

# ChainLincs

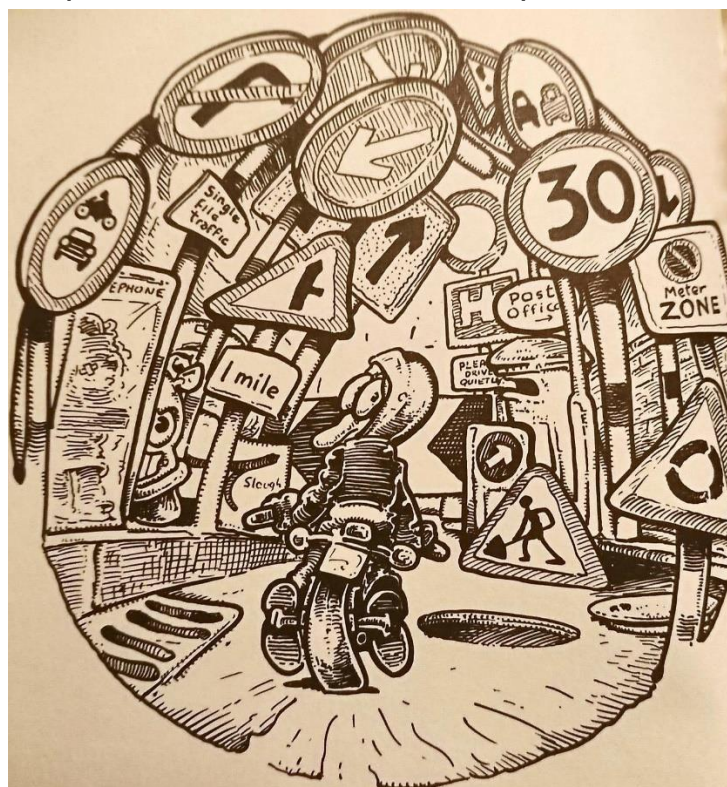
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Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month starting at 8pm

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 October 2018.

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

at the latest, although, the earlier the better.

# EDITORIAL



This month the cover picture is from Paul Sample and the late Malcolm Newall's 1989 book "Streetwise – an alternative guide to motorcycle survival" published by Osprey.

If there is anything that you particularly like or dislike about the newsletter, I would be glad to hear from you.

So, e-mail your thoughts and contributions to [chainlinks@uwclub.net](mailto: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. Photographs, art, and writing are all equally welcome.

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.

Enjoy your riding,

*Nick*

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

I am just back from helping to marshal the 2019 Ride to Save Lives charity ride organised by the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance team including our very own Roland Johns. Another great turn out and once again a great route planned by Roland. Thanks to the other members that helped marshal the event and to those that also took part in the ride.

A quick reminder about the annual Barrie Heath Quiz which as winners last year we are 'hosting'. It will be held at the Redbourne Club, Cemetery Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1NU on 24 Oct starting at 2000hrs. Phil Niner has kindly prepared the quiz and will be the quiz master for the evening. Please come along and support him.

If anybody reading this recognises the trophy as something they have recently found at home please let me know. The original trophy was 'lost' after the 2010 quiz which was won by us and this replacement was made. It would be nice to find the original trophy.

Thanks to those that responded to John's 'letter in the post' reminder for the GDPR forms and those that responded to final email reminders. We are just about there now, those that haven't responded are those that either haven't renewed their Group or IAM membership so clearly don't intend to remain members so not an issue. I will say at this point that this process was made more time consuming by those members that didn't respond in the first place to the request to return the form. It should have been a simple process but John had to spend his time sending reminders out and then printing and posting the final few. This should not have been this difficult but we got there in the end.



Three new members since my Chatter in last month's ChainLincs. Welcome to Arun Koottungal from Lincoln and Clare and Andrew Gladding from Scartho. Hope you enjoy your advanced rider training and look forward to meeting you at a social meeting or ride out. (See Diary of Events).

