageing. Give your interpretation and win that prize of 'wishful thinking'

The kids also have a competition on page 19. Who will win?

What have you got planned for 2007?

Let us have some stories of what you're planning so we can follow your journey and pray for your group, and the things you're getting involved in.

What dates have you got so far for 2007?

The National dates we have are on page 25 so start planning your year for holidays and extra days off. Bring the family to the National, bring your friends from your church, bring your mates, let's make it the biggest yet.



#### The caption competition 3

Hi everyone.

Well we have a winner, it's:- Pidd

The Three Wise Monkeys -

Hear no motorbikes; Speak no motorbikes; See no motorbikes.

(Don't you believe it!)



The prize was 'wishful thinking' well done Pidd

*We thank Duke for the donation of DVD's which will be put to good use as they are used at some of the bikers events run by the CMA.*



Rob Urand at a Donnington on track day 2004

## “Ride with a Purpose” for the Lord

by Dot Gough - West Yorkshire Branch



"Some 4 years ago Jim and I visited Australia and met up with the South Australia CMA in Adelaide. Since then we have kept in touch with them. It's good for us to know how the Lord is working 12,000 miles across the world amongst Christian "bikers" who have the same heart for God that we have here in the UK. We regularly send them the Chain Link and have e-mailed them with news. One day we received their magazine and who should be in there but a fellow brother CMA member John Pritchard. He'd been over to Adelaide and had visited the same branch.

CMA South Australia were producing new merchandise and so Jim and John both purchased a polo shirt with the Australian Logo "Riding with Purpose" on the front. The world may seem a very large place, but distance does not separate the Christian family. When we visited Australia we were made to feel so welcome by the CMA and felt part of their family and I'm sure that John felt the same. We hope to visit again some time and we know that we will receive a warm welcome. I'm sure it's the same for those of you who have visited the CMA across Europe, South Africa and the States.

## EU English Dennis Harley takes no credit for his article he found.



The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5-year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy.

The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards kan have one less letter. There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible.

Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling.

Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensibl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united Urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

### The Ducks

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!" So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one. Along comes St. Peter with the ugliest man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!" The next day, the second woman steps accidentally on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman. The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps. She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on ... very tall, long eyelashes, muscular, and thin. St. Peter chains them together without saying a word. The happy woman says, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?" The guy says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"

# Christian Resources Exhibition, WestPoint Exeter

by Nick Ruskin-Bristol Branch

Devon and Cornwall branch joined Bristol branch in a joint stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition near Exeter over the three days Thursday 25th January 07, to Saturday 27th.

I was joined by Stephen Hague on the Wednesday to organise the stand and to put things in place. Other members of both branches gave their time, as and when they were available. Our contact at the event, Nick Lydiard, was very kind and accommodating and arranged for us to even get a bike on the stand inside the centre and also electricity to run a laptop for the CMA film on DVD, and a general CMA photo slide show.

Saltash, being closer than Bristol, meant that I could commute back and forward each day and, come the end of the weekend, I had covered over 500 miles as I had also travelled back to Bristol for a breakfast presentation on the Saturday morning, before returning to Exeter for the afternoon. In my experience, the attention paid to our stand was unprecedented, especially on the Thursday and Friday. At times people were queuing to speak with us and to find out what the CMA is all about. Many contacts



were made, or to use a more modern phrase, we engaged in considerable 'networking'.

God blessed us with many opportunities to arrange future events for both branches. Organisations and churches who felt that they could invite us to visit them and speak to their groups.

By Saturday evening I was exhausted and really glad to sink into my armchair at home. My throat was feeling strained after all the talking and my voice was beginning to go, but it had been worth every second, every ounce of effort and energy to tell the people about the work we do in our Lord and Saviours name with bikers.

May God's name be praised loud and clear to all.



## Easter Song by Sue Brown



Will you whisper me a raindrop  
somewhere on the rushing wind  
breathing gently through the water  
lying damply on my skin.

Will you chuckle from the vortex as it's  
sucking out the bath,  
bursting rainbow coloured bubbles  
from a soapy-handed laugh.

Will you talk of morning glory, of the  
corncrake and the lark,  
or the ragged chill of evening, when  
the fox and vixen bark.

Will you stir up autumn thunder, pierce  
my ears with lightening crack;  
ripping ribbons through the nimbus,  
bouncing off the chimney stack.

Will you part the cloudy blanket, write  
me kisses in the sky  
with the vapour trails of jet-planes as  
they pass each other by.

Will you shake the tree of life and  
scatter thoughts like ripened fruit  
on the lush red earth of mourning  
where, in grief, they'll send forth root.

Will you draw me living water, wash  
the blindness from these eyes  
and with words of truth bring freedom  
from the curse of pain and lies.

