

ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF



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Advanced Motorcyclists



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"Oi, you forgot these"

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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 February 2018.

Please provide any copy to the editor, by **25 January 2018**
at the latest, earlier is better. You can send any articles by email to
any member of the committee.

EDITORIAL



Ukraine in 1996.

Well, here it is, my first edition of ChainLincs, compiled by way of a practice run over the quiet time of Christmas.

I have to say that I am looking forward to editing the newsletter. Especially if the flow of really good articles from members of the group continues as it did for departing editor Lynne Watson. E-mail your contributions to family.tucker+chainlincs@gmail.com.

I am a recent arrival to the group, running a Honda NC700s and tinkering with a Dnepr MT11 outfit imported by Nevals from the

More generally:

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. It's a great way to meet other members.

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 a member of the Committee (details in committee information) by telephone or via email, or put onto Facebook and we'll put something together.

As they say 'Every Little Counts'.

Whatever you do,
Have fun,

Nick

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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Welcome to January's ChainLincs.

We do not normally have a January edition, but new editor Nick Tucker (all contributions to family.tucker+chainlincs@gmail.com) wanted to do an experimental run just to check that the process would run smoothly for the rest of the year. Having done this, he had a complete issue that it seemed rather a shame to waste.

The Group starts the year in a good position with 129 members, 14 Observers and 3 trainee Observers and although we have eight members on the committee it is always good to get some fresh ideas from others so if you feel you could serve on the committee let me know. Committee meetings are held bi-monthly and help is needed at the events we put on.

Congratulations the Matt Haisman on being presented with your certificate at RAF Waddington by your Observer Roland Johns. There are others who are almost test ready, it would be good to see some more passes over the winter.

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. This venue is thanks to Andy Kitchen who lets us use his offices for the meetings.

Enough folk turned up to the Christmas social to overfill the back room at the Nags Head. The evening featured a Christmas themed quiz, and a raffle with a good selection of prizes donated by us members to help the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance to the tune of £57.

Do you want to prove that your riding or driving is still up to advanced standards then why not take the test (actually a reassessment for full members) again. This admits you to the new membership tier of Fellow. Fellow membership tier is 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. You will be joining several members of the Group who have already signed.

For the new (and existing) members do find our Facebook page [Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnshireAdvancedMotorcyclists) and ask to join so you can post and join in, and we are also on Twitter at IAM Lincolnshire (@lincsbikers_iam). These are the places to go for the latest news.

Finally, don't forget the second category offer we have going with the Lincoln and Scunthorpe Car Groups is still open giving 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 Behan a call on 0300 3650152 or for Scunthorpe, Terry Heath on 01652 655 601 or 07831 377171.

Hope to see you all soon, stay safe

Mick

Membership Update etc.

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

We have had no new members to the group since the December newsletter.

Matthew Marett who had not been allocated to an Observer prior to the December newsletter is now allocated to Ross Glover.

There is one test pass to report since the previous newsletter listing. Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Ken Mulholland	4 December	Phil Niner

The group membership is currently comprised as follows:

Full Members	106
Associate Members	23
Total Group Membership	129

As can be seen from the above table, we are carrying twenty-three associate members into 2018, including twelve who have been members in excess of six months.

It should be borne in mind that we do not have unlimited observer availability and ultimately priority needs to be given to new enrolments where existing Associate members appear reluctant to commit to a reasonable time scale to complete sufficient Preparation Runs to reach test standard.

The above obviously does not apply where a genuine reason for delay has been notified to the group.

Whilst quite a few members keep abreast of various group events and social runs etc. via social media, many still rely on reading the newsletter each month.

As I submit the Diary of Events to the editor each month, could all events etc. be notified to me in good time please so that all members are aware of all that is planned.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

Last RAT of the year

Roland Jones Dateline: 28th December 2017

Another great IAM RAT ride out today, thanks to the skills of Alan Wilds in leading the group into the unknown. Along with usual mud, salt and filth the group had the added bonus of ice! Glad to say that all stayed Shiny Side Up....Nine bikers in total endured the both the conditions and two cafes, good turnout eh?



