

ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

IAM GROUP 7176, REGISTERED CHARITY 1049955, SUPPORTERS OF THE BMF

November 2020



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Social Gatherings

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

Next Issue

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in December 2020.

Please provide any copy to the Editor, by

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by order of the Group Committee that the 34th Annual General Meeting of **LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS** will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 2 November 2020 via a “Zoom” meeting due to the restrictions placed by Her Majesty’s Government as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1049955) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

Honorary Secretary’s Name	John Cheetham	Date 01 10 2020
Address	26 Lansdall Avenue Lea Gainsborough DN21 5JL	Group No. 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 their 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	Offering to stand for re-election
	Vice-Chairman	Nominations required (post currently unfilled)
John Cheetham	Secretary	Offering to stand for re-election
Matt Hopkins	Treasurer	Offering to stand for re-election

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

Phil Niner

Simon Battram

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 2 November 2020 via a “Zoom” meeting.

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 26 October 2020. (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

Name	Position	Nominated by	Seconded By	Signature of Nominee
Mick Smith	Chairperson	Phil Niner	Jerry Neale	
	Vice Chairperson			
John Cheetham	Honorary Secretary	Phil Niner	Mick Smith	
Matt Hopkins	Honorary Treasurer	Phil Niner	Mick Smith	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
Kev Hewson	Phil Niner	Jerry Neale	
Jerry Neale	Phil Niner	Mick Smith	

Membership Update

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

We have two new members to welcome this month.

Member	Observer
941 Julie Mendes from Heighington	Alan Pugh
942 William Dawson from South Somercotes	Kev Hewson

There are four test passes to report making the 2020 total twenty one. Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observers.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Glyn Knowles	9 October	Jody Flett
Joanne Cross	19 October	Stuart Harrison
Steve Goodwin	24 October	Bruce Whetton
Paul Kirton	25 October	Will Field

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	123
Associate Members active	20
Associate Members "On Hold"	8
Associate(s) allocated to an Examiner	0
Total Group Membership	151

The above list excludes those members (one) with expired IAM RoadSmart membership.

The AGM on 2nd November as pointed out by Mick Smith will be held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions. It would be good to see some fresh faces joining the committee if anyone is interested. Either notify me ASAP or you can put yourself forward on the night via the "Zoom" meeting. Also the group has a vacancy for the role of Vice Chair if anyone is willing to step forward.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

Annual General Meeting

LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS

(Registered charity 1049955)

34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 2nd November 2020

Via “Zoom” commencing at 8:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79177643035?pwd=SXacDVuUEtEbElwL1ZxS0luTWplQT09>

Meeting ID: 791 7764 3035

Passcode: N514HR

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. [MINUTES of the 2019 AGM \(33rd\)](#) – Click to read
3. MATTERS ARISING from the 2019 AGM
4. AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS AGENDA
5. CHAIRMANS REPORT
6. TREASURER’S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE
9. ADDRESS BY NEW CHAIRMAN
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (properly the business of the AGM)

Editorial



This month's cover shot is from Scotland, thereby proving that with a little ingenuity, you can – even in these weird times - enjoy some very invigorating roads and stay within the “da Rulz”.

If you have never contemplated Scotland as a motorcycling destination, I would urge you do remedy that. That said, November might not be the best time unless a decent gap in the weather appears.

I'm hoping there is one last trip left in the weather, and I can make it to the south-west (Exeter direction). If you know any roads I should make a point of riding while there, please let me know. Insider knowledge is a good thing to have.

For more local trips there is a selection of Midlands-based routes to review and download on the [FliesOnTheVisor](#) website. The best bit is they are free. Simply download and ride.

And I can't let the AGM issue of ChainLincs go out without me saying thank you to the Committee for the work they do. I only get to see a little of what goes on to keep the Group functioning: John's brilliant administration, Mick's relentless positivity, Jerry herding the Observers, Matt who you never hear from but controls the purse strings and keeps us rolling, Phil who picks his way through GDPR and processes the data from tests to help us improve, Kev and Simon too. **Gentlemen – Thank you.**

Should you feel the need to wax lyrically on the joys of your recent journeys, or just have the urge to tell the world about something, lean into your desire and scribble some words and send them to the Editor. We maintain our commitment to the highest journalistic standards. If I can read it, we'll print it. Photographs to accompany the written word are equally welcome.

The email address for your prose and photographic contributions is dayres@picturesports.co.uk

The Facebook page remains active and if you are planning something at short notice and want to share your riding or garage-based activities, feel free to let others know. Some of us working stiff – if we read Facebook – would be jealous.

Coming up in this issue ...

- John calls us all to order as the AGM opens
- Mick ponders getting 6 into 21 equally
- Dave keeps it clean and gets a discount
- Jerry prioritises his hazards

Cheers *Dave*

“ If you can park it and walk away without looking back ... you bought the wrong bike. ”

Buying Advice



I sit writing this a day after the clocks went back so dark nice and early, I guess winter is nearly here, in fact, it must be colder as the gloves came out when I went running earlier (I hate having cold hands when running!!). On the good news front there has been four test passes this month so huge congratulations to Glyn Knowles, Joanne Cross, Steve Goodwin and Paul Kirton. Another awesome job by the Observers so well done to your mentors Jody Flett, Stuart Harrison, Bruce Whetton and Will Field and many thanks for your dedication. In addition, Steve achieved a F1rst, great job Steve.

