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Mike Fitton : National Chairman CMA UK.

“Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible.”
(Corrie ten Boom)

I love this quote by Corrie Ten Boom – it is so simple, yet it is so easy, for us to miss the truth it contains.... **“Faith is the currency of Heaven and we must put it into action daily - then we will see God bring blessings beyond our expectation”**.

The National Rally this year was such an event for me. I was excited that we had found the Lenchwood Christian Centre near Evesham, and each time I visited to finalise the booking, I sensed that God was going to meet with us there in a special way. The facilities were ideal as the worship barn / Holy Joes Café / Merchandise / Admin and Kitchen were all in the same building and that brought us together. We had approximately 170 people on-site, including 25 CMA members from Holland and Belgium.

Thank you to everyone who came with a servant heart and helped to make the rally run smoothly, particularly Colin (Head Chef), Ken and Richard from Carlisle Twig who produced over 350 meals in the kitchen – an amazing feat!

One of the key events was the DVD of ‘Not a Fan of Jesus’. I asked people to make this a priority of the weekend; just an hour and ten minutes of their lives during which God would challenge them with the question, “Are you a fan of Jesus or are you a follower?”

The distinction is quite simple, a fan doesn’t get involved in the game; he /

she cheers from the stand, but a follower leaves everything and gives himself / herself to the purpose of God – followers believe the unbelievable and receive the impossible. Many (myself included) left that meeting in tears and my hope is that the tears were converted into determination to make changes in our walk with God.

Shortly after the National Rally, Sandy and I went to the European Motorcyclists for Christ (EMC) Rally near Lisbon, hosted by CMA Portugal. I had been invited to preach on the Friday evening and Sandy had been asked to lead a Ladies Breakfast Meeting.

It was the first time that the EMC had been held so far south, so the numbers were quite low compared to normal but one lady rode her bike 4,000 km to the rally from Finland - what a heroine! The temperature was often over thirty degrees, so we were all grateful for the swimming pool on site, especially the sixteen members from the UK who attended!!

It quickly became apparent that, during the meetings, God was challenging many people to be reconciled in their relationships – we prayed with couples who were desperate for God to intervene and sort out problems in their



marriage. We saw leaders embracing each other and choosing to lay aside disputes that had caused division; men and women came forward to kneel before God and recommit their lives in His service. It was a huge privilege to minister to so many hungry for change.

Faith is the currency of Heaven and we must put it into action daily - then we will see God bring blessings beyond our expectation.

Are you a fan of Jesus or a follower?

God bless you,

Mike Fitton
National Chairman CMA UK
(Follower)

History repeats itself.
It has to.
No one listens.
Steve Turner



I expect to pass through life but
once. If, therefore, there can be
any kindness I can show, or any
good thing I can do to any fellow
being, let me do it now, for I shall
not pass this way again.
William Penn

On My Knees

Debbie Anderson

She couldn't decide on a title for this story. "Dante's Inferno" was the first one that came to mind after a scorching afternoon, a sleepless night and a trip to the toilets; "Scott of the Antarctic" surfaced briefly after a freezing night; then the thought "Oh, My Knees" was uppermost after a lot of walking, but she mis-typed and it came out as "On My Knees". This seems appropriate for what is, after all, a spiritual adventure.

She had not been camping for 25 years, since the kids were little, but the Farmyard Bike Rally at Helmsley, North Yorkshire, beckoned. Her husband was keen to get her involved. So it was either the car with a tent, or pillion on the bike and a B&B.

Choices, choices. Not on the same level as "shall I have cake, or shall I have apple pie?", either of which could be equally satisfying. Camping or pillion on the bike? Hmmm. She chose the camping.

• ear plugs. It's not even the really, really, really, loud music from the rally events that goes on into the early hours, it is the neighbours. They think a thin piece of tent material keeps their arguments private. They are quite deluded.

• just because there is no tent pitched in a certain spot when you leave your own tent in the daylight, it does not mean that there will not be one pitched across your path, with the guy ropes stretching invisibly and dangerously into the darkness, when you come back to your tent. Ouch.

The CMA Holy Joe's Cafe was situated in the central part of the main rally area this year. It is in a huge tent with lots of room for people to sit and drink coffee, eat their meals or just meet together. The atmosphere near the serving area and the interaction with customers was good, but the chances to sit with people and chat were more limited than in a

smaller, more intimate tent setting.

Still, she found the conversations interesting: One man complained to her that dogs were allowed at this 'bike only' rally when they were not motorbikes (she suggested that the dogs were really transformers who became

motorbikes after midnight and he seemed to consider this quite likely). Another complained that the Biker Bible was actually "Just a Bible". He seemed quite shocked by this apparent use of 'true' advertising. Their next door tent neighbour told her he used to be a Sunday School teacher, but now he was a Marxist. They bantered, debated, talked and prayed for him. There were lots of chances for friendly conversations with people all weekend.



Meeting and serving together with CMA members from different branches was fantastic, but her husband did wonder, loudly and often, what had possessed her when she volunteered them for a midnight to 04:00 shift one night. She said it was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit thinks he is funny, but really she is not. (Notice the feminist input there). - If they edit that out I will not be surprised. Annoyed, but not surprised. (fooled you!! - ed)

The toilets - what could she possibly say about the toilets? Even these 'exclusive' marshal area toilets left much to be desired. Everything to be desired really. Dark, dank and smelly. Damp hand towels, floors swimming with something (don't ask - good thing she brought extra jeans). Soap dispensers that didn't work. Stairs designed to pitch you head first into the ground. When she braved the showers, someone had unhooked the water supply, so they were dry. The man in charge said a lot of things in a broad Yorkshire accent, most of which sounded like he was speaking in tongues, but she gathered he was going off to swear at somebody.

The biker subculture is vibrant, rebellious, anarchist, aggressive, compassionate, inclusive and colourful. They also need Jesus. We will be back with Holy Joe's.

On the ride home, her husband said what she should get was a new sleeping bag that could cope with both the cold and the hot. She said "Nice Try."

Holy Joe's YES
Camping NO



Tips and tricks to living in a tent:

- buy a four man tent for two people. This way you will have room to swing a cat.
- don't buy camp beds that pretend they don't have a weight limit. It is a lie.
- test the spare air mattress for leaks before you depend on it. The ground is hard.
- bring lots of spare blankets. Frost bite is dangerous.
- a generator and a large fan would be useful. Heatstroke can kill.



“A brilliant weekend had by all, with some excellent seminars, food and fellowship, and “Funderstorms”! A real blessing in a weekend and being able to mix and catch up with members from other branches.”

photo from Rob Oates

Gift From God? Jaimée Nix

Having passed my test nine years ago on a 125cc, I had not ridden for four years when I bought my Honda CBF125, two years ago. I was convinced God had influenced my decision to ride again. I felt He also said to find the Christian bikers I had heard about.

I just happened to be visiting my parents on their holiday in Wales when a large group of bikers wearing white crosses arrived at the seaside. After speaking to their chairman, I was given a biker bible and details on how to contact CMA; very soon after, I joined HSB branch. I am very much a novice rider and was not confident on the Honda, as only my toes touched the ground. In June this year one of my colleagues at school was killed on his bike coming to work. My knee jerk reaction was to give up riding, sell the bike.

The following day, HSB attended the local fete where the church had a stand. It just happened to be near a large motorcycle shop. Trevor, Wendy and I went to have a look. While drooling over some of the bigger cruisers, Wendy spotted a green bike behind me. “That looks about your size” she said. I sat on it; my feet were on the floor. It felt comfortable, the mileage was 985, yet it was five years old and the price looked affordable. We walked away from it discussing its merits.



It wouldn't go away. It seemed to be in my waking moments. When I told some colleagues, they said, “Have you bought it then?” I prayed about it and said to God if the bike is still there on Thursday after school, I'll buy it.

It was. They offered £1100 part-ex for my Honda. I had £1000 from my Dad's estate. I had the rest. When I picked it up on the Tuesday, they told me someone else had come in an hour later to buy it. I rode home from the shop and, instead of going straight home, I couldn't help myself; I just kept

going. I pulled up somewhere and just gave thanks and praise to God because it felt so natural. I felt more confident and the bike is extremely responsive. The best bit is that my feet are on the floor and that's because it has had a kit fitted to lower the frame. It also has crash bobbins in case I drop it. It previously had a lady owner, hence the low mileage and low seat. I am now the proud owner of a Kawasaki Ninja 250R.

Now I need to swop my Honda jacket and get a green helmet.

Testimony

Malcolm Wren Engelsboer

I met Tanas and some of the gang in late September last year and, after reading my testimony, he asked me to re-write it for Chainlink. This is quite humbling, but while it lets you all know who I am and where I am at, it glorifies Him who brought about the changes in me.

