

THE BRIDGE

THE MAGAZINE FOR THE PARISH OF MALEW

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER

beginning at 10.00 A.M.

in the ABBEY CHURCH,

BALLASALLA,

followed by the PARADE

to the WAR MEMORIAL

for the TWO MINUTE SILENCE

at 11.00 A.M.

and the LAYING OF WREATHS

THE ABBEY CHURCH, BALLASALLA
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NOVEMBER 2010AD

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

DIocese OF Sodor AND Man

12 Belle Vue Park
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October 14th 2010

The Editor
Bridge Magazine
c/o Malew Vicarage,
Ballasalla
Isle Of Man

Dear Sir

I feel I must write in response to Rev Roberts comments on Mothers' Union in the October issue of The Bridge.

I welcome the fact he is supporting MU members to celebrate the centenary of Malew Mothers' Union. A branch which has thrived over the years with members putting their faith into action by working for families in the parish, the diocese and worldwide; encouraging the mission of Mothers' Union to develop strong marriages, good parenting and active faith.

His support for our latest project with work in the prison "Big Book Share" is appreciated. Maybe you would like to learn more about our work in the prison – why not ask Margaret Dyson, one of our volunteers who helps with the weekend prison crèche. Or maybe you would like to read a copy of our magazine "Families First" – ask Ellen or Barbara – you may well be surprised at what Mothers' Union does!

However, I must question his assessment of what he terms "Mothers' Union Across" and his judgement of the latest campaign "Bye Buy Childhood".

Mothers' Union is a worldwide society: one of our five objectives is to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children – this we try to do

Not all children have the benefit of good parenting and indeed Mothers' Union is a member of the Parenting Network Group on the island which seeks to advise families and recognises that all parents are likely to need help at some stage. There is a worldwide Mothers' Union Parenting programme, details of which can be found on the website www.themothersunion.org. If only parenting was as easy as Rev Roberts implies!

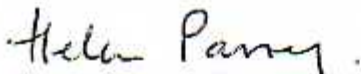
A quote from the full Bye Buy Childhood report (available from me should anyone wish to read it or on the above website):

Our research has found that the majority of parents agree that media content and advertising seen by children can be harmful to them. In particular, parents feel that media content and advertising makes children more sexually aware at a younger age than they would have been otherwise, and that it makes them feel that they have to act older than they really want to. Parents are also concerned that films and video games with sexualised and violent themes are too accessible to children and that the 9pm watershed is not adhered to. Parents believe that responsibility for media content and advertising that children are exposed to should lie with regulatory bodies, along with media companies, government and parents themselves, but that for *films and video games* in particular regulatory bodies do not do enough to protect children. There is more divided opinion over whether *advertising in general* aimed at children is age appropriate or well regulated.

Is this "utter balderdash"?

If, like me, you want your children and grandchildren to grow up with lasting Christian values and not those of materialism, it is then the responsibility of us all to heed the warnings of the commercialisation of childhood.

Yours faithfully



MRS HELEN PARRY

Diocesan President Mothers' Union Sodor & Man

Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity that seeks to support families worldwide.

In 81 countries, our members share one heartfelt vision - to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue through prayer, programmes, policy work and community relationships. By supporting marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, we tackle the most urgent needs challenging relationships and communities.

Our members are not all mothers, or even all women. Single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. For all 4 million members what Mothers' Union provides is a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs. We lobby local and national governments on issues affecting family life and campaign to challenge legislation that neglects the vulnerable and marginalised. We are also represented at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

MALEW VICARAGE

November, 2010AD

I like the Mothers' Union. I really do. I like Helen Parry, although I hardly know her. I really do...and so I'm delighted that she has responded to my comments with reference to the Mothers' Union in last month's edition of THE BRIDGE. Accordingly, her letter has 'pride of place' for November!

Indeed, the Mothers' Union may well be proved to be correct in the diagnosis for their latest campaign "Bye Buy Childhood"; but I believe that they have fallen into the trap of treating what they consider the symptoms (commercialisation) and not the root cause (poor parenting). There will always be advertising; and there will always be advertising directed at children: for a 'good parent', it simply isn't a problem. Michael

P.S. Helen, you didn't pass comment on my point that there are very few young mothers in the M. U. both across and here in the Isle of Man. There must be a reason for this.....

