

ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF

THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

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Don Ford with Simon Weir and Steve Holmes test riding the KTM1290 Super Duke GT, one of the three bikes taken on test with Ride Magazine.



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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 July 2016.

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

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EDITORIAL

Hello and welcome to the June edition of ChainLincs. There are some great articles from people in this month's newsletter and my thanks go to them. 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 email is lynne.iam1@gmail.com

The next social is on **6th June** and a ride out is planned again from the Nag's Head setting off at 6.30pm and getting back about 8pm for the meeting. It looks to be a good route, just beware of the puddles and the potholes!

There's a lot happening over the next few months so check out the events diary and our Facebook page to make sure you don't miss anything.

We are also 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.

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.

Whatever you do,
Have fun, Lynne

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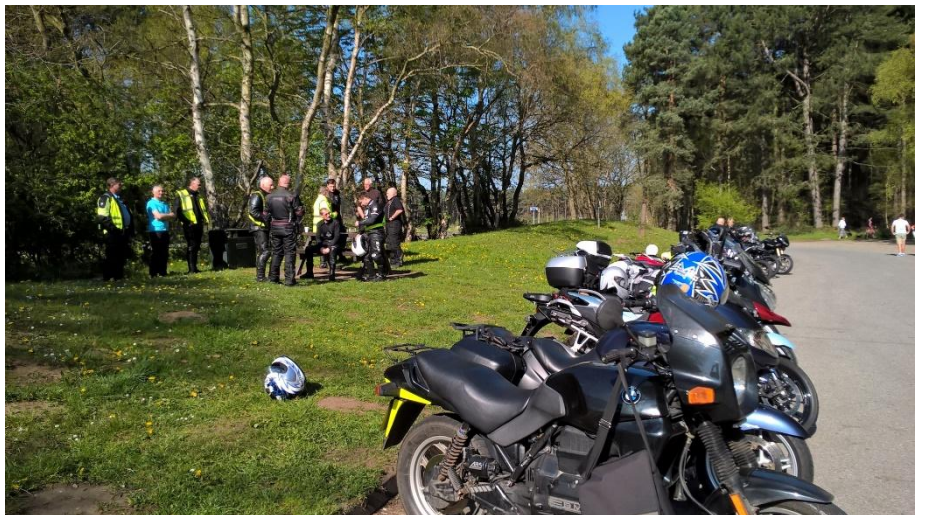
CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Welcome to the June edition of ChainLincs, once again thanks to Lynne Watson for editing. Welcome also to our recent new members – Chris Luck, Sam Hall, Lee Coulbeck, Glyn Trundle, Ian Cawthorne, Mark Kilner and Robert Talton and Richard Gecse. I have already met some of you but look forward to meeting the rest of you at a social or ride out. New members are joining but as that happens we also lose older members who no longer want to remain part of the group, that is the way it has always been but if anybody has any ideas about how we could keep members please let the committee know.

So far there have been 4 test passes this year and 3 of those have been Firsts. Clearly the Observers are doing a great job and we are always on the lookout for more. If you fancy a go then come along to the regular Observers meetings (details in Diary of Events) and the guys will be pleased to let you know what is involved.

As most of you will be aware new qualifications (Local and National) were introduced for the Observers a couple of years ago and as of yesterday all of our Observers had agreed to take one of these qualifications over the coming months. A busy time for the Observers as there are new standards being introduced this year and the rollout for these is on 8 June. These new standards are based on 'How to be A Better Rider' but have been revised over the last 18 months with the help of a number of Groups from around the country. Along with this will be new 'log books', handouts and run sheets which takes away the onus on the Group to maintain it's own.

Another good turnout for the May social meeting, no guest speaker but we had a ride out across Lincolnshire beforehand ably led by Dave Hall – thanks Dave. If I remember rightly 7 members, including a new member, turned up and 3 more arrived just after we had left so they went on their own route – that'll teach us to leave on time for a change! Overall a good turnout for the evening and there were a few more waiting at the Nags Head when we got back.



