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Mike Fitton : National Chairman CMA UK.

“What? That’s just not right !!!”



After sharing the Gospel message with people for over thirty four years, I have never lost the passion that God placed in my heart back in 1978. I don't profess to be the best evangelist but, in my weakness, I have seen Jesus make a significant difference in many lives. People respond in so many different ways and it never ceases to amaze me, I love it!

A couple of weeks ago I was heading up a team working in Holy Joes at the Stormin' the Castle MAG Rally near Bishop Auckland in County Durham.

The weather leading up to the rally was dreadful and the site was deep in mud even before the gates opened on Friday. Tractors towed the vendors onto the site and pathways were literally ploughed to make it safer for the bikers to get around.

Our team was smaller than usual and everyone had to work longer hours to cover the shifts; lack of sleep and deep mud left us very tired indeed. At Stormin' the Castle we remain open 24hrs a day and we usually serve in excess of 5,000 bikers.

Everyone worked incredibly hard; they were a tribute to CMA.

During the night shift in the early hours of Sunday morning, I was beginning to get very tired when a couple of drunk bikers came into the marquee and I just knew that God had brought them there for a purpose, I will be honest - my first thought was "Oh no! I'm too tired Lord, not now!" But I had prayed for opportunities to share God's love, and tiredness could wait. Before I knew what was happening, the first guy, Andy, approached me and asked "**So what's all this Christian stuff about?**"

We had a long conversation about sin and that God can forgive us if we ask Him, because Jesus took our punishment on Calvary's Cross.

I explained that Jesus hadn't sinned but He chose to die for us and rose on the third day.

Now don't forget I have shared this story thousands of times, just like many of you, and heard all sorts of responses, but Andy's was a whole new ball game; he suddenly became aggressive and blurted out

"What? That's just not right! He took our punishment but hadn't done anything himself? That's not right."

I couldn't contain myself and I grabbed his shoulders and said,

"Exactly, THAT is the Gospel!"

Andy knew nothing of the Bible, nothing of God's love; he has personal standards but they fall far short of God's perfection, just like mine. He didn't know that his sin separates him from God. For the first time in his life, he realised that God has offered the world Mercy and Grace through Calvary's Cross – totally undeserved - and it stopped him in his tracks. His face was a picture. He wasn't ready to respond to that Grace yet, but he did say he would read the Biker Bible and think it through.

I wonder when we last responded to God's Grace in a similar way, or have we become complacent and too familiar, taking the Gospel we share for granted?

John Newton (1725-1807), the writer of Amazing Grace, once wrote:

'When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there. The first wonder will be to see many there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people who I did expect to see; and the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there.'

Let me encourage you to listen to the responses people make when they hear the Gospel for the first time. They are so real, and even after thirty four years it still challenges me; may it never end.

'I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.'

CS Lewis wrote:

'If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.'

Please pray with me for Andy - I want to meet him in Heaven one day.

God bless you in all that God calls you to do in CMA.

(Tiredness can wait....)

Mike



If we don't live by priorities,
we will live by pressures.
J. John

Farmyard Rally 2012

Glen Knight : CMA West Yorkshire

This year, the rally was held over the weekend of 15th to 17th June at Dunscombe Park in Helmsley, North Yorkshire.

The weather was "inclement"; Friday was wet, with regular showers; Saturday was a better day, with a couple of showers in the morning and Sunday (being typical) was dry and sunny.

According to MAG, there were approximately 7,000 bikers in attendance over the weekend. This kept the Holy Joe's busy, as well as the marshals. One particular problem they had was trying to keep the tarmac roads clear of bikes so that emergency services and all other traffic (e.g. entertainment and farm machinery) could be free-moving, as the camping fields were muddy and churned up. Along with being able to help in any way we could, we patrolled the non-fire camping field.

needed, shortages were covered by those who were supposed to be "off duty".



As usual, the Holy Joe's "staff" were able to offer help and a listening ear to bikers who have issues in their lives. For example, a biker came in wanting help, as he had been "rugby tackled" and was totally wet through and muddy. We helped him out with a gift of money so he could buy clean and dry clothes from a stall on site, then alerting security, asking them to escort him to ensure he did what we had asked. They then let him use the staff showers and, after he had cleaned himself up, he came back to thank us.

Over the weekend, the CMA's presence was greatly appreciated and we had feedback saying that we provided a good service by just "being there", and thanking us for "all that we do". At times, we don't have to say anything to proclaim the Gospel; our presence with our crosses can speak volumes.

On the downside, even with 23 people, we were desperately short of volunteers,

even though numerous appeals for help had been issued.

The Farmyard has been backed by the Executive and has become a national event due to size of the rally which is usually in excess of 10,000 bikers. Please can I urge you to pray about helping at next year's event. Without your help,

we can't serve the bikers and MAG as a professional organisation with a servant heart.



Jules & Caroline (N.E. Branch)



A soggy Sandy in a quagmire

For the rally we had 23 volunteers to cover the Holy Joe's and the marshalling from 12 p.m. on the Friday through to around 2 p.m. on Sunday. As always, everybody worked hard during their shift allocations and, where and when



Some of the "troops"

Farmyard Rally 2012

Janet Robson : CMA North East

I'm Jan, and I'm a supporter in the North East Branch, and the guy in the photo with a great smile is Bri.

Bri loves motorbikes, but because he's disabled, he's never been able to ride one. So, when he said he had never been to a rally (neither had I) and wanted to go, and I knew the Farmyard was coming up (and not too far to go for the day), I set out to get him there. I tried to find the Back Street Heroes magazine with the number in, but couldn't get one, so I phoned Sandy and Mike who told me the website to look at. I got a number but, although the office was closed, thankfully there was an emergency number. I rang that and a guy phoned me back (I was praying all through this because I knew that if God wanted us there, then doors would open). I explained my situation and he



I put on my fab wellies and we walked to the main gates. When we got there, I started to explain to the marshall that I needed to phone Mike at the Holy Joe's tent, when he asked if we were Bri and Jan.

Sandy then took us to get our wrist bands. Swifty took Bri over to the main site, with me following on foot (again). Bri and I had a lovely day, and Swifty said he'd come back for Bri (as Bri can't walk too far).

He introduced himself as Swifty of the CMA and took Bri to the Holy Joe's in his buggy and I followed on foot.

Bri was introduced to Mike, Sandy and Guy, and we sat and talked over a cup of tea.

Later on, Swifty took Bri back to Holy Joe's where we enjoyed chatting to Mike, Sandy and Guy. When we were ready to go, Swifty came back for Bri and whilst I went for the car, he took Bri round the camp site, then met me at the gates.

Bri and I had a fantastic day, thanks to all you guys. But there is one particular person that I want to say a "big thank you" to, because I know that it was this person who opened all the doors so Bri and I could go. So, a big thank you to God.



asked me if I'd be working on the site. I said no, but that I would be wearing my cross and, at that, he said he was happy for us to have entry "on the back of" the CMA (Thank You God). He told me who was organising it for the CMA, so I phoned Guy and explained my plans to him. He phoned me back and told me it was all in place.

Friday came and it was raining a lot, so armed with my wellies, I set off with Bri (he was so excited and so was I). I phoned Mike as planned before we set off and he told me what to do once we got there. The marshalls were brilliant and, with their help, we parked the car.



"Quad man" Swifty. When you need a lift, who ya gonna call? Call Swifty!!

All I wanted was to be wanted....

Gil Mathews : Hampshire & Surrey Borders

Because to "be wanted", meant to me to be loved, appreciated, respected.

As a child, the father I wanted was hardly ever there. I wanted a father who would spend time with me, teach me things, without there being conditions attached.

The only time I was close to my father and I thought, loved and wanted, was when at my tenth birthday party; he raped me. Of course I went screaming to mum, who ignored my pleas and assured me that this was what men, in general, were like, and he did it because he loved me, his "little princess".

