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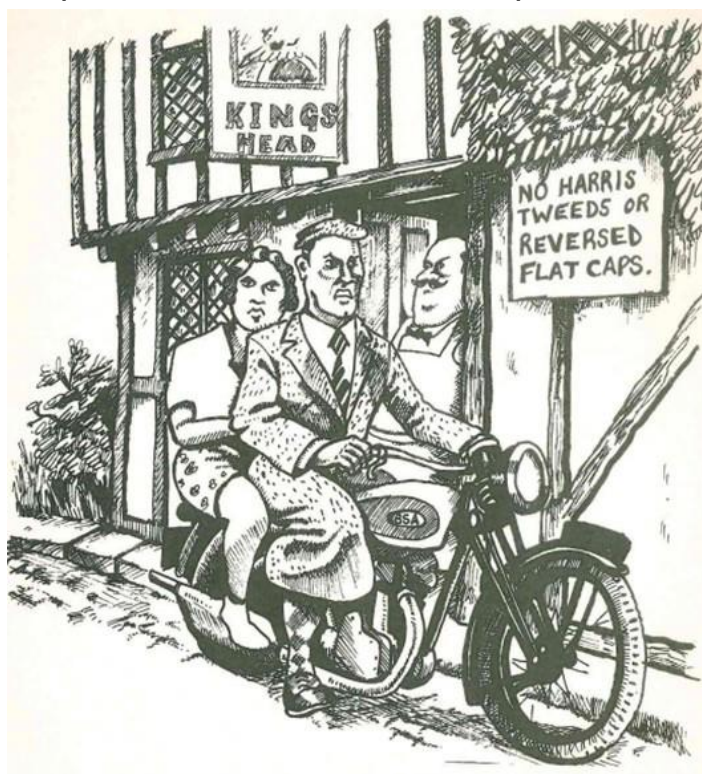
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Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month starting at 8pm
at the Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU

Middle Rasen is on the A631 about 1.5 miles west of Market Rasen

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in April 2018.

Please provide any copy to the editor, by **25 March 2018**

at the latest, although, the earlier the better. You can send any articles by email
to any member of the committee, but best to chainlincs@uwclub.net

EDITORIAL



This month's cover picture is a Shobba cartoon that follows on nicely from last month's advert for *"The Motorcycle"*.

How many of us are old enough to remember when motorcycling was a young person's caper?

More generally:

E-mail your contributions to chainlinks@uwclub.net, and don't forget that our commitment to the highest journalistic standards means that if I can read it, we'll print it.

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 the March Edition of ChainLincs and many thanks to Nick for putting together another great edition.

Last month I recall writing that I was looking for inspiration for Chairman's Chatter that it was snowing lightly and, in the end, I decided to get out on the bike as it didn't come to much. This month it is once again snowing lightly with the threat of a lot more over the next couple of days! Unfortunately, no chance of getting out today as I need new brake shoes on my car so that is the excitement for the afternoon.

The big news this month is that we are having an open day again this year. Same format as last year with the main objective to give the local bikers a taste of advanced riding. It will take place on Sunday 8 April starting at 10.00hrs and running through to 16.00hrs. Jerry has already emailed the Observers but any others members that can spare some time that day it would greatly appreciated. We need help to take peoples details, allocating Observers and just chatting to the punters. Look forward to seeing you there. It does conflict with the Group monthly ride but perhaps those that attend could end up at the open day.

Talking of Group rides the next is on 11 March from the Leisure Centre in Brigg departing at 1000hrs. I hope to be there this month. I couldn't make last months but there were some pictures on Facebook which I am sure Nick will have used elsewhere in the newsletter.

No new members this month despite some positive enquiries but there have been two test passes. Congratulations to Allan Knight and Martin Elliott, and their Observers Ian Morrison and Roland Johns. Well done to you all. Allan has also expressed an interest in becoming an Observer – thanks Allan. As I mentioned last month the Observer team is really growing now which is a great reflection on the awesome job the Observers are doing – thanks guys.

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. Observer Meetings are held at *LK2, Studio 2, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Deepdale Lane, Nettleham, LN2 2LL*. Many thanks to Andy Kitchen for letting us use his offices for the meetings.

Many thanks to Mike Pace for talking to us at the last social meeting on 5 Feb. As usual very interesting. No speakers planned for the next meeting on 5 March but will hopefully have some certificate presentations.

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? The new membership tier, Fellow, is now open. The 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 . Six members of the Group have already signed up including me.

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).

Short and sweet from me this month. Hope to see you all soon, stay safe

Mick

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

We have no new members to report this month.

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

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Allan Knight	3 February	Ian Morrison
Martin Elliott	8 February	Roland Johns

The group membership is currently comprised as follows:

Full Members	108
Associate Members	21
Total Group Membership	129

It is approaching that time of year when annual subscriptions are due. This year we are trialling the option of paying by bank transfer as an alternative to sending a cheque to me. For those wishing to use this option please email me and I will send you the bank details and the cost of your subs for 2018/19. This should be £8.00, although there are a few exceptions.

Subs are due for those with membership numbers up to and including 798.

If using the above method, it is important you give a reference of preferably name and group membership number. Also, please send me a confirmation email to indicate you have actually used this method.

Those members who have not contacted me by 1st April will receive the usual paper renewal form c/w addressed envelope

I can also accept subs at the March and April monthly meetings, this saving yourself and the group postage costs.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

ACTIVITIES

Ride to Cromford Mills Derbyshire

Phil Niner dateline 4th February 2018



Ken mulholland and Mick Smith joined Phil Nineron a ride to Cromford Mills, Derbys. The obligatory café photo shows the obligatory café.

