

ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
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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 October 2017.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Lynne Watson, by **22 September 2017**
at the latest, earlier is better. You can send any articles by email to

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EDITORIAL

Hi folks, again, apologies for the delay in getting this to you, life's was very hectic last month and nothing has changed! Hope you are all having a great time out and about. I'm expecting some really interesting articles from members with tales of their travels. Send me the details so it can go in an issue of ChainLincs.

Please note that I am on holiday in September and will only just be back by 26th, therefore, I'll need to get the October ChainLincs done quickly. All articles or information by 22nd would be much appreciated.

The weather's starting to change now and just a T shirt under a jacket isn't quite enough. Have you got your Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists bespoke sweatshirt? Great for keeping you warm on those slightly chillier days and they look good when you're indoors too. For orders or to discuss colours and styles contact Kev Turner, details in the Committee information.

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. 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

Early Sunday evening nearing the end of August, the sun is going down and the summer is disappearing quickly! Having said that tomorrow is supposed to be the hottest August Bank holiday for 27 years so not all bad. Thought I had better sit down in front of the computer and get some words down for Septembers ChainLincs.

There seems to have been plenty going on recently so hopefully you have managed to get out on the bike and get to something. Me personally, time is limited so when I get the chance I just want to ride which is what I did this morning. Not out for long but great weather and the roads were fairly quiet out on the Wolds. Definitely some bikers out there that could do with some advanced training, following them through the bends was interesting to say the least, especially for them towards the centre of the road on a right hander and a car comes the other way also towards the centre of the road. It makes me wonder how other riders can't see the danger!

Anyway, welcome to Septembers ChainLincs and thanks again to Lynne for editing. Hopefully she has had plenty of contributions from other members. Thanks if you have contributed, if you haven't could you? Doesn't have to be much, a few words and a couple of pics of your biking, or other, adventures helps fill some space for Lynne and makes the newsletter a worthwhile read.

The test passes have continued through August with Bob Cross, Mike Day and Paul Copse all successfully achieving a First pass. Congratulations and well done to you both and your Observers Kev Hewson, Ken Rose and Malcolm Heaton. There a couple more tests booked and coming soon but if you are an associate keep at it and let's get you passed before the days get too short again to get out in the evening.

Only one new member this month. Welcome to Dave Holmes from Cherry Willingham, hope to see you at a ride out or social meeting Dave.

If you fancy being an observer come along to an Observer meeting (details in Diary of Events) or give Jerry Neale a call on 07885 494607. Please note that Observer Meetings are now held at LK2, Studio 2, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Deepdale Lane, Nettleham, LN2 2LL. Many thanks to Andy Kitchen for letting us use his offices for the meeting.

Don't forget there's the new membership level in the IAM due to be launched soon – 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 .

And the second category offer we have going with the Lincoln Car Group and also the Scunthorpe 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 (for Lincoln) a call on 0300 365 0152 or for Scunthorpe, Terry Heath on 01652 655 601 or 07831 377 171.

Hope to see you all soon, stay safe

Mick

Membership Update etc.

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

We have one new member to welcome to the group recently, as follows:

Member	Observer
Dave Holmes from Cherry Willingham	TBA

There are three test passes to report since the previous newsletter listing. Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to the Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Robert Cross	15 August	Kev Hewson
Michael Day	22 August	Ken Rose
Paul Copse	28 August	Malcolm Heaton

The group membership is currently comprised as follows:

Full Members	100
Associate Members	24
Total Group Membership	124

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

August social



A busy night this month and some lively discussions taking place. Good to meet some of the new members too.

Most socials during the summer months have a ride out before hand and people to lead one are always needed. Going from the Nag's Head at 6pm.

August Sunday Ride Out

Mick Smith:

I have no information from Augusts ride out from Brigg. I couldn't make it myself and nobody put anything on Facebook. Hope you had a good ride and a few members turned up.

Septembers ride is from Willingham Woods on 10 September, leaving at 0930hrs so get there early for breakfast and a chat.

Be aware that the Scampton Airshow is on that weekend so there could be extra traffic around early on.



Forthcoming Events

3rd September.

There's a ride to the Duxford Imperial War Museum. Meet in the Friendly Farmer Café car park, Newark at 0730hrs for 0800hrs prompt departure. Spend the day in the museum, restarant and café on the premises. Reduction for OAP's. (Lol!) If you're interested please let Phil Niner know on philniner67@gmail.com

24th September 2017.

The second **Ride to Save Lives** is planned for Sunday 24th 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.

27th September

The **first Mid-week ride** is scheduled for Wednesday 27 September. This has been organised by Mike Day and the plan is to leave Louth Petrol Station (Bolingbroke Road) at 10am. If you are interest could you let Mike know so he has some idea of numbers?

28th September.

The British Superbike School are offering a semi-private event to Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists on 28th September. There is a 50% discount for the IAM, including our friends and families making the cost for the day £144.50 per rider. 24 people are need to book this but if we don't get the 24 then a full refund is given.

This is a Skills Improvement Day, not 'a how fast can you go' day. Undecided? There's an article on Facebook 'Confessions of a Born Again Biker – Part 20 – Track Day Virgin' by David Ayres. Or talk to him about it at the next social or ride out.



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Test Passes

Another F1rst for Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists.

Nick Tucker receiving his certificate from observer Jerry Neale at the social in July.