There has also been four test passes in the same period. Congratulations and well done to Paul Dudhill, Alex Thorpe, Matthew Everett and Jonathan Cozens. Awesome job as usual from your Observers Malcolm Heaton, Kev Smith, Andy Kitchen and Will Field.

Octobers Group Observed ride is on 7 Oct from Willingham Woods. As winter approaches we slip the times a little for the rides so leaving at 1000hrs. Get there early if you want a brew first. I can't make it this month as I will sunning myself in the Med.

If you fancy being an Observer come along to an Observer meeting. As the meetings over the Summer months will be held at different locations give Jerry Neale a call on 07412 935333 for details. From September Observer meetings will be held at Emprocom Ltd, Bridge House, Scothern Lane, Langworth, LN3 5BH.

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 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](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/fellow). Seven members of the Group have now signed up.

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).

Thanks once again to Nick for putting together this edition of ChainLincs.

**Finally, it is still my intention to stand down as Chairman at the AGM in November. It would be great if somebody could throw their hat into the ring and offer to take this role on.**

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

Mick

*Mick*

# Annual General Meeting

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by order of the Group Committee that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of **LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS** will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 4 November 2018 at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen, Market Rasen, LN8 3JU to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1049955) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

<b>Honorary Secretary's Name</b>	John Cheetham	<b>Date</b>	01 09 2018
<b>Address</b>	26 Lansdall Avenue Lea Gainsborough DN21 5JL	<b>Group No.</b>	7176

All Members, Associates and Friends are invited to attend but only Fully Paid Up Members of the IAM and of the Group may vote.

A Member entitled to vote at the General Meeting may appoint a proxy to vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a Full Member of the Group.

## **CURRENT OFFICERS**

**All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)**

Mick Smith	Chairman	Replacement sought
	Vice Chairman	Post currently vacant
John Cheetham	Secretary	Offering to <b>stand</b> for re-election
Sam Kirwan	Treasurer	Replacement sought

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**One third of the Committee (excluding Officers) must retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)**

### **A. RETIRING BY ROTATION AND STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION**

Kev Hewson  
Jerry Neale

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

None

### **C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING**

Kev Turner  
Nick Tucker  
Phil Niner

## **Note**

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

As notified separately, the AGM is being held at 8.00pm on Monday 4 November 2018 at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Road, Middle Rasen, Market Rasen, LN8 3JU.

Nominations are invited from Full Members to stand for Committee. The Nominee must be willing to stand for the Committee and sign the Nomination Form. By signing the Nomination Form the Nominee is affirming his/her ability and intention, if elected, to attend Committee meetings regularly.

**Please note** - You may not stand for the Committee if the law debars you from being a Charity Trustee.

Only Fully Paid Up Members of the IAM and of the Group may nominate Committee Members or be nominated as Committee Members.

This Nomination Paper must be returned to the Group Secretary at least seven days before the election – i.e. by 29 October 2018. (Group Rule 3.5)

All Officers and one third of **all** other Committee Members must retire annually by rotation and may offer themselves for re-election by Group Full Members. (Group Rule 3.4)

Those elected become Charity Trustees of the Group.

#### **OFFICERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>	<b>Signature of Nominee</b>
	Chairperson			
	Vice Chairperson			
John Cheetham	Honorary Secretary			
	Honorary Treasurer			

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>	<b>Signature of Nominee</b>
Kev Hewson			
Jerry Neale			

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Group Web Site: [www.l-a-m.co.uk](http://www.l-a-m.co.uk)

We have had three enrolments since the September newsletter update, a warm welcome to you all.

Member	Observer
858 Matt Hopkins	Full Member
859 Clare Gladding	Mike Day
860 Andrew Gladding	Malcolm Heaton

There  
are  
three  
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
Alex Thorpe	11 September	Kev Smith
Matthew Everett	24 September	Andrew Kitchen
Jonathan Cozens	25 September	Will Field

The group membership is currently comprised as follows:

Full Members	107
Associate Members	27
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>134</b>

I have omitted from the total those members whose IAM membership is not current.

I have received completed GDPR Contracts from all but two group members.