Cromford Mills is the home of Sir Richard Arkwright's first mill complex, birthplace of the modern factory system and internationally recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

All you need to know about insurance...

Kev Turner and Phil Niner - 5th February 2018



At the monthly meeting, Michael Pace gave a fascinating exposé of the shark infested sea of custard that is the insurance industry. All very depressing for us honest motorists and motorcyclists

Dragon rally, Conwy, North Wales

Nick Tucker Dateline 10th February 2018



A nice ride to Conwy via Bath over the weekend to attend the Dragon Rally. The Dragon Rally is a motorcycle camping rally held annually during winter in North Wales since 1962, making it one of the UK's longest running bike events. Met up with some IAM pals from Cornwall. In many ways, the perfect rally – winds strong enough to blow tents down, extra ambulances needed for the exposure cases, and a puncture on the way home.

Ride to East Coast Motorcycle World

Malcolm Heaton Dateline 11th February 2018



Out on an Observer training with Simon Battram and Dorin from Romania, good ride to East Coast Motorcycle World then back through centre of Hull, We all kept together and looked very pro - well pleased.

Simon adds" it was a good ride and a great learning curve. Thankyou again Malcolm Heaton for watching out for us all today".

Run to Boston

David Kerr 11th February 2018



Really nice little ride out today...Lots learned and I think everyone had a nice day. Thanks for watching over us Paul and Phil.

Phil says "Eight bikes turned out on a cold and windy but dry day. Good to see a guest trying us out and associate Adie Hogg for his first group ride. Paul did some shopping at the Sportsbikeshop Ltd in Kirton near Boston. Good run Paul, well done".

Random Ride Alert: Bourne - Kimbolton (Mr Tang's Cafe) and back to Melton Mowbray via the "Big Dipper"

Dave Ayres Dateline 16th February 2018



Via the most circular of routes, we arrived at Swiss Cottage in Melton and of course, rode the big dipper. To complete an excellent days riding OVC Domestic has issued me tea and cake for the consumption thereof – pictured below:



Thank you, Gentleman, a most wonderful day messing about.

Enjoyable first ride out

Anne Cozens Dateline 21st February 2018

Very much enjoyed my 1st ride out with my observer (Alison) last weekend, bring it on! 😊 Only a smattering of rain!

The tale of two towns today

Simon Battram Dateline 22nd February 2108



On the way out toward Beverley, out and about and back over the bridge south bound. What a day, would you ride this close unless shown how to prepare to be an IAM observer.?

Thank you, Malcolm Heaton.

A note from Kev Turner lets us know that the Humber Bridge is no longer the longest single span suspension bridge in the world, now being no. 5 on the list. The Akashi-Kaiko Bridge in Japan is 581 metres longer.

Nearly to Cleethorpes

Michael Pace Dateline 25th February 2018

Didn't make Cleethorpes but got in about 60miles across the top of the worlds. Found a brilliant single-track road dropping into Nettleton. Near Caistor with a nice looking tea room. Cold out though.

Noted tea shop connoisseur Roland Johns suggests this is the Dunn Deal Tea Rooms, 74% rated excellent by TripAdvisor.



Figure 1 A cake, pictured yesterday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

5th March

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

11th March

Group Observed Run Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg. Meet 9.30am for prompt 10.00am start

OTHER BREAKING NEWS



FREE TASTER RIDES WITH I.A.M. ROADSMART OBSERVERS 

IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR RIDING SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL 2018
10.00 - 16.00

**AT THE
WADDINGTON AIRCRAFT VIEWING ENCLOSURE
(THE WAVE) ON THE A15 - LN5 9FG**

**CAFE OPEN ALL DAY - SLOW RIDING CHALLENGE
CLASSIC BIKES**

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MAG to demonstrate against Clean Air Zone charges for bikes

MAG wants to reinforce the importance of the role of motorcycles in congested cities, saying "Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor of London refuse to acknowledge this. It's not just London: there are another 28 authorities around the country looking into Clean Air Zones (CAZ) and charging

vehicles for entering them. In London it will cost £12.50 a day to go inside the North and South Circular into central London. Your local Authority should be doing more to make it safe to park your bike by supplying more motorcycle parking bays with security. Manufacturers should be doing more to build in better security. Insurance companies should not be punishing the owners. The government should be doing more to support the police in their fight against theft and increasing the penalties so that owners are not financially punished due to increased premiums. We are not a 'cash cow' to bolster falling finances due to government cutbacks. So, it's time for motorcyclists to hit the road for a 'Motorcycles Matter' awareness ride!"

Source: 100% Biker Magazine Issue 230.

All-electric motorcycle racing world championship for 2019



Earlier this month Dorna, the FIM and sponsor Enel announced an all-electric motorcycle racing world championship for next year. To be known as MotoE, the class will use motorcycles made by Italian E-bike manufacturer Energica. Apparently 11 teams have signed up to compete, racing tuned versions of the company's Ego machine each generating 107kW. Given the four-wheeled world already has Formula E plus single-make series involving Tesla and Jaguar, the announcement is hardly a surprise. It will be interesting to see how much interest the championship attracts, given most two-wheel racing devotees adore the noise and smell as much as the visual appeal of racing.