On the hottest day this year 12 members including 2 very recently joined associates and 3 observers turned up at Willingham Woods at 9am. John Harrison took his new associate Sam Hall on his first observed run while Ian Morrison took his new associate Ian Cawthorne with a small group out into the wilds of Lincolnshire. The remainder of us, including Nigel Hobson running his brand new bike in, went on blast backwards and

forwards across the Wolds with Kenneth Rose with a stop for ice cream and a drink and then back to Wickenby Airfield for coffee and cake, or a 'dog roll' for Ken. Great ride out, nice to have some warmth and Nigel's bike was almost run in by the time he got home. An excellent morning out and for those that didn't come – you missed out!

Thanks to Roland who led a ride to the beach on 12 May for fish and chips, I am sure there will be a few words and pictures later in ChainLincs. Rumour is he is planning something for June as well – hopefully I will make this one.

Next ride out will be 12 June from Hartsholme Park in Lincoln leaving at 0930hrs. Unfortunately this conflicts with this year's Lincoln BikeFest where we will have our usual stand so the numbers may be down but it would be great to see you on the Brayford after the ride. I already have a couple of offers of help for the BikeFest but all help through the day to talk to the local bikers would be greatly appreciated. I will be there at 0830hrs to set up and will have usually packed up and left by 1700hrs

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).

I am leaving this reminder about Mark's ride across India to remind me to sponsor him – hopefully you can do the same for a very worthy cause. 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

NEW LOOK FOR IAM

All areas of the Institute of Advanced Motorists have joined together under one trading name – IAM RoadSmart. A new look but the principles remain the same, making our roads safer by improving driver and rider skills through coaching and education.



Look out for the new display at the Lincoln Bike Fest. On 12 June.

It would be great to see you there, any help greatly appreciated, even if only to talk to other bikers for an hour!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

We have four new members to welcome to the group recently, as follows:

Member	Observer
Glyn Trundle from Sleaford	Roland Johns – from last month
Ian Cawthorne from Upton, Notts	Ian Morrison
Mark Kilner from Melton Ross	Kev Hewson
Robert Talton from Hatton	Ken Rose
Richard Gecse from Hibaldstow	Jeff Picking

There is one test pass to report since my last newsletter update - congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Paul Coulson	25 May	Jerry Neale

The group membership is currently comprised as follows:

Full Members	84
Associate Members	18
Total Group Membership	102

If you still have to pay your membership then either post to me or bring along to the next social.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

Social 6th June 2016

This month's social includes a ride out from the Nags Head at Middle Rasen. Meet up at the pub ready to go at 6.30pm. There's some great roads around Middle Rasen, a good mix of main roads with bends and some little roads with surprises on them! Not to mention the puddles and pot holes. If you enjoy a challenging ride, this is for you.

May's Social

May's Social included a ride out led by Dave Hall and there was a very good turn out. There would have been 10 but 3 arrived after it had set off, so, not to be left out, they went for a ride themselves.



Chip Run to Sutton on Sea



Six members, including prospective member Garry Noquet, went on a cold but invigorating run to Sutton-on Sea for fish and chips on Thursday 12th led by Roland Johns. It was a very civilized event though as you can see from the photos. Hopefully, it didn't put Garry off!



There's another impromptu run planned for mid to end of June. Watch the FaceBook page for details.



BBQ and Band Event
The planned BBQ, Band and Family event on 25 June is Cancelled.



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A Dream Job?



