

CARAVAN MISSION TO VILLAGE CHILDREN

- Founders Samuel Hewlett and George Goodwin
- Idea came to them in September 1890 at Mundesley near Cromer where they stayed after conducting a CSSM seaside mission at Great Yarmouth



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- Waitress at boarding house heard Hewlett and Goodwin talking about their seaside mission at Yarmouth and the message of God's salvation
- She told them of lack of Christian teaching at her nearby home village of Knapton, so they went there and held a Sunday open-air meeting on the green at the cross-roads



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- During 1891 Hewlett and Goodwin gathered support for a new venture to take the Gospel to rural villages
- May 1892 purchased pony and baker's cart in Hitchin and set off on journey during the summer months through Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Kent, finishing with a seaside mission



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- Baker's cart inadequate (no living accommodation)
- Committee formed in autumn 1892 to raise funds for a caravan with living quarters, and space to carry tent
- Ordered from Cambridge coachbuilder, Mr Alsop; ready 1893



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- First journey started 6th May 1893 travelling east through Cambridgeshire (Burwell, Newmarket), south Norfolk (Thetford, North Lopham, Bressingham), and then Suffolk (Brockford, Mendlesham, Creeting and Helmingham)



BRESSINGHAM 1893

Caravan with group of villagers, dressed in 'Sunday best' clothes who attended the mission service



BROCKFORD 1893

**Samuel Hewlett (right), Arthur Lyon (at organ),
Will Perkins (holding cornet), unknown (left)**



MENDLESHAM 1893

**From Mendlesham the caravan headed to Creting
and then Helmingham, passing through Pettaugh**



DEBENHAM 1893

James Cutting, seated right, with Arthur Lyon

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- Caravan passed through Pettaugh and stopped outside the windmill; Perkins blew his cornet and Hewlett sung a hymn
- James Cutting and mill-workers went out to greet the caravan
- James Cutting invited Samuel Hewlett to conduct a mission in Pettaugh after his Helmingham meetings
- Back in Pettaugh, Hewlett taken very ill with influenza; James Cutting organised medical and nursing care at Abbot's Hall
- James Cutting took control of the caravan and conducted missions in the villages near Pettaugh
- Hewlett recovered, held a mission on Birches Meadow, then conducted CSSM seaside services at Felixstowe



CRETINGHAM 1893

**James Cutting at back (wearing hat)
Creetingham church in background**

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- **Second caravan (no. 2) ordered in 1895 from Mr Alsop**
- **Caravan 2 stayed in Suffolk, based in Pettaugh under the direction of James Cutting and helpers**
- **Caravan 1 moved west into Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire under the direction of Sam Hewlett**
- **Work and popularity of the CMVC grew rapidly**
- **More caravans ordered; 13 by 1907 mainly in the south of England, one in Northumberland**
- **By 1921 there were 22 caravans**
- **“Mission is run on strictly undenominational lines; all sections represented; the Scriptures as a whole accepted as the revealed Word of God”**



STOWMARKET 1895

The CMVC caravan with a group of local adults and children who attended the mission service



CMVC CARAVAN (NO. 2) CLAYDON 1897

The text reads 'Early morning visitors'. Washing up, peeling potatoes, baker's boy delivering bread



CARAVAN AT MONKS ELEIGH 1898

Will Perkins (2nd L) and Arthur Lyon (4th L) members of the 1893 first caravan mission, with James Cutting (5^h L)

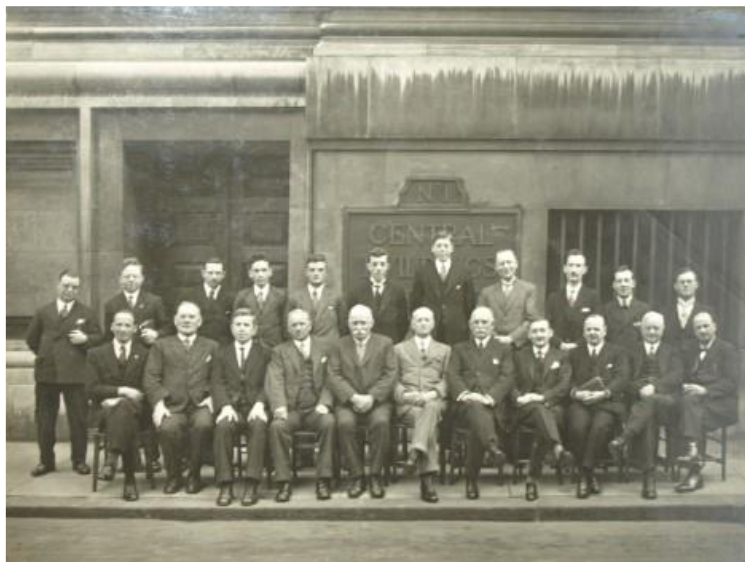


Debenham High Street 1900



ALFRED MARLOW, HAMPSHIRE CMVC CARAVAN

Alfred Marlow was the CMVC evangelist for Hampshire from 1916 until he retired in 1935



CMVC COMMITTEE AND EVANGELISTS, MAY 1930

Front, from left: Alfred Marlow (3rd), Samuel Hewlett (5th), James Cutting (6th), George Goodwin (7th)