So now, as I enter into a relationship with you all, in becoming a member of CMA, my sincere prayer is that it will be an encouragement to you. I especially pray this encouragement to the men-folk, as we are typically the ones with similar issues.

Before I get into the body and soul of my testimony, I want to tell you where I am at in Christ; where I am at is wholly a result of the testimony I will share and that, in turn, is wholly the result of Christ's hand on my life.

Where I am at:

My desire is that God is worshipped and I long to be able to take people into deep worship of Him. I long to worship Him in utter abandon and in everything I do - this is a growing process. I would love to be in a Worship Band like Hillsong and just honour God all the time and give Him, and cause others to give Him, the glory that is He is due.

My Testimony

I was raised in a Christian home. Mainly attending Pentecostal churches - mostly the Assemblies of God Church and, in June 1976, I took Jesus as my personal Saviour at a House Church run by a member of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.

Over the years I have sat under some very inspired teaching and gained a very sound knowledge and understanding of God and of Christ. Yet, somewhere along the way, I stopped doing what I ought to do, stopped living as I was meant to and fell very far from grace for many years.

Sin is a terrible thing and separates us from God! Through sin we become guilty, feel guilty and we can't face His presence even though He loves us and continually calls for us to return to Him. And, as much as He loves us and as much as "nothing can ever separate us from His love", when we sin, we lose that presence; and feel we can't turn to Him.

God is unchangeable. His council, purpose and character are always the same.

Yet, in Genesis 6 verse 6 & 7 we read :

"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."

That is how deeply God feels about sin and wickedness.

In Jonah 3:10 we read about the people of Nineveh: *"God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them and He did not do it."*

God remains the same in character, infinitely hating sin and He remains the same in His purpose to visit sin with judgement but, as Nineveh changed in its attitude towards sin, God necessarily changed in His attitude towards Nineveh.

If God remains the same, if His attitude towards sin and righteousness are unchanging, then His dealings with men must change as they turn from sin to repentance. His character remains ever the same but His dealings with men change as they change from a position that is hateful to His unchangeable hatred of sin, to one that is pleasing to His unchangeable love of righteousness.

A few years ago I watched the film "The Passion Of Christ". After that, I basically sobbed continually for two weeks and did a lot more sobbing before the Lord for the next few months, as I repented of my life.

Jesus going to the cross says as much about God's infinite hatred of sin and wickedness as it says about His infinite love for us and for righteousness. He hates sin so much that He was prepared to leave His glory and come to earth and die a wretched death - filled with our sin upon Him - so that He could eradicate sin.



After watching the film, I cried out to God to teach me to worship Him. After a few weeks of this, one day, lying prostrate before Him, very consciously the words came to me, "Then find out who I am."

With my background, you would think I knew exactly who God is (and I do): Yet - If we knew exactly who God is - then we would not be living our mediocre lives. We would be flat on our faces before His terrifying greatness....

"working out our salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12)

So in my spirit I clearly heard those words : "Then find out who I am"

And I responded - "HOW?" And again, His Spirit spoke to mine saying, "What the Bible Teaches."

"What the Bible Teaches" is a book I photocopied 25 or more years ago - but one I had never read and basically had forgotten about entirely, until that day. So I started using it as a form of Daily Devotional / Bible Study - finding out "What the Bible Teaches" about God and about Christ.

I now have a prayer partner, a very dear brother in Christ, named Mo. He is very fervent for God and perpetually stresses things he finds of vital importance to the Christian. Some of the things he so stresses is "Freedom from Generational Curses", "Ungodly Soul Ties" and "Ungodly Sexual Activity". In effect, these things are often the same thing, one feeding the other. Due to ungodly sexual activity, we bond our souls to the ungodly and bring about generational curses on our children....

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"The LORD is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love, forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion. But he does not excuse the guilty. He lays the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations." (Numbers 14:18)

So Mo encouraged.... no, urged me, to listen to a teaching entitled "Restoring God's Order", saying I need to understand this and that I need to get my kids to hear it too. This teaching is one from a week long conference held at Ellel Ministries, which is a "Healing and Deliverance Ministry".

And so, on Monday 16th April 2012, I listened to it and immediately called for a church elder to join Mo in praying release over me, release from my sexual past and all the many and varied ungodly soul ties I had created in my life. And so the following day, our Pastor, Mo and I prayed for this release in my life. And I was set free that day; it was a major and radical turning point in my life, my worship and consequently in my prayer life.

After almost fifty years of loosing battles against lust and pornography, I can finally declare freedom from this in my life. Suddenly Satan has no more accusations of this to hurl at me, holding back my prayers and barricading my worship of God.

I say "almost fifty years" because most of my 55 years of life have been sexually debased. I was only five when I had my first sexual encounter and most of my Christian walk was still plagued by pornography. The few years that were not plagued by porn, were still plagued by other sexual immoralities.

But suddenly I am free! Now I am able to do what the Word says:

- *"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name"* (Psalm 29:2)
- *"to worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness"* (Psalm 29:2)
- *"to lift up holy hands"* (1 Timothy 2:8)
- *"to no longer have even a hint of sexual immorality"* (Ephesians 5:3)

Suddenly I can live:

"God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in

holiness and honour— not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways."

(1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)

I know very well how this sounds and that scepticism will rise in people. I know that same scepticism all too well from my own life and thoughts. But I can honestly declare that I am set wonderfully free by the unfathomable grace and power of my Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.

"So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:13-16)

So am I now without sin? Certainly not; attitudes, for example, well up within me that are unbecoming for a Christian. Sexual sins are only one set of sins, but I think these are the most powerful and possibly the easiest for Satan to use against us. And he certainly uses these very effectively against men mainly, but women too.

So why do men, more than women, have such major issues with such things as lust and porn, etc? It is because God has raised men up to be spiritual leaders.... Spiritual leaders in the church and spiritual leaders in the home.

By breaking men down, he can break down homes and therefore break down communities and societies.

But we have a perfect High Priest....
"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could He set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; He came to help the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in

every respect like us, His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since He Himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested."

(Hebrews 2:14-18)

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:31-36)

I think half our problem is that we have difficulty taking God at His word; even though we believe in God, we have difficulty believing Him.

It's kind of like Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He absolutely believed in God. He was a priest in the Temple of the Lord and he had been praying to God for a son. Then, when God sent the angel Gabriel to tell him his prayers had been heard, and that Elizabeth would bear him a son, he couldn't believe it.

In the same way, we have difficulty looking at ourselves and believing who God Almighty says we are, in Christ:

We are redeemed;
We are reconciled to God;
We are sanctified;
We are glorified;
We are justified;
We are renewed;
We are forgiven;
We are more than conquerors;
We are Set Free;
Not by anything we have done, not because of what we have worked for and earned;
NO, but by His grace and favour.

Because of the finished work of the cross.

OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE – AGAIN!

Sandy Angel-Jones-Fitton

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." (Isaiah 54:2)

I just love the rallies, and I NEVER thought I would say that! This year's Farmyard Rally was promising to be even more exciting as we had been moved from our comfortable 'little' tent to a tent that was probably three times the size (note size and dimension are not my strong point – but it was MUCH bigger). Not only was the tent bigger, but it was moved from the outer edge, "non-fires" field to smack-bang-centre of the entire rally!! (that definitely deserves a double exclamation mark).

Now, I have to be honest and say that when Mike and I arrived to set up, I looked at it and thought "I'm not sure about this – it's all different – doesn't feel as cosy, walled in and comfortable". I 'worried' that we may not be able to have those conversations that needed a cosy, comfortable place. But then I thought, "God has moved us here, we didn't ask for it, and, even if He didn't move us, *"He can bring all things to come together for good for those that love Him and are called for His purpose"*. (John 8:28). That said, I had to put His words into practice. I prayed for His heart, His eyes, His opportunities and His will. Then I set off KNOWING that He was going to make things happen. I bet you are not surprised to hear that He did!!!! (that definitely deserves more exclamation marks). I KNOW that God answered my prayer,



because the people that came to me and spoke to me specifically did so about the passion that God has laid on my heart – which is His Creation versus Evolution and the miracle of actually being able to understand physics at this late stage of my life. Now you have to remember that in anyone's imagination, I don't look like a scientist, even less so in my motorbike gear, cut-off and rally grubbiness. One of my dear friends said that I am the 'dippiest scientist she has ever met and wonders just how someone so clever in the scientific world could be so blonde (no offence to blondes here and no joke following).

