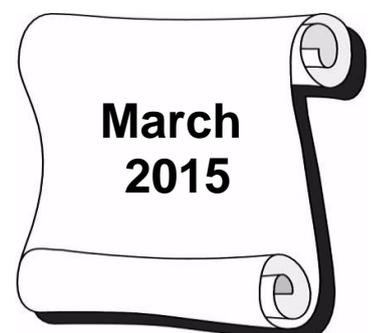


# ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
**THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS**  
IAM GROUP 7176, REGISTERED CHARITY 1049955, SUPPORTERS OF THE BMF



Roland Johns gave an informative & humorous talk about the role of Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance at our new meeting venue, The Nags Head, Middle Rasen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February



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Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month starting at 8pm

at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU

Middle Rasen is on the A631 about 1.5 miles west of the Market Rasen

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in March 2015.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Ian Firth, by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015** at the latest,  
earlier is better. You can send copy by email to

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# EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March ChainLincs newsletter. The days are starting to stretch out and the weather appears to be a little milder, so let's hope that we can get a few more out on the various planned rides and have photos of such events and a little piece coming for the newsletter. The first meeting at the new venue took place in February and was well attended. The Nags Head in Middle Rasen is a clean, modern public house with a nice sized space for riders to meet up, have a chat and to share information. The journey there was somewhat interesting, due to the heavy snowfall members endured, but everyone got there and back safely.

Congratulations to Paul Bagwell on receiving his IAM Riders certificate and thanks to his observer for supporting him through to pass his test.

Don't forget that Scunthorpe IAM are planning displays in the town centre over the coming year and they are keen to have IAM motorcyclists Skills For Life packages promoted by Lincs IAM Riders. If you can spare a couple of hours for any of the future events, the dates planned are:

Mar 14<sup>th</sup>, Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Jun 13<sup>th</sup>, Jul 11<sup>th</sup>, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, Sep 12<sup>th</sup>, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to help out, do not hesitate to call the Scunthorpe group via their Chairman, Terry Heath on 01652 655601.

Due to personal circumstances, we are not able to include a Chairman's item in this newsletter, but I am sure Mick will be back in the next newsletter with his Chairman's Chatter. I apologise that copies of ChainLincs will not be available in printed version on the Monday social meeting due to my being on holiday, however, I will get copies out to those who receive hardcopies as soon as I return.

*Ian Firth*



## Contents in this newsletter:

- Membership update
- Don't ride like the wind
- Top speeds recorded in Lincolnshire & Humberside
- Diary of events

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership Update etc.

Group Web Site: [www.l-a-m.co.uk](http://www.l-a-m.co.uk)

We have three new members to welcome to the group this month as follows:

Member	Observer
Chris Riley from Middle Rasen	Morris Howe
Roland Johns from Bracebridge Heath	Richard Busby
Andrew Tofts from Louth	Ken Rose

Also, there a couple of new members in the pipeline, I understand their enrolment is fairly imminent.

The group membership is currently comprised as follows

Full Members	88
Associate Members	18
Total Group Membership	106

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

## **DON'T RIDE LIKE THE WIND**

As reported in the editorial, the first meeting at the new venue fell on an evening of poor weather. With more adverse weather still to come, IAM have reminded bikers of a few tips to help us safely through the windy spring months.

1. Make sure you wrap up warmly. And don't underestimate the effects of wind chill.
2. If you have luggage attached and are not using it then it would be wise to leave it in the garage. Removing side mass will make your bike easier to ride.
3. Naturally, your bike will move around in high winds – the severity will depend on the type of machine you are riding. The trick is to try and stay as relaxed as possible – use the throttle and counter steer to balance out the effects.
4. Anticipate where you think gusts of wind will be worse; for example, gaps in buildings, gateways and bridges. Predicting where it will be allows you to better prepare for it.
5. You should also keep an eye on how trees, bushes and other vehicles on the road are moving to gain a better understanding of how gusty strong winds really are.
6. When you are buffeting and moving around take some speed off to aid stability and safety.
7. While some riders find that slowing down helps, other riders prefer to keep their machine under slight acceleration – be prepared to try both.
8. Depending on the machine, try minimising airflow by lowering your body towards the tank. If a screen is fitted and is adjustable then consider lowering it to reduce the sail effect.
9. Keep an eye out for where you will suddenly go from a windy section of the road to a sheltered one. Sudden loss of a strong side wind can be just as unbalancing, so be prepared.
10. Sometimes you can get shelter from wind when you are being masked behind a larger vehicle. However, make sure this does not make you vulnerable to another vehicle that is being blown towards you.
11. Ensure that you give other road users more room when passing them – especially those vulnerable to side winds, like cyclists and other motorcyclists, large flat-sided vans and buses.
12. Keep your eyes peeled for anything flying about on the roads. If it is windy make sure you give anything lying on the ground a wide berth to try and help you avoid it flying up in front of you.



