

# ChainLincs



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

**Still Not Happening**

### Next Issue

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in April 2022

Please provide any copy to the Editor, by 26th March 2022

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Cover photo: Michelle’s F800R and Stuart’s R1250RT – The Skye’s the limit

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



That month went quick so here we are again with another edition of ChainLincs. The days are definitely getting longer now, thank goodness! All we need now is some warmer weather although it hasn't stopped me getting out on the bike when I had the time, just finding the time to wash it after was a bit more difficult!

The weather didn't stop 3 members meeting up at Willingham Woods on 13 Feb in the rain for the first group observed ride of the year. Will even did a check ride for a member prior to him taking his Fellows reassessment later in the month. Thanks to Dave Hall for leading their ride, hope your new gear kept the water out, nice to see you all there before you set off. Don't forget these monthly Observed rides are there to provide the opportunity to hone /improve skills through riding with fellow members and observers. Potential members considering taking the IAM test may have an individual assessment ride.

Dave also led a short notice ride out on 10 Feb, five members had a Wednesday ride to Squires café near Sherburn in Elmet. Thanks again Dave.

By the time you read this there will have been the February monthly rides from the WAVE and Barney's Café. Hope you get a good turnout, once again I am doing family stuff so can't make it. I wish my family would plan better!



The next Group observed ride is from The WAVE on 13 Mar. Meet 0930hrs for prompt departure at 1000hrs. If anybody is willing to lead a ride then please step forward before then or on the morning.

The next regular social ride is on 27 Mar meeting at two locations, the WAVE (LN5 9FF) and Barney's Diner (DN38 6LB) both for departure at 1000hrs.

Hope to see you at one of the rides.

Two new members since my Chatter in December's ChainLincs – they are John Bateman and Paul Bentham both from Lincoln although Paul has just moved to the area from Northhants. Hope you're finding your way around the great riding roads we have in Lincolnshire Paul. Welcome to you both and hope to meet you soon.

One test pass since I wrote last month and that was Phil Davis. Congratulations and well done to you and your Observer, James Taylor. Another test coming up on 27 Feb, good luck.



It's nice to see that some observers, trainee observers and associates are braving the wonderful weather we have been having, daylight hours are at a premium this time of year so thanks to those giving up their daylight hours to do some training.

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.

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](http://www.iamroadsmart.com/fellow).

IAM RoadSmart are increasing their prices from 1 Apr 22 and the whole range of new prices can be found [here](#). If you are reading a paper copy the prices rises are on the website [www.l-a-m.co.uk](http://www.l-a-m.co.uk) under 'News'. If you have mates that are thinking of joining get in before 1 April and save them £26!

IAM RoadSmart have started providing online Zoom training to Groups and I have recently 'attended' Managing Complaints. Useful should we get complaints with info on how to log and handle them before escalating too far. Some groups apparently get 4 or 5 a year so I guess that means we are doing something right as we have only had a couple in recent years.

Jerry also attended a Chief Observers Zoom session and I am sure he will mention that in his part elsewhere in this edition of ChainLincs.

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.

Stay safe

*Mick*

## Observer & Associate

February saw the first Zoom Observer meeting of this year for those that were free to attend. A busy agenda was worked through during the evening, thanks to all that could make it.

This month the Observer team would like to congratulate Steve Goodwin with his achievement of gaining the IMI Local Observer qualification. Also the team would like to welcome Graham Swanston to the team, Graham will be working towards the IMI Local Observer qualification.

Part of being an Advanced Rider is having developed good slow-speed riding skills, regular practice is essential to become proficient with this skill. Why do we need to be able to manoeuvre well?

Low-speed manoeuvring accounts for about a third for all damage to motorcycles, by doing this correctly we reduce our risk of incident.

### *Developing your competence at slow-speed riding*

The slow speed riding technique is a specific set of skills that takes a lot of practice. You need to be able to ride at slow speeds with confidence, especially in urban areas, in order to:

- travel slowly with prevailing traffic
- filter-move between lanes of stationary traffic
- make tight turns in narrow streets
- make U turns
- manoeuvre in confined spaces, such as garages and other parking areas.

### *Observation*

Good observation is vital for safety. It's important to take time to obtain information to give yourself an overall view of what you want to achieve, especially in tight or awkward situations.

- Check for adverse camber or slopes as these can make some parts of the manoeuvre easier or harder to control. Look for level areas, if possible, when you plan to make a manoeuvre at slow speed.
- Look out for poor road surfaces and irregularities on the surface that could cause you to lose grip or knock you off course.

### *Look where you want to go*

- Always look where you want to go. At very low speeds, the importance of doing this is often underestimated. This is a simple, practical technique that makes a huge difference.
- For the same reason, don't look at the object you want to avoid. For example, look **through** a gap rather than at the edges of it. Look at where you want to be at the end of a tight turn, not at the pothole half way through.
- When your motorcycle needs to be turned in a very tight (full-lock) turn, look as far over your shoulder as you can in the direction you want to turn as this will help you make the turn.

### *Machine control*

Riding at very low speeds through curves requires specific machine control skills:

- using the brakes with a bias towards the rear brake (if your bike is fitted with linked brakes, linked rear to front, be aware that using the rear brake may also apply the front. If your motorcycle has independent brakes, only apply the front brake as well as the rear with caution.)
- using the clutch at times – referred to as slipping or feathering the clutch
- in some circumstances, riding with the rear brake steadying the motorcycle

- staying relaxed: tensing up reduces your ability to steer or lean.