Every single person who approached me and fell into conversation ended up speaking about and bringing up the subject of creation / evolution and physics, without my manipulation, and, of course, we ended up talking about what God said about all this. ISN'T GOD JUST FINE AND DANDY AND GREAT!!!! (more exclamation marks – but I will never fail to be amazed at His amazingness).

The gist of this story is that when God takes you out of your comfort zone, say "Thank you" and then ask Him to use you. He will never fail you, forsake you or leave you wondering why you were there. He will always amaze you and use you and who knows how many lives can be saved for His Kingdom!!!! – yup, just one or two more exclamation marks.....Forgive me, I am just so EXCITED and I pray you get excited too when He next moves your boundary lines and amazes you!

Jabez prayed to the God of Israel, "*Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!*" (1 Chronicles 4:10) And God granted him his request.

Lots and lots of love and God's richest Blessings to you all.
Sandy xxxxx

The AGM (in April every year) is a weekend of fellowship, praise and half a day of 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.



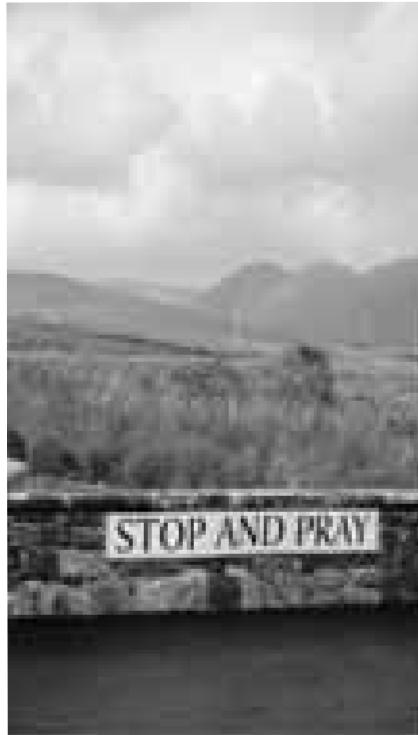
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Stop And Pray

Liz Robertson

A couple of years ago we had a fantastic holiday on the west coast of Ireland. At one point we were driving through a beautiful, but fairly remote and desolate area. We were on a large uninhabited plain surrounded by mountains; the road lay straight ahead for miles, disappearing into the misty distance. Suddenly the most extraordinary view came in sight: a small church: alone in this wilderness! We pulled up and went to have a look. A plain, unremarkable exterior didn't prepare us for the beauty of the interior of the church and the quiet peacefulness therein: it had a modern design with majestic stained glass windows and altar dressings, and the presence of God was almost tangible. But what really spoke to me was the large sign on the roadside outside the church, angled so that all who passed could see and read it clearly: 'STOP AND PRAY'. And do you know what? As we sat outside the church, that's exactly what we witnessed: car after car pulled up by the church. People went in for a few minutes and then drove off again.



I was really moved by this experience and it seemed to me, as I pondered it, that it was like a parable. We travel along in our walk with God. Our road may seem straightforward and uncomplicated, with our way lying before us clearly. We may feel that our way seems to lie through desolate places with few 'signposts'. Mountains may be on our horizon, threatening to obscure our path. However, our loving heavenly Father says; "Stop and pray. Wherever you are on the road; whatever circumstances you're in at the moment, or are facing; stop and pray. Before you rush on, talk to me. And listen. I love you, and in Me you will find comfort, strength and direction."



Wear Your Colours

Tim Cannon

Folks

Just been for a little jaunt out on the bike, and I had thought to myself that I would go to South Shields, to Minchella's for a cup of tea.

Now, when I write my memoirs about my Christian experiences, I shall say that what happened next was the "force of God", but what actually happened was that I wasn't really concentrating where I was going and found myself at Tynemouth instead!! (Did you know that I can nearly count to five!).

However God, as usual, made the most of my mistake and I stopped at the Surfin' Cafe on the sea front. I pulled up next to three other bikes and nodded my hellos as I went in.



When I came out, they all approached me and said that two of them were Christians and how much they admired the fact that I had my waistcoat on (with the cross on the back). We then had a nice chat and I explained a little about our CMA Branch and took the mobile

number of one of them, whose name is, you'll never guess – Billy Graham!! I have since texted Billy and given him my e-mail inviting him to join our group on either a ride out or at one of our meetings – hopefully he will reply.

So – wear your colours, you never know how God will use it!!

Flippin' brilliant, I think – I was buzzin' on the ride home, I can tell you!

(Ed's comment :Well done; it never fails to get attention!)

Where to find a CMA Branch.

Scotland

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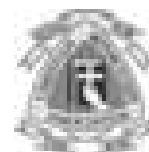
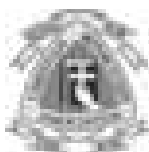
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After a great deal of prayerful consideration, I have decided that I should step down from the post of Chainlink editor. In the four years that I have been in the post, we have made a number of changes to the magazine which, from feedback received, seem to have been welcomed. To paraphrase the Book of Ecclesiastes (chapter three); to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven, including editing magazines.

I feel that the end of my "season" as editor has arrived, and it is best that I hand over to somebody new who can take the magazine still further, rather than "hang on in there" until something breaks.

I'd like to thank all those who, over the period that I've looked after the magazine, have contributed pieces and material, especially the "regulars". I will not embarrass them by naming them here, nor myself in the event that I should omit somebody. So, you know who you are; thank you for your support.

Now to the question of "who next?"

That's something that you, dear reader, need to think about. Having an outline of what the role entails might help.

Obviously, it's managing the compilation and production of the magazine. There is a documented process description for the role and responsibilities which include :

- setting deadlines for receipt of material (all communications with the membership are via the National Secretary)

- confirming receipt of material (apologies to anybody that I've not done this for!)

- reviewing and editing the received material to ensure that it is suitable for publication (this may include reference to the National Chairman or Executive for guidance on some matters)

- building the magazine from a template using a desktop publishing package called QuarkXpress

- liaising with the UK Membership Secretary for the latest distribution list(s) to be sent to the printer

- submitting the draft magazine to the printer

- reviewing the printer's proofs (making corrections, if required)

- approving the proofs

We have a long-standing arrangement with a superb printing firm (Barnwell) who also handle the physical distribution of the magazine, so the role doesn't mean that you have to sit at your table labelling and stuffing envelopes, applying stamps and then trudging to the nearest post office with 800+ envelopes! Barnwell do the distribution using list(s) supplied direct

to them by the CMA UK Membership Secretary, who also holds the spare copies of the magazine for ad-hoc purposes. A contract exists that gives CMA (UK) a fixed price for the production and distribution of an agreed number of copies over a fixed number of issues. To date, the support provided by Barnwell on all aspects of printing and distribution has been exemplary.

As noted above, we currently use a software package (QuarkXpress). If you are considering taking on the editor's role and have access to, or feel more comfortable with, another package, it may be possible to use that, so long as it produces an output file that can be used by the printer.

It's not rocket science (otherwise, I wouldn't have taken it on), but it does require some time. How much would be down to an individual's preferences and capabilities, but as a guideline, we like to have the magazine printed and distributed within three weeks of the deadline date for each issue. We aim to have three or four issues per year.

Anybody who wishes to take on the role can also contact me by email in the first instance and I will try to answer any questions that you might have. I will endeavour to do a one-to-one handover with the incoming editor, depending upon location, timing and other factors.

Once again, thanks to everybody for their support over the period of my editorship.

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.

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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. However, always feel free to contact your Executive members for any clarification you might need.

CMA (UK) Ladies Conference – 23rd to 25th October 2015

The Hayes Christian Conference Centre, Swanwick Derbyshire, DE55 LAU

Sandy Fitton

I always get excited whenever I am going to attend the AGM, National Rally, EMC, CMA Ladies Day in Holland and CMA UK Ladies Conference because I know that I am going to meet up with some of my Christian family. Every single time, I have not been disappointed by seeing everyone's beautiful, smiley faces and sharing in what the Lord has done in the last year, month, week, day. It is soon time for our 2015 CMA UK Ladies Conference, and I am already excited to see my sisters in Christ again.

However, this conference is not just for all the ladies that have been before. If you have never been to any of the CMA UK Ladies Conferences, I would like to encourage you to come along and see for yourself just what God does when a bunch of ladies get together to seek His face, grow and share together and come away refreshed and ready to go out and reach the lost!

Here is a small description of the conference to help you make up your mind.

The weekend begins on Friday with tea and biscuits, finding your en-suite accommodation and orienting yourself with a fantastic hotel and surrounding gardens. After supper, we usually have an ice-breaker evening to relax and be entertained before we head into a weekend of exciting interactive workshops, time out, prayer, lots of worship, laughter and way too much food! We have numerous guest speakers who speak on all sorts of

topics and each workshop is hands-on, where we get to apply what we have been taught, discuss topical issues and see what God has to say about it (most important). The meals and accommodation are top rate – you won't go hungry (did I mention that there's lots of food already?) and your rooms are super comfortable.