Since lockdown, there have been 18 tests and 18 passes so moving along nicely. This has reduced the backlog but there are still 20 active associates and 6 on hold for various reasons. Hopefully, some of the active associates can get a test in soon. The number of tests since 1st January stands at 21. A great number considering we were inactive for the best part of 4 months.

In addition, there have been two new members this month. Welcome to Julie Mendes from Heighington and William Dawson from South Somercotes. I will hopefully meet you both at a ride soon. Since 1st January we have had 26 new members – 23 associates and three existing IAM members. Again not a bad figure considering we haven't done our usual recruitment on events such as our open day and the Lincoln BikeFest.



Only one ride this month and that was the planned monthly Group observed ride on 11 October although once again it was done from two locations. Six members met at Lidl in Barton Upon Humber and Duncan Kendall led them on a ride to Castle Howard. Thanks for leading Duncan, much appreciated. We are always looking for new blood to lead a rides it adds more variation to the routes.

Also on 11th October, 21 members turned up at the WAVE. One associate and two observers went on a check ride with the other 18 splitting into, the now customary, three groups of six. The groups were led by Dave Hall, Geoff Everard and Bruce Pettit.

Looking at Facebook it looks like there was plenty of animal avoidance going on that day! Thanks for leading the rides guys, much appreciated. Once again if any other members want to lead a group let us know before hand especially if you have a specific destination in mind or just step forward on the day even if you make it up as you go along!

The next Group observed ride is from the leisure centre in Brigg on 8 Nov. Leaving promptly at 1000hrs, hopefully the weather will be kind to us and hope to see you there.

This is obviously subject to any changes in Covid rules but please remember to only congregate in groups of 6 and not mix groups.



Current guidance from the IAM is that all Advanced Driver and Rider coaching should be suspended in areas of England that are in Tier 3 (Very High). Currently, in our area which also includes North and NE Lincolnshire we are all in Tier 1 (medium) so we can carry on. We do have a few members that live in higher risk areas and will no doubt be obeying the rules for where they live. Fingers crossed Lincolnshire stays at the lower levels.

By the time you see this you should have had an email about a ride on 1st November, as the weather is looking good, it would be rude not to!

The Observers are the backbone of the Group, without them we wouldn't be able to carry on with our part in making safer riders. If you fancy being an Observer come along to an Observer meeting. Observer meetings during the Winter months are held at Emprocom Ltd, when we can, and I'm sure Jerry will have a plan for how to meet virtually while Covid rules are in force. If you want more details please give Jerry Neale a ring on 07412 935333.

If 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.

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).

Finally, thanks again to Dave for putting together this edition of ChainLincs, hope you enjoy the read. Please, please, please send him something to include, he needs your input so send him articles, pictures etc. It can make his job so much easier if he has plenty to choose from.

“ Interestingly, motorcyclists never seem to ask, “Are we there yet?” ”

Have a good one and stay safe. Hopefully see you on our Zoom AGM on 2 November.

Thanks, *Mick*

THE WEATHER IS CRAP, GET A VISORCAT

If you are riding this winter or riding in the rain at any time of year, you need a VisorCat. It really is that simple.

VisorCat is a wash/wipe attachment that goes over your left-hand glove. The simplest description would be “its a sponge and a wiper blade” but that is not doing justice to the ingenuity of VisorCat’s designers.

Designed and made in the UK and shipped out of Scotland, if you are riding while the weather is turning to custard, then the VisorCat is a massive advantage.

Rather than using the edge of your glove and ultimately scratch the heck out of your visor, VisorCat provides a better method for keeping your visor clear.



Left To Right

Wipe across your visor left-to-right. The flap protecting the sponge lifts out of the way, so the highly absorbant sponge and cleaning fluid can lift the road grime and rain off your visor.

Right To Left

Now wipe back right to left, the flap covering the sponge closes, and the twin wiper blades on the VisorCat remove any residual fluid and rain from your visor.



The result – A clean and clear visor

Screen Wash

Whereas VisorCat will work with just water, there is a cleaning fluid that makes VisorCat more efficient. Manufactured by Shift-It for VisorCat, the fluid is recommended by helmet manufacturers because it contains no harmful ingredients such as salt.

Streetfighter

You wouldn’t think that COVID-19 would have an impact on keeping your visor clean and clear. While the supply chain is reorganising itself, VisorCat is selling the Streetfighter version of VisorCat which comes without the washing fluid.

For a short period, the fluid wasn’t available in the quantity that VisorCat preferred and so created the Streetfighter version.

With everything now back to normal, the Streetfighter had proved so popular it has been kept as an option. However, if you do decide to go with the Streetfighter and replace the VisorCat fluid with something different ... choose carefully. There is more to it than screen clean from the local garage.