‘Twas (actually) the night before Christmas

Malcom Heaton Dateline 22nd December 2017



Malcolm was out with Simon Battram on a training ride up through the East Riding. Simon notes “what a great ride it was too. Malcolm is setting my observer positioning up. It was a shame that both buttie stops where closed! When will Malcolm open a continental cheese shop? The run was in good weather and my new riding position felt out of sorts at the start and the polished observations to keep me, Malcolm and other road users all safe. Thanks to Malcolm for his attention to detail and continued assistance”

'Twas (nearly) the night before Christmas

Malcom Heaton Dateline 22nd December 2017



A Last ride before Xmas with associate Adie. An excellent ride meeting some Lincolnshire blood bikers who Adie should be riding for soon

Random ride-out

Andy Tofts Dateline:20th December 2017



A pre-Christmas random ride-out started at Bracebridge Heath Garage to go in search of fun and cake, resulting in a great day's riding with Roland Johns, Alan Wilds and Will Field

Chance meeting on observed ride

Malcolm Heaton Dateline 15th December 2017



On a ride out with associate Adie (who is nearly test ready), Malcolm and Adie stopped at the Caenby corner cafe for debrief and met (sounds bad to say “ran into”...) with Roland Johns and Will Fields who were waiting to meet other members.

Sub-optimal conditions for December ride

Roland Johns Dateline 10th December



Seasonal conditions reduced the turn-out for the December ride out from Willingham Woods

December's Yule Social

Nick Tucker Dateline 4th December 2017

The great wheel of the year slowly turns and as we moved into the Advent season, so we came to the last social event of 2017 for the IAM Lincolnshire bikers. Enough people turned up to spill out of the back room of the Nags Head.



The evening kicked off with a Christmas themed quiz with a couple of well sold dummies: turkeys come from America, and Brussels sprouts are Belgian. Who knew? Well the winning team with sixteen points out of an available twenty for a start. Then on to the raffle. A good selection of Christmas cheer related prizes had been donated by members to help the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance and were swiftly distributed to the fortunate winners. We raised £57 which will be donated to the Lincoln and Notts Air ambulance

The Nags Head team had done a slap-up job with the buffet, and hungry bikers had a jolly good go at demolishing it.

From our foreign correspondent

Malcolm Heaton Dateline 3rd December 2017



"It's all Harley's - no Japanese or German bikes anywhere" reports Malcolm Heaton, keeping his observational skills honed whilst on a cruise in the Caribbean

Seasonal partridge sighting

Roland Johns dateline 2nd December 2017



Roland reports a close encounter with a partridge and a cheery wave from a passing Blood Biker whilst out on a nice 6°C spin out on Ruby on the morning of the 2nd December. His mission, to scrub in her new rear tyre. Heated grips and seat, plus multi layers of clothing kept all the important bits nice and toasty.

Forthcoming Events

5th February

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

11th February

Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area. Meet 11.30am for prompt 12.00am start

Test Passes



Roland Johns presents **Mat Haisman** with his Advanced Rider Certificate, outside the Officers Mess, RAF Waddington

