

ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF
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It's the Easter Bunny!



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Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month starting at 8pm
at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU

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

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in May 2017.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Lynne Watson, by **25 April 2017**

at the latest, earlier is better. You can send any articles by email to

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EDITORIAL

April already! Where has the time gone? February and March are short months but even so, it seems no time since it was New Year. Oh well, short months shorter edition this time I'm afraid. I'd like to thank everyone who has already sent items for the newsletter this year, they are definitely appreciated. Please keep them coming though as they are always needed. Do you have anything for next month's edition?

The next social is on **3 April 2017** and as always all are welcome to attend

Springs here so now it's time to be out on the bike without worrying about ice or snow. Do you have any rides or events that are planning to do that will be of interest to someone? Any fund raising events, let us know so we can help spread the word for you. Anyone doing an Easter Egg Run for a good cause? Let other members know, they may be able to join you. It's a great way to meet other members.

If you are planning a ride out and its short notice, put it on our Facebook page, there may be others that are free and would like to join you.

The social rides are open to anyone, not just LAM members, so invite your friends along as well. Sunday morning group rides are for members and those considering taking their advanced test.

If you have any recommendations for people or want to tell them about interesting roads and places contact me on either my mobile (details in committee information) or via email and we'll put something together. As they say 'Every Little Counts'. My email is lynne.iam1@gmail.com.

Whatever you do,
Have fun,

Lynne

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Just realised that I am off on holiday in a couple of days so thought I had better put a few words together for Lynne to include in April's ChainLincs before I go! It's a bright sunny afternoon and I noticed on Facebook that Kev Turner has been out and about locally on his bike today (lucky him) and Dave Ayres has posted from the mountains in Northern Spain with a bit of snow around (great picture on FB Dave). Anyway, welcome to the April edition of ChainLincs, hope you enjoy it and many thanks once again to Lynne for putting it together.

We have had a steady flow of new members again during March so welcome to Matt Haisman from Grantham and Will Field from Sudbrooke. For those new members that haven't been allocated an Observer yet we will get you sorted as soon as possible, in the meantime join us on our monthly rides. The next is from Hartsholme Park in Lincoln on 9 Apr leaving at 0930 so get there a little earlier. It would be good to see you. Please note we meet around the front of the Café (through the No Entry signs).


As well as new members the test passes have continued in March as well. Well done to John Burrin and Mark Mowbray who both achieved a F1rst. Very well done guys and to your Observers John Harrison and Ken Rose. A quick count has revealed that out of the 22 test passes in the last 12 months 11 have been F1rst. That is a great figure and shows the great work the Observers are doing getting the associates test ready – well done to you all. That also puts us well above the region average particularly for F1rst – awesome!




For the new, and existing, members don't forget to find our Facebook page Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists [here](#) and ask to join so you can post and join in, and we are also on Twitter at IAM Lincolnshire (@lincsbikers_iam).

Finally, don't forget the second category offer we have going with the Lincoln Car Group! **20% off** the second category price of £114 making the cost £91.20 so if you haven't done the advanced car test yet and fancy it, give Ash a call (see the poster for details) or for Scunthorpe, Terry Heath on 01652 655 601 or 07831 377 171.

Hope to see you all soon, stay safe

Mick



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Contact 01427 616864 or lincs-am-sec@pobroadband.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have two new members to welcome to the group recently, as follows:

Member	Observer
Will Field from Sudbrooke	Kev Hewson
Mathew Haisman from Grantham	TBA

There is one test pass to report since the March newsletter, congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
John Burrin	14 March	John Harrison/Ken Rose

The group membership is currently comprised as follows:

Full Members	107
Associate Members	21
Total Group Membership	128

We now have three new members awaiting an Observer, this clearly illustrating the need for further volunteers to step forward. As mentioned previously contact Jerry Neale or come along to an Observer meeting (dates in newsletter diary). We have Associates near to test standard which should help to alleviate matters in the short term, but we need to plan for the months ahead so as not to over burden those already observing.

It's that time of year again when membership subs are due. Due to an unforeseen delay in preparing the renewal paperwork I will now be mailing it out early April to all those with membership numbers up to and including 765.

I will be at the meeting on 3 April at the Nags Head should anyone wish to pay thereby saving yourself and the group the cost of postage.

I hope you will continue to support the group by renewing your membership, the cost of which is still held at £8 per year.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

New IAM Membership Level

There is a new membership level in the IAM – the Fellow.

The Fellow membership tier will be open to all current full IAM members, it will offer you enhanced recognition and insurance benefits in return for your commitment to keep your advanced skills up to date by retesting every three years. If you are interested have a look at the IAM website www.iamroadsmart.com/fellow .