### *Manoeuvres to practice*

Proper practice is essential to become familiar with your motorcycle. Always practice in a safe and controlled environment. A simple exercise is to ride repeatedly in a circle moving inward as your confidence builds. Try it travelling both to the left and right and notice the difference in turning circle depending on where you look. Also try riding in a figure of eight manoeuvre, decreasing the radius of the turn progressively as your ability and confidence develop until you have achieved a ‘full-lock’ turn.

Use cones to practice, or just throw some old gloves on the floor. Set them up in a wide pattern to start with and decrease the distance and grouping according to your confidence and ability.

A short slalom course is a good way to practice slow control and will help you understand the benefits of good body position. *Remember, we are looking for accuracy not speed!*

At the WAVE cafe, LAM have a supply of suitable training cones available for any member to use when the car park is quiet, just ask the cafe staff to borrow them. We also have a set based with one of our Observers based in the north of the county, again just ask if you would like to borrow them.

On your next ride out, find yourself a quiet car park and get honing your skills!

### *Stay Safe – Jerry*

Ed: Speaking of “looking where you want to go” – when the twisties are demanding your full attention it’s also the pillion that can get involved. Check the heads on these two.....



## Members Tit Bits

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Hey – Members – don't be shy – share your tips with the group. Anything from hotel recommendations to coffee stops. Perhaps you could tell fellow members where NOT go! Michelle loves to tell people about the hotel where her MT07 was stolen!, or her opinion of HardKnott pass!

Tips on kit – good deals for servicing or tyres – great roads – challenging routes. Come on – you know you want to.

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### RoadSmart Mag goes Enviro-friendly

Did you know you can read RoadSmart online and, if you wish, opt out of receiving a paper copy?

To read the magazine online, log into [www.iamroadsmart.com](http://www.iamroadsmart.com) go to 'Dashboard' and you'll find 'RoadSmart magazine' under My benefits. If you wish to opt out of receiving the paper magazine, go to 'Dashboard' and under 'My membership' select 'Mypreferences', where you can tick to unsubscribe.

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Michelles top touring tip. Don't just *chuck it* – “*Ride ‘n’ Chuck It!*”



Well – the sun's up and our “touring itch” is waiting to be scratched. Michelle and I have done a few trips across the water – including Croatia and all stops in between. Previous trips have been “two-up” and so the weight of a fully laden RT can sometimes provide an interesting challenges – especially at low speeds. Thankfully we've always been “rubber down”. With Michelle aiming to take her own bike this year – the RT might be a tad lighter – however, advanced planning and preparation can make a huge difference to stuff you take. For years now we've employed the “ride ‘n’ chuck” method.

The WHAT !!

Easy – if you have gear which might have one more wear in them – anything from T Shirts and Sox (etc) – you use these for that one last day, and then guess what – chuck it. We've

spread our mucky sweaty T Shirts all over Europe in hotel bins from Belgium to Croatia, and the bonus is that bike gets lighter!

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# Membership Update

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Just the one new member to welcome since the last update:

Member	Observer
984 John Bateman from Lincoln	Jerry Neale

There is one test pass to report, the first of 2022. Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Phil Davis	30 January	James Taylor

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	137
Fellows	11
Associate Members	22
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>170</b>

The following is repeated from previously as a reminder of current arrangements for the next several months.

Please note that as there are still problems regarding indoor meetings coupled with the fact of our relatively small meeting venue it has been deemed sensible to remove the monthly indoor meeting from the Diary of Events.

From May until September inclusive an evening run will be listed to replace the lost meeting. These will use various weekday evenings and will give an opportunity to meet up with fellow members.

As the runs are informal it is expected that those attending will make their own arrangements on the night regarding run leader, route etc.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

## 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 /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**

**Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF      East side of 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 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.**

### **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  
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

Wednesday 30th      Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers  
For information contact Jerry Neale (See contacts page)

### **APRIL**

Sunday 10th      Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg  
Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Monday 11th      Committee Meeting via Zoom - 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 Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Wednesday 27th	Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)
<b>MAY</b>	
Monday 2nd	Social ride leaving Caenby Corner truck stop at 18.15 Informal get together so make your own arrangements on the night, regarding route, run leader etc.
Sunday 8th	Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
Wednesday 25th	Regional Evening Run for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers Four separate runs to reflect Observer groupings. For information on starting locations contact Jerry Neale (See contacts page)
Sunday 29th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00 Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
<b>JUNE</b>	
Monday 6th	Social ride leaving Caenby Corner truck stop at 18.15 Informal get together so make your own arrangements on the night, regarding route, run leader etc.
Sunday 12th	Group Observed Run – Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30
Monday 13th	Committee Meeting via Zoom - details to follow nearer the date
Sunday 26th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00 Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Wednesday 29th	Regional Evening Run for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers Four separate runs to reflect Observer groupings. For information on starting locations contact Jerry Neale (See contacts page)
<b>JULY</b>	
Monday 4th	Social ride leaving Caenby Corner truck stop at 18.15 Informal get together so make your own arrangements on the night, regarding route, run leader etc.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30
Wednesday 27th	Regional Evening Run for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers

Four separate runs to reflect Observer groupings.  
For information on starting locations contact Jerry Neale (See contacts page)

Sunday 31st      Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00  
Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF  
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

## **AUGUST**

Monday 1st      Social ride leaving Caenby Corner truck stop at 18.15  
Informal get together so make your own arrangements on the night, regarding  
route, run leader etc.

Sunday 7th      Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk  
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 9.30

Monday 8th      Committee Meeting via Zoom - details to follow nearer the date

Sunday 28th      Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00  
Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FF  
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

Wednesday 31st      Regional Evening Run for Observers and those interested in becoming  
Observers  
Four separate runs to reflect Observer groupings.  
For information on starting locations contact Jerry Neale (See contacts page)



## 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 Philip Gilbert [pmgilbert7@yahoo.com](mailto: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	£
<b>PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER</b>						