Scratches On My Visor?

About the worst thing you can do to clear your visor is wiping it with your glove. That is an almost guaranteed way to scratch your visor as you push the road grime on to the visor surface and drag it across your field of vision.

That is what the sponge on the VisorCat is there to prevent. The sponge and the fluid lift the grime from the visor as you wipe left-to-right. The return wipe, right-to-left then clears away and smears left by the sponge.



I have a Givi Airflow on my V-Strom. Whereas the screen can be described as “fugly”, there is no getting away from how effective it is at deflecting the air.

The oasis of calm there is behind the Givi Airflow doesn't stop the rain covering my visor.

Until I started using a Visorcat, I had to stick my head out either side of the screen, to get the wind to blow the raindrops off my visor.

I do sometimes wonder what the people behind me must have thought I was doing. So, screen or no screen. Naked or adventure bike. Do yourself a favour and get a VisorCat.

Discount Code

As well as having stockists around the UK and Ireland, you can also order directly from VisorCat's [website](#).

If you do order direct, use the code FLIES at checkout, and those nice people at VisorCat will give you 10% off.

The full article is available on [FliesOnTheVisor.com](https://fliesonthvisor.com)



It was great to see the continued Advanced rider test passes in October. Well done to all the successful Associates and their Observers, remember that the learning never stops, and if the Advanced rider course has whetted your appetite for learning new skills why not look at taking your riding to the next level with the Masters course. Details of which can be found on the IAM Roadsmart website.

The Observer team continued to meet up in small groups throughout the county for on-bike training in October, various situations and scenarios were worked through by the individual groups plus each Observer had a cross-checking ride.



Thanks to Roland Johns for one of his onboard action shots while out Observer training with Keith Lovering and Keith Smith.

How would you quickly prioritise the hazards?

Where there are multiple hazards, deal with them in order of importance. The level of danger associated with particular hazards varies with:

- the hazard itself
- how close it is to you
- road layout
- whether the hazard is stationary or moving
- how fast you are approaching it.

The greater the danger, the higher the priority, but be ready to re-adjust your priorities as the situation develops.

Human factors

These are defined as: “Lifestyle influences and other factors that need to be considered in preparation for riding” and are broken down into four sections:

1. The Rider

How we as humans can impact the way we ride. The way we behave, our emotions, attitude, mood and how tired we are all affect our riding and behaviour. Advanced riders should always assess their motorcycle control and riding performance as if through the eyes of a third party.

2. The Motorcycle

Knowing your limitations as a rider is one thing, but how often do we 'assume' our machines are capable of the journey we are taking them on? Checking the condition of our machine and knowing its limitations are just as important as knowing our own limitations.

3. The Journey

Every journey we make has a reason behind it; whether we are going to work or riding to the local shops, we are able to justify our journey. However, do we always think about the best time to make the journey and allow additional time, or do we judge time by the minimum time to get somewhere?

4. The Wider World

Lifestyle choices can affect riding. What influence does work, peer group or social pressure have on riding? Communicating with others and anticipating their actions takes skill and concentration. Situation awareness is crucial in becoming a well-rounded rider.

Ask yourself before you ride, what could affect my ride today? Road or weather conditions? Have they changed since you last rode?



Stay Safe - Jerry

Diary of Events when Covid-19 Permits

Social distancing. Avoid shaking hands. Follow NHS hygiene advice.

The Sunday morning Group Observed 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 to hone and improve skills through riding with fellow members.

Potential members considering taking the IAM test may have an individual assessment ride.

Runs last usually around two hours, often with a mid-point refreshment stop.

Depending on numbers / balance etc., it is customary for different groupings to embark on a run style of their choice as they feel fit. The main purpose is to have the opportunity to ride with fellow like-minded bikers.

The starting points are as shown below:

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 organiser 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.

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd	Monthly evening meeting CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS
Monday 2nd	Group Annual General Meeting As no indoor meeting can realistically be held due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions currently in place, it would seem the only option we are left with is a virtual meeting. Chairman Mick Smith will communicate regarding this option or otherwise in due course.
Sunday 8th	Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
Wednesday 25th	Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers NOTE: This will be a ZOOM meeting. More details nearer the date

For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

DECEMBER

Monday 7th

Monthly evening meeting

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS

Sunday 13th

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

Monday 14th

Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date

PLEASE NOTE there is no Observers meeting this month

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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 1st

Monthly evening meeting

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Sunday 7th

Group Observed Run - Hartsholme Country Park café area
Meet 11.30 for prompt departure at 12.00

Monday 8th

Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date
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)

MARCH

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 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Wednesday 31st

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

APRIL

Monday 5th

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

Sunday 11th

Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Monday 12th

Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date

Wednesday 28th

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

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 several colours available, contact Shayne Joyner shadirysa@yahoo.co.uk or 07375 471207

Name						
ITEM	DESIGN	SIZE	QTY	Name to be embroidered (leave blank if not)	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						