Does this whet your appetite? Then how about booking in and joining a growing group of ladies who are serious about their walk with God? I know this may seem a little premature to be booking something a year ahead, but I always find that it's much better to plan ahead than to wish you had planned ahead. Last year we had so many ladies book at the last minute, which was difficult for them as well as us (*the Hayes need secure numbers one year ahead and these numbers are not easily negotiable either way after that*). If you want to come, please complete the booking form and send it to Pauline (the address is on the bottom of the form) with a £10 cheque to secure your place.

In this issue of Chainlink, you will also find a bank payment form so that you can spread the cost by paying on a monthly basis. All you have to do is fill in the form and take it to your bank for your payments to go out on a monthly basis.

We would dearly love to see you there. Do come and join us. Lots of love and God's richest blessings. Sandy and the team x



Please note that I will only be booking single rooms for those who book ahead. Bookings made in October 2014 cannot be cancelled due to the Hayes booking policy and any bookings made after October 2014 will be subject to availability of rooms from the Hayes.

Editor's Note :

The forms mentioned above are on pages of this issue.

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The options are:

- tear out the page and complete / send the forms
- photocopy the relevant pages and complete / send the forms
- call / text / email Sandy and ask for forms to be emailed to you.

A minister and his wife decided to have the deacons and their spouses to dinner. When it was time to eat, the minister asked their four year old daughter to say grace. The girl said, "I don't know what to say". Her mum then told her, "Just say what I say." So everyone bowed their heads and the little girl said, "O dear Lord, why are we having all these people over for dinner? Amen!"





Booking Form
CMA (UK) Ladies Conference – 23rd to 25th October 2015
The Hayes Christian Conference Centre, Swanwick,
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Two Birds With One Stone

Brian Jenner

Outside C.M.A., one of my interests is the work of A Rocha, a Christian Conservation Organisation and in particular their centre in the Czech Republic at Kruparna near a small village called Dobre. The group's name derives from the Portuguese for "stone", which relates to their first project in that country. At A Rocha they do not stone birds, rather they count them and study them. They also share their interests in wild life and God with people of all ages and have the enviable privilege to do this in some local schools. I've been many times as a volunteer, mostly with my wife Sue, but once alone.

Motorcycles have added to the joy of my trips there. The year the E.M.C. was at Tepla, in the west of the Czech Republic, we flew to Prague and hired a car (Sue does not do motorcycles). We were to pick up Sandy and a friend at the airport, but that is another story. We got to the rally in time to get the tent up, cook a meal and get to the first meeting, by no means the last. We had a great time; Sue enjoyed seeing a dog complete with goggles in a side car and the rest of the rally too.



After the event, we drove to Kruparna and then to Hradesh Kralova on the following Wednesday to join the mission that followed the rally and joined them for the day. You may have seen my piece on that in an earlier issue of Chainlink.



On a later trip I happened upon a barn... the owner, a lady of around ninety, had been the first in the village to ride a motorcycle. She kindly allowed me to photograph the bike. It would have been nice to get it on the road, but I must do mine first.



During this year's spring half term, we went with two of the A Rocha people, Radka and Pavel, on a bird ringing trip to a river not far away (they will not let me do the ringing as I do not know the difference between a leg and a neck). As we were packing up, along came a man on his adapted CZ.



He had changed the pedal start to a pull start and put on a "new" seat. I spoke to

him briefly, ran out of Czech, so he talked to Radka and Pavel before riding off after letting me take a few photos.

Not My Cup Of Tea, Dear

Lynne Richardson

I met Simon in 2007, married him in 2008 - he's a tad older than me (LOL), so different age and background. No apologies. I am a middle-class quiet, committed Christian, a lifelong Methodist; unadventurous if you like, up till recently caring for many years for my now late parents. He's "saff" London, CofE, spent a lifetime in a security job with the government, and "forgot" the Anglicans at sixteen years old. Biker at birth, but ex-biker on our marriage, ocean yacht cruiser type - Southampton based instead - home infrequently. Me? I'm queasy in very high heels.

"I'll give it up darling, I like being married"

In 2010, Rev Terry Wright (now in Glasgow and who assisted at our wedding) invited him to the EMC rally in Huddersfield, and offered a new Triumph for him to ride (not aware of the 25year gap in biking!)

On his return: "I think I've found an avenue for me - in the biking world!"

"Take your time dear - sleep on it - 25 years or so; don't be hasty; be sensible, re-consider!"

Eight weeks later, this V-Rod thing arrived. Back tyre the size of the washing machine with a noise that frightened the neighbours! My mum liked it a lot; "nice," she said, "same colour as my wheelchair and invalid scooter." Not sure Simon appreciated the comparison; it was a Harley after all!

Through Terry, he joined the Knights of Antioch Motorcycle Ministry and started rallying and shows and mentioned the CMA a lot.

2012 - V-Rod going - "I'm getting a proper Harley". Well it's big and black and covered in leather and spots like the Bubonic plague and frightens the whole of Surrey! And, "I'm joining CMA as they have lots of things going on - it's an extension of what I'm doing in spreading the Gospel."

Well, they took him on, - trip to France with World Horizons, lots of summer rallies, EMC in Denmark - busy boy!

Then : "How would you like to go to the Ladies Festival in Derby and see what it's really all about!?"

Oh dear - don't / can't ride pillion now - it's an age thing - lost my bottle, I suppose - he's not pushed the point, but a weekend with dirty, oily ,leather clad, tattooed, earringed youngsters and endless chatter of "knee down " and "double overhead camshaft sproggetts", cooped up in an ex-army nissen hut eating Spam out of billycans with seminars on "Scott Oiler Adventures" and Bridgestone v Pilot 3's - phew, give me a Methodist circuit stewards' meeting any time!!

"I'll check my diary but it's not really my thing - thanks all the same."

So . . . as we ground along the M1 doing the four hour car park crawl in the darkness towards Swanwick, Derbyshire, Simon said: "I should have come on my bike! "

And it was cold, dark and pouring with rain and, oh, so slow! And I thought, what would Jesus say?

Well, what a welcome!

My job is in catering management and I was pleasantly surprised and impressed with the venue - yes, it's elderly, but there is nothing old about what they serve up in accommodation; cleanliness and lovely grub. This is a conference centre dealing with multiple groups with varying Christian interests, but we were all made to feel individual and special.

So, no oily bikers', tattoos or meaningless engine talk, just free and easy Christian fellowship with delightful like-minded ladies who were cracking company, eager and willing to have a great time of fellowship, understand a bit about what "they" get up to and attend a few sessions of choice.

Jackie's and Sandy's were great: the card making - enjoyable and relaxing: the walking - a much needed break, and the aromatherapy from a Christian point of view - thought provoking.



Let's not forget to mention the very meaningful worship (that Mike chap's talk was pretty good too!).

So am I convinced? Well of course, yes!

I made some lovely friends and had a great weekend. And yes, you lovely gals out there should try it too see you in 2015.



North West 200 : Objectives

Tricia Knight

When our friends Ian and Miriam asked us to visit them in Coleraine during the week of the North West 200 Road Race, we jumped at the chance. I had never been to Northern Ireland, nor seen a road race, so this was a perfect opportunity for me. I had four objectives for this trip but . . . did I achieve them?

Objective 1 - See Road Racing For The First Time

Check. With road racing, they obviously have to close the roads. This makes it hard to get around and you can easily end up stuck in one position on the track, so that you don't get to see much. But, the atmosphere is so great and being there is much better than watching the racing on the TV.

So, Yes, I really engaged in my first experience of road racing.

Objective 2 - Meet The CMA Northern Ireland Branch

Check. What a lovely, friendly, bunch of people. We were stuck at one position at the practice a few days before the race, wearing our CMA waistcoats, with the white cross on show. Rhonda, her Mum, Maureen, and Heather, who are members of CMA NI, noticed the crosses and came and introduced themselves.

We met them again at the paddock, on the day of the race, where we were able to help them with their stand. We spoke

Heather's husband, Robert, 'Robster' to his CMA friends, was a real inspiration, to us as a person and as an evangelist; he has an amazing testimony. Rob rides a trike, which he uses at CMA events as a conversation starter to draw people to Christ. Whenever we saw him, he was always surrounded by people; what a gift from God!



Objective 4 - Visit The Joey Dunlop Memorial

Check. It's a very moving place and, when put together with the racing we had been watching, it did bring a tear to my eye.