Will you lead me through the garden  
where you cried because you knew  
what the Father's will had purposed,  
yet you chose to see it through.

Will you help me climb Golgotha, take  
me up the path of tears,.  
bind me to the cross you carried,  
faced with death, allay my fears

Will you guide me to the altar, blessed  
Saviour's mercy seat.  
hold me close while I am washed in  
blood and payment is complete.

Will you always walk before me safely  
holding my right hand  
so I take a path unshaken to your  
joyous Promised Land.

Will you clothe my soul in glory, joining  
with the mighty throng  
bowing low and crying, 'Holy! Spotless  
Lamb!' in bridal song.

# Sponsored Run August 2006

by David Hunter Rest of Scotland Branch

At our Branch AGM, autumn 2005, we decided that our sponsored run in 2006 would be in aid of Teen Challenge, and the theme of 'harbours' for the run was proposed. As many of you will know, Teen Challenge is a



Christian organisation, started in the USA by David Wilkerson (of Cross and the Switchblade fame), to work with young addicts, with the aim of not only setting them free from their addiction, but leading them to a personal relationship with Christ. In the UK, the work of Teen Challenge is not restricted to teenagers, but the organisation works with drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes etc of any age. One of the ways Teen Challenge operates is through an effective bus ministry, where converted buses, driven and staffed by volunteers, park up in appropriate venues and provide safe, warm and dry places for people to come and have a hot drink and talk about their problems and addictions. Those who want help to come off their addictions can be accepted onto the Teen Challenge programme and be referred to one of the residential centres around the UK, where they can be helped not only to be set free

from their addiction, but also to find and respond to Christ. As well as the bus ministry, Teen Challenge operates drop-in cafes, staffed by volunteers, and also now has a growing ministry to schools, aiming to bring a preventative

message to young people regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse.

When the route for the 'harbours' run was being planned, I have to admit to a problem linking the theme with anything Teen Challenge was involved with. Then it struck me that the buses were like 'harbours'. They were safe havens where hurting people could go to talk with a friendly volunteer and have a hot drink and some food. Yet another example of how our God works through 'God-incidences' to bring things together. So the run route evolved - we would start on the Friday at South Queens ferry - under the Forth Bridge, then travel up the East Neuk of Fife through all the pretty wee fishing villages to St Andrews, then to Dundee via the Tay Bridge and up the East coast to Montrose. On the Saturday we would continue up the East coast to Fraserburgh,

then along the Moray Firth to Nairn, where the run would finish on Saturday evening. On Sunday we arranged to attend morning service at the Barn Church Culloden - so named because the original church was indeed a barn.

Some 23 bikers took part in the run, mainly Rest of Scotland members, along with some friends. After weeks of scorching sunny weather (one of the best summers we have had in recent years), Friday 18th dawned rather overcast, with a bit of East coast haar (sea mist to our Southern cousins) hanging around. Other than that, the day was dry for most of us, with the exception of a ten-minute downpour half-way through the morning. A few unfortunate riders who could not make the morning start and came up to Montrose that evening had the most unpleasant experience of riding through absolutely torrential rain all the way from their starting point at Helensburgh right to Montrose - a distance of something like 140 miles. After a good night's rest (for most of us, with the exception of one rider who decided to camp!) we set off the next morning in thick haar. The visibility was so bad that we were continually wiping our visors and it was like riding in pea soup. This continued all the way up to Fraserburgh and then for some 20-30 miles along the Moray coast - then the haar lifted and for a few minutes the sun shone - until the rain came on. Oh the joys of biking! It was a very wet and tired group of bikers who

eventually arrived at their B&Bs in Nairn and Inverness that evening.

The retired minister who took the service on the Sunday was an American ex-missionary and Church of Scotland minister - with the very appropriate name of Bart Buell. Thankfully, the ride home from Inverness (just under 200 miles for most folks) was mainly dry and a fitting end to a tiring, but very enjoyable weekend. We hope to raise around £3,000 for Teen Challenge once all the sponsorship money is in, and thank The Lord once again for the opportunities to witness to folks along the route. The owners of both B&Bs that I stayed in, both in Montrose and Nairn were bikers and several of us had good opportunities to share with folks at various stops during the three days. On a previous sponsored run some years ago we met two teenage bikers on their Aprilia 125's who ended up spending the rest of the day and evening with us and having a great time. One of these (Iain McDonald) has kept in touch and joins us for curry/Chinese nights etc. Iain now races 250's as well as the re-built Aprilia 125 we first met him on, and is involved in the charity Riders for Health. Read his article elsewhere in Chainlink. If we are alive to the possibilities it is amazing how many God-opportunities The Lord provides to us every time we are out, BUT we have to be spiritually alive and awake to see them and run with them.

Riding for the Son.