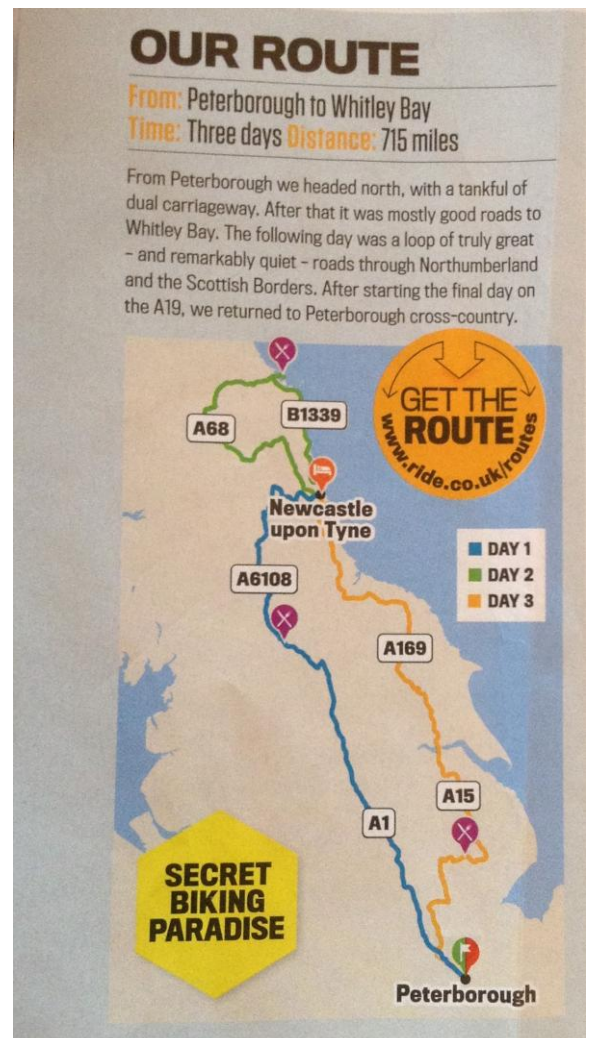
Don Ford was asked by Simon Weir of Ride Magazine if he would like to join him to test ride three sports tourers and provide feedback on their performance. This was to be a three day trip covering 715 miles.

What's not to like?

The three bikes were a KTM 1290 Super Duke GT, a BMW S1000XR Sport SE and a Duati Multistrada 1200 Pikes Peak.

Both Don Ford and Steve Holmes are seasoned tourers with an interest in this kind of bike. Don rides a 2012 Multistrada and Steve Morris rides a naked Super Duke. However, Steve has never toured in Britain. As he lives Sussex he has always headed south. A ride from Peterborough to Northumberland was planned to show him what astounding riding can be found on the British mainland.

Day one started with a bitter wind cutting across the moors but at least the sun was shining. From Peterborough they headed north, however a day on mostly dual carriageways seems a waste of the machines. All three of the bikes do what Sports Tourers always have though: devour miles at speed, in comfort. A stop at Markham Moor allowed them to swap bikes and discuss their initial reactions to them. Unfortunately, after lunch they emerge into an icy wind with sleet turning snow. "I told you it's sunnier when you go south" points out Steve. Continuing north on the back roads through Reeth to Barnard Castle, the sun shows it's face occasionally just to tease them. Coming through Eggleston they run into a blinding blizzard then glorious warm sunshine with blue skies. This continues all the way through Stanhope and Edmunbyers and the final run into Whitley Bay.



Day two is the loop around Northumberland and the Scottish Borders, taking in Blyth and the coast before stopping for lunch at Lindsifarne. Having checked the tide tables to make sure there's time to leave the island without getting trapped it still seems as if they're riding through the North Sea at low tide on the causeway due to the amount of rain. From there they hit snow through Coldstream and the weather worsens all the way back to their Whitley Bay base.



Day three was planned as a relaxed ride with dual carriageway from Tyneside to Teeside then across the North Yorkshire Moors in the Wolds and Lincolnshire. Not as pleasant as wanted though as the weather stayed bad with gales and snow flurries following them all the way home!