And so, dear Readers, just 1 edition of THE BRIDGE to go in its present format, our annual bumper December / January Christmas and New Year edition...and then it is entirely up to you: please let your Church Wardens know what your own preference is.

Nevertheless, there is much to recommend in this month's edition of THE BRIDGE: THE M.U. / RO - MAN - AID / 'HANDS IN PRAYER' (I know that I tease Mrs. Lace unmercifully, but she can "paint a bit" can't she?) / THE GREAT BIG QUIZ OF THE YEAR / BIBLE STUDY / BONFIRE & FIREWORKS PARTY / ADVENT COURSE / CHICKEN AGAIN? / T. T. CAFÉ / CHERNOBYL HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECT / CHRISTMAS FAYRE / THE OLD BULL & BUSH RESTAURANT.

And we can do all of this - as ever, take out the coloured sheet - thanks in no small measure to the 58 (FIFTY EIGHT!) GENTLEMEN FROM THE PARISH OF MALEW listed in the centre pages.

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NOVEMBER 2010 AD	7TH	14TH	21ST	28TH
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Readers	T.A.S.K. FORCE	ELLEN	ROY	ANN
Reading	SPECIAL READING	ECCLESIASTIC. Chapter 44 Verses 1 - 15	COLOSSIANS Chapter 1 Verses 11 - 20	ROMANS Chapter 13 Verses 11 - end
Prayers	T.A.S.K. FORCE	MICHAEL	CAROLINE	MARGARET
Collection	T.A.S.K. FORCE	CHURCH WARDENS	ANDREA and LILLIAN	BARBARA and JOHN
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Copy of 'Hands in Prayer' picture in Jurby Prison Chapel

This a copy of an original 30inch by 22inch watercolour painting hanging in the Chapel in Jurby Prison.

Two years ago I was asked to paint a picture of ' Hands in Prayer ' for the Women's World Day of Prayer Service.

From various photographs, I duly selected a study of Diana Killey's hands. I hoped I have captured the softness yet strength of a woman's hands in the painting.

After the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, Barbara Friel asked if the picture could be used for the Chapel in Jurby Prison.

Consequently, I and a small group of people visited the Prison Chapel on July 15th 2010, for a dedication Service of the painting. We were welcomed warmly by Father Mahoney, Mrs. Barbara Freil and the Prison Governor Mrs Alison Gomme.

After the dedication Service we were given a guided tour of the Prison and shown many of the facilities, including the Crèche run by the Mothers Union, for the visitors children.

We were all very impressed with our visit.

I feel very proud and indeed honoured to think that my picture of ' Diana's Praying Hands' hangs in Jurby Prison Chapel.. I pray that it may bring a little bit of peace and joy to people visiting the Chapel for however long it hangs there.

Barbara Lace



RO-MAN-AID

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How are we tackling the Millennium Goals?

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

The most impoverished people in Europe are the Roma and their situation is getting worse. In the communities where we work it is not uncommon for families to go without food for several days at a time and some parents cannot afford to send their children to school.

Without education the situation can only deteriorate still further because those who have not had at least 8 years of schooling are not allowed to have an official job. Instead children marry at 13 or 14 years of age and then live in appalling conditions. A new family is started and their children in turn will have little if any chance to break out of this vicious circle of abject poverty.

By focusing projects on ensuring that children, female or male, have improved chances of completing compulsory education we are tackling the first five goals. Through school education it will be possible for them to obtain employment and thus it helps to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger for future generations. Women are empowered this way by having a choice of a career rather than a lifetime helping their family to survive, or more usually, becoming a young teenage bride and mother. Without early marriage followed by giving birth to many children and/or having regular illegal abortions, (we know of one case where a mother not only has five children but also has had 13 abortions), maternal and infant health will be improved. Infant illness and mortality is a regular fact of life for those living in the present impoverished conditions as can be seen by the many Roma babies and children who are admitted into Romanian hospitals.

A planned project to provide an employment scheme and housing for Roma within the community will also contribute to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.

Another focus of our efforts lies in helping people with multiple sclerosis and their families. Multiple Sclerosis is at present incurable and there is no known way of prevention, however we are helping a group of disadvantaged people in Romania to combat the effects of this disabling disease by supporting a Day Centre which we helped to create in 1995 and by running an "adopt-a-family" scheme. The Day Centre offers rehabilitation treatment as well as providing a social centre, thus enabling those disabled by multiple sclerosis to remain in the community living a more independent life rather than being housed in institutions. We also have links with organisations which deal specifically with other health matters and so are able to refer those people who are in need of help.