These have sadly failed to respond to email, posted copy and text message by the cut-off date of 20 September 2018, so unfortunately the group is now no longer able to use their contact details to communicate further, including the sending of the group newsletter or membership renewal when the time is due.

As stated previously, General Data Protection Regulations is something we have to comply with according to information passed to the group from IAM RoadSmart and is not optional.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*



# ACTIVITIES

## J&S Doncaster's open day

Nigel Hobson dateline 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018



A quick blast to J&S Doncaster's open day - managed to blag some freebies and get my Shoei serviced for free!

Turns out even carrying your gloves in your helmet damages the interior and this is shown by the white specks seen on the inside. Whilst I was always told to not leave gloves in your helmet overnight - I had no idea just putting them in and walking around for 30 mins did any damage! It seems the petrol oil etc that goes on the outside of your gloves as you ride (and let's face it when did you last wash your gloves!) gets onto the interior lining and degrades it. One trainer who did put his gloves in his helmet daily destroyed his helmet in 6 months.

Well I learned something today!

## Vulcan photoshoot day

Kev Turner dateline 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018



Dave Taylor-Lennox writes on behalf of Waddington Motorcycle Club to say "can I thank you all for coming up and supporting our event. We raised £1752.06 in total for LEBBS and we've had a lot of praise from attendees who loved the day, asking when we're doing another 🤝👍 thanks for being a part of it." Mick Smith adds "thanks to all those that helped out, much appreciated".

## St Andrews Hospice Ride

Simon Battram dateline 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018



A ride out with St Andrews Hospice with Geoff Everard and Peter Daubney.

Peter is shown here ending up the ride with a splash at the Splash. Simon add the note that the Splash is its local name.

It is actually The Royal Oak at Little Cawthorpe near Louth. And apparently, there is an adjacent bridge for softies (Ed).



# Thank you!

Malcolm Heaton dateline 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Big thanks to Paul Dudhill who presented me with this for helping him to pass his IAM test

## Observed ride out from Brigg

Simon Battram and Malcolm Heaton dateline 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Good observed ride out from Brigg. Good route by Alan today. There was time for a brew after some of the roads with grass in the centre. Stopped at Thornton Abbey for a debrief. 😊 At Thornton Abby, the Red Arrows flew by. The end of ride was at Barton point.

## Observer Hi-Viz presented

Simon Battram and Malcolm Heaton dateline 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Good turn-out of 12-15 (a subject of some discussion) riders and one pillion. Started from Brigg leisure centre. Alan headed north and John headed south. I was given a "leg up" by Malcolm

Heaton as he and John H presented me with my Observer hi-viz says Simon.

# Congratulations!

Mick Smith dateline 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018



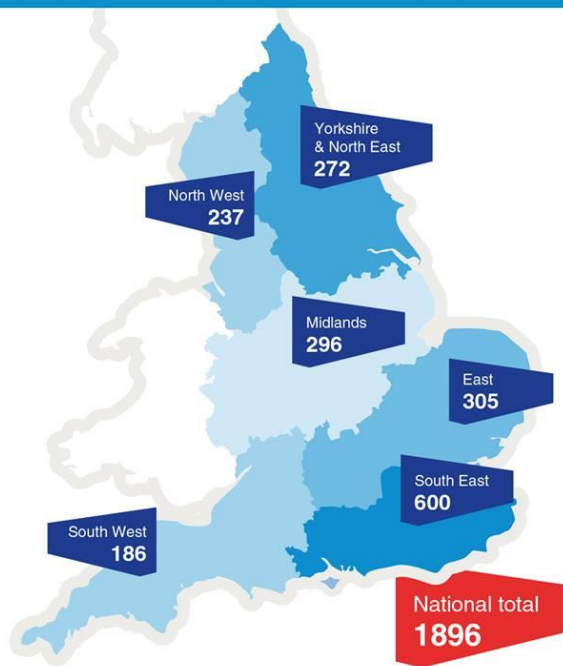
Congratulations to Alexander Thorpe who passed his test today. Not only was it a pass but a F1rst as well. Well done Alex, great job. Well done to your Observer Kev Smith as well, great job Kev.

