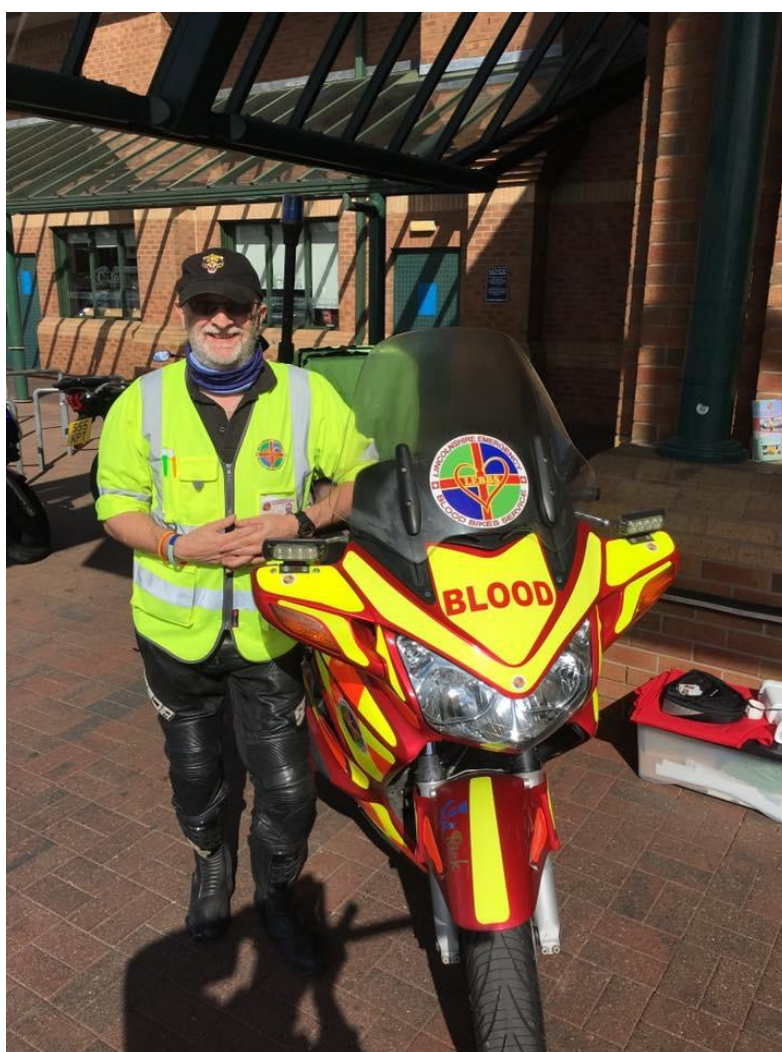
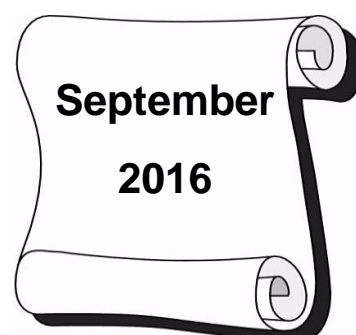
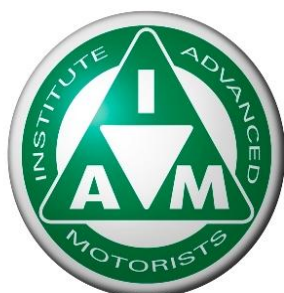


# ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
**THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS**  
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Middle Rasen is on the A631 about 1.5 miles west of Market Rasen

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in Octobber 2016.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Lynne Watson, by **25<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest, earlier is better. You can send any articles by email to

[lynne.iam1@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.iam1@gmail.com)

# EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to the September edition of ChainLincs. Have you all been enjoying the weather we've had lately? It's been a mix of everything, even hail in some places! Of course, it's all sent to make sure that you can handle your bike at all times. Even how to react when a bridge falls on you! As John Harrison always says, 'Expect the unexpected'. There's a great piece from John in this month's newsletter, so if you're stuck with something and need help, talk to John, it sounds like he has all the answers to everything!.

