



ChainLincs

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Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

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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

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Market Rasen

Next Issue

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in
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Please provide any copy to the Editor, by
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[Stuart Harrison](#)



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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



A sad month, as you are all aware we lost a valued member of the group early in the month. Keith Smith died following a RTA near Lissington on 6 Oct. Keith was one of the good guys and was adding great value to the group training to be an Observer. He had loads of biking experience, which he willingly shared, a great sense of humour and was always smiling. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with the family. RIP Keith.

Below my Chatter is a tribute from the family I borrowed from the Lincolnshire Police FB page.

As you will have seen from the Editorial above, fully in charge of editing ChainLincs this month is Mr Stuart Harrison, thanks for taking this on Stuart, it is greatly appreciated. I believe he

has appointed a deputy, namely Michelle Harrison, who I am sure will keep him straight. Thanks to you as well Michelle. You both know where we are if you need us.

Three test passes since the last edition so congratulations to Keith Dunkinson, John Charman and Julie Mendes. Well done all and a big shout out to your Observers Mark Gill, Bruce Whetton and Alan Pugh, what a great job they do.

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 are now evening meetings normally on the last Wednesday of the month. If you fancy being an Observer and want more details please give our Chief Observer, Jerry Neale, a ring on 07412 935333. He will be happy to talk to you.

Six new members to welcome since my Chatter last month – Paul Masters from Hagworthingham, Vaughan and Sherryn Ravenscroft from Yarburgh, Stephen Woolsey from Alford, Christopher Emerson from Crowle and Brian Sherriff from Cleethorpes. Welcome to you all and hope to meet you soon.

Plenty of chances for a ride out with other group members in October and I want to thank all those that led a ride either from a Group social or Observed ride and those that laid on a mid-week ride out, many thanks to you all.



We had a great turnout at Willingham Woods on 10 Oct, there were twenty something members attending so we Split into four groups and went off our different routes around Lincolnshire. Thanks to [Geoff Everard](#), [Will Field](#), [David Hall](#) and [Ken Mulholland](#) for each leading a group and finding suitable coffee stops.

Next ride was on 23 Oct to Markham Grange Steam Museum which was ably organised by Dave Hall although from the comments on FaceBook looks like it may have been a little wet at times. Many thanks to Dave once again.



Final rides this month were on 25 Oct from the WAVE and Barton. Looking at FaceBook there were six at the WAVE and Will Field led a ride through Lincolnshire, Leicestershire & Rutland over a variety of roads. Looks like the cake and weather was good. Thanks to Will for the lead. Only Stuart and Michelle Harrison were at Barton who took themselves on a wet and muddy ride to Seaways Café.

Please remember that all rides are advertised in the Diary of Events and generally backed up with an email from me on a regular basis not to mention some being advertised on FaceBook. There has been a popular demand for the WAVE rides but I noticed only one rider at Barton in Sep and two in October– is this the best place or would another meeting point be better? Suggestions on a 'postcard' to lincs.am.chair@btinternet.com

The next Group observed ride is from the WAVE on 7 Nov, meet 0930hrs for prompt departure at 1030hrs. If anybody is willing to lead a ride then please step forward before then or on the morning.

After that there will be social ride on 21 Nov meeting 0930hrs for prompt departure at 1000hrs from Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) and LN5 9FF Lidl car park, Ferriby Road, Barton-Upon-Humber DN18 5LQ.

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.

Please remember the new bank account details so if paying subs through internet banking this is the account to do it to (30-96-26, 67439968, Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists). From now on this is our preferred method to pay subs as it saves John a journey to a bank to pay cash in although cheques can be paid in through the banking app.

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). FaceBook is a great way to publicise events quickly and easily and also see what has been happening in the Group.

Don't forget the AGM on Monday 1 Nov, Zoom invite went out over the weekend.

Stay safe

Mick

KEITH SMITH



Family tribute for Keith Smith.

Keith very sadly died following a collision on 6 October 2021 at Lissington.