## Tailgating league table

Mick Smith dateline 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018



### Tailgating



\* Figures show the regional casualty numbers for 2016 where tailgating was a contributing factor on our network.

Highways England have put together some statistics highlighting regional casualty number for 2016 where tailgating was a contributing factor.

Read more about their Space Invader campaign which highlights the dangers of tailgating: <http://bit.ly/2MFkmL9>

## Observer training along Trent bank

Malcolm Heaton dateline 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018



Out with John Wigmore on Observer training along Trent bank from Scunthorpe to Gainsborough then to Brigg, Challenging conditions heavy rain then sunshine roads wet and waterlogged mud from the fields, on top of that hurricane winds. John did very well in Observer position improving all the time, we stayed together which is good, well done Valentino Wigmore! Looking forward to next time.

## 3rd annual Ride to Save Lives charity ride-out

Paul Dudhill dateline 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018



Paul says "It was a bit windy , my wife nearly lost her phone taking the video 🤖" – the picture is a still from that same video.

Clare Gladding adds "Was our first ride out for this. Thoroughly enjoyed it and can't wait to see how much was raised in total for such an excellent cause"

Mick Smith comments "Thanks to the Group members that assisted with marshaling duties today. Kev Turner, David A Holmes, Allan Knight and Geoff Everard, and Will Field although he was co-opted through the HD Sherwood Chapter. Great job one and all"

## Just saying "Hi!"

Clare Gladding dateline 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Just thought I'd say "Hi"! Looking forward to my first observed ride soon! I've also just signed the hubby up for his IAM (at his request haha) and would like to thank whoever it was that shared the Triumph discount code on here as he owns a Tiger Explorer 1200. I passed my DAS last October but have only had a chance to ride since May this year due to serious health issues with a family member. Since May I've clocked up just over 5000 miles. I LOVE riding and just want to be as safe as possible out on the roads :) I'm often at Willy Woods so feel free to pop and say hello if you spot me and Smurf!

## To Hull and back

Malcolm Heaton dateline 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Out with John Wigmore for some T A training, went to Withernsea through Hull and back. Some nice twisty roads great ride



# The importance of MPOWDERY

Matt Chapman dateline 29th September 2018



Pre ride checks- Coolant. I had an overheating problem on my 82,000 mile Pan 1300 a week ago. Investigations revealed a coolant leak from the water pump cover, not obvious as pre-ride checks have consistently shown my expansion tank to be full. Indeed, it was still full after my overheating problem. Pan 1300's have a reputation of generating some heat and so on the fateful practice to the Wave from Coningsby I had not noticed anything untoward until a wave of steam enveloped the rear of the bike once I arrived. Moral if you want to check your coolant level check it at the Radiator of course when engine is cold. That is of course assuming you have access to it. So, were there any other signs? Well yes - on return to my Workshop /stable block there was a small damp patch in evidence on the floor. I hadn't ridden for 3 weeks having been

away in the U.S.A. but I suspect the fluid has been disappearing for a while. Moral there is more than one way to check your coolant but the expansion vessel isn't one of them so use all your powers of observation.

## The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride

Andy Kitchen dateline 29th September 2018



The Distinguished Gentleman ride from the Cathedral. Pictures showing two of our most distinguished Gents, Roland and Steve, looking very dapper.



# 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.

**It is you, as the rider who is deemed to be in control of your motorcycle at all times during an observed or social run.**

## OCTOBER

- Monday 1st      Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00
- Sunday 7th      Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk  
Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
- Monday 15th      Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen  
Prompt start at 19.45
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>      Barrie Heath Quiz, Redbourne Club, Cemetery Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1NU.  
19.30 for 20.00 start.  
We are hosting the event (we do not field a team) this year after winning in 2017. It would be good to see some members present to support those who have volunteered to perform the task of conducting the quiz.  
Refreshments provided.
- Wednesday 31st      Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers  
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

## NOVEMBER

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>      Ian Morrison is offering to put on a ride on Sunday 4th November,  
It will be the annual repeat of our ride to the Sheffield peaks.  
Something like 9-4 meeting time and place tbc. Ian will confirm the exact details closer to the date. Show interest early please the number of bikes will be limited - All welcome.

