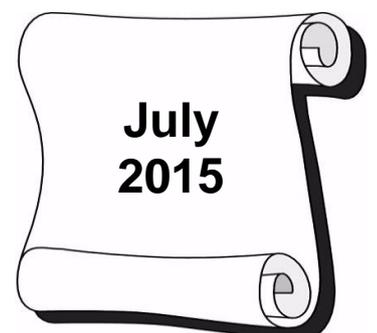


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THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
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Some classic bikes on show at the 2015 Brigg Bike Night



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

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

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EDITORIAL

So the days are starting to get shorter already, but fear not, summer is still here and many events and ride outs are still taking place. The next ride out is before the social meeting on Monday 6th July. See the secretary's piece for details. This is followed by the ROAR event on Saturday the 11th of July, with numbers booked to attend the IAM Motorcycle homecoming have seen a rapid increase. I hope to see many of you there.

Our next observed run is from Willingham Woods on Sunday 12th July, leaving at 9.30am prompt. Hopefully, this good weather will continue and we will see many of you at the ride out.

The recently much improved weather has seen a huge increase in bikers out on our roads and unfortunately, a number of fatalities. It's a key reminder to us that our skills learned through the IAM and our excellent observers are so very important to use each journey, as even the best riders can find themselves in difficulty if we switch off. John's article on observation is a timely reminder as to why observation isn't just about what we see, but what we can expect in some situations where we may not see the immediate hazard, but can be ready, just in case.

Thank you to those who attended the Brigg Bike night and submitted a write up and photos for inclusion. I keep saying how important your articles are and I can't write them without you, so please keep sending me photos, funnies and write ups as often as you can. Can I ask that where you send in editorial pieces, to format your text in size 14 Arial where possible as this will save me much time by not having to re-format your pieces?

Apologies for no Chairman's Chatter this month as other priorities mean that the Chair has not had the opportunity to write his piece.

Many thanks and safe riding.

Ian

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Group Web Site: www.l-a-m.co.uk

There are two test passes to report – congratulations on your success and a big thank you to the Observers.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Roland Johns	12 May	Richard Busby
Andrew Tofts	16 June	Ken Rose

The group membership is currently comprised as follows

Full Members	84
Associate Members	18
Total Group Membership	102

Please note the pre meeting ride out on Monday 6 July from the Nags Head listed in the Diary of Events. This is something that has been done on occasion in previous years during the lighter evenings as a variation when there is no Speaker or other reason to spend all evening at the meeting venue. The ride will leave promptly at 7.15pm, should last around an hour, aiming to arrive back at the Nags Head to allow sufficient time to conduct the meeting formalities such as certificate presentation etc.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

RAMBLING ON

As an observer, I'm always encouraging associates to make more observations. Just take a look at the environment around you, remember 'What can be seen', but just as important, 'What cannot be seen' and 'What might reasonably be expected to happen'.

Nothing should really surprise us if all the above is taken into account, so riders must always look for potential hazards. For much of the time, there will be no hazard to be too concerned about, but where there is, riders should have made a plan to deal with it. People look, but often they do not see.

One person I was talking to recently asked how long a set of speed limit signs been up on a stretch of road? I told them that it was about three years and they were shocked, having ridden the road on many occasions but not noticing. Junctions are another area where people look but do not see. I'm always reminding people that it costs nothing to have a longer look at junctions, just to be sure. In one incident, a 4x4 vehicle was shoved sideways into a ditch by another car and the driver at fault said that they had just not noticed the give way sign.

In another incident at the same crossroads, where there is a 2 mile straight in each direction at right angles to each other, a car was hit so hard that it flew about 25 yards, hitting a telegraph pole which snapped it in two some 8 feet off the ground. If it had been a motorcycle that had been hit in either incident, I have no doubt that it would have been another trip to the cemetery.

Farm entrances, open field gate ways and the likes often present the problem of what cannot be seen but could reasonably be expected. I remember once seeing a sow that got out onto the road from a farm entrance and trust me, a quarter of a ton of pig has no road sense. Also, remember the risk from horses that may have thrown a rider then bolted, tractors and 4x4s that need to pull out a long way before the driver can see left and right.