March's social

Mick Smith

At the last social meeting on 6 Mar Peter Serhatlic came along to talk to us. Peter is the Area Service Delivery Manager for Region 5, East Midlands and North Yorkshire which we now fall into after the rearrangement of the IAM Regions of the UK. He gave a very informative talk about what the IAM has been doing recently, where it is going and a few facts about tests and standards from his perspective as an IAM Employee but also from his background as a Police biker and driver. It will be Peter that will assess any group qualified observer or LO from our Group should they wish to take the NO qualification. He also presented Paul Henseleit with his F1rst certificate having passed his test in December (sorry no picture – camera malfunction!). Well done Paul and his Observers Manny Buttigieg and Don Ford.



March's Sunday Ride Out

Mick Smith

Last months group ride was on 12 March from Willingham Woods and although it was wet fortunately it was not as wet as last month but definitely a lot warmer!

Nine members turned up, 6 of us enjoyed a varied ride around The Wolds led by John Harrison (cheers John). A little damp under the tyres but not a lot from the sky, however the earlier rain and farmers meant a lot of mud on the roads.

As you can see from the state of the bike in the photo, a



good clean was called for. Fortunately, someone was taking advantage of 'All Year Biker'. Well, he enjoys a challenge!



A great run all the same and very enjoyable in the milder air.).

Kenneth Rose, Phil Niner and Malcolm Heaton did some Observer work.

Forthcoming Events

2 April

There is an Associate Only ride out planned. This will be from the Sentry Post café (A15 opposite RAF Waddington at 1000hrs. It will be around 60 miles and will include a refreshment stop. This is a great chance to 'hone' your new found skills among your fellow Associates. It's also a great opportunity to compare notes with each other on how you are developing as an Advanced Rider. It would be great to see everyone there.



8 April

Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes will be holding their first ever Scunthorpe fundraising event at the Morrisons store. Feel free to drop by and have a chat or even to sign up.

23 April

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists Skills Day



IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR RIDING SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL 2017

THE WADDINGTON AIRCRAFT VIEWING ENCLOSURE (WAVE), A15, LN5 9FG

10.00 – 16.00

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG AND TALK BIKES AND TAKE YOUR MOTORCYCLING SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL!

FREE TEA / COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY FROM THE SENTRY POST CAFE ON SITE ...!

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We will be holding our second Skills Day at the WAVE on 23 April.

There will be free Taster Rides with our Observers along with lots of supporting attractions.

It is an open day so please come along and chat with visiting bikers and encourage them to 'up their skills.'

Look out for posters advertising this and if you would like some posters so you can help promote this event, please contact Mick Smith or Roland Johns, they'll gladly let you have some.

5 June 2017

GP, Air Ambulance Man and IAM member Mark Folman will be talking about his experiences

Dr Mark Folman GP is also one of the doctors on the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. Last year Mark decided to join the IAM and take the Advanced Motorcycling course with the aim to becoming a better and safer rider.

Mark and his Paramedic colleagues are often called to attend Road Traffic Collisions which account for 40% of all our Air Ambulance missions. Some of these involve motorcyclists so Mark has seen first hand the sad aftermath of such collisions. This spurred him on to take the course and lessen the chances of himself becoming a statistic!



Ride to Save Lives



The second Ride to Save Lives is planned for **Sunday 24 September 2017**. To register your interest in attending the event please email on ridetosavelives@ambucopter.org.uk, we will then keep you informed with news as we plan the event.

PANCAKES, MOTHERS DAY AND THE EASTER EGG RUN

John Wigmore

As you set off on the Easter Egg Run or join your grand-children in their annual chocolate frenzy, you might wonder why it is that now Mothers Day has been and gone, Easter is on the way; and while the date of Easter varies from year to year, it is always three weeks after Mothers Day.

For an explanation of this we need to look back to the 16TH century and the start of the Puritan Era. As for the date of Easter, this enigma has its origin much further back in time, as far back as the time of the Pharaohs of Egypt.

Easter is of course a Christian religious festival, but the only clue to its date comes from ancient Hebrew chronology. Tradition has it that the Exodus took place at full moon and just after the Vernal Equinox. From that day on, Jews celebrated Passover on the first Sabbath after the first full moon after the Equinox. Later recorded history which came to light during the Crusades of the 11TH and 12TH centuries placed the Crucifixion of Jesus (and therefore Easter) on the day before the Passover Sabbath. This effectively also sets Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the March Equinox; and for ease of calculation, Equinox is always assumed to be 21 March.

During the Puritan Era, it became popular to observe Lent in memory of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Total fasting would be an obvious risk to health, so Puritans would observe a partial abstinence, usually of rich food. This is the origin of pancakes, which were a way of using up any rich food like eggs before the start of Lent. This practice, in turn, led to the tradition of ending Lent with a celebratory boiled egg on Palm Sunday! The march of time finally brought an easing of Puritan ideology; the egg tradition slipped to Easter Sunday because an egg also represents a new beginning – the start of the Christian era, and it soon became commonplace to celebrate Easter by decorating a hardboiled egg. Numerous local traditions grew up, such as egg painting or egg rolling contests; until finally modern commercialism gave rise to the children's favourite – chocolate. So the modern concept of the Easter Egg Run was born.