Keith left home on his trusted motorbike, to make the most of the good weather and have a cup of tea at Willingham Woods. Unfortunately, he never made it home and this is the worst tragedy ever for our family to lose him in such unbelievable circumstances; we are all so devastated.

Keith was a much loved husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, granddad, uncle and friend. He was well respected and loved in many different communities, including Karate (for over 40 years), trials bike riding, the Lincoln branch of the Triumph owners club and the Institute of Advanced Motorcycle training (IAM). He was first and foremost a family man, he was an engineer, intelligent, intellectual, he was a deep thinker and would be calculated and calm in everything he did.

He had a passion for motorbikes almost his entire life, from the age of 12-years-old. He covered hundreds of thousands of miles over the years on his motorbike, mostly with his wife of almost 50 years, as a pillion. He'd also covered tens of thousands of miles on his bicycle. He enjoyed keeping his mind and body fit and healthy.

We'll remember him with such love and affection. He was always there for family and friends, no matter what the situation was. Keith was our rock, the man who was always dependable, reliable and on time. He was always busy with a project and always on the go. He was successful in whatever he turned his hand to, be it family life, work or hobbies.

Keith was our hero, such a quiet, loving, unassuming man and we'll miss him forever.

If you would like to share a photograph or a story about Keith, please add them to this memorial page for everyone to enjoy.

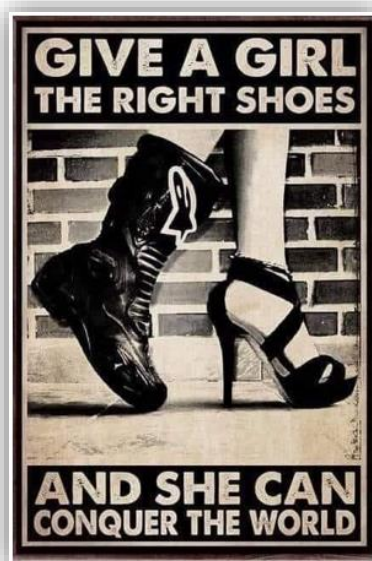
Keith Smith's online memorial - <http://ow.ly/gbXH50Gte43>

Well here we go – the November edition of Chain Lincs is off and running. Filling Dave's "Editorial Boots" will be a challenge I hope to rise to – and to do that I'll be encouraging members to get involved. More on that later.

I've co-opted Michelle as my deputy editor and no doubt she'll keep me in line and stop me from rambling on (and on....).



I've been riding ever since my Dad bought me my first "rough bike" for £15 in 1972 – an old 50cc Suzuki something which I had only been riding for an hour on the local fields before I was home with blood streaming down my face. Oh how my Mum chuckled as she scrubbed gravel out of the open wounds with a toothbrush and Dettol. (As a miners wife she knew how prevent scars forming from gravel rash!) I was hooked – motorcycling has been in my blood ever since. As an Army Motorcycle (and HGV1) instructor, I started my IAM membership 40 years in 1981 and apart from "rear obs" have never looked back since. For the majority of my riding life I've been a BMW guy – RT's and GS's in the main – although a dalliance with a "K" interrupted my boxer addiction for a while.



For the last 21 years Michelle has been my "wing woman". As a pillion rider she is brilliant – she was happy to get involved in riding as an "active" passenger – understanding how she can assist in cornering and negotiating the hair-pins of Stelvio and the like – especially useful when you're on fully loaded RT with two weeks' worth of gear on board.

It wasn't long before she was on her own bike(s) – and now rides her BMW F800R with enthusiasm. She also passed her IAM Roadsmart Advanced Rider course a few months ago – nice job !

The pandemic has postponed our European Tour plans – however Croatia is calling and we have begun our plans for 2022 – but more on that later.

So – that's us.
Stuart and Michelle
Your ChainLincs Editor and Deputy

Membership Update

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We have six new members to welcome since the September newsletter.