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](mailto:lynne.iam1@gmail.com)

The next social is on **5<sup>th</sup> September**, and there is another ride out planned leaving from the Nag's Head at 6.15pm and getting back about 8pm for the meeting. Nothing is planned as such but there is usually someone who is willing to take the lead. Perhaps that's you? If enough people attend there could be two ride outs and who knows where they'll end up.

If you're 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.

Whatever you do,  
Have fun,

*Lynne*

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

So, Saturday afternoon on a bank holiday weekend and I'm not working, what do I do? Out on the bike but threatening rain or get my Chairman's Chatter done for ChainLincs so Lynne doesn't nag me? Looks like Chairman's Chatter wins but the weather is looking drier for tomorrow morning so out on the bike then. Or might just go in the rain, keeps the skills up and don't want to be accused of being a fair weather biker!

Anyway, welcome to September and the shortening days and worsening weather. On the bright side though another edition of ChainLincs for you to savour. Thanks to Lynne. Aagain, keep the articles going to her as there would be no news without you!

So, who's new this month? Welcome to John Neilson from Waddington who is also planning to become a blood biker, good luck to him and thanks to Roland Johns for taking John on. Also welcome to Mark Mowbray from Market Rasen and thanks to Ken Rose who will be his observer. John came to our last social and I hope to see you both at a social event or ride out soon. It would be great if some associates could come to the WAVE on 11 September and speak to other bikers about their experience of the IAM training and, hopefully, convince some to join us.

Test passes this month include Richard Gecse, Rob Talton and Glyn Trundle. Congratulations to you all and well done. Well done also to their Observers Jeff Picking, Ken Rose and particularly to Roland Johns. Glyn was Roland's first associate and test pass since he was awarded his Local Observer qualification. If you are interested in becoming an Observer then come along to the monthly observer meeting. Details are in the Diary of Events. The Group couldn't function without Observers so if you think you might be able to observe come and find out more.

Please note, Septembers Group ride is from Hartsholme Country Park on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> leaving promptly (ish) at 0930 so get there early for coffee and brekkie. This is because it coincided with the event we are holding at the WAVE (Waddington Airfield Viewing Enclosure) on 11 September.

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).

Mark is now less than 2 months away from his trip across India on a bike to raise money for the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. This is his Justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Mark-French3> so please sponsor him. His target is £5000. At this time he has raised £320.74 so is a lot short of his target so if you can afford a few quid to sponsor him do it now before you forget. Thanks on his behalf.

Hope to see you all soon, stay safe

Mick

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

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

<b>Member</b>	<b>Observer</b>
John Neilson from Waddingham	Roland Johns
Mark Mowbray from Market Rasen	Ken Rose
Rob Holmwood from Newark	Full member

I have three test passes to report – well done to the candidate and Observer.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Pass Date</b>	<b>Observer</b>
Richard Gecse	8 August 2016	Jeff Picking
Robert Talton	11 August 2016	Ken Rose
Glyn Trundle	24 August 2016	Roland Johns

The group membership is currently comprised as follows

Full Members	94
Associate Members	21
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>115</b>

Please note that the Group Sunday Morning Run has been rescheduled to 18 September so as not to clash with the WAVE event promoting safer riding and hopefully recruit further group members. As mentioned in the Diary, a good turnout of members would be appreciated to support the group.

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH, RIDE SAFE:

*JOHN CHEETHAM*



## September's social

September will probably be the last month we can get an evening ride in before the days shorten too much. A mystery tour has been arranged again, ie, no one knows where they're going! Please note though that we will be meeting at 6.15pm for the ride out, back for 8pm for the social and not at 6.30pm as previous months.

## August's Social

10 members went on the ride out before the August's Social led by Ian Morrison. At least another 10 members joined us for the social itself. A good turn out.



## Augusts' Sunday Ride Out



Eleven of us were at Willingham Woods on 7 August for the monthly group ride. Thanks again to Ian Morrison for leading the ride, We had 5 observers to keep an eye on the other 6 members including one associate so a great spread of experience. It was a beautiful day, not too hot but a little blustery and some great views over parts of the Wolds. Thanks Ian and to you all for turning up.