We are presently conducting a feasibility study into completing a partially finished cycle track together with providing school bicycles so that children who live too far from the village schools have the means to commute safely between two villages (economic cut backs have forced the closure of classes for 10 – 15 year olds in one of the villages). This is an environmentally sustainable solution to one of the problems of transport for school children. It will also help ensure that children do not drop-out from school after only four years of education. Other environmental projects include the village park and future plans for social housing which pays attention to the need for using environmental sustainable material.

Finally by working in partnership with local authorities and organisations, together with the official friendship agreement between the Castletown and the rural community of Girişu de Criş, we are helping to foster development partnerships between the Isle of Man and Bihor county in Romania.



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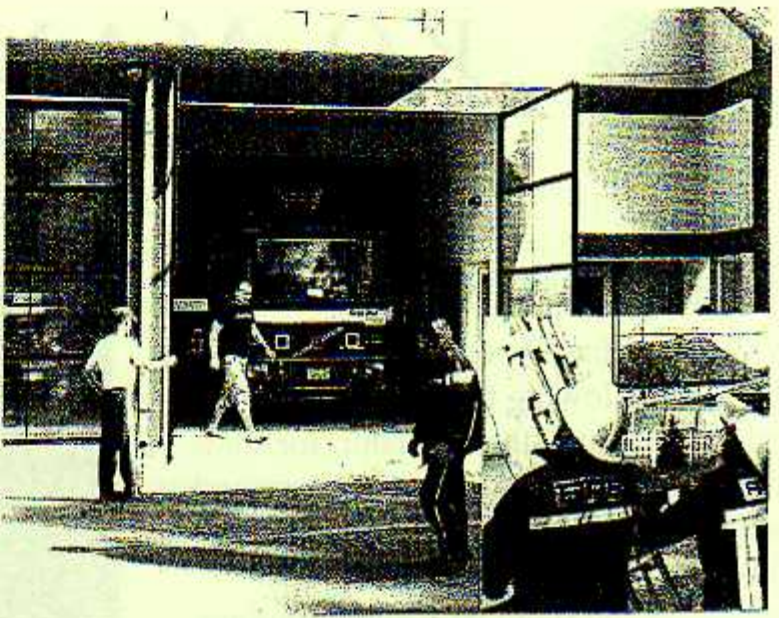
MALEW PARISH

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Thomas Christian
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William Quayle
William Robert Quayle
Robert Quine**

Rural development is also an important part of our work, centred on several villages in the Bihor region of Romania. This has included supplying drinking water for a village, creating a rural fire service, a small park and supporting village schools and children.

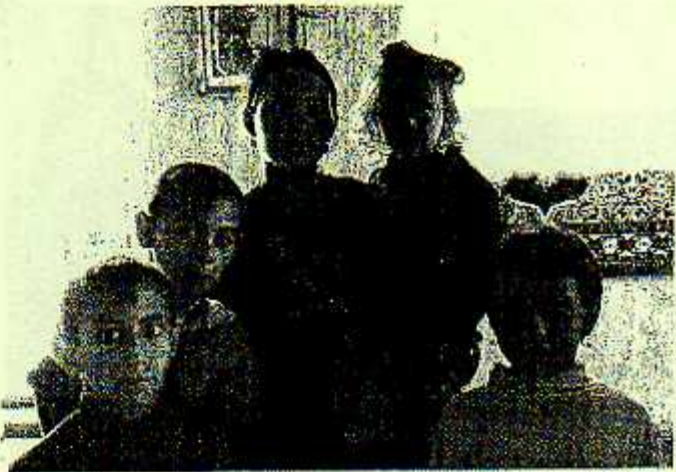
Our work in this area has been recognised by the EU Rural Development Commission as excellent examples of sustainable rural projects and RO-MAN-AID's director was invited to give several presentations at an international exhibition of rural development.