See <http://www.energicamotor.com/myegocorsa/> for more details

Source: ACC - Ride Forever - Ride On, February 2018 <https://www.rideforever.co.nz/>

OBSERVERS AND ASSOCIATE INFORMATION

Jerry Neale

Observer meeting

February 2018 saw the first Observers meeting of the year.

Sixteen Observers travelling from all over the county and over the border braved the minus temperatures to attend this month's Observers meeting at LK2 in Nettleham. Many Items were discussed throughout the evening. David Kerr gave a talk about the subject of overtakes with a multimedia presentation including video clips. David engaged all in the room with the opportunity for feedback. We all thank David for his time and considerate planning with the subject. Phil Niner will be planning a subject of the month for the next meeting in March with Paul Henseleit planning for the following month... Many of the team are still out on the road working with their associates. Valued skills and knowledge can still be gained when winter riding.

Micro climates

At this time of the year, when we are keen to fire up the machine and get some miles in, it's often worth thinking about the possibility of micro climates.

Take time to look out for micro climates which can cause frost and wet patches to linger in some areas after they have disappeared elsewhere. Landscape features such as valley bottoms, shaded hillsides and shaded slopes, or large areas of shadow cast by trees or buildings can cause ice to linger and result in sudden loss of control.



Ice and wetness can linger in areas of shadow

Bridge surfaces are often colder than the surrounding roads because they are exposed on all sides, and can be icy when nearby roads are not. Thorough scanning of the road surface, surrounding area and adapting to what is observed is essential for safe riding. Be aware that micro climates can occur at any time of the year.

This month the Observer team would like to welcome Allan Knight to the Observer team, Allan will be working towards the IMI Local Observer qualification.

Jerry

The Mk3 Triumph Tiger 1200

Roland Johns – our Hinckley correspondent



Recently I had a few hours on the Triumph Mk3 1200 XRT, Webb's demo bike. The conditions were dry, wet, sleet, mud and gusty winds, following a forecast of sun! I like the colour screen which is very clear and through this it's easy to set up the modes, suspension etc. (apologies for the mirror like dash image, it wasn't mirror like on the move). The keyless ignition is useful and just one button to lock the steering and set the immobiliser, however you still need a key to unlock the filler cap!

Compared to my Mk2 I didn't find the riding position much different, still fits my 6'1" frame like a glove and it still has the brilliant screen. It doesn't feel lighter but is just as balanced and planted (I like heavy bikes). The handlebar controls are well placed, especially the cruise control, now on the left. It comes off cruise with less of a jolt. The quick shifter is very good but needs some time to make up changes smooth. I found rolling off the throttle a tad helps. Down changes are smooth on closed throttle and great for setting up for corners.

The engine feels more urgent and acceleration is quicker and more immediate, probably to do with the weight loss in the engine and a few more horsepower. The lighter Arrow exhaust makes a similar rumble to my stock one. The suspension and handling are just as sharp. Would like a night ride to try the LED lights etc.

Overall the changes are for the better and probably worth the grand increase in price. Bear in mind that the pannier frames and crash bars are now extra on the XRT, but spot lamps are now included.

An enjoyable ride in challenging weather, tea and cake stop at East Kirkby Aviation Museum was 5 star!

See also <http://coabab.com/triumph-tiger-xrt-1200-road-test/>



The colour screen is very clear

Data

The Tiger 1200 is powered by a liquid cooled 1,215cc inline 3-cylinder engine, producing 139.5bhp at 9,350rpm and maximum torque at 7,600rpm. RRP is £12,200.

Features include:

- Shaft final drive
- Steel tubular frame with Aluminium swingarm
- Dual 305mm discs up front with Brembo M4.32 2 piston calipers
- 282mm disc at the rear with Nissin single piston caliper
- ABS with off mode
- Adjustable 48mm WP fork with 190mm travel
- Adjustable WP rear shock with 193mm travel
- 3 riding modes: Road, Rain, Off-road
- Traction control, cruise control
- Electrically adjustable screen
- Self-cancelling indicators
- 835/855mm adjustable seat
- 3->1 Stainless Steel exhaust system
- Centre stand, plastic sump guard, one 12V socket, one USB
- 6 speed gear-box with gear position indicator

Accessories include heated grips, heated seats, touring screen, hand guards, engine bars, radiator guard, Aluminium sump guard, LED fog lights, Arrow exhaust, panniers and top box.

The £14,150 XRX gets you the cool 5" colour TFT dash, backlit controls, handguards, LED lighting all round with running light, keyless start, sport riding mode, semi-active suspension, two 12V sockets and cornering ABS/traction control.

The £16,150 XRT gets you everything on the XRX plus a quick-shifter, cornering lights, Titanium Arrow exhaust, custom ride mode, hill hold control, heated grips, heated seat, LED fog lights and three additional TFT display configurations.

Summary

Engine 1215 cc
Power 140 bhp
Red Line 10,200 rpm
Top Speed 140 mph
Seat Height 835 mm
Dry Weight 242 kg
Fuel Capacity 20.0 litres
Economy 40 mpg
Range 180 mile

Data sourced from: <https://www.thebikemarket.co.uk/triumph/tiger/1200-explorer-xr>

Are knobbly tyres road legal in the UK?

Alan Dalton



If you're out trail riding, chances are you have knobbles fitted to your bike, but are knobbly tyres road legal?