## Member Biopics

### Paul Collins –

About 20 years ago, I borrowed an MZ125 from my brother, to do my cbt on and see if I liked riding before I bought my own bike. It soon turned into a keep fit hobby as I ended up pushing the bike nearly as much as I rode it, so I gave it back.



Three years ago I kept talking to people about wanting to ride but never did anything about it until as part of my Christmas present in 2013, I had my cbt paid for and decided to do the direct access and go straight for my full license. I started mid January 2014 and had 2hr lessons on a Saturday morning when I could, then passed my test at the beginning of March.

As a birthday treat I went bike shopping 4 days after passing. After driving round quite a few dealers in all parts of Yorkshire I ended up at Team Roberts in Doncaster and bought a Triumph Sprint 955st. I moved to Scunthorpe to be with my partner. I knew very few people and only 1 other person that rode, so I was limited to going on ride outs, but by chance I was told about S&S bikers who were local to me so I got in touch and started to ride out with them. This helped me to gain experience through the ride outs and also advice from others. This also increased my social circle, and we not only enjoy ride outs together, but numerous social events.

After 5 months I was still fairly cautious and not that confident on cornering. I was given the opportunity to have an IAM taster session led by Ian Morrison. I was not sure what to expect and if I'm honest I was extremely apprehensive prior to the ride. I did not consider myself experienced enough to ride at this level. I lacked confidence and only chose to ride when it was dry & light, on roads that I was familiar with.



True to his pre-ride briefing Ian took us on roads that tested our skill, ability and nerve. This challenged me to step out of my comfort zone. The conditions changed throughout the ride, deteriorating with rain and darkness falling. The opportunity to follow an experienced rider as Ian, following his direction, positioning and lines, gave me the confidence to ride safely and progressively on roads that I would never have attempted previously. It changed the way I ride, and I was no longer restricted by road, light or weather conditions. I decided I would do the full IAM test but I would wait until winter had passed before starting.

I also had the opportunity to further my skills by doing a 1 day and a 2 day BikeSafe course arranged by Dave Butt, plus a performance plus day at Cadwell Park.





In March 2015, after having lots of problems with the ST, I decided to change my bike and bought a Sprint GT 1050.

As spring came I started my observed rides with Dave Butt, but due to changes in his shift patterns he was not able to continue. Due to numerous reasons I had the chance to ride out with several observers ( John Harrison, Malcolm Heaton & Ian Morrison ) gaining experience from each and everyone of them. The observed rides were very varied and sometimes challenging as the weather changed dramatically on a couple of them, where we ended up riding in heavy rain and on one occasion we had sun, rain and snow all in the space of the 3 hour ride. I valued the experience that my observers shared and went on to pass my test with a 1st.

The confidence and experience that I have gained has allowed me to take part and also lead longer rides out,

including taking part in the Macmillan sunset to sunrise ride in June 2015 covering over 700 miles in 43 hours. I also did the same route in March 16 but the second time over the Easter bank holiday weekend with pillion too. The weather again was very varied and started off on a sunny day, followed by day of rain, hurricane winds, snow and also taking in roads that were very challenging.

I feel that taking the skills for life course has helped me gain further skills and understanding to make me a better rider, and at every opportunity I promote the course to anyone wishing to improve their riding skills

## **Paul Coulson -**

Just last week I had my birthday and turned 56. I started riding bikes at about the age of 12/13. I was brought up in Scunthorpe and my dad, as a bit of a hobby, more than anything, used to buy cheap motorbikes of small cc's, "do them up" and sell them on.

I don't think he ever made much money but it gave him something to do in his garage. I was made chief test rider. So I used to go out on them after placing the back wheel in the wheel trolley. (it was illegal to have the back wheel on the road if it wasn't taxed, tested and insured..) and take them down the local waste ground and ride them round reporting any poor running, rubbish brakes or general slopiness. I also had a field bike which was usually a Honda 90 chopped. Everything was removed that was removable and the exhaust sliced off as short as we dare go. (This often blacked the toe part of everyones shoes/boots.) The track in the field was mainly mud where the grass had been worn out and some of the older ones amongst our biking group could get these 90's to scrape their pegs which often resulted in a major crash. Solid pegs.

