

# ChainLincs

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Some of those brave souls at the Mablethorpe Sand Racing ride out



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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 March 2016.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Lynne Watson, by **26<sup>th</sup> February** at the latest, earlier is better. You can send a copy by email to

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## EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to the January and February edition of ChainLincs. This is my first ChainLincs for the group, hopefully not my last! I need your help to keep it going so all stories, photos, events or information you think will be of interest to other members, please send to me for inclusion. My new IAM email is [lynne.iam1@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.iam1@gmail.com)

There was no January social meeting but a ride out was organised to the Mablethorpe Sand Racing on Sunday 10 January. See the article for info and pictures. Looks like they had fun.

We are including pieces on members of the group so if you read something that one of them has done or is planning on doing and you fancy having a go or joining them, get in touch. If enough people contact them (or me) an event or ride out can be organised. Also, if you have an unusual job or hobby send me a short piece about it and it can be included in the magazine. Or if you want a ride out and it's short notice, put it on our Facebook page, there may be others that would like to join you.

Have fun,  
*Lynne*

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Welcome to the first edition of ChainLincs in 2016 and also to our new editor, Lynne Watson. Many thanks for taking this on Lynne, it can be time consuming unless the members support you with articles to include so I start with a plea this year to provide Lynne with some worthwhile items to make the newsletter a good read.

Already this year we have had 2 test passes – well done and congratulations to Alan Buckland who passed his test on 7 Jan and Simon Till who passed on 22 January, with a First. Hopefully there will be many more this year. Thanks to Richard Busby for his work preparing Alan and to John Harrison who was Simon's observer. Hope to see you both at the next group meeting on 1 Feb to present your certificates.

There was no group ride in January but a few of us met to go and watch the sand racing at Mablethorpe on 10 January. The next group ride out will be Sunday 7 February from Willingham Woods. Please note the later time, meeting at 1130 and leaving at Midday to allow for the weather to warm should it be frosty etc.

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).

Don't forget the Air Ambulance ride out around Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire on 10 Apr. Details are here <http://www.ambucopter.org.uk/event/lincs-notts-air-ambulance-charity-ride-out/> if you are interested in taking part. Sign up quickly as spaces are going fast.

One last thing! I am sure some of you have already seen that Mark French is riding 1300km across India 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.

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

Member	Observer
Derek Warriner	Full Member
Michael Marris	Full member

Two test passes to report this month – congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Jarek Grebenik	1 December	Kevin Hewson
Richard Pidd	7 December	Jeff Picking
Alan Buckland	7 January	Richard Busby
Simon Till	22 January	John Harrison

The group membership is currently comprised as follows

Full Members	92
Associate Members	12
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>104</b>

Incidentally, three Associate members are currently on hold having been temporarily removed from the IAM “in progress” listing as they are not currently available for test preparation for various reasons despite having an appointed Observer. It is hoped they will be able to start / continue their test preparation during 2016.

Initial action is to contact myself to enable reinstatement on the IAM “in progress” listing.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

## February's Social 1 February, 2016

We have a guest speaker for this month's meeting, Barry Gardner, Casualty Reduction Officer, Humberside Police.

A light-hearted talk on why they do the things they do!

## **Christmas Social**

There was a good turn out for the last social of the year with another two test passes to celebrate. A buffet provided by Barry, the landlord of the Nags Head, a quiz posed by Mick Smith and a raffle, with some great prizes, completed the festivities.

Raffle prizes donated by Colin Willoughby, of Just Bikes, East Common Lane, Scunthorpe consisted of a Battery Oximiser and a helmet cleaning kit. Another prize donated by Jerry Neale was a new exclusively formulated, high performance, protective motorcycle chain lubricant. As you'd expect these went first!

Other prizes donated by members were 'Speed' by Guy Martin, a bandana (pink, of course), mini helmet cleaning kit, bungees, wine and chocolates.

A good selection for everyone and a grand total of £53 was raised for Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. Thanks to everyone who attended and many thanks to those who donated the prizes, the food and the quiz!

## **Do you have what it takes?**

Have you passed your advanced test and said 'I'd like to be an Observer' but then thought, 'I'm not sure I'm up to it'? Wondered what goes on at one of these meetings but was wary of feeling out of it with all those experts there? Then come along to the Observers meeting on 24 February where Jerry Neal and some of the observer team will be available to discuss the expectations of the observer role and to answer any questions that you have. No obligation, just find out and satisfy your curiosity. The meeting will be at the Nags Head (in the warm) and Ady Crane, the IAM Examiner for this area, will also be available to talk to everyone. After all, what have you got to lose?

## **Sol-X**

Sol-X, the British manufacturer of specialist chemicals and lubricants, renowned for their professional, high performance, automotive trade use chemicals has launched a new motorcycle chain lube.

Developed on the back of employees' passion for motorcycles 'Supreme' chain lube has been engineered by bikers, for bikers. Sales Manager, Tony Peters says "As bikers ourselves, we have worked hard on developing this product to surpass our own exacting standards. It's a brilliant, long lasting, anti-fling lube which, as a manufacturer, we're able to offer at a great value for money price in a BIG 500ml tin. We are 'chuffed to bits' as we say up North, and are sure you'll be 'Over the moon' too."