There are a lot of myths about what makes a tyre road-legal. Tyres, like helmets are covered by supra national treaty law, governed by the United Nations. Basically, tyres need to have uniform basic standards and there are international minimum standards. The legality of off-road tyres is determined by compliance with ECE regulation 30 under an EU directive which takes a lot of the guesswork out of the equation.

The old rule of thumb was that the knobs had to have a greater surface area than the gaps. The modern rule is much simpler. If a tyre is bought from a reputable supplier and carries an E marking it meets the criteria for road use. It may handle horribly on tarmac, but it will be legal and pass an MOT.

A tyre which meets these criteria and is offered for sale in the UK needs an E11 mark. It is an offence under 1994 regulations to sell or fit tyres without this marking unless they carry a clear and moulded 'not for highways use' marking.

But what if you run it under pressure? For those who take their bikes off-road, road pressures are really impractical. But the legality is somewhat interpretative.

There is no requirement in law to keep a tyre appropriately inflated for any probable or possible use (Eden v Mitchell [1975]) but there is a Construction and Use regulation (27 (1) h) which requires you to maintain your rubber for the use to which it is being put. So, a tyre used for green laning would need to be at a pressure suitable for lanes and tarmac.

Contrary to some opinion, the laws of the UK are interpreted with common sense, so running knobbles at, say 25 psi as a compromise would be suitable. However, in the unlikely event of an officious police officer pressure testing your tyres and an even more improbable prosecution, I would want an expert on the subject of tyres giving evidence. My personal compromise is to carry a tiny 12v compressor allowing me to adjust my tyre pressures based on circumstances.

The law gets even vaguer if you are using a tyre without an E marking. There is no established law on the point and no binding precedent which the magistrates can look to. The regulations are an attempt at common sense. They say the court must have regard to the use to which the tyres are being put.

So, it is certainly arguable and reasonable to defend the use of 'not for highways use' tyres on the basis that their predominant use was for mud plugging and when ridden on tarmac they were used with caution. However, a switched-on prosecutor would be able to point out that a byway or a right of way is a highway as, in law, highways do not need tarmac. Personally, I am of the view that the law is so grey on this point that I will always have E11 marked tyres on my trail bikes.

What then about mousses (closed cell doughnuts that fit inside a tyre, leaving it invulnerable to punctures)?

The regulations (C&U 1986 r 24) oblige all motorcycle tyres to be pneumatic, defined in the regulations as having a chamber which has greater than atmospheric pressure – so far so good. But then it needs to be capable of inflation or deflation. Good luck doing that.

Finally, if deflated, it must allow the sides to collapse. In my view, a mousse does not meet construction and use regulations. However, I have never heard of anyone being prosecuted or failing an MOT for mousses so, like a lot of laws, when policed with common sense, they're not enforced. Don't make the mistake of thinking a road traffic officer does not know these rules. If the officer has a fast car and a white cap, or is perched on a marked bike, it is a pretty safe bet he knows.

So, to stay entirely within law, your tyres must be E marked, at the manufacturer's pressures unless you can give a truthful explanation as to why not, and blown up with air. I do not go into the rules about tread, depth, tears and bald spots as the readers of this post are wise and already know bald tyres are illegal. I concentrate on the grey areas. And those black hoops do have a fair few shades of grey.

Andrew Dalton is an ex-despatch rider turned solicitor and barrister with over 20 years' experience in the field of motorcycle law. He is a regular motorcyclist running an R1200GS and an AJP240 green laner and is a regular European and UK rider with well recognised expertise in both British and European motorcycle law.

Source <https://www.adventurebikerider.com/knobbly-tyres-road-legal-uk/>

Eight ways to ensure the safety of your pillion

Richard Gladman

No matter if it's once in a blue moon or every day, the key principles of riding with a passenger are the same. Richard Gladman, IAM RoadSmart's head of riding and driving standards, shares eight ways to ensure the safety of your pillion.

If you have friends and family who are unaware of advanced driving techniques, please share these tips with them to help them stay safe on the road.

- Is your passenger holding on tight? If they're a newbie pillion or a nervous passenger, ask them to wrap their arms around you. As well as making them feel secure, it gives you peace of mind that they are holding on correctly.

- When taking a corner, it is common for your passenger to lean in the opposite direction of the corner. Before you set off, remind your pillion to be relaxed and comfortable and to lean with the bike. If they try to stay upright when taking a corner, it will make it difficult for you to turn.
- An obvious one but easily done if you're more of a solo rider - don't forget that you have a passenger on board. And remember to ride smoothly to prevent any sudden movements from your passenger, especially when accelerating and braking.
- Encourage your pillion to keep their feet still and warn them of the dangers around them. Their legs and feet will be close to the chain drive and hot exhaust pipe, at the very least it could damage their shoes, and at worst their feet. It may even leave a mark on your exhaust which is a nightmare to clean off. If your passenger does not have any motorcycle footwear, make sure they are wearing boots to protect their ankles.
- It's crucial that your pillion is wearing just as much protective wear as you. Get your pillion dressed in a protective jacket, trousers and gloves. You wouldn't get on your bike wearing just a jumper and shorts, so why should they?
- A passenger's crash helmet should be as good as yours. Instead of passing on your old helmet which could cause more damage than good, make sure your pillion has their own helmet which is fitted correctly and is comfortable.
- Have you thought about the impact a pillion has on your suspension? Most bikes have settings to enable you to change the stiffness of the suspension for when you have extra weight on your bike. If your motorcycle does not have electronic suspension settings, seek out advice from an expert so they can adjust this manually.
- How confident is your passenger? If you have a nervous pillion carrying a heavy backpack on the back of your bike, this could cause a few issues when accelerating and braking as they may be a bit wobbly. To make them feel more comfortable on the bike (which will result in an easier ride for you), secure any luggage to your motorcycle. A correctly fitted top box will provide a back rest for them and a comfort blanket for you.

