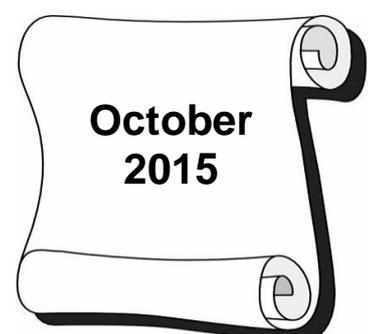


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THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
IAM GROUP 7176, REGISTERED CHARITY 1049955, SUPPORTERS OF THE BMF



September saw an excellent turn out at Brigg Leisure Centre
for the monthly ride



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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
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The next issue of ChainLincs will be in September 2015.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Ian Firth, by at the latest, earlier is better.
You can send a copy by email to

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EDITORIAL

Last month, I attended my first group ride out for many months and thoroughly enjoyed myself with a group of riders whose skills were second to none. It was so relaxing, knowing that your fellow riders were to be trusted to be safe and sensible, trusting them implicitly with decisions on the road, which after all, is what the IAM is about. A special thanks to Ian Morrison for leading our small group on an interesting and testing route, which took me back to my boyhood home in North Lincolnshire. The preparation for Ian's IMI qualification obviously worked well, as you will see in the Chairman's Chatter.

In this edition, you will see that the announcement is made for the AGM. This is a hugely important event in the group calendar and I recommend that as many of you attend as possibly as this is your group. Unfortunately, I shall not be available as I shall be away on the date of the AGM, but I know the committee will continue to provide the best governance of the group, for the group's interest, not matter who is elected.

The group is heavily reliant upon our observers and there is a good article from Jerry explaining what observing is about. So if you would like to become an observer and gain a lifetime qualification for free, speak to Jerry or anyone on the committee and get ready for the new season next year.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this edition of ChainLincs. Those who sent in late contributions have given me a bit of extra time to get this out, which is something I needed.

Safe riding,
Ian

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

First thing this month is to offer my congratulations to Ian Morrison who passed his National Observer (NO) test on the 27th of September. Well done Ian and thanks for making the time to prepare for and take the test.

Congratulations also to Tony Waldron who passed his Advanced bike test on the 11th of September, Steve Wivell who passed on the next day and Simon Battram who passed on the 2nd of October. Well done to you all.

The group ride last month from Brigg had a great turnout of 16 members including plenty of observers. To keep the rides flowing, we split into 3 groups and scattered around Lincolnshire in great riding weather. Our group of 6 followed Ian Morrison while he was being observed by Ken Rose as a check on his riding prior to taking the NO test, as this is an integral part of the test as well as his observing skills. We had a great ride on a variety of roads making good progress where appropriate and clearly Ian's riding was spot on.

This month's ride is from Willingham Woods on Sunday the 11th October leaving prompt at 10 am, so get there early.

The annual quiz to fight for the prestigious Barrie Heath Trophy will be upon us in October. We are looking for a team of 4 to take part again this year, plus a few supporters. The quiz will take place on the 14th of October at the Redbourn Club on Cemetery Road in Scunthorpe starting at 8pm. If you fancy being a member of the team please let me know. The questions are usually general knowledge but it is down to the hosting team to set them.

Anybody interested in becoming an observer don't forget the observers meeting at the Nags Head is usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. This month, however, the observers meeting will be held on Sunday the 25th October at 10.30am to enable more on the road training, as the nights are closing in. Jerry Neale is doing a great job, with help from John Harrison, organising training for the observers; thanks guys.



For the new and existing members, don't forget to find our Facebook page Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists <https://www.facebook.com/groups/301610040008772/> ask to join so you can post and join in. Finally, don't forget we are also now on Twitter under the name of @lincsbikers_iam.

Hope to see you all soon, stay safe

Mick

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by order of the Group Committee that the 30th Annual General Meeting of LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 2nd November 2015 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 31st March 2015 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

Honorary Secretary's Name	John Cheetham	Date	01 09 2015
Address	26 Lansdall Avenue Lea Gainsborough DN21 5JL	Group No.	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)

Mick Smith	Chairman	Intention not stated
Lynne Watson	Vice Chairman	Intention not stated
John Cheetham	Secretary	Offering to stand for re-election
Sam Kirwan	Treasurer	Offering to stand for re-election

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

Jerry Neale

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

Mike Buckley

C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING

Kev Turner

Dave Hall

Note

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

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

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

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Chris Riley	3 September	Morris Howe
Tony Waldron	11 September	Andrew Kitchen
Steve Wivell	12 September	John Harrison
Simon Battram	2 October	John Harrison

The group membership is currently comprised as follows

Full Members	87
Associate Members	17
Total Group Membership	104

Please note that membership will be due for renewal from 1st of October for those with membership numbers in the range 725 to 739 inclusive. The rate due is £4.00 to cover until 31st of March which will bring you in line with the main group membership renewal date.

You should receive a letter which will contain the Renewal form, a Gift Aid Declaration Form and an addressed envelope (please note stamp required) to return to me.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

OBSERVERS MEETING

Due to the sun setting earlier, September's observers meeting gave us a great opportunity to work on some Local Observer (LO) training theory. Many items and subjects were covered with question and answer sessions and open discussions during the evening with some very welcomed guidance from the more experienced members of the team. This month the observer team would like to congratulate Ian Morrison on his recent pass of the NO qualification. Thank you to the host at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, for great facilities and always mighty fine coffee.

BECOME AN IAM GROUP OBSERVER

Your first question might be 'what is an observer?'

An observer is a person who has already passed the advanced Test and is prepared to help other people prepare for passing the test through what we call 'observed runs'.

The observer advises and assists an associate member in preparing for the IAM test by riding behind them, offering advice and support to the associate to improve their riding standard to the level you will need to reach to pass your test.

LAM will welcome you if you want to become an observer, providing guidance and assistance to ensure your current riding is still up to the IAM Advanced Test Standard. Once confirmed, they will then give you lots of support, encouragement, and guidance to help you become a LO with the Group.

All current/active observers must be current members of the IAM and LAM Group. By becoming a LO, you will learn a lot more, not just about helping other riders reach the standard you have achieved, but through a greater understanding of the principles and application of advanced riding techniques. This will also help you improve your own standard of riding.

There is another reason to become an observer - the satisfaction of one of your associates passing the IAM Advanced Test and the part you played in that process. So if you would like to find out more contact one of the observer team or committee members.

Jerry

RAMBLING ON

It's nice to see that the spirit of adventure is not dead. Whilst walking the dog recently, I noticed a headlight in the distance behind me. I walked on a bit further, looked back again and still saw a headlight some distance away. I thought it was an electric cycle coming along, then I heard the sound of a motor so I moved Sky, my dog, to stand on the grass verge to let it pass. Then the motor stopped, which I thought was taking courtesy a bit too far. With me stood at the side of the road with a Doberman at my side, the machine came to a halt and I found a young lad on a Puch moped bidding me 'good morning' and asking how I was. After I responded politely to the rider, he started to ask me for directions. He was now joined by second lad, also on a Puch moped. Both mopeds were loaded up with camping gear, holdalls and other bits and pieces. These two souls, it turned out, were from Holland and had come over here to follow the cycle trails in Lincolnshire. After giving them directions, I wished them well on their journey. They both peddled their motors into life and rode away slowly into the distance. I found myself hoping that they were aware that Lincolnshire is not as flat as some folk make it out to be.

Also in the spirit of adventure, I've been watching the cycle tours of France, Spain and Britain. I don't particularly have an interest in cycling as such, but like to look at the scenery. Talking with a friend, he reckons that I've probably seen more of France than he has and he's been over there! He told me that he spent most of the time looking at the road not the scenery. So how would you like to ride at speed down some of those descents on the mountain stages on the Tour de France with skinny tyres, twitchy steering and nothing much better than pair of underpants and a T shirt for protection? I take my hat off to the riders. As a lad we did not think or know of the dangers when we hurtled down the hills on our bikes, but these riders are well aware of them and they still come down faster than some of the motorcyclists wearing the full kit.

It was nice to see the IAM well represented with a team (Not the Institute, rather a Swiss Investment firm) and that it seems like the British Motor Corporation, is planning a comeback as they are sponsoring a cycling team as well. Anyway back to reality and an interesting piece in September's newsletter on filtering. I know it's not comparing like against like, but this year there has been more collisions between the TV motorbikes and the cyclists on tour than ever and these are professionals! The professional tour authorities have responded by doubling the distance allowed between the TV motorcycles and bicycles to try to stop these incidents. It's much like filtering, but we have to do it with amateurs on open roads. Read and take note, as I have been told of a car door folded flat against the front wing when the car pulled up so the driver could get to the cash machine just as an unsuspecting biker was passing.