# A Year of living dangerously (Or my year so far as Chair)

By James Holbrook (American Jim) from Lakes N'Lancs Branch

Not quite as exciting as the film of the same name, but exciting none the less. After Malcolm Smith stepped down this year as our Chair, it fell to debate a m o n g s t ourselves as to who would replace him. It never occurred to me to put myself forward for the post. There are two reasons. The first, I have an abiding distrust of people who put themselves forward for leadership positions without being asked. Please do not take offence if you have. I just feel that is a sign that you should not be in that position. The next reason is my sense of organisation, or rather the lack of it. Words like could not, bakery, bunfight and organise spring to mind. A few of you may also be thinking of events in breweries, but we don't use such language in Chainlink. Put it this way; on some days I have problems getting hold of my own backside with either hand (this is an American expression if you haven't heard it before). So when asked I had to think about it long and hard. It was either I take the post with Mike as vice-chair or we would become a twig once again of North Cheshire. As I said to



Christine, our Treasurer; "I would rather do the job badly, than not see it done at all."

I pointed this all out to the others, but as one of them said (and she shall remain nameless), "This could be your

making". Anyway, I would like to say that everything has turned out 100% Hunky-Dory. We have led loads of our fellow bikers to Christ. We are an indispensable part of the local bike scene. Our Branch is growing in leaps and bounds. We Err, I like to say all this but I can't. I have done dumb things like getting us locked out of our meeting place. We have a few more members than we did last year, praise God. And we are still working on getting ourselves established locally and giving ourselves a presence, though we are getting there.

I suppose I had better reference this little piece back to the Bible. The scenario reminds me of the calling of Moses. What was he doing at the time? Herding sheep. Hardly the best CV for the one who would lead God's chosen people out of captivity. And he let God know it as well. But God saw past his past failings, his situation and his lack of confidence in himself

and saw the possibilities and hidden talents Moses possessed and called him to something greater. There is a line in the film, "The World's Fastest Indian", where the main character Burt Munro says, "All my life I've wanted to do something big." Well ladies and gentlemen, we are. I do feel as if I am in the place where God wants me. It is an awesome responsibility. But if God is calling you, He is calling you for a purpose. He knows what you are capable of even if you don't. No one said it would be easy. And sometimes you may feel that you are in over your head. But let me leave you with a story I heard at a youth work conference several years ago:

A mother was taking her ten year old son to a concert being put on by a world famous pianist. (No, not Liberace) She was hoping he would be inspired by the maestro to continue the music lessons in which he was rapidly losing interest. So she scrubbed him up and dressed him in

a suit and tie. But a ten year old boy in a suit is still a ten year old boy. At the concert hall he refused to sit still and stop fidgeting and finally got up to leave. In order to stop him from making a scene she chased after her son who of course ran faster. After all, how many ten year old boys can't outrun their mothers? She pursued him around the hall until he inadvertently wound up on the stage on which the pianist was to perform his concert. The audience, seeing him on stage, mistook him for the pianist. Flustered, he sat down at the piano and began to play the only thing he could remember from his lessons; chopsticks. He played for about ten seconds before he realized he had been joined by another pianist. Unbeknown to him, the pianist had sat down on the bench next to him and began to play next to him, incorporating the child's version of chopsticks into a greater melody. This is what God can do with our own feeble efforts.

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural Texas. He shot and dropped a duck, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it." The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here." The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the United States and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own. The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in Texas. We settle small disagreements like this with the 'Three Kick Rule.'" The lawyer asked, "What is the Three Kick Rule?" The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurred on my land, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up." The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff then made the lawyer lose his early morning breakfast. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie. The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, Now it's my turn." (wait for it!) The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

# ONE OF OUR SPONSORS

CORTIJO de SAN JOSE

Iznajar, Andalucia, Spain

Telephone: (0034) 606 10 18 10 / Email: [newfrontiers@mercuryin.es](mailto:newfrontiers@mercuryin.es)



A beautifully restored farmhouse in the heart of Andalucia  
Within easy reach of Malaga, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, and the ski resort  
of Sierra Nevada

A nature lover's paradise, in the heart of the Subbetica National Park  
Ideal for walking, biking, painting, bird watching, touring, or just getting away  
from it all

Great food, great hospitality!



Overlooking the stunning Lake of Iznajar, CORTIJO de SAN JOSE is set amongst mature olive groves in a beautiful and rural part of the Andalucian countryside. This fabulous old farmhouse has been lovingly restored by the present owners and now offers 3 double bedrooms, each with en-suite and comfortable

seating area. There are many terraces for sunbathing or relaxing in the shade - great places to have breakfast, paint, read or just relax with a glass of Rioja. The basic package is bed and breakfast based on 2 people sharing a room and is charged at Euros 55 per room per night. Dinner with wine is offered on a dinner-party basis at Euros 15 per person. During the warmer months, a BBQ supper will also be offered. Car hire is essential and because of all the fascinating places to visit, lunch is usually taken away from the property. Come and experience the real Spain!