It's suitable for all O, X and Z ring chains. For more details talk to Jerry Neale who donated it to the raffle in December or Steve Watson who won it. Or contact Sol-X direct on 01302 708895.



## NEW MEMBER BIOPICS

Nick James - I've been commuting to and from work on my bike for the last 3 years covering about 55,000 miles. The more I ride the more I love riding. I was a little apprehensive about joining the IAM but Jeff Picking soon put me at ease with advanced riding and the Skills for life course. Big thanks to Jeff for his support.

I started messing with bikes as a teenager, usually off road on trials or motocross bikes. I had a Suzuki RG125 on the road for about a year when I was 19. I then took a 4 day course to pass my motorcycle test at 25 but didn't get a bike until 10 years later. Since 2007 I've had an Aprilia Shiver 750, Suzuki V Strom 650 and my current bike is the Triumph tiger 800 XC. For 2016 I'm going to come along to some of the ride outs and try and improve my riding further.

I also want to test ride some different bikes and attend the MotoGP at Le Mans – I love watching the MotoGP! #mybikesace.



Nick James



Tony Waldron

Tony Waldron - My first bike was a Triumph 250 with girder framed forks, it was given to me at the age of 16 by my uncle. I had no licence so I played around taking it to bits and rebuilding it, with no instructions or manual to work with, only my father an ex despatch rider in world war two, helping me to set the ignition timing. I learnt a lot on that bike eventually selling it to a fellow college student for £25 which was a lot in them days.

At 17 I bought myself an Ariel 250 and used it to travel to work at Rearsby where I met a fellow biker who had a Norton, which he rebuilt and honed the engine to a remarkable standard. One day he offered to give me a lift home as mine was off the road for a repair. This Norton had no rear suspension and I hung on for dear life. We got from Rearsby to Melton Mowbray in 20 minutes! It was raining and I

was glad to get my feet back on terra-firma that day.

I went on to take my licence at Loughboroug. The examiner was walking round on foot instructing me to go round the streets in a circular manner. On one circuit, he stopped me and told me how he would indicate for me to do an emergency stop, around I went twice again looking out for him and my emergency stop indication. This happened on the next trip round, I spotted this old dear walking towards me on my left, when all of a sudden the examiner just jumped out from behind her, I skidded but held my nerve and managed to stop, brakes weren't that good in them days. He got me to park up and we sat on a park bench as he asked me my highway code questions, telling me I had passed. I sadly sold my Ariel to buy an engagement ring, got engaged to the then love of my life, planning out our lives and saving for our bottom draw, It was not to last as

she found another mug and dumped me! That was it, I spent all my savings and brought an AJS 500, and boy could that go, or so I thought, until I was passed by some 50cc Japanese rocket that sounded like a swarm of bees flying by.

I was made redundant at the age of 21 having just return from working in Germany and Switzerland. I found a new job at Hawker Sidley working on Shackleton's, but this was not well paid so I could only afford a 50cc two stroke bike to get to work. I would pick up a friend and we'd travel together. On the way home he had to jump off the bike so I could climb the hills, then jump back on, we had some good laughs.

However, I married at and the real responsibilities started, especially when the children came along. I couldn't play around with bikes now.

As the family grew up I started a business of my own in engineering and my thoughts went back to motor bikes. Thereafter, I swopped bikes regularly, had a Triumph Trophy, and a Bonneville, Honda Square Four, then an old Gold Wing which was stripped and rebuilt. I then had a break from biking.

But then I got an urge for a Harley Davidson and so, not telling the wife, I viewed a brand new Sportster 1200cc and committed myself to it. I decided to go on a course called "Back to Biking" run by Riders Edge in Wales. This course is designed around Harley bikes and enables you to ride all the various models. This time I informed the wife I was going on a bike course and spent a great long weekend riding the Welsh roads.

On my return I asked the wife to drop me at Uppingham, "What for?" she asks, "to pick up my new bike", there was silence for a very short while, then "thought so" say's she, and loading my gear we set off to pick up my shining new Sportster.

I joined the Local Chapter at Lincoln with the view that I would have fellow bikers to go out with on rides, which was great. I did persuade my wife to come out on one ride, got her all toggged up with the gear and off we went. But it wasn't long before the complaints came from PC (precious cargo) that the seat was uncomfortable. This was overheard by a bike buddie who offered PC a go on his bike, this being a Tourer which was equipped with back rest, soft seat etc. that was it.

Changing the Sportster for a Street Glide with all the trimmings was much better and we travelled on many rides, even managing to go to France on one tour. However, as we are both vertically challenged we still had a problem with the Street Glide in that it is a big bike and if it decides it wants to lay down you can't stop it! Fortunately, this happened only when at a stop, dumping PC and myself on the floor a few times.