Many times after that, I learned that I was wanted, and I thought I was loved because of it. How wrong I was.

As a teenager, I became withdrawn and shy. At college I was a loner, preferring my own company to joining in with the other students. My passion for motorcycles meant that I could get away on my own, to do my own thing.

Even during my married life, how my husband and I ever managed to have two children, has only got to be of God. He even had His hand on my life then, but I didn't know it.

My working life was eventful. It was the only time I think I actually got what I wanted. In my day, not like now, the cops automatically got the respect and appreciation of the public. I was a Law Enforcement Officer on the streets of New York and Detroit, then a detective, initially riding with the Hells Angels, and later sent on international ops as an FBI officer.

At last, I thought, I was wanted.... I actually liked being a LEO. Then God took a hand in my life again; you see, He's been there all the time really . . .

I was on "ops" as we call it, to London, UK. The team were briefed, and we flew into London Heathrow, where we were to meet up with a special unit of the British police.

All went swimmingly, until the shooters came out, and we unarmed officers ducked for cover. My partner, soon to have been my husband (we were just three weeks away from our big day), was killed. The bullet which went right through him, killing him instantly, became lodged in my spine and is still there, as my constant reminder of that day.

Lying in a hospital bed, completely paralyzed from the waist down, angry and frustrated that I couldn't do a thing for myself, I cried out to what I thought then was God, "Why didn't you let me die too?" Several weeks later, I was discharged from the hospital with a wheelchair, after being told that there was nothing that could be done for me, and I was to be in this wheelchair for the rest of my life.

My career in the FBI was over.

Then God took a hand in my life, and changed it completely, so much that it became unrecognisable! I gave my life and my heart to Yeshua Jesus sitting on the loo one morning. My life changed from then on. He changed my angry, hurting heart.

Many years later, I was called to my dying father's bedside, and his last words to me were to say sorry. I forgave him and then he died. That one simple act opened the door to my healing, physically, and emotionally.

Then many years after that, a very dear friend, a British woman police officer was killed on the streets of London UK, and it was all over the papers and CNN news. That was how I heard about it. My anger welled up in me again, and I wanted nothing but revenge - for her, for my partner, and for me.

The ***** who left me in this wheelchair was allegedly the same person who had killed those I really cared about.

Many years later, I was asked by an ex-colleague, also a Christian, to visit a secure prison in the UK, to meet with the alleged perpetrator. I really felt hatred like you wouldn't believe towards this person. I was wheeled into the visitor's area, and a small, gaunt-looking man came towards me. He just fell in front of me, crying. He could see the anger and hatred in me. I really wanted to kill this guy, I wanted to get out of the wheelchair and kill him with my bare hands, I was just so angry.

The screws pulled him away and sat him down on a chair opposite me, but a little way away from me. He could not look at me. He stared at the floor, for so long a time.

Then I felt a hand on my shoulder, I looked round and no-one was there. I just knew it was Jesus standing there. Then a scripture passage came into my mind...Mark 11: 25, "And when you pray, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you"

I had already learned that forgiving someone of something was the key which opened the door to my healing!

So, summoning up all the physical strength I could find, I reached my hand out to this man, and took his. He looked up at me, his eyes filled with tears, and I remember saying "I forgive you. I forgive you because God, my God, commands me to forgive you".

The room was hushed. No one moved, it was as if time had been stopped for just that moment. He said something which really surprised me, and brought me up short.



"Thank you Jesus", and looking up at me, he said "Thank you too".

It was then that I just knew this guy had given his life to Jesus; when I don't know, that wasn't important at that moment. He hugged me for so long, whispering in my ear, "I'm so sorry, just so, so sorry". The screws also had tears in their eyes, and they started over to us to separate us, but I waved them away.

I came back to my hotel room, feeling somehow happy. A huge weight had been lifted off me; all the anger and hatred had gone. I lay on the bed looking at the ceiling for so long that I fell asleep and slept for nearly two days. That was the best sleep I had had in years!

When I woke up, I swung myself as if to sit on the edge of the bed, pulled the wheelchair to the bed, and hit my leg with the foot pedals. Ouch, that damn well HURT!! A lovely bruise began to appear on my leg, and that hurt too. But how could it? I was paralyzed from the waist down, and if I was paralyzed I shouldn't be feeling pain in that leg. Then I remembered that forgiveness was the key to open the door to my healing. The scripture says "whosoever stands at the door and knocks...."

I wasn't just knocking Lord, I was banging on that damn door with all I had!

Then I felt two strong hands go under my armpits, and lifted me off the bed, and stand me upright. I was standing. For the first time in nearly five years, I was standing.

And I've been standing up, standing up for Jesus, ever since.

Little was I to know that God's direction for my life was to take me back into the HA chapters as an evangelist, and then into my own ministry as Hellrazer, and onto working with the Christian Motorcyclists Association in the UK.

I've found the love, appreciation, and respect that I wanted. I found them in the Family of God.

And you can have it too.

Just accept Jesus.

National Chairman's Award

Each year at our National Rally, Mike Fitton makes a special presentation to someone who has stood out over the past year and contributed to the ministry of CMA, giving of themselves beyond what is normally expected.

Mike says:

"I have always said that it is very difficult to choose one person because everyone in CMA deserves an award; but this year, the National Chairman's Award goes to Claire Clark, our graphic designer who lives near Durham.

Claire is dedicated to the ministry of CMA and has tirelessly given of her time and inspiration to produce all the leaflets, posters, bookmarks, pop up displays, membership workbooks and Sid's tracts that we use on a daily basis.

I am sure you will agree with me that her work is of a high standard and has enabled CMA UK to move forward.

On behalf of CMA I would like to thank Claire and her husband Jonathan. May God bless you and your family as you serve Him."



Check out the web site (www.bike.org.uk) for events throughout 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

The CMA go to many rallies, shows, and motorcycle events throughout the UK.

Let the CMA know about your rally.

Ask about the Holy Joe's Cafe that the CMA take to many rallies.

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Please note that, as a registered charity, we have our rules and a constitution to help ensure that the CMA is run according to agreed principles.

There is a handbook, updated annually (usually in May), which is available on the web.

<http://www.bike.org.uk/cma/download.php>

On the CMA web site, there are various files for download, such as posters and flyers for CMA (UK) events, including the handbook. This is not a large document (37 pages). If you're unable to print it, contact the National Secretary for a copy, or your own branch members might be able to help.

Please make use of the handbook, as it guides the working of our branches and the CMA Ministry and provides most of the answers to your branch's working within the CMA ministry. However, always feel free to contact your Executive members for any clarification you might need.

Our Furry People Magnet

Heike West : CMA Thames Valley

CMA Thames Valley has a rather unusual but very effective "member" – our German Shepherd, Spock. This year Spock attended his first rally at Easter and now has an impressive three under his belt – well collar actually.



Spock is only fourteen months old so, technically, is still a puppy – while being introduced as half wolf, half bear due to his sheer size. However, his size doesn't seem to put people off at all. He is a people magnet wherever we go and we've had people come into Holy Joe's just because we had Spock there. Our dog has turned into a huge evangelistic asset – a real conversation starter and ice breaker. And we never have to sweep up any biscuits off the floor...

about dogs they owned, their life, their problems.

Unfortunately dogs aren't allowed at all rallies and we shall miss him at the autumn NABD at Enstone Airfield but maybe, if he gains mascot status sometime soon, he will be able to attend all rallies with us.

Bringing the dog means either my husband or I have to come in the car – but as we are expecting the youngest CMA Thames Valley member at the end of November, my CBR 600 has had to stay in the garage for most of this year anyway. So, two excuses to bring the car!

We are still looking for ideas of how to show Spock with the CMA – unfortunately there aren't any dog accessories available through the CMA, but maybe someone out there has some



So be encouraged! There are so many ways of reaching people, and sometimes it's through a furry friend! If you come to one of the rallies we attend, pop in and meet Spock.