- Monday 5th      Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00  
commencing with the group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- Sunday 11th      Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area  
Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00



Wednesday 28th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers  
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

## **DECEMBER**

Monday 3rd Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00

Sunday 9th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg  
Meet 11.30 for prompt departure at 12.00

Monday 10th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen  
Prompt start at 19.45

**PLEASE NOTE** there is no Observers meeting this month

## **JANUARY**

**PLEASE NOTE** there are no formal events during the month of January.  
However, that's not to say that nothing happens!  
If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

## **FEBRUARY**

Monday 4th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00

Sunday 10th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk  
Meet 11.30 for prompt departure at 12.00

Monday 18th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen  
Prompt start at 19.45

Wednesday 27th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers  
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

## **MARCH**

Monday 4th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00

Sunday 10th Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area  
Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Wednesday 27th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers  
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

## **APRIL**

Monday 1st Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00

Sunday 7th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg  
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Monday 8th Committee Meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen  
Prompt start at 19.45

Wednesday 24th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers  
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

# RAMBLING ON

Another article from 1987 by Ken Braithwaite, on Roadcraft, curated by John Harrison

## **Braking.**

The most important lesson when learning to ride a motorcycle (or drive any motor vehicle for that matter), is how to stop safely. If I can leave the serious side of this for a moment to tell you about one of my colleagues who was on an instructors course. He was going through an exercise of teaching someone who had never ridden a motorcycle before. The course instructor was acting as the pupil, Dave (for that was his name) told the pupil how to start the bike, then how to engage 1<sup>st</sup> gear and set off. The pupil released the clutch and was riding across the yard at the driving school, acting the part, a bit wobbly, but not too bad, Dave told him to stop. But he had not told him how to stop, so the pupil kept going, straight though a hedge, and fell off. "Why didn't you stop" shouted Dave. "Because I didn't know how. You never told me" said the pupil. Poor Dave, they had him in tears, but he learned a valuable lesson. NEVER expect that what to do is obvious is necessarily as obvious to someone else.

When considering the braking efficiency of the machine, we must also consider the efficiency of the rider. The reaction time or thinking distance. RoadCraft tells us that thinking distance will vary in three ways. With the speed of the machine. With the physical and mental condition of the rider. With the degree of concentration being applied.

Then we have the rules for braking

- 1; Brake firmly only when travelling in a straight line.
  - 2; Brake in plenty of time.
  - 3; Vary brake pressure according to the conditions of the road.
  - 4; When descending a steep winding hill, brake firmly on the straight stretches and ease off on the bends. Remember the value of engaging a low gear at an early stage of the decent.
  - 5; Avoid using the front brake when the machine is banked over, turning or on loose or hazardous surfaces.
- Gear Changing.

The first-class rider should always aim:

- a; To be in the correct gear for every road speed and traffic situation.
- b; To make all gear changes quietly and smoothly.
- c; To know the approximate maximum road speed in each gear of the machine he is riding.

When considering the use of gears, we must remember that we should always match the road speed and the engine revs to the gear selected, so that when the clutch lever is released, there is no sudden rise or fall of engine revs. Any such rise or fall can cause skidding on loose or slippery surfaces and cause unnecessary wear on the whole drive system, from engine, through the clutch, gearbox chain or shaft, to wear on the rear tyre.

We must change to a lower gear only when either the road speed has dropped below the speed at which the engine can pull without strain or when approaching a hazard, a more flexible gear is required, or when descending a steep hill, to make use of the engine as a brake. This is to assist the brakes over a long period to control the speed of the machine. We also consider the use of a lower gear to reduce speed when the road surface is slippery, when application of the brakes may result in skidding, as on ice, but it is still important that engine and road speed are matched as the gear is selected.