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# **TOP 5 SPEEDS RECORDED BY HUMBERSIDE &**

## **LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE (2014)**

Following a freedom of Information request submitted by the IAM, the top five speeds recorded by speed cameras for various police areas were published. The full results can be found on the IAM Website, but for interest, here are results for Humberside and Lincolnshire area.

### **Humberside Police**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Difference</b>
A180 Great Coates	125	70	55
A15 between J5 M180 and the Humber Bridge	123	70	53
M180 Beltoft	113	70	43
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A180 Great Coates	112	70	42

### **Lincolnshire Police**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Difference</b>
A1 Great Ponton Northbound	141	70	71
A1 Barrowby Thorns	131	70	61
A1 Great Ponton Southbound	130	70	60
A1 Barrowby Thorns	130	70	60
A1 Barrowby Thorns	128	70	58

Last month, we publicised a number of events being promoted by IAM which included an invitation to the IAM Skills Enhancement day at Gaydon Motor Museum. Peter Yaxley has been in touch to say that he has booked a place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May and would like to know if anyone would be interested in joining him at this event. The event offers you a chance to participate in a wide range of practical 'on-road' and theory based knowledge sessions.

With only 150 places available, it is worth booking early and at only £25 the event is outstanding value for money. Organisers insist that you'll learn skills, techniques and knowledge that will repay your purchase many times over. If you are interested and would like to join Peter, you can book your place online at [www.iam.org.uk/gaydon2015](http://www.iam.org.uk/gaydon2015) or see the poster for details.

## **FOR SALE**

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# IAM skills enhancement day for drivers and riders

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- Check drives and rides
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- IMI Observer qualification sessions
- Masters level drives and rides
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## Theory sessions

- Hazard perception
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**When:** 9th May 2015

**Where:** Heritage Motor Centre  
Banbury Road  
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**Cost:** £25 per person

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150 places available on a first come first serve basis. Non IAM members welcome, but priority given to IAM Group bookings

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# DIARY OF EVENTS

Contact point: Dave Hall 01522 274989

The Sunday morning Group Observed and Social Runs are open to all members and also potential members who may be considering preparing for the IAM test. The prime purpose is to provide the opportunity for all to improve their skills through riding with fellow members. Potential members considering taking the IAM test may have an individual assessment ride. It should be noted that members are free to group up as they feel fit and embark on a purely social run of their choice without any “observing” etc., merely enjoying the opportunity to ride with fellow like-minded bikers. The runs last around 2 hours, usually with a mid-point refreshment stop, starting at the venues listed below.

Brigg Leisure Centre parking area	South side of A18
Willingham Woods picnic site	A631 east of Market Rasen
Hartsholme Country Park	South side of B1378, Skellingthorpe Road (off Lincoln Bypass)

Group Social Runs will incorporate café stops unless an alternative is specified. Please try to arrive at the meeting point in good time and with a full tank of fuel. Please note that Group Social Runs are principally for group members only. Please let the run organizer know if you want to invite a guest. If carrying a pillion passenger you should ensure that this is covered by your motorcycle insurance policy.

**It is you, as the rider who is deemed to be in control of your motorcycle at all times during an observed or social run.**

## MARCH

**Mon 2nd** - Monthly evening meeting at the **Nags Head, Middle Rasen** at 8.00pm

**Sun 8th** - Group Observed Run from **Brigg Leisure Centre**. Meet 9.30am for 10.00am prompt start

**Weds 25th** - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue TBA

## APRIL

**Mon 6th** - Monthly evening meeting at the **Nags Head, Middle Rasen** at 8.00pm

**Sun 12th** - Group Observed Run from **Willingham Woods**. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start

**Weds 15th** - Committee Meeting, **Nags Head, Middle Rasen**. Prompt start at 7.45pm

**Weds 29th** - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue – TBA

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD ON A MONDAY**