The Puritan Era also gave us Mothers Day. More correctly known as Mothering Sunday, it is always the fourth Sunday in Lent, and therefore three weeks before Easter. Roughly half way through Lent, the strict dietary rules were temporarily relaxed for anybody who would make the pilgrim journey to the Cathedral, or Mother Church of their diocese; sustenance for the journey was provided by a rich cake, known as a Simnel Cake from the Semitic word for "fine flour". This practice soon became lost in history, but a form of it was revived in the nineteenth century, when it became commonplace for young girls to leave home to work in domestic service. Here they would be expected to work on Bank Holidays, but were given an alternative day off for Mothering Sunday. Good employers would give the servant girl a Simnel Cake to take home to her mother, and even allow her the services of a coachman for the journey.

So if you want to plan your Easter Egg Runs in advance, here are the dates for the next seven years!

Pancake Day	Mothers Day	Easter Sunday
28 February 2017	26 March 2017	16 April 2017
13 February 2018	11 March 2018	1 April 2018
5 March 2019	31 March 2019	21 April 2019
25 February 2020	22 March 2020	12 April 2020
16 February 2021	14 March 2021	4 April 2021
1 March 2022	27 March 2022	17 April 2022
21 February 2023	19 March 2023	9 April 2023



We're privileged! (or is that Special?)



Parking provision for ladies in Arnham, Holland

Observers and Associate Information

The March observer meeting was very well attended with many subjects discussed including the importance of the observer team and group members maintaining high riding standards, something that the Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists pride themselves on. After passing the Advanced test it is common over a period of time that riders without being aware allow their standards to drop. Consider your own riding, could it be better? Could you improve your standards? Why not ask one of the Observer team to drop in behind you and give you a second pair of eyes over your riding. It can also be a nice feeling hearing that you are maintaining your high standards.

The LAM Observer team is always available for any member of the LAM group who would like to have a one to one in order to maintain their own program of continuous personal improvement with their riding. The Sunday morning group observed run is a great opportunity to take full advantage of this free service for any member, just ask any member of the team.

LAM members Ian Firth and Paul Henseleit were welcomed to the meeting. Both members were looking to progress their riding skills by training towards the IMI Local Observer qualification. Please come along to the next Observer meeting if you would like to push your riding skills to the next level or contact me.

Thank You and Goodbye

After many years of service to the group Don Ford is standing down from his roll in the Observer team. Don who has been a Group member since 2002, a Group Qualified Observer since 2005, and many years as National Observer and Local Observer assessor will be missed from all in the team. Don also gave a lot of time as a committee member for the group. Both Observers and many associates have gained a lot of riding skills and knowledge from Don. We would like to thank Don for his time and very valued guidance to the group.

Many thanks to Don for his hard work over the years and you will always be welcome at meetings and rides.

Group Clothing

There is a wide range of group clothing available to order, with our Lincolnshire Advanced Motorists logo on it, you can also add the IAM logo and a name if desired. There are a number of colours available, for full details contact Kevin Turner via email. Details shown in the Committee Information.

Name						
ITEM	DESIGN	SIZE	QTY	Name to be embroidered (leave blank if not required)	PER ITEM	TOTAL
Polo Shirt with	Group Badge				£8.50	£
Polo Shirt with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£10.50	£
Sweatshirt with	Group Badge				£10.00	£
Sweatshirt with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£12.00	£
Fleece with	Group Badge				£14.00	£
Fleece with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£16.00	£
T-shirt with	Group Badge				£7.00	£
Colour required:					TO PAY	£
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DIARY OF EVENTS

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. The runs last around 2 hours, usually with a mid-point refreshment stop, starting at the venues listed below.

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.

Ancholme Leisure Centre, Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH South side of A18

Willingham Woods Picnic Site, LN8 3RQ East of Market Rasen A631

Hartsholme Country Park Cafe, Lincoln, LN6 0EY South side of B1378, Skellingthorpe Road

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 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.

APRIL

Sunday 2nd Associate Ride out. 10am at the Sentry Post Cafe (A15 opposite RAF Waddington)
Monday 3rd Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Saturday 8th LEBBS fundraising event at Morrisons, Scunthorpe
Sunday 9th Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
Monday 10th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
Sunday 23rd LAM Skills Day at the WAVE 10am-4pm
Wednesday 27th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
Venue, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

MAY

Monday 1st Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Sunday 7th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
Wednesday 27th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
Venue, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

JUNE

Monday 5th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Group member Dr. Mark Folman who is a GP will be giving the group a talk about his experiences as part of the Air Ambulance crew
Sunday 11th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
Monday 12th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
Wednesday 28th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
Venue, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)