He doesn't just appeal to children, who sometimes literally hang off him and his crimped fur behind his ears. He melts the hardest hearts! Who says big hairy bikers can't be soppy! People give him toys, treats and they pour out their hearts

ideas? We really don't want to put him into actual clothes. Until then, his dog tag will need to be enough. It states name and address, etc., on one side, and says "Jesus loves you" on the other.

Congratulations !!

CMA Sussex Riders For Christ celebrated the wedding of Tony (Trailee) and Tricia Knight which took place in Steeple Bumpstead, Essex, on 1st September. On September 8th, there was also a blessing of their marriage at their "home" church of St Marks in Horsham.



Prayer :

When we pray, remember :

1. The love of God that wants the best for us.
2. The wisdom of God that knows what is best for us.
3. The power of God that can accomplish it

William Barclay

Pray as if everything depends upon God, then work as if everything depends upon you.

Martin Luther

"I never pray for more than fifteen minutes, but I never go more than fifteen minutes without praying."

Smith Wigglesworth

The AGM, (in April every year) is a weekend of fellowship, praise and half a day of the business. Have you ever been? The hospitality is always excellent, as is the food, etc. This is for everyone in the CMA.

Need to know more?

Ask your branch chair or a member of the Exec.

The Exec are there for you to speak to - so ask all those questions.



Calling all CMA Members and Supporters

It sounds obvious, but please remember that Chainlink is your magazine. What would you like to see included in the content? If you have any suggestions about regular features, the format or anything related to it, please don't hesitate to contact us by email (chainlink@bike.org.uk). All items submitted for inclusion in the magazine will be considered. If, for reasons of space, an item doesn't make it into the next issue, the sender(s) will be informed, and their item may be taken forward to the following edition.

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Norfolk
Norfolk Borders
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West Midlands



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Northern Ireland

North East

(East Yorkshire)
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(Northallerton (Thirsk))

North East

North East Derbyshire

West Yorkshire

North West

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North Cheshire
South Lancs

South West

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North & West Wales

South Wales

South East

Hampshire and Dorset
Hampshire and Surrey Borders
Kent
Kent Coast
Most of Essex
South East London
(North East London)
South West London
Suffolk
Sussex
Thames Valley

*Items in (brackets) indicate "Twigs":
branches in development*

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Zimbabwe

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www.cmainternational.org/world-map.aspx



Yes, we know the map needs updating (still) !!

News from the CMA UK National Secretary



As I write this, the summer holidays are over and it does not seem very long since I wrote my first article for Chainlink, but it is about four months ago. Since then, what has been happening? Well, from the emails I send out, many branches have been busy across the summer attending events and running Holy Joes. The Executive held a meeting in June at Youth Bike and the National Rally took place in July. Some members went to the Irish Rally at the end of June and the EMC in August. Bikers Church in Warrington celebrated its second anniversary at the beginning of September.

Turning to the Executive, we have a number of projects that are on-going and hope to be able to put more information on the website about these shortly. We have two more meetings planned for this year – 3rd November and 1st December. Thank you for your support and prayers.

In my last article, I mentioned that the CMA UK AGM 2013 will be held in the East Midlands and the dates for this are the weekend of 18th to 20th April, with the AGM to be held on Saturday 19th April in the afternoon – further details will follow nearer the time.

Finally, if you change your email address, please do let us know so that we can ensure that everyone is kept up-to-date with what is going on.

Elaine Williams

Do all the good that you can
By all the means that you can
In all the ways that you can
In all the places that you can
At all the times that you can
To all the people that you can
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

The word "impossible" is not in
Heaven's dictionary.

You do not test the resources of God
until you attempt the impossible.

F.B. Meyer

For Your Diary : UK Events 2012 - 2013

October

14th : CMA Sussex Riders for Christ - Brighton (Brighton)

19th - 21st : CMA Staffordshire - Carole Nash Motorcycle Mechanics Show (Staffordshire County Showground)

21st : CMA Gloucester - Hoggin' The Bridge (Chepstow):

Check out the web site for up to date information on all of these events, and others.

December

9th : CMA Thames Valley - Reading Toy Run

Note the dates of the Bikers Church events on the CMA Staffordshire page.

The web site provides lots of useful information about branch activities, too.

2013

April

26th - 28th : CMA Staffordshire - 33rd Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Show (Staffordshire County Showground). This is THE largest Classic Bike show in Europe, maybe, even, the world!



July

14th : CMA Staffordshire - Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership Bike Show (Stoke-on-Trent)

P.S. If it's on your branch web page, it's more likely to be included here! Ed.

An Amazing Adventure!

Tricia Knight : CMA Sussex Riders For Christ

Going to Scotland on the back of a Super Tenere motorbike; something I had never done before.

I have only been riding on the back of Tony's bike since January 2012, and this would be my first big trip.

Scotland is such a long way. Could I do this? What if I were to fall asleep?

How would I get all my stuff in that tiny little box on the side of the bike?

I went on the trip anyway, despite my fears.



All my belongings went into that tiny box on the right

I could do it, and I didn't fall asleep - it was too exciting.

We saw people sitting in coaches, they were all dry and warm but they looked bored and miserable, I would rather be on a bike in the rain than on a coach or in a car in the warm.

With waterproof gear on, you don't notice the rain or the cold, just the scenery and the thrill of the ride; there is nothing like riding on a motorbike, no matter what the weather.

I learned the value of what to take with me. On other holidays, I would take a big suitcase for seven nights; now I only had a tiny box on the side of the bike to fit 'all' that I would need for nearly two weeks.

I had to pick and choose what I really needed, i.e. an iron, (albeit a travel iron), hair dryer, straighteners, make-up, hair products, jewellery, shoes, sandals,

changes of clothes; how was I going to manage???

Well, I decided, I wouldn't need any jewellery, apart from my rings that I never take off. Yes, I would need a hair dryer, and mine is quite small anyway, but you can get smaller ones.

Miniature toiletries are great and no matter where you go, you can always buy replacements. Also useful, a quick drying towel that you can buy from any outdoor shop that folds up very small.

Make-up; I just took the bare minimum and left the straighteners as I wasn't out to impress anyone; anyway, they would all be in the same boat so to speak, and as for the iron? Well, I didn't need it anyway.

I would be wearing bike trousers most of the time; so for seven nights I would only need one pair of jeans to wear for a few hours or you can buy trousers with zips around the legs that you can wear either as trousers or shorts; they are great for packing light; and a pair of trainers, flip flops or flat sandals to go out in.



Socks and underwear can be washed and hung over the airer or radiator to dry so the minimum would be sufficient.

I am usually cold, so really had to think about which tops to take, I took one pair of thermal bottoms and two thermal tops (quite thin but keep you very warm), three thin tops to wear "out" that could be washed out and a cardigan; that was it, I was packed.



Nice View

At the end of the trip, I still had room to pack small souvenir gifts to bring back for family.



The boys and their toys

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On the trip, it didn't take long for me to learn that I was comfortable enough to take photographs while I was sitting on the back, so I used my little digital camera and clipped it to my glove. When it rained I slid it inside my bike jacket sleeve.



Cosy

I soon became the official photographer. That made the ride even more interesting and exciting, capturing the beautiful sites, landscapes and sky scenes, not to mention our friends on their bikes.

If you don't ride as a pillion (maybe you think it's too risky riding all that way or you couldn't pack that light), you don't know what you're missing. Give it a go, and then decide.



Keep up, but watch out



Let me just check the speed



I'm so small, they put me in the top box



The CMA Guide to Scottish Harley Rallies

"Harley" (a.k.a. Gemma Leggett) : CMA East Midlands

In order to survive a Holy Joes so far north that there is nearly no more north to go, you will need to be aware of the following:

1 – Amy Pillinger has amazing powers of persuasion. The incentive was “there will be a ride out through the glens with a few thousand Harleys”, which, in my case, resulted in the response “OK, get me a piling (pillion ride) on a Harley and I'll come”. The upside of this is that you will learn the best sound in the world is not, as you previously thought, the sound of a Harley Davidson; it is in fact, the sound of hundreds of Harleys.