My pocket money every week was spent on petrol and riding in the field so we only came home on a weekend evening for something to eat, or a bandage or plaster.

Some of this is probably wrong, but it's how I remember it! Petrol went up to about 50p a gallon not long after decimalisation and ration books were issued. These were never used as I found out after sneakily ripping one out of my dad's ration book to get more petrol. This was my hobby now and nothing was going to stop my riding. The woman at the petrol station up the road told me to keep it as they weren't being used yet and I had to tell my dad that I had nicked it because it was ripped out from the ration book in the kitchen drawer. Whack.



The worst bike out of all the ones I rode around this time was a James scooter. Two single seats and a footbrake. The best was a red Suzuki 100 or 125 with 4 gears.

I turned 16 on the 4th August 1976 and my insurance started at 6am so at 5 mins to 6 I sat on the drive, being held back by my worried mum, on my German made Autovap ???????? waiting for the green light to go.

The arm was raised and off I went with no idea of road sense other than my cycling test.....I ran out of petrol at lunch and then realised I had no idea where I was. The nearest phone box and a local, summonsed my mate on his CB200 with a petrol can tied on his back seat and off we went again. I arrived home around 6pm, 2 petrol stops later, to find my mum in tears wondering where the hell I had been and my dad pacing around saying "I knew he'd be alright" The bike was quite rubbish really and when it failed its MOT on worn front forks I was quite happy.

I upgraded to a Garelli Tiger Cub and made it all the way to Wakefield one weekend to see some relatives. A few fizzers later and various mopeds and I was totally hooked. I stayed on smallish stuff until the 250cc law came in where you couldn't ride anything over 125 on L plates so decided I needed to take my test. I took my test in Collingham as a 2 parter in 1988 and then had all sorts of bikes from a basic 250 superdream to a Ducati 748. KIR 650 Vfr1200. I counted 32 bikes so I won't bore you with all the details.

I changed my job in 1990 which meant travelling to Lincoln on a CB900 until we moved 4 years later. Currently I ride a Vfr800 and have been round the Black Forest, Luxembourg, France and often ride to Switzerland to stay with my brother who lives there.

A few mates from work wanted a "long bike trip" and I somehow ended up as the organiser so we did the 6 country tour staying in Formula 1's. We set off for the ferry one Friday and did.... England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Holland and arrived back on the Sunday evening, all 12 of us all in one piece and happy.

The diversity of the people who ride bikes and the types of bikes available will never cease to amaze me and we can often just sit and watch the people and their bikes passing by on one of the many Lincolnshire Bike Nights that we attend.

I often get asked to take someone out on the back of my bike who has never done it before and will show them the pleasures of biking without trying to scare them.

We can all do stupid things on bikes that give bikers a bad name and the only real gripe I have is poor protection, oh, and a no gloves, is a definite no-go.

Daily I ride to work on a CRF250L all year through rain, sleet and snow and use the Vfr800 as my weekend touring bike for me and my wife.

p.s. I quite fancy the new Africa Twin but don't tell her.....Last bike, last bike, last bike, blah, blah, blah.



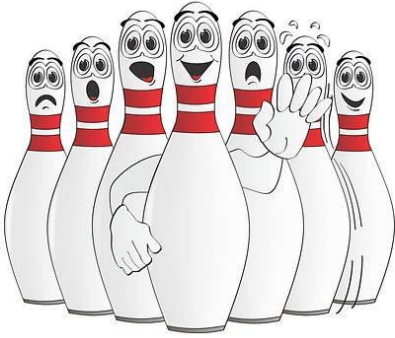
## Brackley Motorcycle Event

On 14<sup>th</sup> August, Dave Hall attended the Motorcycle Event at Brackley. As you can see, he was one of thousands who attended. These are only a small sample of the vehicles at the show, and there was definitely something for everyone. For more information on who, what, when, where and the date for 2017 talk to Dave Hall.





## Events and ride outs



**Bowling Night** - Come and join us for an evening of fun playing ten pin bowling on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 8pm**. The venue is Lincoln Bowl, Washingborough Road, Lincoln LN4 1EF

Roland has negotiated a great price of just £6.80 per person for two games! And there is also 20% off food and drink all evening!