Richard says: "As the weather gets better, we are itching to get out on our bikes and often our partners want to find out what all the fuss is about. A pleasant ride in the country can be spoiled if your better half is terrified and balanced inappropriately on the back. With a bit of briefing and proper preparation, a ride as a pillion can be great fun. It will also challenge your riding skills to be smooth. If your other half likes it, he or she may just realise how important the new bike purchase is."

Richard Gladman is IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards.

Source: <https://www.iamroadsmart.com/media-and-policy/news-and-insights/blog-post-details/riding-with-a-pillion-on-board/2018/02/14/riding-with-a-pillion-on-board>

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 \(kevtturner59@sky.com\)](mailto:kevtturner59@sky.com) or 07796 954004

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 of course, free to group up as they feel fit and embark on a purely social run of their choice without any “observing” - merely enjoying the opportunity to ride with fellow like-minded bikers, with this aim in mind, there are also some biking events of general interest included in the diary. It would not do for members to be left thinking “nowhere to ride today”!

If you have any events that might be of interest to the membership, please don't hesitate to send them in for inclusion to chainlinks@uwclub.net.

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. Do 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.

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- Sunday 4th *Beach racing at Mablethorpe* - Mablethorpe motor Cycle Sand Racing Club Ltd - 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 - free entry for spectators
- Sunday 4th *Amateur meeting at the Eddie Wright Raceway*, Normanby Rd, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 8QZ – Flat Track, Pit Bike, Road Bike, Quad Bike and Youth Speedway classes – Winter Series starting 11am - free entry for spectators. Best to check on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scunnyamateurs/> as track conditions are very weather dependent.
- 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 11th *Amateur meeting at the Eddie Wright Raceway*, Normanby Rd, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 8QZ – Flat Track, Pit Bike, Road Bike, Quad Bike and Youth Speedway classes – Winter Series starting 11am - free entry for spectators. Best to

check on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scunnyamateurs/> as track conditions are very weather dependent.

- Sunday 18th *Beach racing at Mablethorpe* Mablethorpe motor Cycle Sand Racing Club Ltd - 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- free entry for spectators.
- Sunday 18th *Auto 66 Club Bike Championships* Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S <http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/>
- Sunday 18th *North Lincolnshire Classic Motorcycle Club Trial* 10.30am North Willingham Near the junction of A631 and B1225 Springbank Farm, LN8 3RW.
- Tuesday 20th *Top Speed Tuesday* Elvington Airfield 10 Halifax Way, York YO41 4XW This event is for Anyone who wishes to have a go at Top Speed. <https://straightlinersonline.co.uk/>
- 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 (contact details in the Committee Information section)
- Wednesday 28th *Lincolnshire Bike Nights* - sports – Winterton Rangers Football Club, cruisers – Magna Charta, New Holland www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
- 30th March **Good Friday bank holiday**
- Saturday 31st *Lincoln Autojumble* 6.30am – 12.30pm Hemswell - no admission charge, only a parking charge of £2 per car (no mention of bikes)
- Saturday 31st *Andy's Easter Ride Out* – fundraiser for St. Andrew's Hospice – Start at Willingham Woods Kiosk at 11.30am and finish at Cadwell Park. £5 entry fee includes entry to Cadwell circuit. www.standrewshospice.com

APRIL

- Sunday 1st - Monday 2nd *Auto 66 Club Bike Championships* Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S <http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/>
- Monday 2nd **Easter Monday bank holiday**
- Monday 2nd **Monthly evening meeting**, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
- Wednesday 4th *Lincolnshire Bike Nights* - sports – The Fox Inn, Ulceby, cruisers – The Salutation Inn, Nettleton - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
- Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th *Kickback*, Stoneleigh Warwickshire, an independent exhibition and showcase for contemporary customs and modified classics - street customs - modified classics – gear - stunt show - shed jumble. <https://www.thecustomshow.com/kickback-stoneleigh-park>
- Sunday 8th **Group Observed Run** - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
- Sunday 8th *'Normous Newark Autojumble* The Showground, Drove Lane, Winthorpe, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 2NY £7 admission from 10.00am