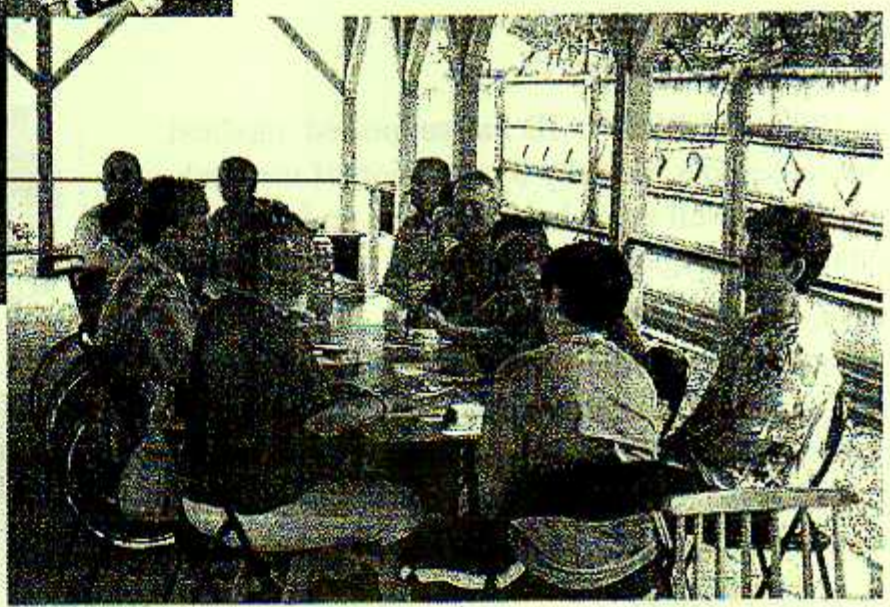
What are we doing now?

Present Day Projects

- 1. Roma communities, focusing on health, education, housing and employment needs



- 2. Village schools and school transport



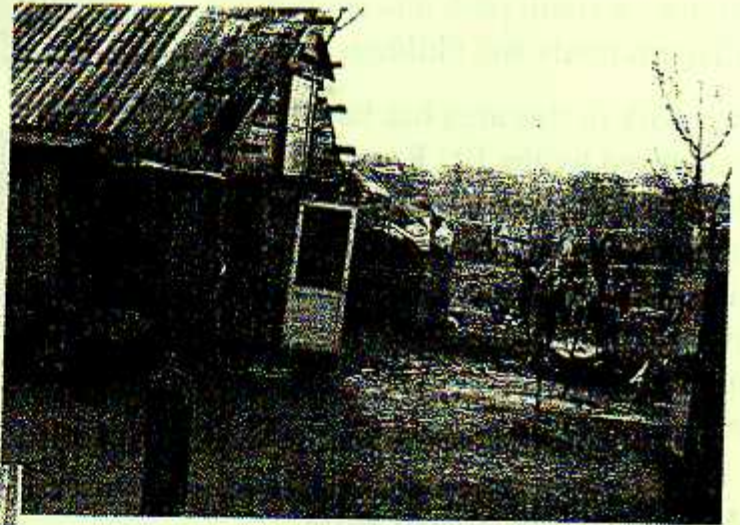
- 3. Continued support of the Multiple Sclerosis Day Centre.
- 4. Adopt a family scheme to help people with multiple sclerosis

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What are the problems?

While there have been improvements in Romania following the overthrow of communism and their dictator, for some people, the situation is getting worse rather than better. For example, many from Roma communities may live in appalling conditions and often go without food for days.



Health provision is in a critical state and has been severely affected by the current world economic crisis. Many sick people must pay for their medication, if it is obtainable. The recent cut of 25% in salaries makes this very difficult or impossible even for those with jobs, so people go without essential medical help. Social care has also been drastically cut in the last few months from what was already a very low level.

Education has also suffered massive cut backs which particularly affect village communities. Some children, both Roma and non-Roma are no longer able to afford to complete their compulsory education as they must provide all their own equipment apart from text books. Many Roma children receive no education at all and without it have no opportunity in the future to obtain a job.

How have we helped?

Since 1992, RO-MAN-AID has supported medical and social sectors, initially by donation of medical equipment as well as by helping to set up local and national health organisations.

A long term project is the Day Centre for people with multiple sclerosis which has been running for more than fifteen years and although today largely supported by local means, it is still in need of our help, especially at this time of economic crisis which has hit these vulnerable people and their families very hard.



CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATION

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