Another hazard I regularly remind associates about is blind crests, little rises, humpback bridges, hill summits and the like. You may be able to see the top of a tractor or the lorry cab over the crest, but can you see the car or motorcycle overtaking it? I follow some riders that will take the default line toward the centre of the road as they approach a crest. I know that some time ago a bright spark said there may be a parked or broken down car on the other side so in that case, how would you deal with a stationary hazard with a car rapidly approaching you on your side of the road? I know most will automatically lose some speed on the approach to crests, but my advice to associates is to move over to the nearside, not all the way however, as you may have pedestrians to deal with.

It's nice to be told sometimes that your advice has paid off. I was told once that a driver had seen a caravan roof approaching a hill crest. What could not be seen was an Audi going for an overtake. I was told that if it was not for my advice regarding observation, position and of course 'What cannot be seen' and 'What might reasonably be expected to happen', he and his wife might not be here today.

John

SAVING LIVES IN LINCOLNSHIRE

(Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service)

A really interesting talk by a member of LIVES at the June meeting night emphasised how important the service they provide is. Being a first responder can make a big difference.

LIVES Medics & First Responders are all volunteers who give up their time to respond to emergencies in our area. When you dial 999 not only will an ambulance be mobilised, but at the same time, the LIVES volunteers on call in your area are notified that you need their help. Because of the rural nature of our area many parts of this county often need to wait longer than others for an ambulance to arrive. These extra minutes are vital to a patient. In extreme circumstances this could mean the difference between life and death.

All First Responders are trained and equipped to provide care to a patient whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive. They can provide emergency care to an adult with cardiac arrest, breathing difficulties, chest pains, collapsing and fits. More experienced First Responders undergo further training to allow them to deal with all of the above conditions in children and patients with traumatic injuries.



Lincolnshire Integrated
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To become a LIVES First Responder you need no experience as full training will be given if required. You only need to give as much or as little time as you can spare, in any of the voluntary capacities. For further information visit the website at www.lives.org.uk

OBSERVERS MEETING

Last month's meeting was well attended and a very busy observers meeting. It was nice to have some good weather at long last. There was on bike training for all observers who went out in pairs for around one hour to work on various skills followed by a team debrief. We conducted some local observer training with the help from a few of the team's more experienced observers. Thank you to all observers that attended and worked hard to make it a great evening. This month we would like to welcome Malcolm Heaton to the observers team. Malcolm will be working with the team towards the IMI Local Observer Qualification.

Jerry

BRIGG BIKE NIGHT

In June, we were contacted by the landlord of the Nelthorpe Arms in Brigg asking if we would like to have a stand at the bike night he was organising. The bike night is an attempt to boost trade within the town. We arranged to put our table up in the brick barn at the Nelthorpe Arms which gave us cover in case of rain.

We weren't really sure how well attended the bike night would be and were pleasantly surprised at the large number of visitors that came.

There was a wide variety of bikes on show from an Ariel, ridden there by John and Carolyn (LAM members) to sports bikes of all types. There were bikes from 125cc up to 1800cc. Race bikes and specials were also on show in the barn.

We had some interest in our group and the IAM in general so felt that it was well worth attending. We have already been asked if we will go back next year. Looks like Brigg bike night is going to become a regular fixture on the bike night calendar. Make sure you look out for the Brigg bike night next year and join us to promote advanced biking.

Lynne

ROAR RIDE OUT

LAM be riding out to the nearest ride-in point at Donington Services (M1 J23a) for the ROAR event. We will be riding in from Lincoln to Donington from a meet point at McDonalds on the A1434 Newark Road in Lincoln (opposite Pennells Garden Centre). Departure time from Lincoln is **0715** should anyone wish to join us.

The ride out to Donington Services will be a run down the A46, turning off at Willoughby on the Wolds & across to Kegworth. If you wish to meet us en-route, please let us know where you wish to meet.

If anyone is intending to join us from (other than those who have already said they're going via the Facebook event, could you please email Kev on Kevturner59@sky.com so we can get a feel for numbers? If anyone needs directions to the Lincoln meet point, again, contact Kev & he will email you directions & a local area map.

There is a 24 hour garage nearby (on the A46/A1434 roundabout) should anyone wish to top up.

RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF TRIUMPH (RAT) – LINCOLNSHIRE WHITBY RIDE OUT

On Sunday the 28th of June, RAT members (9 on Tigers and one on a R6), including LAM members, met at the Sentry Post Café, RAF Waddington Aircraft Viewing Area (WAVE) on the A15 opposite the static Vulcan. Most of us went for bacon/egg butties and a brew to get some brain food inside. The Sentry Post is a highly recommended biker friendly café with excellent food on offer and hot/cold drinks. A good place for IAM Observers to stop off as there is a small inside area with tables and chairs which is good for a feedback session over a bacon butty and a brew.

I was leading the ride and Kev Turner was my 'Tail End Charlie' (TEC). As always we gather everyone together to ensure all riders understand our 'Convoy Riding Rules', which includes a drop off system that works well with large groups.

We set off a 09.00 making our way to Market Rasen via Bardney and Wragby in rather damp conditions with extra care being taken on one of our favourite bend swinging routes. After Rasen we headed for Caistor and along the top and down Bigby Hill. We continued through Barnetby Le Wold and had a pit stop at Barneys Café on the A18, where we picked up another rider on guess what? Yes a Tiger. Following a nice brew we headed off over the Humber Bridge where the annual half marathon was in progress. Glad we were biking and not running!



After a few A-roads we ended up on the excellent B1248 to Wetwang, a lovely road with sweeping bends and pleasant views. Even at legal Speeds, the road is excellent.

Our next stop was at Fimber Café in the Woods, a popular stop for bikers. Tea, coffee and cake seemed appropriate, several chunks were consumed.

Off on the last leg up to Pickering and over the Moors on the A169 dropping down into Whitby. The view was not up to much due to mist and drizzle and it was a good job we were in our wet weather Gear. During our Moors traverse a 'friendly' motorist decided to cut us all up one by one until he landed up my backside. I avoided the 'red mist' and moved over to the left and he shot past giving hand signals suggesting that I had another hobby apart from motorcycling. I think at a steady 55mph we were at a safe speed considering the damp misty conditions, the motorist had other ideas about what he felt his safe speed was, so we let him get on with it, without fuss.

It was quite busy in the station car park at Whitby but we all managed to find some space. So off for some 'nosebag' at the various café's in the town. Chips with something seemed to feature as a favourite and the sun finally came out to greet us!

15.00 was our planned time to head off home, but not until we had helped an embarrassed biker who dropped his steed at 0mph whilst manoeuvring in the sloping car park. He was most grateful as you can imagine, but as you well know, us bikers are as one.

Our route back was via Scarborough picking up the A64 then up Staxton Hill on the B1249 over to Driffield (another great road). Our acceleration was impeded somewhat due the copious intake of chips at Whitby. After a bit of the A614 we picked up the B1248 again for our return to the Humber Bridge, with the weather improving all the time. After another pit stop at a garage near the bridge we made our way back via Rasen with RATs peeling off en route, leaving just me a Kev to finish at the Sentry Post for a final brew.

A successful and safe ride out taking in some great roads and scenery, a route that I would recommend to any biker. Our convoy system worked well, we didn't lose anyone and everybody enjoyed the day. Thanks to Kevin for being a great TEC/chief photographer and supporting me on the day. We are looking forward to more similar rides throughout the year. IAM members are always welcome to join the RATs on any of our rides.

Cheers for now,

Roland



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GROUP CLOTHING

Group clothing is now available to order through Kev Turner. Items available are T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces. Prices are as on the order form in this edition.

Each item may be ordered with or without the green IAM logo, and all items except the t-shirt may also be ordered with or without a name underneath the LAM group logo. This can be your forename, your full name, or a nickname should you prefer.



You may specify any colour garment you wish (subject to availability from the supplier), but the embroidery colours cannot be changed. Due to my working commitments, payment must be received with order – cash only I'm afraid.

Kev

Full Name						
ITEM	DESIGN	SIZE	QTY	Name to be embroidered (leave blank if not)	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	£
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Fleece with	Group Badge + IAM Logo				£16.00	£
T-shirt with	Group Badge			X	£7.00	£
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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

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.

JULY

Mon 6th - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.

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

Weds 29th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise.

AUGUST

Mon 3rd - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.

Sun 9th - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Park. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start.

Weds 19th - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm

Weds 26th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 7th - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.

Sun 13th - Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. prompt start.

Weds 23rd - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 7.45pm unless stated otherwise.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD ON A MONDAY