**A COUNTRY GUESTHOUSE IN THE HEART OF ANDALUCIA**

## SOME OF OUR SPONSORS



### **ECCLES RACING**

**Motorcycle Parts & Gear, Wheelbuilding,  
MORE PARTS THAN YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK AT**  
British, Japanese, Harley spares, road, race and custom.  
Wheelbuilding 25 years experience.

Many other special offers on a wide range of products. For example:-  
many half price deals on Shoei/Sidi/Spada leathers, jackets,  
racesuits, gloves, boots. Helmets from £29, headlights from £11,  
new lines on the web see:- [www.rotosport.co.uk](http://www.rotosport.co.uk) & [www.feridax.com](http://www.feridax.com)

#### **ALSO ARE YOU HARD ENOUGH FOR STEEL JEANS?**

Denim Jeans with nylon coated steel mesh in seat and knees, cotton lined for comfort. Feel just like an ordinary pair of jeans; no unsightly lumps! comfort fit, boot cut. (will go inside or over bike boots)

Waist sizes 30" to 44" only 32" inside leg at present.

£69

Whatever the product it's worth a phone call on:- 01842 755525  
Opening times are : 10 to 6.30pm & 10 to 4.30pm on Saturday

Closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

Eccles Racing 101 Canons Walk Thetford Norfolk IP24 3PT.

### **CMA UK Web site**

[www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk) e-mail us at [cma-admin@bike.org.uk](mailto:cma-admin@bike.org.uk)

**Tel: 0800 0154479**

CMA UK PO BOX 8155 Loughborough LE11 9AR

Also available for  
Western Europe &  
London Street  
Map



**The Map that lasts!**

12 miles to 1 inch  
UK & N. Ireland

The maps are published by Roy O'Hara, a member of the CMA.  
Profit from sales are going to CMA National funds. Members also  
get a good discount. Phone 0800 0154479 leave message.



Iain Grimes and Neil John, pictured above on their Honda VFR's, are the founders of the BMF Biker Legal Line. Both Iain and Neil are solicitors at Ward Gethin, one of the largest firms in East Anglia, which is dedicated to serving the needs of bikers and their families. Ward Gethin has large departments dealing with many areas of law, including personal injury claims, civil and commercial disputes, house sales and purchases and tax advice and planning.

For friendly and efficient advice, from one biker to another, call either Iain or Neil in the first instance on 01553 660033.

## **Ward Gethin**

8-12 Tuesday Market Place, Kings Lynn,  
Norfolk, PE30 1JT.

Tell: 01553 660033 Fax: 01553 766857

[www.wardgethin.co.uk](http://www.wardgethin.co.uk)

## A message from Mike Fitton. President (UK) CMA



**Mike and  
Sandy Fitton**

In this edition of Chainlink you have read personal stories from people in CMA who are experiencing a day to day relationship with Jesus Christ. Do you experience the same thing?

The bible clearly states that God loves us so much that He has done everything necessary to establish that relationship and deal with the wrong things in our lives.

**John Ch3 V16** says "God so loved the world (that's you and me) that He sent His Son Jesus (to take the punishment for the sins of the world by dying on the Cross) that whoever believes in Him (His death and resurrection) will have everlasting life (we will have a relationship with Him every second of every day and be certain of a place in Heaven when we die).

A friend told me once "Every time a Christian Biker told me that I wanted it to be true!" It is. You and I can have a relationship with God. Now that's Good News!

Another verse from the bible which helped me a great deal is **Romans Ch5 v8** "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us". In other words, God didn't wait for us to become perfect, His love reached out to us. He promises to forgive us if we honestly apologise for the things we have done, whatever they are. **1John Ch1 v9** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness".

A young man who had made a terrible

mess of his life once said, "If only I could start all over again, if only I could be born again and start over!" Well I had news for him, you can. Jesus gives us a new start, and clears away all the mess of the past and gives us a sure and certain future.

If God existed would you want to know Him? Of course you would it would be ridiculous to say no!

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 out to Jesus Christ He will hear you. 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 be Lord. Please forgive all the wrong things I have done, wash me clean and fill me with Your Spirit. 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.

We want to support you and send you some teaching materials that will be very useful. You're now part of God's family and a Brother or Sister in Christ. Contact:-

**CMA UK PO BOX 8155 Loughborough  
LE11 9AR**

Free Phone 0800 0154479



**Tel: 0800 0154479**  
**CMA UK PO BOX 8155**  
**Loughborough**  
**LE11 9AR**



**e-mail: [cma-admin@bike.org.uk](mailto:cma-admin@bike.org.uk)**

**Web [www.bike.org.uk](http://www.bike.org.uk)**