2 - Scottish midges attack in seconds, and those black dots really hurt when they bite you. Also useful is the knowledge that pipe smoke is a fairly good midge repellent and that a hat is essential.

3 - Getting into the camping field is like the Krypton Factor. After going for miles looking for a gap in the fence, a big white tent and friendly Celts are welcome sights.

4 - An HD mug for a hot water bottle is a good swap, although I guess it depends on ambient temperature and level of obsession as to which side of that swap you want to be on.

5 - HOG boys pretend to be really hard, but actually they really want a deluxe hot chocolate too. They are also too scared to admit they have a hot water bottle, so they bring their kettle to be filled instead. It could be thought that HOG members are a different breed to other rally attendees. Some CMAers think they are posh! They are probably just normal. As a result, it's quite tame compared to other rallies, at which you can have a multi-coloured mohican and a painted-on pirate face and no-one bats an eyelid.

6 – If, like me, you don't have an industrial strength bottom that can survive 10+ hours on a bike, then you will need to know about the art of “Pillioning”. Firstly, remember that phones run out of juice after three days' camping, so frantically calling the guy you met at the

border who promised you a ride on his Harley is pointless. This can turn out to be a good thing, and you can instead get a ride on something comfy, in which case you will learn that pillions don't need to hold tight; you can hang off all over the place to take photos, wave like you are the Queen, and get high fives. If this happens, you must later remember that actually, on the back of a Fat Boy, you do need to hang on. This last point followed on from Ian learning that “would you like a ride on a Harley” is a silly question. This was a tragic consequence of my own realisation that doing my bike test on a 125 was, on reflection, not a good idea. There are no restricted Harleys in the European demo fleet.

7 - Deluxe hot chocolate simply cannot be made properly without a wooden 'whippy stick', and, as for not having any flakes... ! The proper making of hot chocolate can, in fact, cause more division amongst Christians than any theological issue. (It's milk first. End of.)

8 – There can be quiet moments when working in Holy Joes and you will need to keep the team occupied. I have spent hours developing the new extreme sport of Tea Bag Flinging. Rules are simple; stand at a suitable distance, put tea bag on tea spoon, aim at bin bag, fling. Note: this game can be more amusing if the penultimate instruction is not followed strictly. Video evidence available on YouTube can attest to this.

9 – Being in a different country, you will need to learn the language. It is, in many ways, quite similar to English, but you will soon notice that the word “wee” features in every sentence uttered by a Scot. You will be copying this within a day, and stuck with it for at least a week. Learning a simple phrase can help to endear you with the locals. Try out “I dinnae ken if there's a moose loose in ma wee breek”. (NB - author holds no responsibility for anything that results from using this phrase) (P.S. Nor does the editor!)

10 – Finally, when all your hard work is done and you are returning home with many itchy bite lumps, a couple of half



price, yet still expensive, HD t-shirts, a large sleep deficit and a saddened heart at leaving new friends, do make sure that you remember for the whole of the journey home (particularly the last 30 miles) that vans go sideways when you are forced to brake suddenly in the wet, and skateboarding tricks should not be attempted in campervans.

After church on Sunday morning, a mother commented, “The music was terrible.”
The father agreed and said, “The sermon was too long.”
Their seven-year-old daughter added, “But you've got to admit that it was a pretty good show for 50p.”



Of Forest Fires, Flying and Farewells to Mum

Steve Grubb : CMA Sussex Riders for Christ

Nearly 100 days on the road... longer than some of our past USA jaunts. Every two or three years, our agency recommends we spend time making contact with the many people who finance and pray for our work. So it's not a vacation. It was day after day of travel and appointments around nine states on the western side of America. That's the framework for the many adventures of our summer.



Driving back to our host home one evening... in the middle of that cloud... the police blockaded the neighborhood, saying 'you are evacuated'

Our first three weeks in Colorado were smokin'... literally hot and fiery! Hundreds of homes burned a few miles from where we were staying. And for the worst three days, we were not allowed in our neighborhood, and had to stay with our boss in a safer zone of the city. It was a lesson in faith and letting go of material things, as all our 'stuff' was in that house that we could not access. Thankfully, the fires did not spread into that area, so we had no losses. Good friends of ours had their whole block flattened by the fires. The response was amazing, as generosity flowed in special gifts to help them through. Some valuable and unique artwork and memorabilia were lost and not replaceable.

Many air and road miles later, we found ourselves in Montana, an ideal motorcycling state. Only recently did they add a daytime speed limit to signs that used to say "65mph night". Two-lane curvy roads with very little traffic were paced at 70mph, and tires almost sang on the bends. Normally, this "Big Sky" country treats you to a unique broad and impressive landscape, but smoke from fires in nearby states robbed the skies of some of that charm. Driving along many rivers in our 'cage' (yes, we were not on two wheels), we battled the sins of jealousy and covetousness as lines of bikers appeared on the scene.

Then came our most unexpected adventure. A contact in Washington state up near the Canadian border had recently taken up the hobby of powered-parachuting. We were there only for dinner, and he spontaneously offered to take us up at a nearby field. Ah, the joys of flying in the wind with no protection other than our helmets, viewing the majestic Mount Baker at sunset. Our pilot got emotional as he shared how similar powered parachutes are being used for missionary work in remote areas of the world... even by relatives of the famous missionaries who were martyred by the Auca Indians of Ecuador a year before my birth. Those martyrs inspired many who followed.



Dad was also a missionary in Korea; they married there and my two brothers and I were born and raised there. Dad passed away the end of 2010. Mum's now celebrating eternity with Dad. And it's a new era in my own life. I look to a future brightened by the smiles of my grandchildren. As I write this, I'm in their presence in Kentucky, winding up this 100-day American adventure.



A worthy temporary substitute for that two-wheel machine I miss back in the UK

On the topic of inspirational missionaries, I'll close with a tribute to my Mum. She graduated to glory on September 3rd. We felt blessed to be with her during her last week of coherent communication. Her life of nearly 92 years was full of faithful service... 40 of those years as a missionary in South Korea. She went there as an unmarried occupational therapist, helping war amputees re-learn how to do practical things with their new limitations. Later, that phased into similar work with leprosy patients.



Final days with my Mum – A hero of the faith



"Wishin' we were two-wheelin' in Montana"

National Rally : 2012





Thanks to Dai for the photos - Ed

CMA at Whitby Regatta

August 2010, I was walking through Crescent Gardens on the weekend of the Whitby Regatta looking at all the vintage motorbikes, when a voice said to me, "Why isn't CMA here?" and I thought "Yes why aren't we here?" I wasn't sure whether it was from God or just me thinking it, so I prayed, knowing that if it was from God, then everything would fall into place.



Mike and Sandy go to my church, so I asked them to pray about it with me.

Ivor, who organises the regatta, agreed to let us have a pitch and everything seemed to be falling into place, but then things turned around and it seemed that it wouldn't happen.

2011 - June came and I went to the Ladies Conference where I met some wonderful people and had a wonderful time. On the Saturday I sat next to Julie who I learnt was married to Steven who had just taken over as my Branch Chairman. On returning home, Steven rang and I told him about my vision for Whitby Regatta. He was excited about it and we set the ball rolling again, contacted the committee and set about planning our weekend.

We were to be given a prime site in the centre of Crescent Gardens, on the West Cliff behind the bike displays.