- Sunday 8th **Lincolnshire advanced Motorcyclists open day** The Waddington Aircraft Viewing Enclosure (The WAVE), LN5 9FG, 10.00-16.00 All welcome, and help requested to take peoples details, allocate Observers and just chat to the punters.
- Sunday 8th *North Lincolnshire Classic Motorcycle Club Trial* 10.30am Walcot Hillside – North of Scunthorpe between Walcot and Burton upon Stather -
<https://northlincsclassicmotorcycleclub.wordpress.com/trials-locations/>
- Monday 9th **Committee Meeting**, Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
- Monday 9th *David Crampton: On & Off-road m/c adventures on several continents* 20:00–21:30 Lincolnshire RoSPA. Louth Methodist Church Hall, 2 Nichol Hill, Louth LN11 9NQ
- Wednesday 11th *Lincolnshire Bike Nights* - sports – The Axe and Cleaver, North Somercotes, cruisers The Shires, Gainsthorpe - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
- Saturday 14th *Acklams Beta Ladies & Girls British Championship Trial*, The Lincoln Motor Cycle and Car Club Ltd, Lincolnshire Trials Park, Hatcliffe near Grimsby DN37 0SW. Signposted from the B1203. <http://www.lincolnmotorsport.co.uk>
- Sunday 15th *Hinman Cup Trial*, The Lincoln Motor Cycle and Car Club Ltd Lincolnshire Trials Park, Hatcliffe near Grimsby DN37 0SW. Signposted from the B1203.
<http://www.lincolnmotorsport.co.uk>
- Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th *Straight Line Sprint* by Straightliners Ltd East Kirkby Airfield, Hagnaby Rd, PE23 4BP
<https://straightlinersonline.co.uk/>
- Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th *Prescott Bike Fest*, Prescott Hill Climb, Gotherington, Cheltenham, GL52 9RD
<https://www.prescottbikefestival.co.uk/>
- Tuesday 17th *Top Speed Tuesday* Elvington Airfield 10 Halifax Way, York YO41 4XW This event is for anyone who wishes to have a go at Top Speed. <https://straightlinersonline.co.uk/>
- Wednesday 18th *Lincolnshire Bike Nights* - sports – The Nags Head, Middle Rasen, cruisers – Stag's Head, Knaith Park - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
- Friday 20th- Sunday 22nd *National Youthbike Charity's Fat Skeleton Blues and Bikes Weekend* Cabourne Parva, nr Caistor, Lincs LN7 6DR <http://www.fatskeletonbluesandbikes.com/>
- Saturday 21st *MAG demonstration – Motorcycles Matter* London – demonstration against the imposition of a £12.50/day pollution charge on motorcycles in city centres.
www.facebook.com/MotorcycleactionGroup
- Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd *No Limits Club Bike Championships* Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S
<http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/>
- Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd *The 38th Carole Nash International Classic Motor Cycle Show* Staffordshire County Showground, Weston Rd, Stafford, Staffordshire ST18 0BD,
<http://www.classicbikeshows.com/event/carole-nash-international-classic-motorcycle-show/>
- 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)

Wednesday 25 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports – Black Bull Inn, East Halton, cruisers – The Nags Head, Wooton - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Saturday 28 th	<i>Lincoln Autojumble</i> 6.30am – 12.30pm Hemswell - no admission charge, only a parking charge of £2 per car (no mention of bikes)
Saturday 28 th – Sunday 29 th	<i>BMCRC Club Bike Championships</i> Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/
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Wednesday 2 nd	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports –Tyrwhitt Arms, Short Ferry, cruisers – Adam & Eve, Wragby - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Friday 4 th	Star Wars Day
Friday 4 th to Sunday 6 th	<i>BMAD (Bikers make a difference) Bike Festival 2018</i> – bikes, music and beer charity fundraiser festival, Eastern Esplanade, Paignton, Devon, TQ4 6BW www.bmad.co.uk
Saturday 5 th	<i>International Female Ride Day</i> - Celebrating the social, economic, cultural and motorsport achievements of women riders; increasing visibility and awareness helping to drive positive change for women, no matter the activity http://motoress.com/international-female-ride-day/
Sunday 6 th & Monday 7 th	<i>Notts Classic Car & Motorcycle Show</i> Thoresby Park, Thoresby Courtyard, Nr Ollerton NG22 9EP 10am-4pm http://www.classicshows.org/notts-classic-car-motorcycle-show-sunday-6th-monday-7th-may-2018/
Friday 4 th – Sunday 6 th	<i>Into The Valley</i> - Home Farm Barns Sledmere. Driffield YO25 3XG - rally organised by Yorkshire MAG http://www.mapevents.co.uk/
Saturday 5 th	<i>Wolds Run 2018</i> - 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 (http://www.skellingthorpe-motorcycleclub.org.uk/).
Sunday 6 th	<i>North Lincolnshire Classic Motorcycle Club Trial</i> 10.30am, Manton Quarry – Just off the A15 between Kirton Lindsey and Scunthorpe. Postcode DN21 4JT
Saturday 5 th & Sunday 6 th Monday 7 th	<i>Scarborough Festival of Speed</i> Oliver’s Mount, YO11 2UG – 2 miles south of Scarborough town centre, Signed from A170 and A165 http://auto66.com/festival-of-speed-2018/
Monday 7 th	Early May bank holiday
Monday 7 th	Monthly evening meeting , Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Wednesday 9 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports –The Cross Keys, Fulstow, cruisers –Haven Inn, Barrow Haven - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Sunday 13 th	Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area Meet 9.00am for 9.30am prompt start