Added to all this, the Methodist church that Ian and Miriam go to put on a hog-roast as an outreach to the bikers. This went down well with the many visitors; and the hog soon ran out, leaving only burgers.

Objective 3 - See Some Tourist Sites

Check. There were three places on my list and I managed to get to two of them. We saw the Giants Causeway and the Rede-a-Carrick rope bridge. I didn't get to the Bushmills Distillery, but that gives me an excuse to go back (you won't have to twist my arm for that!)

So, all my objectives for the trip were met but, there is one more thing that I have to say about it. The friendliness of everyone we met has left a lasting impact on me. I can give three examples of this.



The two places we did visit would have met the objective, but I also got to ride the coastal road from Larne to Coleraine. For me, this is one of "The Worlds Greatest Motorcycle Rides". If you get a chance, you must ride this road!



to a lot of people and handed out an amazing amount of Biker Bibles to people who were genuinely interested. We might not have been able to understand what they were saying a lot of the time but we have made a good bunch of friends.

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New Friends

They are good friends now, but before this visit I hadn't met Miriam and had only met Ian once, in Cornwall, in 2013, but they put us up and looked after us for the week.



Also their friend Robin, whom we had never met, gave us the key and use of his house from the Wednesday to Saturday, the day of the race; as his house was a perfect place to watch it all, if we wanted to, while he was away.

One of the members of Ian and Miriam's church was giving free surfing lessons on the Sunday after church, which we were invited to take part in and which we gracefully declined. Tricia being the chilly mortal, was wrapped in a blanket, while children and even pensioners, were braving the freezing water and loving it.

The Pub

The main road from Belfast to Coleraine was closed for a cycle race and, after giving up trying to find our way on the back roads, we decided to stop at a pub. We arrived at the pub at 11:30 a.m. soaking wet (It is Ireland). The landlord was very welcoming, saying, "the pub is open but we are not serving food until 14:00, however, no problem, I will go to the local shop and get you something."

He continuously made sure we had plenty of tea, coffee, sandwiches,

pastries and anything else we might have wanted. How many landlords would do that? We sat in front of an open fire, drying out our bike gear, waiting four hours for the roads to re-open before carrying on.

We would love to move there, but will have to settle for looking forward to visiting our new 'extended family.'

Take Every Opportunity

Peter Steele

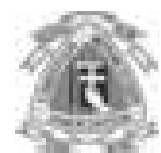
'The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it's the power of God.' (1 Cor. 1 v 18)

The other morning, as I came out of the bank, a smartly dressed older man, visiting Gloucester, crossed my path. I stopped to give way to him and he stopped to give way to me! I thanked him and passed the time of day, mentioning motorbikes. He said he had one. After telling him of my trusty Honda

Shifty, I said 'I'm a Christian and a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. He then asked me 'Are you born again?' and I said 'Yes'.

He then shook my hand very firmly and held it tightly. I looked up and noticed a tear trickling down his face. We walked together towards his hotel, I left him with one of our CMA bookmarks about sharing the Gospel with bikers.

Hebrews 13 v 2 says *'Do not forget to entertain strangers for by doing so, some people have entertained angels without knowing it.'*



First Year With CMA

Simon Richardson

Terry, the Rev. Terry Wright, his fault really; he even had a hand in marrying me. E.M.C. Rally, Huddersfield, 2010 : "Why don't you come? You ride, don't you? Borrow my brand new Triumph scrambler". At this point I thought it unwise to mention my double decade sabbatical from 'putting my boots on'. Enlightening trip, great worship, fellowship and Christian intimacy with strangers who became friends.

A spark lit the fuse, so it had to be followed and, two months later, so did a bike, and membership of Knights of Antioch Motor Cycle Ministry, with rallies shows and events. Time brought a growing realization of how well represented and respected CMA are, and long conversations with Ted Russell and Rob Barton encouraged me to apply for membership.

The V-Rod went, and the Heritage Softail arrived (I'm a 'bagger' at heart!) and in February 2013 my membership was approved.

The first long trip was with World Horizons to Lille, France. Brilliant ride, worship and accommodation (chateau!!) and new



friends. Downside - emptying fixed panniers in the dark, in the rain, in the car park surrounded by acres of 'GS' plastic and removable ally boxes!! A browse through the H.D. catalogue of '2nd mortgages' revealed a detachable pannier kit, flat top kit and they were keyed alike to match! Well, if I've got to sell the wife, I might as well go the whole 'hog' (that's called 'pun'). Duly done eat your heart out 'GS-ers'.

Then (Terry's about again!!) to the E.M.C. Rally, Denmark; bags filled and fitted (why is it always pouring at the start!!) The plan: London, Harwich ferry, Esberg, Tarm; easy-peasy. "Have you got your CMA and KOA waistcoats?" as the rain dripped off his giant "scooter" (Gold Wing, bought the day before!!). Both 'cuts' found, no time to dress, stuffed in nearside pannier and off. Awful journey; Noah had better weather. Brief stop at Chelmsford for fuel, "Shouldn't you have two bags on the back?" Nearside leather pannier GONE! Brief senior moment followed. Did I really fit it? Is it back on the driveway? Is it in the garage or the kitchen? It just can't fall off, can it? "You've lost that then!!" Thanks, Terry.

The realization of what could have happened dawned immediately; the bag has a ten inch metal rod attached to its frame and on release, this has a tendency to slide towards the rear wheel. How come it didn't fetch me off? What if Terry had run into it, or me, as debris? In the dark and rain on the M25, surrounded by close packed HGVs!! We had a long hard pray.

On the "good ship Lollipop" we met with National Chairman Mike, and others on the trip. The absence of waistcoat and our God incident deliverance was explained. Mike spoke briefly to a long-haired man from the Midlands (I will not reveal this amazing Christian), and he produced a plain white-crossed 'cut' and said "You can have this one to wear if you'd like."

(On the return journey, as I offered the 'borrowed' cut back, but this man said it was mine to keep; "The Lord always said it is better to give than receive". Only later I was to learn that it was not a spare waistcoat he had, it was the ONLY one he had!)

The rally was inspirational, the camping, food and facilities excellent, with uplifting worship, fellowship and speakers and a fabulous worship band. Highlights included taking over the 'cafe-society' pedestrian area of the

town of Ringkobing, complete with our



worship band, on the Saturday and the conference centre address by Chairman Mike; well, you just had to be there!!

It was an uneventful, if lopsided, return home to bite the bullet and re-order from H.D. (ouch).

Five days later, there was a phone call from the KOA President, "Your bag's been found; a secular club member has it, so give him a ring."

Two hundred yards from where I live is an MOT garage. The tester there found my bag on a grass verge a mile away, took it to work but was nervous about opening it. Enter said secular club member, with H.D. for MOT; opens bag, finds 'cuts', uses smartphone. One MOT, one e-mail and three phone calls later I meet him in a local hostelry. One hour later I leave clutching bruised, but intact, bag; he leaves holding a CMA Ministry card!!!

I'm not really accident prone, although rain follows me about, but I finished 2013 off by spending most of November and December in hospital with pneumonia, and in January this year broke my right collar bone; however it is now year number two!!

What was the highlight of my first year in CMA and greatest joy? Carefully packing and posting a plain, white-crossed, leather 'cut' to a long-haired, amazing Christian in the Midlands.

Easter Egg Run

Colin Wood

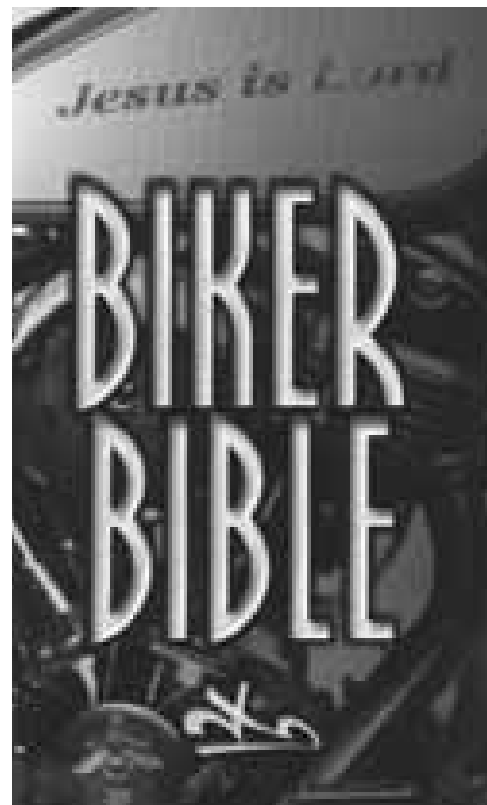


CMA East Midlands have run the Leicester Egg Run for ten years. Each year we partner with Churches Together in Anstey, Leicestershire, and the local undertakers. Eggs are gathered and taken to the Nook in Anstey, from where we ride out across the Charnwood Forest to finish at the Queen Vic Bikers' Pub.