Whitby Regatta takes part over three days in August, Saturday to Monday. Saturday and Sunday are the days when the vintage bikes and cars come. Saturday is the VJMC (Vintage Japanese) bikes which Andy (my

Never reach out your hand unless you are willing to extend an arm.
Elizabeth Fuller

Janet Robson : CMA North East

husband) and a friend started off 19 years ago (somebody else took over a few years back). Sunday is for the British Vintage bikes. The weather was good to us on both days

Steven, Julie and the girls had already got set up by the time I was able to get there. Rob and Bill came at dinner time. The atmosphere was fantastic; people coming up and talking to us and asking who we were and what CMA stands for.

One man came up to Julie and myself and he told us his wife had just died, so he hadn't been to the Regatta for years and he couldn't believe we were there.

We told him that it was the first time the



CMA had been there, so Julie and I felt it was a lot more than a coincidence that it was our first year and also that it was the gentlemen's first time. He told us that he loved bikes, but couldn't ride as he was disabled. All that day he kept coming back; he asked if he could take a Bible and leaflet and seemed to be very comfortable around us.

On the Sunday, Andy took his Triumph 1958 Bathtub down to show and put it in front of the tent. I went to Church and told them we were on the cliff and that the response we had was fantastic with Bibles going like hot cakes. Keith, Paul and Dai came at lunch time and parked their bikes next to the tent. They were really enthusiastic about it and the things that were happening. We had really good feedback from everyone that came to the tent. We all agreed how great it had been and that God was there big style and we were booked for the next three years.

And the trouble is, if you don't risk anything, you risk more.
Erica Jong



Move forward to 2012 - this year's Regatta weekend (18th - 20th August) saw us much busier than last time. The tent was inundated with people for most of the weekend and contact details were given out for other branches (people travel miles to come to Regatta Weekend).

There was a good display of bikes and the Vintage Japanese, British Vintage and Scooters were out in force. To top it off, Steven was contacted by someone who approached us during the weekend and he was asking where he could go to church as he felt that he really needed to go. As he lives in Whitby, he was told about the church that Mike, Sandy and I go to and went to the service last Sunday morning. Praise God.



And a post script : Andy won this year with his AJS.



Not Ashamed

Tanas : CMA Thames Valley

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38 NIV)

Sometimes I wonder how good are we in proclaiming God's love to others? How do we actually do it? Is a prayer enough? Maybe a chat about motorcycles or even a thank you?

We think about our ministry in the sense of reaching others, those 'outside' of our group. But what about reaching each other? How many times do we in our branches actually show appreciation to each other, or to those in the National Executive? What about our own families? Do we take all these privileges



Tanas and Paul

for granted and a normal part of life? Or do we actually appreciate each part of it?

I have been with the CMA for four years now, including three years as chair of the

Thames Valley branch. We've had our ups and downs, lost members and gained some. But many of the faithful have stayed and lived through the difficulties - journied together down a longer road. With this article, I want to thank the all the branch members, and also share about, and thank, one of our senior members, Paul Cooley, for setting me such a great example to follow.

Paul is not your typical non-confrontational guy; you can always guarantee that you will hear the truth from him and especially what is on his heart. He does not compromise anything, especially his faith. At many rallies, when we get an opportunity to share, or even in a normal conversation, Paul will be sure to bring CMA, his faith and Jesus into the conversation. His bike registration plate says "Jesus Freak".

I have been very impressed and touched by Paul's love for the Lord and his dedication to serve Him. Paul has had a difficult past and he and his family have been through a lot. Still, he has kept the faith and grown even closer to God. Just the other day, we were at the H Café in Oxford and started talking to a gentleman, whose name was also Paul, about his bike and the normal gadget talks. But, just before we had to leave, I told him about Monday bike night. He sadly declined, saying that he had to go to the hospital as he may have a terminal disease. Before anything else happened, Paul Cooley said to him, "Can we pray for you?" The other Paul answered, "Yes



please". So, in the middle of the parking lot, with Paul's wife, my Muslim Friend Rufat and over a 100 bikers around, Paul Cooley prayed for healing... What a feeling. It was amazing and I felt the Lord at work. That's what I admire about Paul - he is not ashamed of the Lord; he is completely sold out for Him - the one in whom we trust for everything.

So what about yourself? Are you ashamed? If your answer is no, how much do you share Jesus with others? What opportunities, like the one above, have passed your way only to pass by, leaving you feeling ashamed of yet another missed opportunity. If you sometimes feel like this, then I'm sure Paul would be the first to say that Jesus doesn't come to make you feel ashamed or condemned. But... he does want you to know that he has chosen us, and that includes you, to be 'his opportunity' on this earth. An opportunity to reach out to each other, to journey together through the good, as well as the troubled, times. An opportunity to reach beyond our safe borders to those who so desperately need to hear the Good News spoken into their lives.

Let's not compromise, let's not be afraid, and let's have trust that the Lord will use us in ways that we do not expect or understand.

As long as the devil can keep us terrified of thinking, he will always limit the work of God in our souls
Oswald Chambers

Direction :

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference. What road are you on?

Robert Frost

**The deadline for the Winter 2012 - 2013 edition is
15th January, 2013**

Hospice Visit

Steve Clarke : CMA M.E.S.S.

Every year Steve & Suzanne Clarke have a barbecue for MESS & Suffolk branches and friends, and invite donations for East Anglia's Children's Hospices. In the last three years over £700 has been raised for the new "Treehouse" hospice.

On 14th July, nine CMA bikers rode through the rain to deliver a cheque to their staff and meet a couple of the children.



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National Rally, 2012 from Mike Adams : World Horizons

"Can I say that I am not really a conference kind of person, there are some that I have to do because of my work. The CMA National Rally is the exception to the rule. I love being there with you. Your members are so welcoming and so relaxed. I would come if I was not speaking, just to be a part of what's going on. I love you guys and will be in touch soon. Mike"



Mike Fitton says : "This is a photo of Mike on his first bike. After his first experience of CMA, Mike decided that he had to learn to ride. This year, unfortunately, the clutch failed in July, so he was gutted that he could not attend the rally on two wheels."

Merchandise from CMA UK

Please browse through the CMA UK web site for the merchandise that is available, using the link on the website, or go direct to :

<http://www.bike.org.uk/cma/merchandise>

All profits from the sale of merchandise go to the Biker Bible fund.

The products are now listed with codes so that you know exactly what you are ordering. Download an order form.

Please ensure that it is completed fully; especially that you specify sizes.

Note that any merchandise bearing the CMA logo is available only to CMA members and requires your local branch Chair's signature on the order form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at merchandise@bike.org.uk or call 0800 0154479 and leave a message. We are still accepting urgent orders via email.

All cheques should be made payable to "CMA UK Merchandise" and sent with your order form to the address shown on the form.

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Executive News is available after the executive meeting, giving a brief rundown as to what's been happening, via the website The Exec are there to serve. Do not be afraid to contact them.

Gift Aid : An Important Update From The National Treasurer

Governments like charities, because charities often fill many of the gaps in our society that they want filled but can't afford to do. Charities can fill the gaps more cheaply and more effectively. According to the Charity Commission, the charity sector in England and Wales consists of 160,000 charities, with a total income of fifty seven billion pounds per year.

One of the ways that Governments encourage charities, without actually donating funds themselves, is by giving them favourable tax treatment. This involves the Government returning the tax already paid on donations made to charity. It's returned, not to the donors, but to the charity. Last year, CMA managed to recover tax on 86% of the total donations by individuals to national funds. Donations include membership subscriptions paid to CMA, as allowed by the tax authorities.

Charities can only claim tax back on donations from individual donors who pay enough tax to cover the refund, and have signed a Gift Aid Declaration to

certify that fact. This has always been the case, but it is obviously important that the charity donor signing the declaration knows and understands what he or she is signing. Recently, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) have revised the wording for new declarations to try to help those signing them to fully understand the implications. We discussed this at our previous National Executive meeting.