Sunday 13 th	<i>Inspire Ride 2018</i> – ride-in event at the International Bomber Command Centre, Canwick Hill, Lincoln, LN4 2RF. £10 entry raises money for the IBCC, the RAF Benevolent Fund and Motorcycle Outreach https://inspirelincoln.org.uk/
Saturday 12 th – Sunday 13 th	<i>NG Road Racing Club Bike Championships</i> Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/
Sunday 13 th - Monday 14 th	<i>Pendine Sands</i> Pendine Landspeed Racing Club Speed Week, Pendine, Carmarthen SA33 4NY Top Speed Event. The distances competed on will vary depending on the course dictated to by the tides and the sand. https://straightlinersonline.co.uk
Wednesday 16 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports – Stag's Head, Knaith Park, cruisers – Yardbird's Rock Club, Grimsby - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Friday 18 th	<i>Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes Charity Golf Day</i> Kenwick Park Golf Club, Louth, LN11 8NY, £140 for a team of four, includes coffee on arrival, a two-course meal after play, and many prizes. Contact proshop@kenwickparkgolfclub.co.uk or 01507 607161 for Tee Time.
Saturday 19 th – Sunday 20 th	<i>Top Speed event</i> Elvington Airfield 10 Halifax Way, York YO41 4XW. 1 mile from a standing start. Official speed record breaking - £10 admission https://straightlinersonline.co.uk
Saturday 19 th – Sunday 20 th	<i>MCN Festival of Motorcycling</i> -East of England Arena, Peterborough PE2 6XE - http://www.mcnfestival.com/
Saturday 19 th – Sunday 20 th	<i>Vintage & Caractère # 2</i> , Bike show 10.00-19.00, Free entry “Vous y trouverez un espace consacré aux deux roues anciens et à la customization” Le Square des Poilus, Cabourg, Normandy, France.
Wednesday 23 rd	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports bikes – The George Inn Brewery, Langworth, cruisers – The Rose and Crown, Upton - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Saturday 26 th	<i>Lincoln Autojumble</i> 6.30am – 12.30pm Hemswell - no admission charge, only a parking charge of £2 per car (no mention of bikes)
Sunday 27 th – Monday 28 th	<i>Thundersport Club Bike Championships</i> Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/
Monday 28 th	Spring bank holiday
Wednesday 30 th	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)
Wednesday 30 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports – Adam & Eve, Wragby - cruisers – Blacksmith's Arms, Rothwell - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk

JUNE

Saturday 2 nd and Sunday 3 rd	<i>MotoFest Coventry</i> 15 Queens, Coventry, CV1 3 DE - the “Edinburgh Festival” of motoring – if it has two wheels, ride it in and be part of this event- https://www.coventrymotofest.com/
Sunday 3 rd	<i>'Normous Newark Autojumble</i> The Showground, Drove Lane, Winthorpe, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 2NY £7 admission from 10.00am

Sunday 3 rd	<i>North Lincolnshire Classic Motorcycle Club Trial</i> 10.30am North Willingham Near the junction of A631 and B1225 Springbank Farm, LN8 3RW
Monday 4 th	Monthly evening meeting , Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Wednesday 6 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports bike – Foxhill's Institute, Scunthorpe - cruisers – The Red Lion, Redbourne - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Sunday 10 th	Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
Sunday 10 th	<i>Lincoln BikeFest</i> - 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 11 th	Committee Meeting , Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Prompt start at 7.45pm
Wednesday 13 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> 17:00–22:00 Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre East Kirkby Airfield, East Kirkby, PE23 4DE
Friday 15 th – Sunday 17 th	<i>The Farmyard Party</i> Duncombe Park, Helmsley, York YO62 5EB rally organised by Yorkshire MAG http://www.mapevents.co.uk/
Saturday 16 th – Sunday 17 th	<i>Straight Line Sprint</i> by Straightliners Ltd, East Kirkby Airfield, Hagnaby Rd, PE23 4BP https://straightlinersonline.co.uk/
Wednesday 20 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports – Haven Inn, Barrow Haven - cruisers – The Anglers, Saxilby - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Wednesday 20 th and Thursday 21 st	<i>The Lincolnshire Show</i> - the Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, LN2 2NA. The A15 from the A46 Lincoln By-pass to the A631 at Caenby Corner is closed to all but Show traffic
Friday 15 th and Saturday 16 th	<i>Dirt Diggers #1</i> at the Eddie Wright Raceway, Normanby Rd, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, DN15 8QZ - a full night of professional speedway on the Friday evening, and over 25 laps of funky track action on the Saturday. Plus, an after-party. Facebook: dirtiggers
Sunday 17 th	<i>VMCC Banbury Run</i> at The British Motor Museum , Gaydon, Warks CV35 0BJ Open to Veteran & Vintage machines manufactured before 31st December 1930 Entries close 28th February 2018 http://www.banbury-run.co.uk/
Tuesday 19 th	<i>Top Speed Tuesday</i> Elvington Airfield 10 Halifax Way, York YO41 4XW This event is for anyone who wishes to have a go at Top Speed. https://straightlinersonline.co.uk/
Saturday 23 rd – Sunday 24 th	<i>BMCR Club Bike Championships</i> Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/
Saturday 23 rd – Sunday 24 th	<i>Cock O' The North Road Races</i> including a European and American bike rally, Oliver's Mount, Postcode – YO11 2UG – 2 miles south of Scarborough town centre, Signed from A170 and A165
Wednesday 27 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports – Ferry House Inn, Burton Upon Stather - cruisers – Three Horseshoes, Scotton - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk

Wednesday 27th	Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers Venue, LK2 Offices, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Nettleham LN2 2LL at 7.45pm. For information contact Jerry Neale (details in the Committee Information section)
Friday 29 th June- Sunday 1 st July	<i>TankFest</i> the world's biggest and best live display of historic armour, living history, and much more at the Home of the Tank - The Tank Museum, Bovington, Dorset BH20 6JG. http://tankmuseum.org/whats-on/events/bovevt63380
Saturday 30 th	<i>Reg Phillips trophy meeting</i> (seems to be car based, but it <i>is</i> a famous venue) Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb, Worcestershire WR6 6RP. 9.00am start
Saturday 30 th	<i>Lincoln Autojumble</i> 6.30am – 12.30pm Hemswell - no admission charge, only a parking charge of £2 per car (Motorbike themed)
Saturday 30 th – Sunday 1 st	<i>Hylton Cup/Peter Carter Trial</i> , The Lincoln Motor Cycle and Car Club Ltd, Cockthorn Farm, Scotton, Gainsborough, DN21 3HS - http://www.lincolnmotorsport.co.uk