## **Acceleration Sense.**

This is the ability of the rider to vary the speed of the machine by accurate use of the throttle control to meet the changing road and traffic conditions. This part of riding skill can be developed to a fine art with practice. It is essential to read the road and traffic conditions well ahead to prefect good acceleration sense, in order to avoid rushing up to obstacles at too high a speed and then having to brake. On many occasions, late planning

can result in a slower rate of progress than the smooth approach that acceleration sense gives. A few m.p.h. lost in early on the approach can allow the hazard ahead to clear before arrival, but if we rush to the hazard at too high a speed, we may arrive before it has cleared and we have to slow down even more or come to a stop. The result is that we have to pick up from a slow speed after the hazard has cleared, whereas the rider who has good acceleration sense arrives at a higher speed as the hazard clears and is able to maintain a better overall rate of progress.

*Ken Braithwaite.*

## I. P. S. ? . A.

Well why the missing “G” from our well known and may I say loved IPSGA.

It has come to my notice recently that some riders especially those riding machines with high or very high torque engines are negotiating bends in too high gear with the consequence that they tend to ride wide on the exit of the bend.

On a right bend this can lead to the rider “going agricultural”, but on a left bend has the more disastrous consequence of meeting another vehicle head on.

These machines with high torque engines i.e. large capacity twin cylinder and touring motorcycles of all engine configurations, tend to make the rider a little lazy when it comes to changing gear. We should remember that the manufacturers design the motorcycle to enhance our riding, but not to replace our skills.

It is important that we select the correct gear at the fourth phase of IPSGA too high and we risk running wide, too low and we may run out of acceleration before completing the curve (not so serious).

We know about that hoary subject the vanishing point VP (my preferred term) or limit point call what you may it's the same, but are we interpreting its message to us correctly?

Most are getting the position correct, but are we getting the speed correct quite a few do, so what goes wrong.

It's the correct selection of gear.

We need to keep an eye on the VP the whole time, what's it doing? Still moving away staying the same distance or are we closing on it, it's imperative that we select the right gear, one that gives us decent acceleration during the 5<sup>th</sup> phase.

The correct gear will enable us to keep the motorcycle on the correct side of the road and be able to remain there without running wide, and will assist us in being able to stop the machine in the distance we can see to be clear.

So, let's start using more of the gears in the box, most tend to ride in too high a gear most of the time, try to keep the rev counter in the middle of the rev range to maintain tractability, keeping those high gears for motorways and dual carriageways with fewer and gentler bends.

Come on put the “G” back into IPSGA

*Ken Rose*

**NO LOA**

# OBSERVERS AND ASSOCIATE INFORMATION

The Observers meeting for September was a busy evening at the Nagg's head in Middle Rasen. Many Items were discussed throughout the evening. Most of the team are still out working with their associates, even though the weather is changing there is still plenty of skills to be gained with the changing conditions.



Road signs and markings



Road signs and markings provide warnings about approaching hazards, and instructions and information about road use. They need to be incorporated into your riding plan as early as possible. To make the best possible use of road signs and markings you should follow the steps below.

- **Observe** - actively search for road signs and markings in your observation scans, and incorporate the information they give you into your riding plan. Many drivers and riders fail to see and make use of them, and so lose valuable information.
- **Understand** - be able to recognise them immediately. You should be familiar with the current edition of the *Highway Code* and *Know your traffic signs* book. Everyone's memory declines over time, so check your recall of road signs and markings on a regular basis.
- **React** - react to a sign or marking by looking ahead to see what it refers to and building the information into your riding plan. Where the sign or marking refers to an unseen hazard, anticipate the hazard and adapt your plan accordingly.

The observer team is always available for any member of the group who would like to have a one to one in order to maintain their program of continuous personal improvement. The Sunday morning group observed run is a great opportunity to take full advantage of this free service for any member just ask any of the Observer team, and as we have three more group observed runs before the year end there is still plenty of opportunity or if you fancy taking your riding skills to the next level consider becoming a IMI Qualified Local Observer.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Role

IMI Qualified Group Local Observer

### Definition

Group – a number of persons located close together with a shared belief.

Observer – one who observes, an interested spectator, a person trained to notice, one who examines and notes by way of comment.