Firstly, donors are certifying that they pay enough tax each tax year (6th April to 5th April) to at least equal the total tax that all the charities they have supported will be able to reclaim. Each charity supported by a single donor will reclaim 25p on every £1 given to them by that donor. So donors need to add up all their charitable donations in a tax year, and divide that figure by four. This figure needs to be smaller than the total Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax paid by the donor in that same tax year. These two taxes are the only two that count; the declaration now mentions that VAT and Council Tax **do not qualify!**

It is important for you to tell me if you no longer pay sufficient tax to cover the tax recoverable on your donations to CMA. Also I need to know if you change your address or your name. When you first

sign a Gift Aid Declaration for CMA, I can also reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations to CMA in the four previous tax years, so please let me know if you have paid insufficient tax to cover the tax we can recover for each of those years.

From my point of view, the good news is that I don't have to ask everyone who has signed a Gift Aid Declaration for CMA (usually on their membership renewal form) to sign one with the new wording. Member and Supporter application forms now have the new wording on them. I do, however, have to explain all this to you, our donors, so that you can make an informed declaration acceptable to the tax authorities, and the work of CMA can continue to benefit from tax refunds.

If you are unsure about any of this, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to help. Your branch officials will have my contact details. Thank you, and congratulations for reading this far!

God bless,
Rob Urand,
National Treasurer.

Ladies' Rideout – An Adventure in Sleepy Suffolk

Stephen Gilder : CMA Suffolk

On Saturday 1st September 2012, three enthusiastic members of the Suffolk branch and their trusty shiny Iron horses took three ladies from the local church for a rideout on their bikes.

About a year before, Brenda Goddard, of Colchester Road Baptist Church (CRBC) in Ipswich, had said in passing to Stephen Gilder that she'd love to have a pillion ride on his motorbike some time. Stephen always enjoys taking non-motorcyclists on his bike – to promote motorcycling and enable people to experience the fun and freedom of being transported in the open air. So the idea was born and it was agreed that it would take place on a warm dry day.

During the first half of this year, we had so much rain, we almost fitted floats to the bikes! As time went by, Steve Clarke said that another of CRBC's ladies, Iris Maers, would also like to go on a bike

Excitement was growing and yet another lady, Dorothy Carling, also wanted to go. Andrew Chisnall (Roo) was roped in to be the third bike rider.

So the 1st of September was agreed on, and prayers sent for a warm dry day.

So off they went from the church, leaving behind an entourage of camera wielding family and friends cheering them on their way! They then rode through the villages of Tuddenham and Grundisburgh north of Ipswich, to the waterfront café at Woodbridge Quay.

Stephen and Brenda had intercoms so were able to talk all the way. Brenda was exclaiming how wonderful it was to be riding along in contact with the sights, sounds and smells of the lovely Suffolk countryside, much better than being cooped up in the square box of a car. She had ridden pillion on smaller 250cc bikes in the 1960's and this was her first time on a BMW 1100cc touring bike.



From L to R : Steve Clarke, Brenda Goddard, Andrew Chisnall (Roo), Iris Maers, Dorothy Carling Stephen Gilder

After some photo's and coffee and being joined by Cliff Lewis on his new bike, a black Victory Judge looking like something from Batman Returns, we all set off back again to Ipswich via the A12 through Martlesham and then back along Foxhall Road – a nice open national speed limit section with a few twisty open corners.

Steve's pillion, Iris, had had a scooter in her youth and was delighted to enjoy the great thrill of being on Steve's modern day Triumph Bonneville T100. She enjoyed leaning around the bends, being in the open air and going 70mph on the A12. She said it was great to have a chat over coffee and is looking forward to the next time!

Dorothy rode pillion with Andrew on his Triumph Tiger 800 XC. She felt profoundly moved by the biking experience, saying that she felt like a princess being looked after by such caring and kind people. She was very impressed by the way Steve, Andrew and Stephen behaved towards others, including their courtesy to strangers. While we were having coffee, a man came up to us and said that he respects what we do (taking the gospel to motorcyclists) even though he isn't a motorcyclist himself. He had noticed our white crosses on our backs. Dorothy was very grateful that we gave up our time to take them out on our bikes and said what an incredible experience she'd had.



She said she enjoyed how solid it felt, how well it held the road and how comfortable it was.

At the coffee shop on the quayside at Woodbridge coffees were ordered and the excited conversation of enjoying riding bikes filled the air. Both Iris and Dorothy had enjoyed it as much as Brenda. All three of them looked like serious bikers in their jackets!

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Altogether, the rideout was almost 30 miles. We felt really blessed, being able to take these ladies out on our bikes. It was an honour and a privilege. It was evident from what the ladies shared of their experience that we have a great impact on people by wearing our white crosses.

We gave our three ladies the bike rideout of a lifetime, special memories to treasure forever, and gained three more advocates for the marvellous merits of motorcycling!



National Rally 2012 : Open Doors

This encouraging email was recently received by Rob Urand, CMA National Treasurer, and relates to gifts donated by those attending our National Rally in July. Thank you all.

"Thank you for the cheque for £3,192.82 which arrived this morning.

This is such an amazing gift which is greatly appreciated and which will fully fund the provision of a much needed scooter for a pastor in a Buddhist Asian country. Because of the tremendous generosity of your members, the balance will be used to help towards our ministry in Egypt which I spoke about when I had the privilege of leading a seminar at the rally in July. Because of people and organisations like yourselves, we are able to offer practical help and support to many of our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer for no other reason than the fact that they have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. I would therefore be most grateful if, when you have the opportunity, you could convey our thanks to your members.

Wishing you every blessing in all that you continue to do for the Lord and His Kingdom."

Rev Roger Faulkner
Core Volunteer Manager
Open Doors UK

The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavour to be what you desire to appear.

Socrates

Little girl : "Mummy, why do we pray in church for the pastor before his sermon?"

"We're asking God to help him preach a good sermon."

"Mummy, why doesn't God answer our prayers?"



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The deadline for submission of items for the next edition is 15th January, 2013

When you struggle in the darkness, don't forget what you heard in the light.

Anon

The AGM, (in April every year) is a weekend of fellowship, praise and half a day of the business. Have you ever been? The hospitality is always excellent, as is the food, etc. This is for everyone in the CMA.

Need to know more? Ask your branch chair or a member of the exec. The Exec are there for you to speak to - so ask all those questions.

When You Know You MUST Respond

Anna Rodgers : CMA Suffolk

After eighteen year old Jack's untimely death on his motorbike in July, 2012, it was put strongly on my heart that I was to do something.

Why? Andrew and I had seen him many times 'ragging it'; flying past the traffic, wheelie-ing dangerously, etc. And we prayed.

I saw Jack the day before he was killed, in our town's market place. Dressed in his matching leathers, he approached his sports bike and stood by it for a few seconds facing me, though I could not see his face. I felt something from him. He put his helmet on and was gone.

Since the day I heard of his death and, knowing of his high speed, risk taking stunts, I've regarded this group of lads, who believe themselves to be invincible, as, in fact, vulnerable because of that very fact.

Regardless of whether they have the Speed A gene, ADHD, a desire to prove themselves, or what - it makes no difference; their actions and disregard for precious God-given life puts them at risk.

Often, these are the young men who are not in college (where Road Safety Officers meet them with a day's motorcycle riding education awareness if they want to park their moped/125cc in the college car park). Neither are they into advanced motorcycle training, but into ragging and 'showing off' where they meet with other youngsters.

Sounds silly I know, but that day, before he died, when he stood facing me for those few seconds, it felt to me as if he was looking for me to do something.

It was most profound, and has had a powerful effect on me, making me determined to hold my course.

The other thing that was so profound to me was the silence at night ever since Jack's death. For weeks before this, most nights one could hear a motorcyclist screaming along the relief road late at night doing stunts, and hold one's breath, waiting for a bang.