Asking why Don had been chosen to test these bikes Simon said:

"It was great to have Don along on the trip. Not only because, as a Ducati owner, he had a natural affinity with this type of bike but also because he's such a good rider. What I look for when selecting people to join us on tests is the ability to analyse what the bike is doing while they're riding it, the ability to make good progress and, above all, the ability to not drop the bike. We do reasonable mileages each day, but on top of that we'll spend several hours taking pictures – which involves a lot of U-turns and sometimes riding closer than you would under normal circumstances. That's not only demanding, requiring a good level of skill, but also tiring – especially when you're not used to it. Don had the experience and skill to be able to step up and do a great job – that's why he's on the front cover of the magazine."

The full article with all the technical specification and comments made regarding the bikes can be found in the July 2016 issue of Ride Magazine. Well worth reading especially if you are thinking of buying one of these. And they can't have been that bad as one of them bought one two days later.

Touring in Spain

Dave Hall was at the presentation given by Simon Weir last month on top touring destinations and agreed that number 6 was one of the best, in fact, he was going there in May. Below are some of the photos he took. As you can see, it's definitely worth a look!



**Picos de Europa,
Spain**

Outer Hebrides

Another member, Ian Cawthorne had a ride out to the Outer Hebrides at the end of May he didn't expect to get this kind of weather! It looks a fabulous place, so for details contact Ian either at one of the meetings or via Facebook. You too could venture out here.



A place well worth a visit by the look of these.

Member BioPic



Ross Glover receiving his F1RST certificate from observer Ken Rose

I found at a very early age that I enjoyed riding motorbikes, with my initial machine being a Puch Maxi 3 speed, OK maybe not a motorbike but it had two wheels, for which I have to sadly admit, I did not take care of, but it did give me the bug to ride and once legally allowed I purchased a Yamaha DT175 that was brilliant; both on and off road. I had an old leather jacket and solid boots that gave very little flexibility, but lasted years and did not have a full faced helmet until my mother bought me one before my brother and I

rode over to Munich for a holiday on a Yamaha GS850.

I passed my test in 1981 when they threatened the initial two part test. In those days the test consisted of riding around a block from the old test centre in Lincoln close to the Arboretum and County Hospital, as my examiner walked along Lindum Terrace. After doing this about four times he stopped me by means of an emergency stop and then told me to go around Greetwell Gate, where the Peacock Inn is located, as it had a set of traffic lights, before heading back to the test centre where I was asked 5 high way code questions and told I had passed; how tests have changed.

Since this amazing test I have been lucky enough to ride many bikes that have included the old Suzuki GT550 , Honda 900 Boldor, Kawasaki 500, Honda VFR750, Honda ST1300 Pan European, Triumph Sprint ST1050 and recently purchased a Yamaha FJR1300 AE. I have an old 1999 R1 Yamaha that I have used on track days, which may not be an approved IAM method of training, but did help me trust my tyres more when entering bends and understanding how they feel, whereas on my road bike



I may not have pushed them as far; I would recommend track days to any one and due to a lack of transport (trailer) my R1 is up for sale should anyone be interested.

All of these bikes had character in their own way, my Boldor had a fantastic engine, but terrible electrics that failed when you most needed them, usually when you are about to enter a bend and your lights go out. Once, during my time in the RAF, whilst stationed at Gutersloh in Germany, there was a security alert where my bike was meant to be stored away from the barrack block, but rather than leave my precious bike out in the cold, I rode it into our block and stored it in a free room, until the SWO found out, not a happy man, thankfully he saw the funny side and I just had to do some extra duties .. in the rugby club; downer.

Biking has enabled me to travel many parts of the UK and Europe, meeting some fantastic people that have included a dwarf who had steps fitted to his Suzuki GS1000 and gearing moved up so that he could ride it; his ability to keep a bike vertical was amazing; even after a few beers where most people had trouble just standing :) Even today, after so many years riding, having recently passed my IAM test with a first, which is thanks to Ken Rose for his patience and guidance and the support from my brother Warren and fellow IAM riders during group rides, who have given me their advice on how I can improve myself, all of which I am extremely grateful for.