Provisionally we have two lanes booked (12 peeps) but if demand is high we can book another. Please register your interest asap either on FB or by email. This event is open to all members, partners, friends, neighbours.....

## Motorcycle Live

If anyone is interested in riding to the NEC Birmingham for Motorcycle Live then contact Roland Johns, he is organising a ride from Lincoln. The event is from 19 to 27 November. If you would like to go then please let Roland know as soon as possible so the preferred day can be decided on.

Group discounts are available so the more the merrier. His details are on the Committee details page, or let him know via FaceBook.

Events include: A test ride zone, the Dark Side MT Tour – Yamaha, two-wheel taster, Lee Bowers Stunt display, Indian/motorcycle project scout, kiddimoto childrens fun track, trade stands, bargains and loads of other things to see and do.

## Barrie Heath Quiz

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists won the annual Barrie Heath Quiz again last year! We are the hosts for this year's quiz and would appreciate you coming to support the MC. We will not be entering a team.

The quiz will be held at Redbourne Club in Scunthorpe on 26<sup>th</sup> October starting at 8pm and refreshments will be provided.

## Ride to Sheffield Peaks

Ian Morrison is organising a ride to Sheffield Peaks on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Ian has organised this ride out for the past 3-4 years and it has always been a popular venue and well supported. Please register with Ian by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, he will then advise the final meet point and time.

**Our LAM Bike Day** – support from all members would be appreciated. It's also a good venue for a ride out and is already popular with bikers. Bring your friends along too.



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# Rambling on

John Harrison

Some time ago Lynne asked for a piece on an unusual job or hobby, but nobody has replied. I suppose, like me, you have had just common garden jobs and just do the usual hobbies. Or is it that nobody wants to share their private free time leisure pursuits with us, which is quite understandable.

But what is unusual? What is matter of fact to me might be quite usual to someone else. So, what does the dictionary say about a hobby, an occupation, pursuit or pastime especially in ones leisure?

For myself, I have done many things to keep me entertained in my own leisure time, none of them I would consider a hobby as such. As a kid I drew and coloured, collected many things; stamps, coins, tea cards, cigarette boxes and cards, match box labels as well as things that would be frowned upon today; butterflies, birds eggs, pressed wild flowers. Other pastimes where gardening, growing vegetables and cacti, designing, planting and looking after a large shrubbery that provided flower, colour, scent and structure throughout the year. Also, there was the tinkering with push bikes, All these things were pastimes, but were they hobbies? Most of these were to keep us occupied since there was no TV or computer games to bury our heads in.

A lot of these dropped by the wayside after I left school. The push bike eventually gave way to one with an engine. Over the years I have incorporated a few other pastimes into the biking. The wild flowers have remained, not pressing them, but I spent many an hour and rode miles looking for them, in Lincolnshire that is, to see if they were still managing to survive with the modern way of land management. That's one reason for getting an off road bike, to go where the road bike could not, it's surprising when in the middle of nowhere how after a few words to explain why I was riding there, opened new tracks when I was shown where I might find what I was looking for. Another little pastime was finding all the remaining fords (no not the blue badge type) left in Lincolnshire. I not sure, but I think I must have ridden through the vast majority of them. Also, I combined another little task with the fords and that was to ride all the roads, lanes, tracks, or in one case, a ploughed field in the north end of old Lincolnshire. If you drew a line from Skegness to Newark, everything north of that to the Humber, this area covered roughly the northern Natural History Divisions for the flora of Lincolnshire.

But other things have come and gone, the drawing became water colours, I still have some of my cacti plants left and I still like to grow my own vegetables. I have had a go at many things to pass the time, raising plates and bowls from sheet copper and acid etching on copper plate, also acid etching on glass. I like working with wood, I've done some carving and turning. I also like making things out of pallets, all sorts of things; two full sized five-bar gates, an owl box, chicken coops and sheds, numerous bird boxes, a half barrel log basket, a third scale planter based on an old fashioned wheelbarrow complete with wooden wheel, I plus a few more. What I am planning next is a cart-wheel and, if successful, I a model haywain.