I prayed and asked Father to show me how to make a difference, to not be complacent and for encouragement. I

asked for a measured response and timing, as I know the adrenalin rush which comes from such a righteous passion (against Satan's hold and the waste of young lives and its effects on families, and friends and communities), and that it would not "burn me out". I asked Him to open the right doors. I asked that, although He may not want me to have a long-term involvement or to see the campaign / project all the way through, He may only ask of me to start something. In fact, I had a good long time with Him about it.

I then emailed the local Police and CMA leaders with my thoughts.

At an event a few days later, I spoke with three CMA brothers who were complacent and negative, with the attitude that "there will always be that group of lads" and "you can't change anything".

I viewed this having been a test, as it could have been enough to put me off.

In the eyes of mere humans and in the ways of the world, of course it seemed impossible to attempt to make a difference.

I went back to Father about it, checking it out with Him. Was I to continue? And I was quickly uplifted with a steady determination that He sent down upon me. He does the impossible. We don't have to worry over how 'we' can do things that are seemingly beyond us, but simply allow Him to work through us and let Him do it.

Immediately after this time of prayer, I received a very encouraging and supportive email from a CMA leader.

The following morning, I received a phone call from the police in response to my email, in complete agreement and acknowledgement regarding this group of vulnerable lads, and it gave me an insight to what the police do at present in our area.

This was all very encouraging.

A week after Jack's death, the CMA had a stand at the first Essex Motorcyclist Show in Colchester. I just knew I was to attend.



I spoke with advanced motoring organisations about these lads being the hardest to reach and with the head of the Essex Motorcycle Police (the guy you see on the TV Emergency Bikers series). I spoke with the fire service who attend incidents involving motorcyclists and with the Essex Road Safety Officer and asked about getting into schools, catching these youngsters at fifteen, just before they get their first bike.

Every one of these groups acknowledged, and was in agreement, with my views.

No complacency, and lots of encouragement.

The following week, I received a call from Essex's Senior RSO who, after she had asked if I was in a club, and my saying I was a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, then asked if the CMA would be interested in assisting them in their school work of motorcycle riding awareness.

Wow!

She also suggested I contact my local County Council's RSO to see if the CMA could assist in their work. So I did. I sent an email and I was invited to attend a meeting in Ipswich with Suffolk's senior RSO, and their motorcycle training guys.

They even changed the venue to accommodate me after asking about my availability - to meeting over coffee in Stowmarket!

Andrew was off that day so we arranged to meet these guys to see how we (CMA) could assist in their work in schools and colleges. Two local CMA brothers had planned to attend the meeting with us, but had to cancel due to ill health and other commitments.

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After putting out a prayer request to the CMA, our churches and other Christian contacts about this meeting, and receiving unexpected support and great interest - we set off.

On a beautifully hot early September morning, Andrew and I sat outside on a trestle table over a cup of coffee, sharing with three great like-minded guys many issues about young riders. We heard that they are limited in getting into schools and colleges with the rider awareness skills course, as they can only go in if invited. Also, of course, there is the problem of resources, both finance and people. The situation is that, if suddenly they started getting invitations to go into schools and colleges, they would not have enough

suitable people to cope.

Please Pray Into this.

The meeting ended with an invitation to assist them with a Young Rider Training day at a local college in November. Now we have the challenge to take this up - but again, I know the Father has it all in hand.

Please consider when you feel that "presence" come upon you. Check it out with Him and don't be put off by overwhelming negative thoughts. It's not all on your shoulders to work out how and what to do. Trust Him and be guided by Him ONLY and then be amazed at what opens up!

Do what you can and God will see to the rest.

It's always an adventure when you know you must respond!

I challenge you to try it next time!!!

Isn't God AWESOME!!



Ace Cafe Reunion - 2012

Pictures from Norman Ramsay : CMA Sussex Riders For Christ



9th September, 2012. Check out that clear sky!! The organisers conservatively estimated an attendance of in excess of 40,000. George Tsuchnikas, in charge of the marshalls, stated that there were at least 10,000 bikes on the seafront alone. In one day!! The pictures show the CMA stand, early on, in the "calm before the storm". After the gates opened, you couldn't even see the pavement for people!



EMC 2012

Forcheim, Germany 1st - 5th August



Sandy & Andy plus bikes on the ferry



EMC campsite : Penny, Bob, Sandy and Andy
with CMA Netherland's Oli, Doris and Marc
(You had to be there!)



George & Andy at the Bavarian Biker Cafe



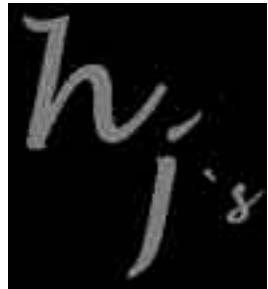
Setting off
on the bike parade



Leaving the EMC (Yes,
Sandy's in there, somewhere!)



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Martin Luther King Jnr

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where a child can paddle and an
elephant can swim.
Francis Moloney

*Earth has no sorrow
that Heaven cannot heal.*
Thomas Moore

Choice, Chance, and Change

Tanas : CMA Thames Valley

During our national rally, I was really touched by the message Mike brought to us about unlimited potential; how when God looks at us He sees unlimited potential, but many times we limit ourselves. Mike's message got me thinking about unlimited opportunities that the Lord puts our way and how many times we tend to ignore, overlook and label them as something else, so that we do not have to do anything about them. The irony is that, many times we pray for God to show us His will, open the right doors and show us the way, but we keep our eyes closed to all the opportunities that He puts in front of us. Opportunities could come along because of hard work, but also hard work can come because of opportunities. In the past months I have enjoyed the Olympics (well done Team GB, you made us proud), but what really inspired me was that every time an athlete was interviewed, he or she said: "Do not let anyone tell you that you can't do it. Everything is possible with hard work."

It is not about winning; it's more about completing the race, being a team and trusting God. As Paul said: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not to me only, but also to all who have longed for His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV)

Four years ago, I was sitting minding my own business on the underground, heading to my office in Waterloo; the carriage was packed and I was lucky to be seated. In front of me sat a young lady with her hands covering her face. As I looked at her, I noticed that she was crying and when she moved her hands, I was able to notice the sadness in her complexion and eyes. At that moment, I felt the Lord telling me to move toward her and tell her that the Lord is in control and that she is very special to Him and He loves her. My fears got hold of me and I did not do what I felt I was supposed to do. That day still sits in my memory; it bothers me, and I know I should have taken that opportunity and talked to the lady, but I did not. Since then, I decided that I will do my best not to let any opportunity go by without me doing something about it. It takes a lot of trusting in the Lord and knowing Him well; it is not easy, but neither is it hard. If Moses could do it, I know I can too.

You see, to get opportunities you need to make a choice, a choice to take a chance, a step, a risk and after taking that chance your life will not be the same. It will be changed.

"But I am not an evangelist or a preacher. I will not know how to act or answer if the opportunity comes my way, so it is better for someone who knows what they are



doing to take these kinds of risks." I'm telling you, if you ask any of "those people who know what they are doing", they will tell you that they made a choice, took a chance and were changed. When change happens, your relationship with God becomes stronger, you will spend more time with Him in prayers and reading - you will become stronger.

So next time you face an opportunity, don't let it go. Do something about it, keeping in mind how many missed opportunities you've had in your life. My family, my neighbours, my colleagues and people I meet are all opportunities to experience God at work, so do not miss out.

The harvest is plenty but the labourers are few So let's do something about it.

Things Learned the Hard Way

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings."
3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.

Via Sarge : CMA Sussex Riders for Christ

5. You should not confuse your career with your life.
6. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
7. Never lick a steak knife.
8. The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.
9. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear and compelling reason why we observe daylight saving time.
10. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday. That time is age eleven.
11. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.)
12. Your friends love you anyway.
13. Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, a lone amateur built the ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.

The Bible Bike

Don McHutchon : CMA Forth and Tay

In June 2011, as I was preparing to travel to the Alba West Custom Bike Show where the CMA had booked a pitch for the 'Holy Joes' tent, I got the distinct impression the Lord wanted me to take my wife's Suzuki 125 instead of my own bigger bike. After battling with my pride for a minute or two, I set off, wondering if I would even be allowed in to the showground on a '125'.