A couple of motorbikes I look for every year on the cycling tour, in among all the modern ones is a K75. Yet again this year, there it was in the thick of things. I also spotted an old Boxer. It was nice to see the K75 behind the Sky team (Fancy naming a team after one of my dogs) as they all lined up across the Champs-Élysée. Well done to Chris Froome in France, but it seems his luck ran out in Spain with a broken foot in yet another crash. Would this have happened to a motorcyclist wearing a good boot?

While on riding gear and a spirit of adventure, Ian Hutchinson, 11 times winner on the Isle can't be short of any. Open the summer edition of Advanced Driving and there's a tiny photo on page 3 of him at the National Motorcycle Museum at the ROAR Festival, in what looks to be showing off his slow riding skills, with not much more on than what a cyclist would wear. At least cyclists would wear a helmet though. I thought that car parks were still classed as 'publicly accessible road' and governed by the 'Road Traffic Act' and the Highway Code, so why no helmet? I know his speed would be nothing like he uses to on the island, but you can still do yourself a lot of damage from just falling off at walking pace without the correct gear on. That noddle on his on his shoulders is no better off than a soft boiled egg. As a road safety charity, surely this was not the best image to publicise? As Chris Froome now knows, the spirit may be adventurous and willing, but luck is a fickle creature.



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NOMINATION FORM

As notified separately, the AGM is being held at 8.00pm on Monday 2nd November 2015 at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle 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 27 October 2015. (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			
John Cheetham	Honorary Secretary			
Sam Kirwan	Honorary Treasurer			

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
Jerry Neale			

GET READY FOR AUTUMN

IAM's head of riding standards, Peter Rodger, is offering advice to motorcyclists about getting their bikes ready for autumn. Read these tips to find out how you can best prepare for the season.

- It's that time of the year again when you need to get your waterproof overalls and gloves on. Hi-visibility clothing is important during the day and reflective clothing is essential to wear when travelling in the dark.
- Give your tyres a proper check beforehand. The tyre tread should be no less than 2mm in the winter, as opposed to the legal requirement of 1mm. Consider changing your tyres now, before road conditions become increasingly slippery.
- The colder it is, the more work the battery has to do. Check your battery is fully charged and in a good condition beforehand – keep it protected against corrosion using solid Vaseline or paraffin. If your battery is not working properly, replace it now.
- The cold weather can cause moisture to collect up in the electrical connections. Take time to spray them with an anti-corrosion product to keep them lubricated.
- Check the front and rear brake fluid reservoir levels. If they're low top them up or consult your dealer. It's worth checking your brake pads too – if they are a near the wear limit then get them changed as soon as possible.
- Keep an anti-mist product with you when your helmet visor builds up with condensation – this will particularly come in handy in rain and foggy weather.
- When riding through bad weather switch on your dipped headlights to help you see further ahead. Avoid using full beam as this will only dazzle other road users.
- Riding in low sun will make it difficult to see ahead, be prepared to slow down and make sure you keep your eyes shaded using a visor helmet if you have one.
- If road conditions are wet and slippery leave more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you. Ride at a steady pace and don't rush through pools of water as it will force your bike to lose traction.
- Avoid riding through puddles as they might be concealing potholes. Keep an eye out for any of these hazards ahead and adjust your riding accordingly.

Motorcyclists need to especially make allowances for the arrival of autumn with only two wheels; anything that reduces your contact with the road requires your attention. Keep in complete control of your bike, think ahead and you can enjoy a bracing autumn on two wheels.

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.

OCTOBER

Mon 5th - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
Sun 11th - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 9.30am for 10.00am prompt start.
Mon 12th - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
Weds 14th - Barrie Heath Quiz, Redbourne Club, Cemetery Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1NU. 7.30pm for 8.0pm start. We require a team of four plus some supporters.
Sun 25th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 10.30am. **Please note change of day and time to permit daylight on road observer training.**

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.commencing with the group **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**
Sun 8th - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. Meet 9.30am for 10.00am prompt start.
PLEASE NOTE - No Observers meeting this month.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE NOW HELD ON A MONDAY