Riding motorcycles for me is a big part of my life, it is where people stop to help if they see someone stranded at the side of the road. They understand how to support a young rider improve with guidance and remember what they went through to improve their riding skills to reduce potential accidents.

There are people who have heard of IAM, but do not know IAM. Some people I have spoken to believe that it is a bunch of old men who frown on people riding in a manner that they do not believe in, rather than looking into how IAM observers can help a rider improve their skills. Gone are the days when the average age of a rider was 19, now it is closer to 50 with more born again riders getting back into riding with far more powerful machines than they had when they last rode a bike.

I went through the IAM as part of the insurance requirements within the Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes Service (LEBBS) and I am glad I have completed the course. I recently rode over one thousand miles to the NW200 in Northern Ireland and feel that my riding skills and abilities were improved by completing my IAM test and riding with fellow IAM riders in group runs and would recommend any rider to complete the course; and if they wish to continue and support fellow riders by becoming an observer.

North West 200

Ross Glover

The NW200 is an annual event that was first run in 1951 and had initially taken place on the roads of the North West of Northern Ireland over a two day period, covering 200 miles, hence the name NW200. Famous names such as Geoff Duke, Johnny Lockett, Dickie Dale and J S Slater rode the streets using AJS and Norton power, on tyres that we would not even dream of putting on one of our machines these days. Throughout its history legends have continued with heroes such as Joey and Richard Dunlop, their children Michael and William, amongst others such as John McGuinness, Alister Seeley the talent is endless.



People ask me why do we go and watch men and women go around an 8.97 mile 'circuit' as fast as they can? For me, it is the fact that they are riding roads that we all use, not a race track but a normal road with few run offs, lined with brick walls and trees, full of life ending hazards. However, riding at speeds few could not even dream of, for example, Bruce Anstey reached 209.8mph along the 'straight' this year. It is also the treat of seeing these heroes at close quarters, relaxing and enjoying an ice cream with their family and mixing with their fans in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, before becoming totally focused on the race ahead.



As a spectator they race so close to you, it feels as if you could reach out and touch them as they fly past. People watch them from every possible vantage point, gardens, hills and it has been known for people to climb trees to get a better view of the racing. If you are not camped out within someone's front garden, you can move to areas within the 8.97 mile circuit, such as the Black Bridge where they go past you at around 200mph. Here you can get different vantage points from higher up on the bridge or moving into the field and they fly past you at eye level, or try



the Station Corner where you can see them slightly above your eye line, banked away from you, where you can hear some riders slightly throttle off for the right hand bend, but not the top riders, they are full chat, that is just an awesome sight to hear and see.



Away from the two practice and two race days you can get out on some of the loveliest roads I have had the pleasure to ride with some of the most spectacular views. Depending on how adventurous you wish to be, there are many sites to visit close to Portrush, there is Joey's bar in Ballymoney where his family still run his small but lovely bar. The Bushmills distillery with regular walks around the site and a small testing session

after in the café bar. A bit further afield is the Giants Causeway that has had a major refurbishment of the visitors centre and a bus (at a small fee) is available for those who do not wish to walk out to see the rocks. Carry on further around the coast you have the rope bridge where you can walk out to a very small island.

If these are not your cup of tea and you feel like having a ride out just head in any direction and you will find some beautiful places to visit of which the coast roads East and West are a must to ride, lovely roads, stunning views and lovely people to talk too once you get there. And for those who really enjoy riding go into Ireland and I would

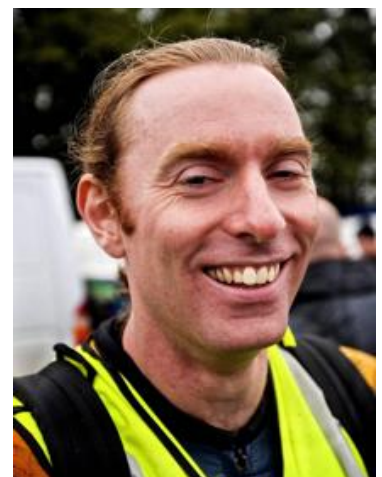


highly recommend following the coast road into County Donegal, some stunning roads where drivers respect motorcyclists and move over on their wide roads, just a treat.