A wet, muddy, but wonderful weekend followed, the high point being when a young couple, who prayed with one of the CMA members, got saved.

The little Suzuki, rather than being an embarrassment, was a conversation starter, particularly with teenagers.

Fast forward to April 2012, and, pride suitably dealt with, I was travelling to the CMA prayer meeting / bible study, by this time on a CBR 125 of my own. I was praying about the 2012 custom bike show when challenge number two came – customise your bike and enter it in the show.

My first thought was; "that's ludicrous, who customises a '125'?", but then a verse from 1 Corinthians came to mind – . "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength" (1 Cor. 1:25 NIV).

My response had to be; "OK, Lord, I've got the message". Confirmation came, half an hour later, at the bible study, when Amy, our Secretary announced that we would be reading from 1 Cor. 1:26. The colour the bike was to be painted was also confirmed shortly after through Stephen, one of our supporters.

Everything came together amazingly quickly after that; Bike Paints in Cupar, where I live, did the paintwork to a really high standard in less than two weeks, despite being busy. In the meantime we asked CMA members and friends to email a verse or passage from the Bible that was particularly significant to them, which could be printed on the bike.

Bryan from Spaced-out Grafix, who put Amy through her bike test and has done banners for our branch in the past, then designed and printed the graphics. He seemed a bit surprised when he was asked to cover a bright orange bike with Bible verses. One of his first comments



was "I'm an atheist, by the way". He then spent several days, working with Amy, printing out and applying scriptures and graphics to the fairing and other panels, finishing the work the day before the show, which was an amazing effort. His parting comment to Amy as he rode the bike down the ramp from his workshop, was, "I should have a helmet on", pause... "I'll be OK, it's God's bike".

Again, I wasn't sure what sort of reception I would receive when I turned up at the show (the event is run by the Blue Angels). The bike didn't win any prizes – I don't think they even had a category for it, but it certainly got people's attention. To quote one of the verses on the petrol tank, "For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart". (Heb.4:12).

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that an aircraft takes off against the wind, not with it.

Henry Ford

When the devil reminds you of your past, remind him of his future!

There was a blinding flash of lightning, and Emily, aged four, rushed into the house, shouting : "Mummy, God's just taken my picture!"





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Mother Theresa

God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue
that never slips and acts with a hand that never fails.
When God measures a man, He puts the tape around the
heart, not the head.
God is more interested in making us what He wants us to be
than giving us what we think we ought to have.

Anon.

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Sandy, Mike, Emma

In our Chainlink magazine we try to include articles that will help you see that as Christian Bikers we have a relationship with Jesus Christ and that it is the most important thing in our lives, even second to riding bikes!

We haven't always been Christians though; there was a time in our lives when we considered how much God loves us and then responded to it personally.

But you might ask, how can we have a relationship with Jesus? By being good? No, because we could never be good enough. Well, how then? The Bible clearly states that the one thing that creates a barrier between God and us is our 'sin'. In other words, the things we do wrong. God loves you and I so much that He wanted to forgive us and begin a relationship with us, but He had to deal with the sin first.

So out of love for you, God sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth, to die on a cross to pay for the sins of the world, then rise again three days later. He hadn't done anything wrong, but He would be held responsible for your sins and mine. It hardly seems fair, does it, that Jesus should pay for the debt I owe, but He did. All that we are required to do is believe that He died for our sin and ask God to forgive us.

It seems so incredibly simple that it can't be true, but that doesn't change the fact that it is.

You can begin a relationship with Jesus Christ today, right now.

God will hear your prayer. 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 take charge. Please forgive all the wrong things I have done, make me clean and fill me with Your Holy Spirit to live the life you want me to live. Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer for the first time and meant it from the heart, well done.

You may not feel any different at first, but it will be a good idea to tell the person who gave you this magazine. With God's help you need to find a good church that can offer you the support, understanding and friendship you need. You are now part of God's family. God Bless you,

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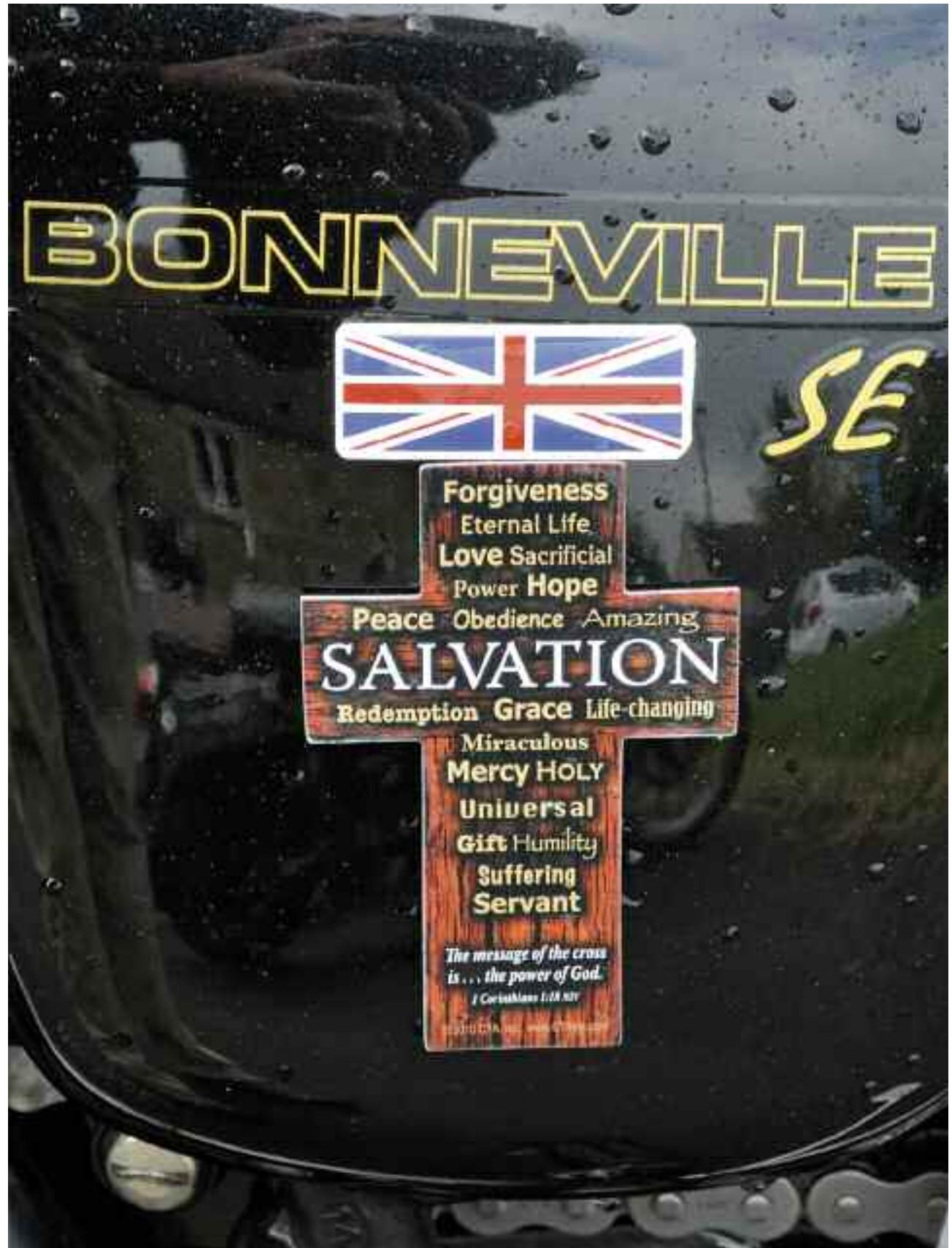
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