### Purpose of role

To give guidance to Associate Members enabling them to be able to pass the IAM motorcycle test.

### Requirements

Enthusiasm  
Self-motivation  
Communication skills  
Planning skills  
Leadership

### Qualifications

Full Motorcycle Licence holder  
Full Group Member  
Current IAM Member  
To be able to ride to a high standard

### Hours

3 per week when required (more may be available on request)  
Plus 1 evening per month (except winter time)

### Salary

Voluntary- Although fuel costs may be paid by associate

### Benefits

None of a material kind

### Role Satisfaction

Unrivalled

**Training**

Comprehensive training will be given

**How to Apply** Telephone 07412935333 or see me at any group meeting.

*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 \(kevtturner59@sky.com\)](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	£
<b>PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER</b>						








## OTHER EVENTS





### OCTOBER

Wednesday 3rd	<i>Coningsby Base Visit.</i>
Sunday 7th	Auto 66 bike hill climb championship finals. Oliver's Mount, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 2YW Tel: 01723 373000 <a href="https://auto66.com/">https://auto66.com/</a>
Sunday 7th	Shuttleworth Race Day, Shuttleworth Museum, Old Warden Aerodrome, Hill Ln, Biggleswade SG18 9EP <a href="http://www.shuttleworth.org/events/raceday/">http://www.shuttleworth.org/events/raceday/</a>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	The 24th Carole Nash Classic Motorcycle Mechanics Show, Stafford Showground Ltd, Weston Rd, Stafford ST18 0BD <a href="http://www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com/">http://www.staffordclassicbikeshows.com/</a>
Sunday 21st	<i>Normous Newark Autojumble</i> Newark Showground, Drove Lane, Winthorpe, Newark, NN7 2HY <a href="http://www.newarkautojumble.co.uk">www.newarkautojumble.co.uk</a>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Auto 66 Sidecar Bash – Cadwell Bonanza - Cadwell Park Circuit Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 9SE, Tel: 01507 343248 <a href="https://auto66.com/">https://auto66.com/</a>

## TRADE DIRECTORY





Support our local bike businesses. If you know a good local bike business, send details for inclusion to [chainlinks@uwclub.net](mailto:chainlinks@uwclub.net)

	RW Motorcycles Ltd, Repairs, servicing, tyres, MOT, wheel building <a href="http://rwhmotorcyclesoflincoln.co.uk/">http://rwhmotorcyclesoflincoln.co.uk/</a>
	Customised motorcycle seat re-covering / re-trimming service, altering trike and motorcycle seats <a href="http://edblade.simpl.com">http://edblade.simpl.com</a>
	Cylinder rebores, valve guide replacement, bespoke repairs, bearings <a href="http://www.nrsec.co.uk/">http://www.nrsec.co.uk/</a>
	MOT testing, repair and servicing for all makes and models of bikes, trikes, scooters, mopeds and quads <a href="http://www.skmotorcycleslincoln.co.uk/">http://www.skmotorcycleslincoln.co.uk/</a>
	Online and showroom retailer of motorcycle helmets, clothing, parts & accessories. <a href="https://www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk/">https://www.sportsbikeshop.co.uk/</a>

	<p>Triumph and Yamaha Main Dealer in Lincolnshire.</p> <p><a href="http://www.webbsoflincoln.co.uk/">http://www.webbsoflincoln.co.uk/</a></p>
	<p>Control and drive cables made from a pattern, drawing, or to fit your bike, ultrasonic carb cleaning, thread repair inserts fitted for spark plug and other threads.</p> <p><a href="http://www.carrotcycles.co.uk">http://www.carrotcycles.co.uk</a></p>
	<p>Musgrave &amp; Co Tools 5 Clasketgate, Lincoln, LN2 1JJ</p> <p>Phone: 01522 527088</p>
	<p>Colin Willoughby Motorcycles Grange Lane North Scunthorpe North Lincolnshire DN16 1DE Phone: 01724 853300 <a href="https://colinwilloughbymotorcycles.co.uk/">https://colinwilloughbymotorcycles.co.uk/</a></p>