In the evenings there are numerous restaurants and bars to suit all tastes, with my own favourite being the Harbour Bar, Portrush, that serves some of the best meals I have had anywhere in the World. Once you have eaten I would urge you to try some of the many bars within the town, places you would may not

normally think of visiting, but where you will have so much fun with the locals and fellow riders; Portrush may be a small town but it has a big heart that is open to all who wish to visit it.

The only unknown factor with the island is the weather, some say that the only difference between summer and winter is the warmth of the rain. I admit that there have been years where it has rained none stop but you just find places to visit indoors, of which there are a wide variety. This year was spectacular, sun from day one, with temperatures reaching 28`c; such a treat.





Unfortunately, like any dangerous sport, there will always be accidents and some fatalities, with the past year being no exception. Dr John Hinds a very respected doctor and motorcycle rider, who was key in getting Northern Irelands first air ambulance, but sadly died last September at the Skerries 100 course near Dublin before it came into force and this year at the NW200, Malachi Mitchell-Thomas a 20 year old rider crashed and died, both experienced riders who loved their sport, but unfortunately are no longer with us.

There are some dream IAM roads for improving your skills in Ireland and if you have trouble finding your 'Limit Point' of Vision, these roads will help you. I feel confident that you would come back completely understanding the need to find it and improve your riding, then again whatever your ability, go to Ireland and have some fun, the island is stunning, the people are fantastic and the Guinness ain't bad either.

Observers Meeting

The Observers meeting in May gave us an opportunity to meet up on a fine bright Sunday morning to have an on bike training session which included a group observed run to check that observing and riding standards remain high in the LAM observer team. Refreshments were taken at Wickenby airfield before discussing any issues'. Thank you to all who attended and the very important guidance from the very experienced members of the LAM team.

June will see the New IAM Road Smart standards being introduced to the LAM group. All the Observers will be working towards getting the new standards up and running ASAP.

This month the observer team would like to welcome Manny Buttigieg to the team. Manny will be working towards the IMI Local observer qualification.

The LAM Observer team is always available for any member of the LAM group who would like to have a one to one in order to maintain their own program of continuous personal improvement with their riding. The Sunday morning group observed run is a great opportunity to take full advantage of this free service for any member, just ask any member of the team.

Jerry

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	£
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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.

Ancholme Leisure Centre, Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH

South side of A18

Willingham Woods Picnic Site, LN8 3RQA631

east of Market Rasen

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 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.

DIARY OF EVENTS

JUNE

- Monday 6th - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm – ride out beforehand, meet at 6.30pm
- Sunday 12th - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. prompt start
- Sunday 12th - Lincoln Bike Fest at Brayford Pool. We will be promoting our group with a stand
- Monday 13th - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- Wednesday 29th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm

JULY

- Saturday 2nd - IAM 60th birthday celebrations at National Motorcycle Museum in Birmingham
- Monday 4th - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
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DIARY OF EVENTS

July continued:

- Sunday 10th - Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start
- Wednesday 27th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm

August

- Monday 1st - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
- Sunday 7th - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start
- Monday 8th - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- Sunday 14th - Brackley Motorcycle Festival Dave Hall for info
- Wednesday 31st - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm

SEPTEMBER

- Monday 5th - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
- Sunday 11th - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. prompt start.
- Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclist event – more details to follow – watch this space!
- Wednesday 28th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm.

October

- Monday 3rd - Monthly evening meeting at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm.
- Sunday 9th - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start
- Monday 10th - Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- Wednesday 26th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631), commencing 7.45pm