RobSpeed Honda at Grimsby

An evening with Dan Linfoot and Jason O'Halloran took place on 17 August. A very interesting event.

Roundabouts!

Richard Gladman Head of Driving and Riding Standards IAM RoadSmart

IAM RoadSmart advice on how to use IPSCGA at a roundabout.



Photo courtesy of Jason Beveridge via Facebook

Information: Look well ahead; check your mirrors so that you know what other traffic there is around you. Give any signals in plenty of time. Try and identify a gap in the traffic before you reach the roundabout, but keep an eye on the car in front – they may not go for the gap you would.

Position: Approach the roundabout according to which exit you're taking. Keep to the left lane to turn left or go straight and the right lane when taking an exit on the right. Watch for any road markings guiding you and try to give other vehicles plenty of space.

Speed: Slow down smoothly to a speed that's appropriate for the roundabout and will allow you to stop, taking into account the position of other road users.

Gears: Once you're at the right speed, and before turning, select the correct gear. If you do need to change gear on a roundabout, do it when the steering is on a set position. Do a final mirror check, especially the mirror on the side you are turning towards.

Accelerate: At a roundabout choose a gap in the traffic and accelerate smoothly into it – the same applies to any other junction.

Richard said: "At roundabouts, your plan from a way back is to stop. But gathering information can allow you to proceed. It is useful to try and consider the whole thing as one manoeuvre – that way you have a plan about which lane to be in, when to move into that lane, and what signals you expect to use. But you need to prepare to be flexible – other road users don't always behave as we'd expect them to."

Observers and Associate Information

Jerry Neale

August has seen another busy time for all in the Observer team. Most of the Observers have been out on the road working with their associates on test preparation runs. Also the trainee Observers in the team have been busying themselves working towards their IMI Local Observer qualification with help and guidance from the team Lo assessors.

The month was brought to a close with a busy and well attended Observers meeting with many items and subjects being worked through and discussed. Thank you for the time and commitment shown by all in the team.

This month's tips from Richard Gladman Head of Driving and Riding Standards, IAM Roadsmart are regarding horses.

Hold your horses

Horses are powerful animals and have extremely heightened senses. They are 'flight' animals, so many revert to their natural instincts at any time. The outcome of this can be extremely challenging for the rider and other road users. There have been 2,570 road incidents reported to the British Horse Society in the last six years. Some 38 riders have been killed and 222 horses have died as a result of their injuries. Of these incidents 80% are because vehicles passed too fast or too close to the horse.

If you are approaching a horse from behind, hold back whilst getting enough information to pass safely. Do not get any closer than three car lengths and be careful not to creep into this space. Be prepared to slow down further or even stop to protect this space. Avoid sudden movements as horses may react. They can move incredibly quickly

Don't spook them. Actions such as sounding your horn, revving your engine and playing loud music can spook the horse. Always drive gently and predictably. Remember there are three brains working, the driver's, the rider's and the horse's.

Make sure you give the rider enough space when passing them. We recommend at least a car's width and make sure this is done slowly – remember always pass "slow and wide," good advice is no more than 15mph .

Often when riding two abreast it is for safety reasons, an inexperienced rider or a nervous animal being coached along by a more experienced companion. Give them some consideration.

Keep an eye out for the rider. They will often give you signals asking you to stop or slow down. Riders will often acknowledge a safe pass but remember their top priority is to keep their hands on the reins and maintain control of the horse.

Always accelerate gently once you have passed the horse. A rider and the horse may both be inexperienced and nervous in traffic.

Richard said: "Dealing safely with horses is a classic example of where applying the rules of good driving helps us to share space safely. Use the information around you. "Dealing safely with horses is a classic example of where applying the rules of good driving helps us to share space safely. Use the information around you – road signs, horses in fields, horse muck on the road or signs to an equestrian centre are all clues to help you anticipate meeting riders on the road. Controlling your speed so that you can deal with the unexpected is very important in rural areas. After that be sensible, don't get too close and 'wide and slow' is the mantra.

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			X	£7.00	£
Colour required:					TO PAY	£
PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER						

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.

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 4th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
- Sunday 10th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
- Sunday 24th Ride to Save Lives
Contact Roland Johns for further information
- Wednesday 27th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
Venue, LK2 Offices, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Nettleham LN2 2LL at 7.45pm
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)
- Wednesday 27th Mid-Week ride out by Mike Day. Leaving Louth Petrol Station on Bolingbroke Road at 10am

OCTOBER

- Monday 2nd Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
We have John Siddle coming along to give us a presentation on the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership and the work they do. Should be interesting and gives the opportunity to ask those questions you often wondered about.
- Sunday 8th Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area
Meet 9.30am for prompt 10.00am start
- Monday 9th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm

Wednesday 25th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
Venue, LK2 Offices, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Nettleham LN2 2LL at 7.45pm
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Commencing with the group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 12th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg
Meet 9.30am for prompt 10.00am start

PLEASE NOTE there is no Observers meeting this month

DECEMBER

Monday 4th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm

Sunday 10th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 11.30am for prompt 12.00am start

Monday 11th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm

PLEASE NOTE there is no Observers meeting this month

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JANUARY

PLEASE NOTE there are no formal events during the month of January.
However, that's not to say that nothing happens!
If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at
8.00pm

Sunday 11th Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area
Meet 11.30am for prompt 12.00am 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)