This year, CMA gave the talk at the Palm Sunday service at St Marys in Anstey. Around fifty bikes rode out from the Nook with a send off by the congregations under palm banners. The eggs were passed to the undertakers for distribution to Rainbows Hospice and others.



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The deadline for submissions for the next edition is tba

From The N.I. Chaplain's Couch

Rev Fred Cowan N I CMA Supporter / Chaplain

"I heard a voice thunder from the Throne. 'Look! Look! all the first order of things (the old), gone.' The Enthroned continued, "Look, I'm making everything new. Write it down- each word dependable and accurate." (Revelation Chapter 21 verses 3 -5; The Message)

Giving this a little thought recently it struck me that here we have the Lamb upon the throne, His mission accomplished, and yet He is still working away. It catches us unawares at times that He is actively operating in our lives, anxious that we should "Look! Look around you and see what I am doing!"

Two things are mentioned here. Past things, and present things, the old and the new! The availability of salvation was accomplished a long time ago. The effects of this are to be seen all around you."Just take a moment to consider what I'm up to", says the Lord Jesus. "Behold, I am making all things new." Present tense.

What an amazing statement. He is still in the business of picking up what others have neglected, spurned, rejected ! And the amazing thing is that out of that which has been cast aside and dubbed to be hopeless, worthless and despised, He fashions, moulds and makes good what others have dubbed

'only fit for the scrap heap'! Broken lives, addicts, no hopers, the lost, the rejected and the deserted.

It is interesting to note that the word that He uses, here translated a 'making', is a Greek word that comes from the carpenter's shop and carries with it the idea of fashioning, shaping and fitting for a new purpose!

Let's remember that its an ongoing work in progress and you and I, dear reader, are offered the tremendous privilege to engage with Him in his great task of 'making all things new'. It's in the present continuous tense!!!

See You Soon

The Tyne and Wear Twig will be losing their leader Phil Roberts and his wife Gilian, who are leaving for two years to work in Qatar. Their constant energy and love for God has made the twig's first year a great and memorable one. From 'Stormin the Castle,' Kelso, Bike Wise, the Wetlands, the odd Easter Egg run and much more, they have encouraged us in our witness and helped and supported us in our walk with God.

Standing in the middle of roughly 400 bikers and praying always stands out for me as one of Gilian's strengths. Their work as street pastors and Phil's work with the Blood Bikes has been an inspiration to us all. The whole twig would like to extend their love knowing that wherever they go, God will be there with them.

from George and Caz
and the rest of the Tyne
& Wear twig



Co-operation

A steering committee is a group of four people trying to park a car.

Co-operation is spelt with two letters - W and E

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

News From The Executive

I am writing this as the summer comes to an end and the autumn is just around the corner. Many branches have been busy throughout the summer attending bike events and at many of these running Holy Joes and witnessing to the biking community.

The third weekend in July, we had our National Rally at Lenchwood Christian Centre, Evesham. The weekend was a great time of fellowship. The food was good and thanks once again to the caterers who cooked their way through the weekend, serving lots of meals to hungry bikers. Mike Adams from World Horizons brought the Word on Saturday evening and Sid O'Neill brought the Word on Sunday morning. An offering was taken on the Saturday evening for the work of Open Doors and £2,026.75 has been given to them; thank you to all those who gave towards the work of this ministry.

The National Rally is a time where we can get to know members from other branches across the UK. The Executive also arranges regional meetings each year so that branches in a region can come together for fellowship, so please look out for details of the nearest regional meeting to you.

Advance notice – The 2015 AGM will be over the weekend of 17th – 19th April, 2015, with the AGM being held on the afternoon of Saturday 18th April 2015. Thanks to the Gloucester branch who have offered to host the weekend. Further details will be made available, once these are known.

Dates for our Executive meetings for the rest of 2014 are 11th October and 29th November. The Executive would appreciate your prayers for their meetings and the on-going projects that they are involved with.

On the CMA UK website homepage there are a number of links to various pages including details of forthcoming events. If you are a member, you can obtain log-in details from Ted Russell to the members area of the website and this gives you access to other information not available on the main site. I would encourage you to look at the website regularly as you will find out about national and local events and other relevant news.

On behalf of the Executive, we thank you for your support and prayers.

Elaine Williams
CMA UK National Secretary

The Forgiven Bike

Kevin Cummings



Prelude

On a long and lonesome highway east of west Carlisle, listening to the engine roaring out its one note song, dreaming about a woman. The one I'd left behind... when the back end went and I set off, tumbling down the road.

I'd heard tales of bikers lying in the middle of the road and cars just driving past them. Well, it's true; they do. This was on a very narrow road up in the Lake District somewhere, just wide enough to pass and lined each side with dry stone walls. The first car nearly went over my head; the next two drivers had to stop, but sat glaring at me lying on the ground. I leapt up as the adrenaline kicked in and rushed to the bike to hit the kill switch. In one swift move, I lifted the bike up, then fell back down as my leg and arm gave way. As I was now lying under the bike there was just enough room for cars to pass, one at a time, so they did, leaving me trapped. I tried to catch any driver's eye for help but it was pointless. I managed to get out from under the bike and pushed it to the side of the road as drivers sounded their horns at me for the inconvenience.

It was a horrid night; cold, raining and misty, and I was lost. Added to that, I thought I had broken my arm and injured my leg. As always, it's the unexpected that happens and a couple of older persons stopped to ask if I was injured. Obviously being brave, I said I was fine but could they tell me where I was! I rang Carol Nash and then waited four hours in the rain for a breakdown truck. When "Steve" arrived, his opening words, "I have no way of getting you on the back of the pick up, and if I could, I don't have any straps", made me feel great. The crash bar was bent into the gear change, so he bent it back with a hammer and I started the bike. The throttle was stuck open which is why I'd crashed, but I didn't care. I was cold, wet and in pain, so I got on it and rode it home.

What I have learned, in my years as a Christian, is that there are a lot of Christians who don't believe parts of the bible, tongues, healing, angels, to name a few. Well, angels guided me home

and I believe in them. It's a V-Twin cruiser and, with the throttle stuck open, it can shift, and I ain't the words best rider, but I prayed all the way in what had become thick fog - about forty miles, and when I turned on to my drive, I hit the kill switch and fell off. I lay on the floor praising God for bringing me home safe. I could not have done that by myself in a million years. The angels tipped me a nod and went on about the Father's business.

The Rebuild

Sid O'Neill, who you all know, turned up a couple of days later and said "I'm going to fix your bike." Isn't that great; not "How can I help?" just, "I'm going to do it."

God bless you, brother. He was true to his word and sorted the throttle problem and got the bike running smoothly again.

Obviously it was a bit battered, but it was all cosmetics really. The front crash bar was bent beyond further use, but that now hangs in my studio taking centre stage; without it, the bike would have come down on my leg and that's not something I want to think about. I replaced the crash bar immediately but the rest had to wait a year.

Most of the stuff I stripped off was the usual cruiser bolt on guff, big screen, big seat, sissy bar you know the stuff. I fitted new ape hangers, replaced any damaged chrome I wanted to keep and



sprayed the bike black. I like art that is thought provoking, so I wanted the word "forgiven" written on the tank and a nail on the front mudguard, not in bright contrasting colours, but in more subtle reds and ochre. You have to do a double take to read it, especially to figure out it's a nail. I have a CMA banner to drape over the front of the bike and, with bibles on the seat, it sort of "works", if you know what I mean.

I am also CMA's worst evangelist. I'm OK once I get going, but rubbish at starting a conversation; the bike helps as people ask me questions about it. It isn't anything special, but I have dedicated it to God. I'm not fussed about ride outs and the like anymore, I only want to ride somewhere to talk about Jesus, and God helps me by using "The Forgiven Bike".

A BIG Thank You

Sid O'Neill

Some time ago, Holy Geoff had an unfortunate accident on his beloved motorcycle. Del Tierney collected the bike from the road and has been kindly working on it. Sadly, it seems the bike was in a pretty poor condition and won't be returning any time soon, much to the disappointment to our Geoff. So, one weekend while down at the club house I saw a bike come in to the dealer whose shop is below as a part exchange! I instantly thought of Holy Geoff..... (as I often do!!)

After a few tyre kicks and explaining how much our Geoff needed a new bike, Phil, the owner of the bike shop, agreed on a price. Including a full service and MOT. New battery while you're at it Phil. Hey presto, all I had to do was raise the cash and let Geoff know. £1,000 for a one owner EN500 custom. Bargain. I emailed the branch (well, the solvent ones) and I was soon staggered at the offers to help pay for Geoff's new bike! To my surprise, it turns out Holy Geoff is a really popular bloke and many CMAtes wanted to help get him get back on the road. I rang Geoff to tell him the news and he seemed a little quiet. It turns out he was lost for words, and his wonderful wife Lela had to take over the phone call.

It's not something we often do, but I would like to say, as Chairman of N.Cheshire CMA, how blessed I am to be part of a wonderful loving team up here in the North West of the UK. Many folk came to see Geoff collect his new wheels and we had a time of prayer to bless the bike and ask for the Lord's protection as he (Geoff) gets used to it.



Top Box hands over the keys

I rang him before writing this to see how he was getting on with the bike. "Well, fine," he said, "I'm at the Yorkshire Pudding Rally working on Holy Joes." Wow! He's up and running and serving the Lord on his new gift.

I'd also like to thank the lads and lasses from S. Lincs CMA for their support and turning out on the night to see the bike handed over. It was a wonderful night! I rode up the motorway with Geoff just to make sure all was well. It was a real blessing to see him riding again wearing his white cross.

THANK YOU TO YOU ALL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.



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.

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.



Join the CMA at the many rallies and events that can be found at:-
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Active Outreach

Ian Francis – Outreach Secretary – North Cheshire

At the North Cheshire AGM in November 2013, I stepped aside as Secretary and took up the brand new role as Outreach Secretary. I didn't really know how the role was going to develop, but I knew that I was being called to get out of the 'holy huddle' mentality that I found myself in and go back to CMA's roots. When Herb Shreeve bought a bike to try and develop a relationship with his son, they started going to rallies together, and while his son went and got wasted, he walked the rally sites horrified that the biking sub-culture was totally unreached by the Gospel.

Right at the beginning of my time as Outreach Secretary, Sid, the chairman of North Cheshire, gave me some valuable advice about my role, basically that I couldn't bully people into joining me and I shouldn't be discouraged if not everybody has the same desire to get out of their comfort zone and share God's love amongst the biking community. He said that I should plan on going solo and if people joined me, then I should take encouragement from them coming along.

I decided to make the first forty days a time of prayer and preparation, during which time I researched which events were on and, after prayer, decide which I would plan to go to. I was hoping to get to at least one new (to CMA) event per month.

In January, I managed to find three events on consecutive weekends (all of which were indoors), one all-day event and two evening events. The Manchester Bike Show is not big and it took all of two hours to walk around and look at all the exhibits/stalls. I was accompanied by one other member of NC and we had a good time; we bumped into two members of South Lancs and also had a good chat to some old friends who we knew from the Screaming Skulls and one from my church. It reinforced my belief that just being out amongst bikers and letting them see that we are normal goes a long way towards acceptance in the biking community.

The following weekend, I was at a bikers/rock pub in Bury for a tribute band; there were several bikers from a back patch club there to see the band, one of whom stopped me and asked if I knew Ernie from South Lancs and he asked to be remembered to him. There was also a hangaround from another club who I talked to at length after he asked about what CMA were all about, he accepted a bikers bible from me and when I visit Bury in the near future I will be sure to follow up on this contact.

they got on with each other away from the track. The whole team are so glad that CMA are involved in their passion of racing and were looking forward to the following Thursday when they were bringing the outfit down to the NC clubhouse for a bring and share social. We had a prayer of blessing for the lads and the outfit for the coming season which sees them going to the TT in May / June as well as competing across the country in the F2 championship.



First Rally



Gazebo Number 1

The following weekend was an awards dinner in Liverpool where Team Finds (the sidecar outfit that we sponsor) were receiving the 'Ace of Aintree' award. Last year, I had been to watch the lads at the Aintree and Anglesey circuits and had met most of the team, but in the social atmosphere of an awards dinner it was great to see the dynamics of the group and how well

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The calendar filled up and now it looks like I could be out at an event or a rally every weekend till the beginning of November if I wanted. The fields are ripe for the harvest; the task is great but the workers are few. I would encourage anyone who has a heart to reach bikers to get on your knees and ask for God's guidance as how to be most effective, then get hold of the rally lists on line and plan which ones you can do; it won't take long for your calendar to look as busy as mine!

As a footnote, this article was written back in February; since then the outreach team has been to eleven rallies, seven other events and the Isle of Man TT; we have had dozens of God-ordained conversations, given away hundreds of Biker Bibles and made some lasting contacts. The landlord of the pub in Bury has allowed a Bikers Church poster to be permanently displayed on the wall and has a display of Biker Bibles and literature which he encourages me to replenish every time I go.



Gazebo Number 2

We are on our second gazebo due to the wind destroying our first one and are currently on the lookout for a van to use as a rally bus.

I feel extremely blessed to be involved in this ministry and with the help of a few dedicated souls hope to continue for years to come.



One of our helpers



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The Pilgrim Bike

Fred and Fran Gill

On 24th August, we enjoyed a celebration that I had not anticipated until recently. It has been my dream for six years to have a very special bike built in memory of our dear son, Robert, who loved coming out riding with me. Something that would not just be a sort of living memorial but also something to give back to God the glory and a recognition of His love and grace, something that would speak of Him to others and lead to conversations about faith. Today, we were wonderfully supported by our brothers and sisters in CMA and by our church and family as our minister kindly commissioned the bike in our morning service, and ourselves with it, to God's service.

Many members of CMA will know how



Bedford branch at the commissioning service

we lost our son six and a half years ago after a night out in Bedford when he was abducted by three youths who tried to rob him and ended up throwing him in the local river and drowning him. We know we had so much support and prayer from you and God has been gracious and generous in answering all your prayers. He gave us the resolve and strength to forgive his killers and by His grace He still does – when I remember what they did to him I pray for them and ask God to be gracious to them and let them find His love and salvation for themselves. They need Him just as much as I do and He loves them – it still surprises me, but He does – as much as He loves me. As Paul taught in Romans 3, we have all fallen short of God's glory and no-one is good enough on their own – we all need the saving grace of Jesus. We are on a sort of level playing field there, however good or bad we think we are.

The whole idea started during the court case over Rob's murder. Day by day we heard in detail the awful descriptions of how Robert had been beaten and kicked by this small gang of youths. He was too drunk to resist or get away. It hurt and made us angry – he had done nothing to deserve it and the callousness of the behaviour of these youths shocked us. We left the court with a lot of confused and painful emotions most days. The amazing thing was that, driving home the twelve miles or so that it took from Luton, we found that God was touching us. The pain and anger would subside and we would be left with a sense of peace. It was during these times that I started to get ideas. They came gradually, but over time I started to see a bike, the

same white as Robert's bicycle which he loved. I'd had the Easy Rider poster on my bedroom wall as a teenager and had always wanted a 'chopper' like those (and a beard!). It had to be a tribute to Robert, but at the same time, as I've said, I wanted it to be something that would say thank you to God for all his love and care for us. Perhaps something, too, that might bless those who have blessed us so

much over these past years with their love and encouragement and their prayers. We have found that the path of obedience to Him is not always easy but the blessing and benefits are so strong that we are still growing and being blessed by them. We are still finding how much it is a relationship. God has taught me more patience through the processes of getting this bike built without compromise. He is showing me too how important it is to understand that He is in control and to trust Him, whatever. There has been a beauty, too, in surrendering some ideas to those with the creative talents to make this machine. I had some firm ideas such as the pictures and the barley twist girder forks, but some flexibility too. Giving Buck, Fenny and Sam free reign in some areas has led to a more amazing bike than I would have dreamed of on my own. I am so grateful to them for what they have done and I hope and pray that each of

them has been blessed in what they are a part of.

There have been many strands of thought that have come together. I can't explain why, as I have never been more than a casual admirer of Harleys and I'm as happy to rib them as anyone, but somehow the donor bike had to be a Harley Davidson. An important feature of the project was the way that John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress has figured so much in Robert's death for me. God gave Fran a verse of scripture when Rob was first missing that encouraged us, 'When you go through the waters I will be with you.' Later we found that the passage started, 'Fear not for I have called you by name, you are mine.' We didn't know what it meant at the time but we took it as an important encouragement for us that God was with us and, whatever was happening to Robert, He was with him and taking care of him. We had no idea how literally that applied to the situation until a few days later. When I realised that Robert had been drowned just downstream from where John Bunyan was baptised I felt there was something more to this. I looked back at Pilgrim's Progress and found that the exact



Rear mudguard

passage given to Fran was the passage of scripture which encourages Christian – the Pilgrim – when he had to ford the final river to reach the Eternal City - heaven. The connection is a powerful one for me and I believe God was close to Robert when he drowned that night. Perhaps in the same way that Christian found God's strength to ford the river, I think God was telling us that He was with Robert and comforted him in some way as he struggled and lost his life that night.

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The bike is full of beautiful colour and includes multi-coloured gold borders to the pictures which I have never seen before. It is glorious! It is the opposite of a lot of custom bikes that have a dark theme. It speaks of peace and beauty and the richness of God's love. It also has a theme running through of the crown of thorns, represented in places by twisted steel. There is beauty in life but there is also pain. Sometimes they go hand in hand, even in the Christian walk. You might be finding that yourself now and wondering, 'Why?' We don't always know why and I gave up asking a long time ago after losing my first wife, Carolyn, very young – life is not fair and God never said it would be. For some people it seems as if they are singled out for intolerable cruelty – ask a civilian living in Syria, Iraq, Palestine or Northern Nigeria for instance, or someone being trafficked and enslaved for the greed and profit of others. But He does know all about suffering – as Father, Son and Spirit - and He promised never to leave us. (I remember people telling me what a cop-out it was for God sending His Son to do the dirty work and to suffer. Losing Robert has given me some insight. God the Father suffered agony too on the day He gave up his only Son to violent people who tortured and killed Him and had to watch it happen then turn away from His own Son as Jesus took on our sin so we can be forgiven and know Him.) The God of the cross can be our most precious friend in times of suffering, if we let Him. 'What a friend we have in Jesus...' as the hymn says. If we will accept in faith what life brings, seek His ways as His word teaches us and trust Him through the difficult times there is such a blessing to come, but that comes differently for every person. Good things have come from the awful death of Robert, including stronger ties with his family (he was our adopted son), a deepening of our relationship with God and with each other, the love and support of so many friends and the forming of Bedford Street Angels.

To describe the bike, it started life as a Softtail Custom with loads of chrome and a Vince and Hines exhaust – loud! It now has girder forks which look

fantastic but give it a turning circle comparable with a large ship! It is pearlescent white with candy colours, mainly in blue, amber, pink and gold. The front mudguard has a beautiful



Fred Gill on Pilgrim

picture of three crosses in a sort of mist. The first picture on the left of the tank is of a figure kneeling at the cross as Christian does in Pilgrim's Progress, leaving his burden there. There is an open tomb in the rocks below, Jesus is risen! A pathway follows down with a signpost at the bottom signifying a choice in the path that we take in life. The large picture on top of the tank is the face of Jesus, looking down with love and compassion on a biker riding a Hyabusa. The biker is Rob – we only learned after his death that his screensaver was a picture of a Hyabusa – he had told friends that was the bike he wanted when he grew up. The third picture on the right of the tank still chokes me when I try to explain it. In a mist is the Engineers Bridge that he was thrown from into the River Ouse. The river enlarges as it flows towards the front of the tank and the scene becomes that from the end of Pilgrim's Progress where the pilgrim is fording the river. In front of him is the Eternal City with angels waiting. The pilgrim is looking back and it is Robert, wearing his bike jacket that says, 'Triumph' on

the back, as it does – that is deeply significant too! He is smiling. I know he wasn't on that night but in heaven now I'm sure he is looking back with a smile, knowing he was loved by his family here and having a wonderful life now with his Saviour, face to face. We all look forward to this, together in God's good time.

The picture on the back mudguard (OK, 'fender' to Harley lovers) is a representation of a vision given to a lady who prayed for us at St Michael le Belfry in York. We went there a few weeks after losing Robert when visiting my brother. They invited people to go forward for ministry at the end of the service and we received prayer from a lovely couple. As they prayed the lady told us that she had a vision of Robert being held in the wings of a dove, being carried up to heaven. That was such a beautiful thing for us to receive. The practicalities and scale obviously presented a challenge to the artist and I think the way he has interpreted it is inspired – a picture of Robert's face encircled by 3 doves. I have never seen such beautiful doves, so full of light and grace and their upward movement in flight carries that sense of Robert being lifted up to heaven with them. All credit to Sam (Airbrush Perfections) for doing that and for getting Robert's likeness and expression so well!

We met Fenny (aka Longship Traders or Julie Mason), a Viking with the Bitfrost Guard re-enactment group at the Rushden Cavalcade and I put my idea to her of a tooled leather seat cover with a Celtic cross design. Robert loved coming on holidays to Scotland with us and he loved history. I remember, amongst other things how taken he was with archaeological relics and the church yard at Kilmartin with the Celtic grave stones. Fenny put a lot of thought and research into this and found in the Book of Kells a wonderful Celtic cross with not only the intricate knot patterns but the symbols of the four evangelists worked in as well – perfect! She also had the inspired idea of tooling a crown of thorns around the seat which has enhanced the theme too. I have had the pleasure of finishing the cover myself, by attaching it to the seat and tidying the underside.

Finding the right person to take on this project wasn't easy but Buck (Lucky Buck Custom Cycles) was recommended by two good CMA



friends and he got my thinking straight away. He was very generous with his time, discussing how to achieve what I wanted and making many helpful suggestions which have made it the beautiful machine that it is. He was also very kind in allowing me some hands-on time which not many people in his position would. He knew how much it meant to me. I am only sorry that it seems this will be his last bike for a customer and pray God's blessing on him for all he has done for me. At times (the project has taken about three years to complete) some friends wondered if I should have asked for the bike back to finish myself but I am sure that God led us to Buck and I stayed with him. I am still sure that was the right decision and it has been vindicated by what he has done.

I would like to thank Fran and Simon Moore in particular for their steadfast encouragement with this project, without which this day might not have come. Thanks to many other friends and family too.



Although my idea of a bike is something to be ridden, Buck feels that with the amount of work that has gone into it, it is a show bike. This is his wish and I have promised to respect it, at least for the first year or two while it is new.

So if you have a show or event that your group supports and you feel that this might add something to help spread the Gospel please give me a call.

We will be taking it to a brother's church soon in Rushden and a show on 27th Sept but the diary is clear after that.

*Open my eyes that I may see the presence that is all about me.
Open my ears that I may hear the voice that is quiet yet ever near
Open my heart that I may feel the love of God, close and real.
Open each sense, make me aware of the power and peace always there.*



Ian Francis – CMA Bikers Church North West - Secretary

On the first Sunday in September we will be celebrating our fourth anniversary here at CMA Bikers Church North West. We will hopefully be having an inspiring evening of people's testimony of how Bikers Church has impacted on their lives. In fact the challenge has been sent out that if enough people come forward with testimonies then Colin will not have enough time to preach.

Bikers church has had its ups and downs over the past four years we have had tears of joy & pain, we have also had lots of fun, fellowship and friendship. We have had the unsaved come to know Christ and continue to follow Christ's example through the waters of baptism (usually outdoors in the winter!) we have had weddings and child dedications and we have had rock bands leading worship.

Our services have increased from once a month to twice with a Bible feast on the third Sunday of the month, giving people a chance to develop their own ministry and preaching gifts without the pressure of a full CMA Bikers Church meeting.

As well as the two meetings, a bible study group has been meeting at Rixton every Tuesday during the day to delve deeper into God's word and develop a deeper knowledge of God's love.

The passion of the brothers who went to South Africa and came back on fire with the vision of a Church by bikers for bikers has paid off, and now four years on we are going from strength to strength with our next service being taken by the lead singer of Manfred Man and his wife who have a ministry of bringing God's word in the form of music & testimony.

We give everybody a warm welcome to any of our services and here's hoping to many more years in the service of an Awesome GOD at CMA Bikers Church.



God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
Ethel Wilcox

Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others.
Helen Keller

UK Events

Our web site (www.bike.org) has all the information required about national and branch events.

From the home page, click on Events (under Activities).

Click on "All branches, ALL events" and this will take you to a comprehensive listing of all CMA planned activities, by date.

We urge you to support as many of the items as possible.

We have a strange illusion that time cancels sins, but mere time does nothing either to the fact or the guilt of sin. The guilt is washed out, not by time, but by repentance and the blood of Jesus Christ.
C.S. Lewis

Slimbridge 2015

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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 this :

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,

Mike FITTON

National Chairman CMA UK

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Lincs and East Yorks
Most of Essex
Norfolk
Norfolk Borders

Northallerton (Thirsk)
North and West Wales
North Cheshire
North East
North East Derbyshire
North East London
Northern Ireland
Rest of Scotland
Scottish Borders
Shropshire
South East London
South Lancs
South Wales
Staffordshire and Shropshire
Suffolk
Sussex

Thames Valley
Towcester
Tyne & Wear
West Midlands
West Yorkshire

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