## THE QUEST FOR CAKE

One of the joys of observed runs is a stop for feedback, cocoa and buns. If you know a good local café, send details for inclusion to [chainlincs@uwclub.net](mailto:chainlincs@uwclub.net)

	<p><b>Wickenby Cafe</b> is based in the Control Tower at Wickenby Aerodrome. There is also a museum upstairs which tells the story of RAF Wickenby during WW2. Bike Night - Wednesdays until end of September. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/495019267369270/about/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/495019267369270/about/</a></p>
	<p><b>Three Kings Inn</b>, Saltersway, Threackingham, Sleaford NG34 0AU. It says here: <i>"a quintessential old English pub in traditional style with a balanced mix of local patrons, diners and tourists, creating an ambiance and atmosphere where everyone feels welcome and comfortable."</i> The MG car club meets here <a href="http://www.thethreekingsinn.com/">http://www.thethreekingsinn.com/</a></p>
	<p><b>Lincoln Bowl</b> - Washington Road, Lincolnshire, Lincoln LN4 1EF. Lincoln's premier bowling centre also has a café attached. Ample parking.</p>
	<p><b>Mount Pleasant Windmill Tearooms &amp; True Loaf Bakery Ltd</b>, 6 North Cliff Rd, Gainsborough DN21 4NH noted for stoneground organic flours, which are sold in their delightful tea room. <a href="http://www.visitnorthlincolnshire.com/item/mount-pleasant-windmill/">http://www.visitnorthlincolnshire.com/item/mount-pleasant-windmill/</a></p>

	<p><b>Sentry Post Snack Bar</b> Sleaford Road A15, Lincoln LN5 9FG, England +44 7540 752432 – opposite the Waddington Avro Vulcan and adjacent to the Waddington Aircraft Viewing Enclosure (WAVE) for a friendly welcome and notable bacon butties.</p>
	<p><b>Daisy Made Ice Cream</b> Lincoln Rd, Skellingthorpe, Lincoln LN6 5SA - Small farm with a coffee shop serving homemade ice cream, animals to pet, crazy golf and play area. <a href="http://www.daisymadefarm.co.uk/">http://www.daisymadefarm.co.uk/</a></p>
	<p><b>Pennells Garden Centre</b>, Newark Road, South Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 9NT – this is family owned business established in 1780 and has a large restaurant and tons of parking. Popular as a debrief point for those undergoing compulsory driver training (so I'm told) <a href="http://www.pennells.co.uk/lincoln/">http://www.pennells.co.uk/lincoln/</a></p>
	<p><b>Clayton's Corner</b> Main Street, Howsham, Market Rasen, LN7 6JZ - a favourite, lunch can be sandwiches which come with salad, crisps and homemade coleslaw. There is also hot food on the menu and a selection of homemade cakes and pastries. The staff are welcoming <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Claytons-Corner-Cafe-350859448434765/">https://www.facebook.com/Claytons-Corner-Cafe-350859448434765/</a></p>
	<p><b>Café Mews</b> - Whether it's a hearty home cooked breakfast or a tasty warming soup you're craving our fully home cooked menu, utilising the best the local area has to offer, is guaranteed to fill the hole in your belly and warm your heart.</p> <p>Coffee Mews Ltd, A18, Melton Ross, North Lincolnshire, DN38 6AB, 01652 245001 email: <a href="mailto:contact@cafemews.com">contact@cafemews.com</a></p>
	<p><b>The Seaways Cafe</b> welcomes all bikers, lorry drivers, walkers, cyclists, holiday makers and anyone else who wants a trip to a brilliant café. Telephone: 01377 288203 Opening times: 8 am – 4 pm daily Location: Fridaythorpe, East Yorkshire, YO25 9RX</p>
	<p><b>The Honey Pot Café</b> Maltkiln Road, Waters Edge, Barton-upon-Humber DN18 5JR, UK</p> <p>Sit on the jetty to eat - over looking the lake full of wildlife. Great food and prices and very nice staff.</p>