Observers and Associate Information

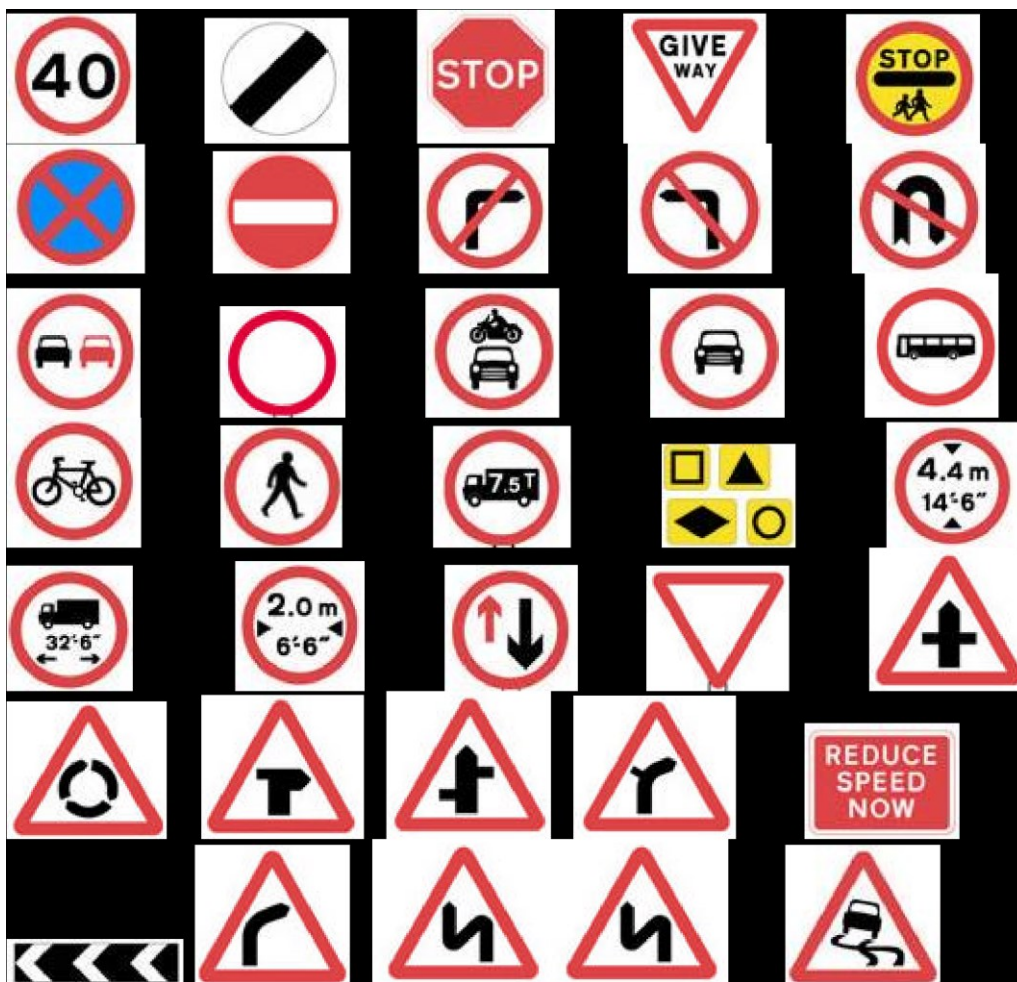
Jerry Neale

Rusty Nuts

At this time of the year generally one of two things seem to be common, either you use your bike in all weathers and the salt likes to leave you with rusty nuts or you lay up your machine for winter leaving the rider with rusty bits instead!

Not being able to get out on the bike should not mean that you cannot continue to do some homework towards your advanced test. This is a great opportunity to sit in front of the fire with a coffee and using your Advanced Rider Course handbook and an up to date copy of the Highway Code work on your theory towards your test, then when you next meet up with your Observer you will very quickly be back on track. Associates and Full members should make sure that they have an up to date copy of the Highway Code as changes are made to each update to keep up with current driving requirements.

Check to see how rusty you are by taking 5 minutes to do the Highway Code Traffic sign quiz.





Score 100% - Feel chuffed that you know your stuff!

Score Less than 100% but looked up answers in the Highway code - Feel chuffed that you have improved your knowledge which will help with your Take Use and Give (TUG) Information stage of IPSGA when making your riding plans.

Those Gritting Routes again



If you are planning any rides during the winter consider a look at the Lincolnshire county council gritting routes to plan your ride.

If heading out of the county consider looking for similar information from other county councils. For more detail go to [this map of gritted roads](#)

The council puts the latest news on gritting and road conditions on [twitter](#)

Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous 2018 from all in the Observer team.

Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency release report on recent motorcycle training consultation

Nick Tucker



The consultation asked for views on changes to improve moped and motorcycle training in Great Britain. The proposed changes for riders are to:

- take away (revoke) compulsory basic training (CBT) certificates of riders who get 6 penalty points
- introduce a training course for riders to upgrade their motorcycle licence, instead of passing extra tests
- restrict riders to riding an automatic motorcycle if they take their CBT course on one
- consider introducing a theory test that has to be taken before (or as part of) the CBT course
- change the CBT course syllabus from 5 parts to 4

There are also proposed changes to:

- improve the motorcycle instructor qualification process
- improve the way training courses are quality assured
- introduce an 'earned recognition' scheme for motorcycle training schools
- move the recording of CBT courses from a paper-based system to a digital service

The full report is available for download [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/668960/improving-moped-motorcycle-training-response-to-consultation.pdf) (or at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/668960/improving-moped-motorcycle-training-response-to-consultation.pdf if you are reading a paper copy

Christmas fall-out – fitting Oxford heated grips

Nick Tucker

Jolly Santa dropped me a set of Oxford heated handlebar grips down the chimney. This is what you get in the package. These are the Sports Grip option – the difference between the sports, touring and



FIGURE 1 WHAT YOU GET

HOTGRIPS WIRING DIAGRAM

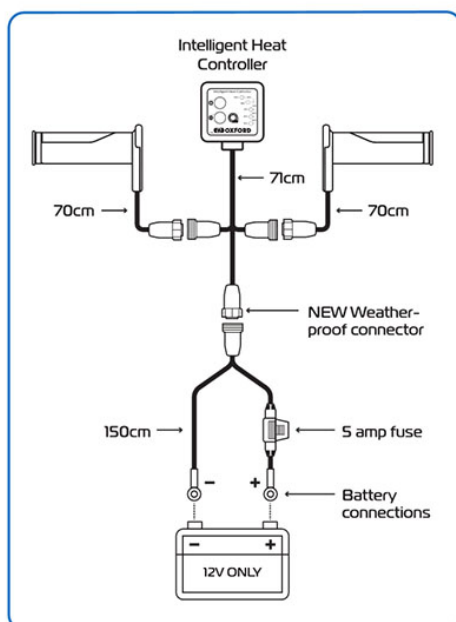


FIGURE 2 THE WIRING DIAGRAM

adventure being essentially the grip pattern. These retailed at £48.99 including delivery from our local www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk. Curiously, the Oxford website offers the same product for £79.99, so it pays to shop around. The contents (shown in Figure 1 opposite) are as follows:

2 x Hotgrips

1 x Intelligent heat controller

1 x Metal bracket and fittings for mounting the heat controller

1 x Wiring loom, cable ties and grip glue

1 x Instruction booklet and warranty form

The warranty requires you to send your sale receipt to Oxford within seven days of purchase by recorded delivery and allows the possibility that Oxford will honour any claim as opposed to the exiting obligation on the vendor under the consumer rights act of 2015.

The sales blurb tells us that the grips have a sealed for life double bonded rainproof switch that draws under 4 Amps. The grips are 123mm as standard but can be cleanly cut to 114mm, and have open ends so that bar end weights can be fitted or retained. The heat controller gives a range of five operating temperature with LED lights to indicate the level. The Battery Saving Mode protects against flat batteries, because if you forget to turn the switch off, it will sense that the engine is off, and do it for you. Direct connection to the battery means that no relays are required.

The premium models are not the top of the range, this honour goes to the advanced models. These are all £79.99 and come with a three-year warranty, as opposed to the one year of the premium version. They have more heat settings and different plug connectors, and will remember the heat setting between rides.

The wiring is simple (see Figure 2 – the diagram shows the advanced model with different wiring connectors but same layout).



FIGURE 3 TWIST GRIP BEFORE FETTLING

Fitting onto my NC 700s was not too much of a problem. Remove the bar end weights, and cut off the existing handle bar grips. Then clean off the residual glue with Scotchbrite and ethanol and slip on the clutch side grip. With the bar end weight refitted it did not seem to need any glue to keep it firmly in place. The twistgrip has a highly textured surface that needs to be fettled off to get the grip. The ground off bits are what makes the picture showing the fitting look a bit festive.

It is as well to try a dry fit before using the supplied superglue to make it permanent. I had to trim a bit off the twist grip to allow the throttle to self-

close. I also now know that the superglue makes an excellent solvent for Honda plastic trim.

The instructions recommend wiring up before final fitting to check operation. The only tricky bit in the whole affair was the final tidying of the wiring. In an ideal world this would have all been neatly tucked away behind on of the side panels. After consulting the manual and one or two helpful YouTube videos, I decided not to take the panel off, as there seemed to be a real risk of breaking the damned thing in half before the snap connectors would let go. In due course, I will get some Deutsch connectors to shorten the wiring.