JULY

Monday 2nd	Monthly evening meeting , Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 8.00pm
Wednesday 4 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> – sports bikes – The White Swan, Torksey - cruisers – The George Inn Brewery, Langworth- www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Thursday 5 th	<i>Boston Bike Night</i> – Boston Motorcycle Riders 16:00–22:00 - http://www.bostonbikenight.co.uk/
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk Meet 9.00am for prompt 9.30am start
Saturday 7 th and Sunday 8 th	<i>The VMCC Festival of 1000 Bikes</i> , Mallory Park Circuit, Church Road, Kirkby Mallory, Leicestershire, LE9 7QE. Saturday - track sessions for road silenced machines, Sunday - track Sessions for racing machines. http://www.festivalof1000bikes.co.uk/
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th	<i>ACU-BMF National Road Rally</i> – a navigational scatter rally - a road-based event for qualified riders. Test your riding ability against other enthusiastic riders on all types of machines along some of England's finest roads www.nationalroadrally.co.uk
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th	<i>North Lincolnshire Classic Motorcycle Club Trial Camping weekend</i> 3.00pm Walcot Hillside – North of Scunthorpe between Walcot and Burton upon Stather - https://northlincsclassicmotorcycleclub.wordpress.com/trials-locations/
Saturday 7 th and Sunday 8 th	<i>Festival of Wheels</i> , Cadwell Park Cadwell Park Circuit, Louth, Lincolnshire, LN11 9S racing for solo & sidecar motorcycles, superkarts and cars http://www.cadwellpark.co.uk/
Wednesday 11 th	<i>Lincolnshire Bike Nights</i> - sports bikes – The Salutation Inn, Nettleton - cruisers – The Nags Head, Middle Rasen - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
Saturday 14 th	<i>22nd Annual Barton Bike Night</i> , 4-9pm, Barton Upon Humber Town centre, North Lincolnshire, DN18 5HQ.
Thursday 12 th – Sunday 15 th	<i>Goodwood festival of Speed</i> Goodwood House, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 0PX https://www.goodwood.com/flagship-events/festival-of-speed/

- Wednesday 18th *Lincolnshire Bike Nights* - sports – Ferry House Inn, Burton Upon Stather - cruisers – Three Horseshoes, Scotton - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
- Friday 20th *Skegness Charity Bike Night* – Skegness Tower Lifeboat Station, Tower Esplanade, PE25 3HH - 16.00 'til late in aid of the RNLI
- Wednesday 18th to Wednesday 25th *Lincolnshire Bike week* - Coastal events CIC officially supported by the British Motorcycle Federation & the Motorcycle Action Group - based in Mablethorpe, Truethorpe & Sutton on Sea and kicking off with the Mablethorpe Bike Night (18th July) and finishing the following Wednesday with Sutton on Sea Bike Night (25th July) <http://lincolnshirebikeweek.co.uk/>
- Sunday 22nd *Taverners Club Founders Day*, Arena events, bike displays, autojumble and beer tent Stanford Hall, Lutterworth LE17 6DH – Theme 'Over Head Cam Motorcycles' <http://www.thetaverners.com/founders.html>
- Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th July *Scarborough Speed Week* - includes demos, ride-outs, cycle races, star rider talks, pub quizzes, bike parades at Whitby, Filey and Scarborough town centre and sea front. The week finishes with the Barry Sheene Road Race Festival - <https://www.facebook.com/events/683849825147083/>
- Wednesday 25th **Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers**
Venue, LK2 Offices, Deepdale Enterprise Park, Nettleham LN2 2LL at 7.45pm.
For information contact Jerry Neale (details in the Committee Information section)
- Wednesday 25th *Lincolnshire Bike Nights* - sports – The Rose and Crown, Upton - cruisers – Ferry House Inn, Burton on Stather - www.LincolnshireBikeNights.co.uk
- Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th *Halfway Heroes MCC Leathered in Lincoln Rally* – Steampunk post-apocalypse bike rally at the Sleaford Rugby Club, Ruskington Road, NG34 8SP (A17-A153) <http://www.halfway-heroes.co.uk/LandL.html>
- Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th *Barry Sheene Road Race Festival* Oliver's Mount, Postcode – YO11 2UG – 2 miles south of Scarborough town centre, Signed from A170 and A165 <https://oliversmountracing.com/>

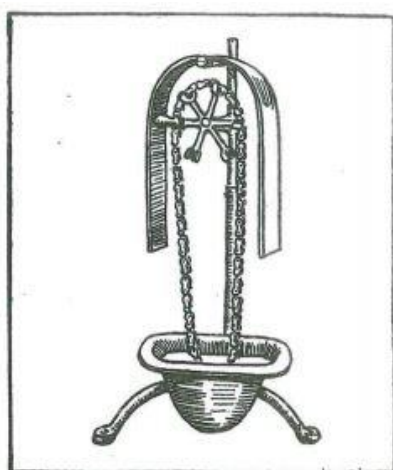


Fig. 341.—The Noonan Chain Bath, a Handy Device for Cleaning Motorcycle Drive Chains.