When needs must I've repaired sea-grass and split-cane seats, done tapestry for stool covers and fire screens, even embroidered covers, re-upholstered chairs, in one case made a miniature chesterfield settee for a wedding present and repaired two grandfather clocks.

Another thing I like doing is to maintain my own vehicles and work on the odd mechanical things. Just recently I've brought back into life an Allen self-propelled Motor Scythe, fitted with a Villiers two stroke engine, a grass cutter if you were wondering. I could go on but you get the idea, I do a lot of things with my free leisure time but are they my hobbies?

And just to bring an end to my ramblings, for the last 35 years I have been an observer for our group, training up riders to a standard that is good enough to pass their IAM advanced motorcycle test. Whilst gaining many hour of pleasure doing it, you could hardly call it a hobby could you?

# AGM Information

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by order of the Group Committee that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of **LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS** will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 7 November 2016 at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen, Market Rasen, LN8 3JU to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1049955) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

<b>Honorary Secretary's Name</b>	John Cheetham	<b>Date</b>	01 09 2016
<b>Address</b>	26 Lansdall Avenue Lea Gainsborough DN21 5JL	<b>Group No.</b>	7176

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only Fully Paid Up Members of the IAM and of the Group may vote.

A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a Full Member of the Group.

## CURRENT OFFICERS

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)

<b>Mick Smith</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Offering to stand for re-election</b>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Post currently vacant</b>	
<b>John Cheetham</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Offering to stand for re-election</b>
<b>Sam Kirwan</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Offering to stand for re-election</b>

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

One third of the Committee (excluding Officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)

### A. RETIRING BY ROTATION AND STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

**Kev Turner**

### B. RETIRING BY ROTATION AND NOT STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION

**Dave Hall**

### C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING

**Lynne Watson**  
**Roland Johns**  
**Steve Wivell**  
**Jerry Neale**

Note

**The total number of Committee Members including the Officers must not exceed twenty. Please see the NOMINATION PAPER for further detail.**

As notified separately, the AGM is being held at 8.00pm on Monday 7 November 2016 at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen, Market Rasen, LN8 3JU.

Nominations are invited from Full Members to stand for Committee. The Nominee must be willing to stand for the Committee and sign the Nomination Form. By signing the Nomination Form the Nominee is affirming his/her ability and intention, if elected, to attend Committee meetings regularly.

**Please note** - You may not stand for the Committee if the law debars you from being a Charity Trustee.

Only Fully Paid Up Members of the IAM and of the Group may nominate Committee Members or be nominated as Committee Members.

This Nomination Paper must be returned to the Group Secretary at least seven days before the election – i.e. by 2 November 2016. (Group Rule 3.5)

All Officers and one third of **all** other Committee Members must retire annually by rotation and may offer themselves for re-election by Group Full Members. (Group Rule 3.4)

Those elected become Charity Trustees of the Group.

#### OFFICERS

Name	Position	Nominated by	Seconded By	Signature of Nominee
	Chairperson			
	Vice Chairperson			
	Honorary Secretary			
	Honorary Treasurer			

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee

## Observers and Associate Information

**Congratulations to Ken Rose on passing his National Observers qualification.**

### 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
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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	£
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# DIARY OF EVENTS

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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      A631  
Rasen**

**east of Market**

**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.**

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclist event, Biker Skills Day at the WAVE, Waddington. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Slow riding area, observers on site to offer free assessment rides, trade stands. Group gazebo and free cuppa and cake from the café. Please try to come along as we do need some volunteers to help out even if you can only manage an hour or two.
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. prompt start. Please note change of date.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bowling night in Lincoln, Washingborough Lane, Lincoln, LN4 1EF
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm.

## **October**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - Group Observed Run from Ancholme Leisure Centre, Brigg. Meet 9.30am for 10.00am prompt start
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Barrie Heath Quiz at Redbourne Club, Scunthorpe

## **November**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm commencing with the group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 9.30am for 10.00am. prompt start.
- PLEASE NOTE - No Observers meeting this month.

## **December**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm. Quiz, buffet and raffle.
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. Meet 11.30am for 12.00am. prompt start.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- PLEASE NOTE - No Observers meeting this month.