We decided to change the Street Glide and after careful consideration we picked a Softail Heritage touring bike, changing the seat, crash bars and handlebars before picking it up from Robin Hood HD. I have made many alterations to the bike over time, adding more chrome and comfort items for

PC including a custom made seat and adjustable feet rests. We have had some great rides on this bike travelling to France, Germany, Holland and many places in the UK.





I strove to improve my skills going on “Bike Safe” courses, “First Aid” courses, and a Harley Road Captains course. I have a friend who is a LEBBs volunteer responder who persuaded me to join and take their induction course. I did and was accepted, however, to go on to being a responder I needed an advanced riders qualification. PC



paid for my course with ROSPA, which I completed and passed, but I wasn't completely satisfied so I decided to enrol on the advanced course with the IAM a year later. I have now completed this and have my certificate to prove it. The IAM course helped me to iron out a few inconsistencies I had and I am much happier. PC is an excellent pillion rider and she has made the point that she can see a marked difference in my confidence and riding skills, well done and many thanks to Andy Kitchen.

Between these two courses I have had two knee replacement operations over two years so I am bionic. I am still able to ride my bike and will continue until I “fall off the plate” as they say, all at the age of 74.

I have further honed my skills in manoeuvring my large Harley through obstacle courses set up on a private car park, this is all done at slow riding pace, through obstacles, making turns through 360 degrees and more, all designed to inspire confidence handling a large bike.

PC and I have lots planned for this coming year with an organised Tour to La Rochelle in France in May, a European Tour to Slovenia via France, Germany, and Austria in June. Sherwood Rally in August, TITG Rally in Scotland end of August, Trip to Isle of White in September and with loads of other weekend trips between and we have other Rallies yet to book and IAM ride outs too.

We have met many nice people and made many friends in our motor biking career, met people with tattoos, pony tails and beards (and that's the women. joking !) and made lasting friends who at the drop of a helmet would help you with any problems you may have.

Remember you can have fun in all weathers as we have managed to do so even in the pouring rain.

Have fun and Ride Safe.



Tony & Jo (PC) Waldron

# Mablethorpe Sand Racing 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016

by Dave Hall

Seven Members met up at Market Rasen on a sunny but cold morning( 4° c ) at 9am, it was a straight forward route passing Willingham Woods and Louth to Mablethorpe, parking on the slope that led to the Beach, Ian Firth and a friend were already there. After about an hours run to Mablethorpe first order of the day was a cuppa or in the case of Nigel Hobson, a full English, and a warm up in a café. By the time we had chewed the fat for half an hour we could hear engines starting and practice was getting under way.



We made our way to a viewing point on the Promenade, the sun was to our right which restricted where to

get the best photographs, so we stayed in the same place. As the morning progressed, more and more spectators arrived.

There were fewer competitors taking part than normal, I think it varies from meeting to meeting. Soon the first race began, 5

laps – on the far side of the track it was quite wet as the sea was still going out. The races varied in rider numbers and age & ability, some were pre –teens on small bikes, others experienced speedway riders. The bikes were a mix of 2 stroke and 4 stroke, Single or twin cylinders, apart from the speedway bikes the others looked a bit tatty and cheap but then again you don't want an expensive bike with all that salt water and sand which must get everywhere. I'm sure the chains and sprockets don't last long. It must be one of the cheapest forms of bike racing there is.

All the riders looked to be enjoying themselves regardless of ability and that's what it is all about. The odd spill is inevitable but no one got seriously hurt and the St John Ambulance team are on hand to lend assistance. The speedway riders make it look so easy reaching speeds of approx 60mph (my estimate) on the straights and not much slower around the corners, sliding the bikes sideways. Some races only had four riders while others varied up to a dozen or so. As the riders finished their slowing down and heading back into the pit area the next race started, so it was non-stop action. By 1pm the racing was all over so we headed back to the bikes, there were a lot more bikes parked by now obviously making the most of the weather.



We had brief breaks for coffee/tea and chips and it did get a bit chilly standing around despite the sun being out all day. Racing finished at about 1300 and we had a good ride back (the roads were dryer by then) ending up at Willingham Woods before heading our separate ways home. A good day out and if you have never been before (I know it's unlikely living around Lincolnshire) it is well worth going for the day, and it's free!

Sand racing takes place at Mablethorpe during the winter months, the next meetings are 7 & 21 Feb and 13 Mar. For more information, including

times, see <http://xtreme-action-images.com/sandracing/dates.html>





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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. 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.**

## FEBRUARY

**Mon 1st** - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.  
**Sun 7th** - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 11.30am for 12.00am prompt start.  
**Mon 8th** - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm  
**Weds 24<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming observers, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm

## MARCH

**Mon 7th** - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.  
**Sun 13th** - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Park. Meet 11.30am for 12.00am prompt start.  
**Weds 30th** – Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming observers, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm

## APRIL

**Mon 4th** - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.  
**Sun 10th** - Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. Meet 11.30am for 12.00am prompt start.  
**Mon 11th** - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm  
**Weds 27<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming observers, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm