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**Murray Clynes talks
about the formation,
growth and future of
Trinity Motorcycle club**

**"I can look back in awe
over the fifteen years
and can clearly pick out
the times when God had
a hand in club life.
We have everything to
thank Him for!
To God be the Glory!"**

How it began

The seed planted

Back in '94 our Circuit Leaders had made the decision to proceed with the creation of a new Methodist church in West Lisburn. My wife and I were one of the families who had decided to support this project by transferring from Seymour St to this new church. This was an exciting time but it was also sad at leaving Seymour St. To add to the excitement other major events were happening, during this same year Maureen and I first became grandparents; I began an engineering degree course that autumn plus it was also the year when my joy of motorcycling was rekindled (after a long break from motorcycling I bought a Honda motorcycle) - life was busy but good! It was during a summer evening ride around the shores of Loch Neagh while thanking God for all His blessings that the idea of starting a circuit motorcycle club, to be based at the new church first came to me.

The Creation

The seed takes root

Now it's one thing having an idea, but quite another to actually progress and implement it (particularly with everything else that was going on) but after making some initial soundings over the next few months it was felt that there could be enough interest to make the formation of the club a possibility. Our first meeting was held on the 1st March 1995 in Trinity with five attending, (all from the Seymour St and Trinity congregations), we also had three apologies - so eight people interested seemed a decent start. From the discussions held it was decided to spread the word to all the circuit churches. The rest as they say is history, the club initially got off the ground with members from four of the six circuit churches. The enthusiastic input of members ensured that the club successfully got off the ground.

The Growth

The club matures

Membership over the past fifteen years has fluctuated between twenty and thirty members, in past few years settling at twenty. Although numbers haven't changed much since the beginning our catchment area certainly has. Membership is currently made up by members from other church denominations by members with no church affiliation and from as far away as Carrickfergus and Millisle. God has gently lead us, I believe, to our current strategy whereby membership is no longer

limited to the Lisburn and Dromore Circuit and no longer limited to church goers. Although the core of the club is still the solid foundation of the Priesthill & Trinity members. It is important at this point to state clearly that without the unfailing support over the years of our Priesthill contingent the club would not be what it is today.



An important feature of the life of the Club is that in addition to our regular monthly meetings and visits to biking events, each year we visit a number of Methodist Churches across Ireland, taking the opportunity to bring the greetings of the Lisburn and Dromore Circuit, and to share in their worship

Daily Bread

Nurturing the club

Clearly therefore we have a mix of Christian and not yet Christian members thus making it necessary to always find the balance in Club life whereby the not yet Christians are drawn to and not put off Christ's ways and visa versa for the Christians. What makes our club different from most bike clubs is that we use prayer. God is invited by the Christian leaders into all our activities and His guidance is sought on all our decisions. Without this daily bread facility the club would definitely not have survived over the years.

In conclusion

This briefly is how it all started - at a time when there were so many other demands on one's time and effort it is amazing the club ever got off the ground - God does work in mysterious ways! May His will always be done!

New members welcome! You can find out more about the Trinity Motorcycle Club on their website:
<http://tmc.trinitylisburn.com>