The wires are zip tied to the bars and existing cabling (Figure 5). As to performance, the blurb tells us that that maximum draw is 4 amps, so 48 watts for both grips, and 24 watts each. They get uncomfortably hot to hold with a bare hand, so this bodes well for an end to winter numbness. Oh, and the sticker supplied doesn't come off the backing paper, so a small area of the tool chest will remain unadorned.



FIGURE 4 TRIAL FITTING – NOTE SNOW EFFECT



FIGURE 5 TIDIED UP

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](mailto:kevturner59@sky.com) (kevturner59@sky.com). His contact details are also shown in the Committee Information section.

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				£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.

There are also some biking events of general interest included – trips to these events are not organized by the group.

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.

2018

JANUARY

- Sunday 21st Mablethorpe motor Cycle Sand Racing Club Ltd - beach racing at Mablethorpe
09.30am sign on for competitors, Racing will start about one and half hours after
rider sign in times, depending on wind and tide, finish time unknown
- Saturday 27th Lincoln autojumble, Hemswell, from 8.30-12.30. Parking £2 for a car – doesn't
say how much for bikes! This date not confirmed at time of going to press, Check
at <http://www.lincolnautojumble.com>

FEBRUARY

- Sunday 4th Mablethorpe motor Cycle Sand Racing Club Ltd - beach racing at Mablethorpe
10.00am sign on for competitors, Racing will start about one and half hours after
rider sign in times, depending on wind and tide, finish time unknown
- Monday 5th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at
8.00pm
- Saturday 10th &
Sunday 11th The Dragon Rally – somewhere in Snowdonia. The rally has been held annually
North Wales since 1962, making it one of the UK's longest running bike events

- 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, LK2 Offices, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Nettleham LN2 2LL at 7.45pm
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

MARCH

- Sunday 4th Mablethorpe motor Cycle Sand Racing Club Ltd - beach racing at Mablethorpe
08.30am sign on for competitors, Racing will start about one and half hours after
rider sign in times, depending on wind and tide, finish time unknown
- Monday 5th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
- Sunday 11th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg
Meet 9.30am for prompt 10.00am start
- Sunday 18th Mablethorpe motor Cycle Sand Racing Club Ltd - beach racing at Mablethorpe
08.30am sign on for competitors, Racing will start about one and half hours after
rider sign in times, depending on wind and tide, finish time unknown
- Wednesday 28th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
Venue, LK2 Offices, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Nettleham LN2 2LL at 7.45pm
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APRIL

- Monday 2nd Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at
8.00pm
- Saturday 7th and Kickback, Stoneleigh Warwickshire, an independent exhibition and showcase for
Sunday 8th contemporary customs and modified classics - street customs - modified
classics – gear - stunt show - shed jumble
- Sunday 8th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am 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 (in the Committee Information section)

MAY

- Saturday 5th Wolds Run 2018 - in Aid Of Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance. "An exhilarating ride-out over the glorious Lincolnshire Wolds". Starting from the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirkby, Spilsby PE23 4DE. Signing on starts at 08.30 am. Ride Out starts at approx. 10.30 am. Entry forms available from www.carrotcycles.co.uk and Skellingthorpe motorcycle club.
- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th Oliver's Mount Sprint-Hill Climb. Postcode – YO11 2UG – 2 miles south of Scarborough town centre, Signed from A170 and A165
- Monday 7th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
- Sunday 13th Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area
Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start
- Wednesday 30th 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 (in the Committee Information section)

JUNE

- Monday 4th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
- Sunday 10th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
- Sunday 10th Lincoln BikeFest - Brayford Waterfront, Lincoln between 10am and 5pm, Bikes can be parked for no charge along University Approach, Brayford South; in the NCP car park off Brayford Wharf East and at the western end of Brayford Wharf North.
- Monday 11th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- 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 (in the Committee Information section)
- Saturday 30th Reg Phillips trophy meeting (seems to be car based, but it is a famous venue)
Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Worcestershire WR6 6RP. 9.00am start