Member	Observer
969 Paul Masters from Hagworthingham	Full Member
970 Kevin Pearson from Messingham	Malcolm Heaton
971 Vaughan Ravenscroft from Yarburgh	Kev Hewson
972 Sherryn Ravenscroft from Yarburgh	Alison Millington
973 John Derby from Gringley-on-the-Hill	Ian Morrison
974 Steven Gilbert from Heighington	Phil Niner

There are five test passes to report since my September update. That makes fourteen so far this year (from 10 May). Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Nick Bunn	10 September	Phil Niner
Anthony Limm	17 September	Morris Howe
Ashley Evans	18 September	Allan Knight
Ian Smalley	19 September	Simon Battram
Jordan Bathie-Drexler	25 September	Jerry Neale
Josh Blackley	28 September	Stuart Harrison

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	126
Fellows	12
Associate Total	33
Associate Members "On Hold" – ten	
Total Group Membership	171

Note that membership subs are due on 1 October for membership numbers from 922 to 940 inclusive.

The preferred method of payment is now by Bank Transfer, Standing Order etc. using the following details:

Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists - Sort Code 30 96 26 - Acc. No. 67439968

Members will receive an email regarding membership renewal.

John Cheetham

This month's sad news of the loss of life of Keith Smith in a tragic riding accident has been a big blow for many members of LAM and the Observer team. Keith gave up a lot of his time for LAM, he was always at the Sunday morning Observed rides, always supported the social rides where ever they ended up and was also a loyal, conscientious member of the Observer team. Keith will be sincerely missed by LAM members and all in the Observer team.

Some of the LAM Observer team have been out working with members of Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes service this month. The LAM Observers have been conducting 3 year riding assessments for the LEBBS riders, thank you to all that have given their time and also thanks go to South Lincs Advanced Motorcyclists who have also assisted with some riders in the south of the county. This is currently an on going program and we are honoured to be supporting LEBBS.

It would be great to see a few more associates joining the Sunday morning Group Observed ride. The morning ride usually lasts a couple of hours and usually has a half time refreshment break. It is open to full members and associate members. The prime purpose is to provide the opportunity to hone and improve skills through riding with fellow members.

What can I expect if I go? Ive not joined the Sunday morning Observed ride before, is it for me? Will I be out of my comfort zone? These are commonly asked questions. You can expect to meet many like minded riders there who have got many years of Advanced riding (and cake eating) and are always happy to assist others with training to be safer smoother riders and achieve the best results with the Advanced test.

It is open to all associate members, whatever level of your course that you are at. We only ride in



small groups of up to six riders, heading off to different local destinations. There is a pre-ride brief by the ride leader and Observer if available. If you haven't ridden with a small group before, the ride leader will explain everything that you need to know before the ride. Safety is paramount and your group will not leave any rider behind, the rider in front of you will be keeping an eye on you and adjusting their riding to ride at your pace. This is a really great opportunity to put the work that you have done with your Observer into action, also you will have an advantage of following another Advanced rider, a lot can be gained from these rides, also you get to meet other associates and see how they are getting on with their course. It is free to all, it's your group, come and enjoy the ride.

We have two more Observed rides before the end of the year, 7th November from the WAVE cafe and 12th December from Brigg (see full details in the events diary) All associates that attend either of these rides will have their name put into a hat to have a chance to win on the day ONE of LAM's super new Beanie Hats, Oooooo nice just in time for winter I hear you say.....See you there!

Ride Safe

Jerry.

This month Observer John Harrison talks about white paint and surface grip.

Rambling On Grey bits

Some more little bits of wisdom that I share with my associates. Again not things that get to hit the headlines in advanced riding as they did a good few years ago.

What happens when white paint and black rubber meet each other on the road?

Answer, white paint and black rubber do not mix well especially in the wet and this becomes a bit of a grey area.

Today white markings on the road are not as heavily laid down and have a much better skid resistance than they did years ago. As with most of my little stories go back 30 years, a lad got off his bike and was limping rather badly and I ask “what have you been up to then” it turned out that the chap going to turn right, oncoming traffic, so had to come to a halt unfortunately on the white painted area of a zebra crossing, damp day, a bit of the slimy stuff on the surface, sets off, back wheel slips and then steps out on to the tarmac, tyre then grips, then on to the white paint again, slides even more, result one heavily bruised hip, a new brake lever and indicator. But with modern rubber still some tyres do react to white lines and road markings and if push comes to shove, having to brake, steer or set off on wet white markings may induce the tyre to skid, so it's better to avoid the paint, even when dry.



Another thing that meets a similar criteria are manhole covers, the modern ones are now made of ductile iron that has a better flow quality when molten than the older cast iron, which allows better surface castings to be made, plus they have fewer stress points in them, so they are less likely to become polished or cracked. The only thing is that all the old cast iron ones have not all been replaced, also gone are most of the glass topped manhole covers which when damp where like riding over a patch of ice. Even with the better quality cast tops they are not as good a surface as the

tarmac, but they are still mainly all 2 feet wide, this means that you only have to modify your course by about 12 inches to stay on the black stuff and in the wet they are not the best surface to corner or brake on, as well as the fact they may be uneven or have sunk, so it's far better to avoid them all together.

When I started with advanced riding white lines and manhole covers where a no go area and one had to keep to the black stuff and only to run on the white paint when necessary, such as stop line markings and overtaking in double white line systems when the broken white line was in your favour. On the open road you used the spaces between the lines and on the SLOW markings, over the bottom and top of the O or over the foot and up beside the leg of the L, unless there was enough room to pass to the side of them. Even though on the boxer, I seem to remember that I was quite good at keeping it on the black stuff, as the bonnie had a TT 100 on the front and was a bit twitchy at the best of times.



One more thing worth a mention are cat eyes, many years ago on the A 46, a lad was completing an overtake, and was fatally injured when he came off the road. At the inquest the driver of the car stated that he was not speeding and as he returned to his side of the road he lost control of his bike. The investigation of the incident revealed that the front wheel had run over a cat's eye causing the rider to lose control of the motorcycle.

John H.

Diary of Events when Covid-19 Permits

Social distancing. Avoid shaking hands. Follow NHS hygiene advice. Hands. Face. Space. Motorcycles.

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 the A18

Willingham Woods Picnic Site, LN8 3RQ

East of Market Rasen A631

Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF

East side of the A15

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 1st Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00
Commencing with the group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19
AGM TO BE ARRANGED VIA ZOOM

Sunday 7th Group Observed Run – Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

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

DECEMBER

Monday 6th Monthly evening meeting, Nags Head, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU (A631) at 20.00
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Sunday 12th	Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg Meet 11.30 for prompt departure at 12.00
Monday 13th	Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date PLEASE NOTE there is no Observers meeting this month
Sunday 26 th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 10.30 for prompt departure at 11.00 Homestead Pub, Bracebridge Heath and Lidl car park, Ferriby Road, Barton-Upon-Humber DN18 5LQ – Come on, let's get out on Boxing Day! 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

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 Prompt start at 19.45
Wednesday 23rd	Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)
Sunday 27th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00 Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF Lidl car park, Ferriby Road, Barton-Upon-Humber DN18 5LQ

MARCH

Sunday 13th	Group Observed Run – Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
Sunday 27th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00 Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF Lidl car park, Ferriby Road, Barton-Upon-Humber DN18 5LQ
Wednesday 30th	Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

APRIL

Sunday 10th	Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
Monday 12th	Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date
Sunday 24th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00 Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF Lidl car park, Ferriby Road, Barton-Upon-Humber DN18 5LQ
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Group Clothing

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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 Philip Gilbert pmgilbert7@yahoo.com or 07704 168227

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	£
Caps	Group Badge				£5.00	£
Beanies	Group Badge				£5.00	£
Colour required:					TO PAY	£
PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER						

