

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 October 2022

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Cover Photo

Has the Editor really lost the plot or has he given up the will to live while waiting for members to send in suggestions for content?

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



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Another reasonably busy month for the group. There were four tests conducted but unfortunately only two passes out of those and we had four new members join us. In amongst that we had the usual monthly observed ride, an evening social ride, the monthly Sunday social ride, a midweek ride, Roland's test ride for the Ride of Thanks and the Observers teams training meets. If you weren't part of any of this you missed out but hope to see you at a ride soon.

Every month I thanks Stuart and Michelle for putting together another great edition of ChainLincs and every

month I ask for anything you have that could be included. Thanks to those that have sent in items to them for inclusion, however they still need your help, it really does make their life easier.

I am going to start with the test passes again this month. Many congratulations to Eric Stockdale and one other who wishes to remain anonymous. A massive well done to you both and also to your brilliant Observers Malcolm Heaton and Steve Goodwin.

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.

The new members this month are Suzanne Bolton from Sleaford, David Hooper from Scartho Top, Paul Morris from Bracebridge Heath and Leigh Hodson from Lincoln. Welcome to you all and I Hope to meet you at a ride soon. Enjoy your advanced riding experience.

We have some committee changes this month. Simon Battram has stood down. Simon had been on the committee for a number of years so many thanks to him for the time he has given to the committee and the Group. He continues as a National Observer with the group so thanks to him for that, much appreciated. Joining the committee is John Bateman who only recently passed his advanced test. Thanks to John for stepping forward to support the group.



Rides in August started with an evening social on 1 Aug. Six of us met at Caenby Corner I led us across the Wolds and ended up in Rothwell for a well earned drink at The Blacksmith's Arms. Mission achieved as once again Phil Gilbert had no idea where he was!! Thanks for joining me guys.

The following day Will Field had organised a midweek ride to Flamborough Head. Only two others joined him but looks like they had a great day including fish and chips AND ice cream! Will had posted this ride on Facebook a few days before but I never got around to sending an email out to all the members not on Facebook, sorry guys. Many thanks to Will – I will do better next time.

The next ride was the Group Observed ride on 7 August from Willingham Woods. Eleven of us turned up and Alan Pugh guided two associates, two trainee observers and six full members across to Sandilands and back to Wickenby Airfield so two brew stops! A useful ride for the trainee observers who were positioned behind the associates. Thanks to Alan for the lead and hope that Geoff wasn't on his own for too long tucking into that huge burger at Wickenby!



The next ride was Roland's test ride on 10 August for the Ride of Thanks which is taking place on 4 Sep. Four members joined him on what must have been a warm day as they had ice cream! There is a trend developing here.

Then on 21 August there was the social rides taking place from the WAVE and Barneys Diner. Twenty members were at the WAVE, they split into three groups led by Geoff Everard (he had finished his burger), Bruce Pettit and just to prove he could find his way around, Phil Gilbert. It looks like they scattered in different directions across Lincolnshire and even across county borders. Shame I couldn't be there.



Due to efforts of Simon Battram there were 13 members at Barney's Diner. The following was from Stuart Harrison's FB post 'In one group 13 bikes - a tad adventurous to say the least. We all got to Seaways (eventually) - good chat and a brew all round. Three bikes split off from there and the rest headed south again via the tour of Prisons - lead by [Michelle Harrison](#) with Mr H at the rear to collect stragglers.

Over 100 miles in lovely sunshine and dry roads. Varied roads and a great view coming down Garrowby Hill.'

Thank's to Stuart and Michelle for the leads and Simon for getting this many members at Barney's.

If having read this you think you missed out then there are more rides in September. Come on, you know you want to.

The next monthly evening ride is on 5 September. The last evening social ride of the year meeting at Caenby Corner for departure at 1815hrs. No chippy run planned this month but if you can think of somewhere we can stop for a drink and a chat please feel free to lead us on a magical mystery tour.

The next Group observed ride is the WAVE (LN5 9FG) on 11 September. Meet at **0900hrs** for prompt departure at **0930hrs**. If anybody is willing to lead a ride then please step forward before then or on the morning. It would be nice to see some associates there to take advantage of riding with a group or even going off on a one to one with a different observer than they normally have.

The next regular social ride is on 25 September meeting at two locations, the WAVE (LN5 9FG) and Barney's Diner (DN38 6LB) both for **departure** at 1000hrs.

We now have 180 members so it would be great to see more of you at some of these rides, us regulars don't bite and we are a friendly bunch that it seems like to drink tea and coffee, eat cake and ice cream so come along if you haven't been before, you might enjoy it.

Don't forget the Ride of Thanks on 5 Sep. Organised by Roland Johns he is going for a record number of riders this year. Only £10 entry fee and a great day out. We will have the gazebo there this year to see if we can convince a few to join up. You can get tickets at [Lincs & Notts Ride of Thanks Tickets, Sun 4 Sep 2022 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#) .



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). We now have 135 members signed up to the Facebook page and it is a great way to publicise events quickly and easily and also see what has been happening in the Group.

Stay safe

Mick

Observer and Associate

The July on bike training evening for Observers brought all the small teams together at the Naggs Head, Middle Rasen. On the way to the venue each team had a chance to work at different aspects of the skills required by an Observer, we had over twenty Observers attending, thanks to all that could make it and especially the small team leaders for getting us there on time with good planning. August will be the last Observer on bike training evening for 22, as we move forward into autumn and winter season we will be back at our office location kindly gifted to us for the evening meetings by Emprocom, Health and Safety Consultants at Bridge House, Scothern Ln, Langworth, LN3 5BH

This will be for the months of Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb March and April.

Recently it has been very encouraging to see more Associate members at the The Sunday morning Observed ride, it is open to all associates as well as full members. As an associate there is a lot that can be gained from attending. If you've not attended one already here's some of the great things that your missing out on; meeting other members of your group who have a wealth of riding knowledge that they are more than happy to share to assist you towards passing the Advanced test. Extra riding practice with full members and other Observers, this is where you can really pick up so much more to enhance your riding. Depending if there is enough Observers available on the day it might be possible to have a one to one with a different Observer. The theory and practice of riding as a small group. The ride out is usually only two to three hours with a half time refreshment break (here you will often see many a cake addict in action!) Keep an eye out for e-mails from Chairman Mick Smith about dates and venues, plus details are usually on the group Facebook page Sunday morning Observed ride.

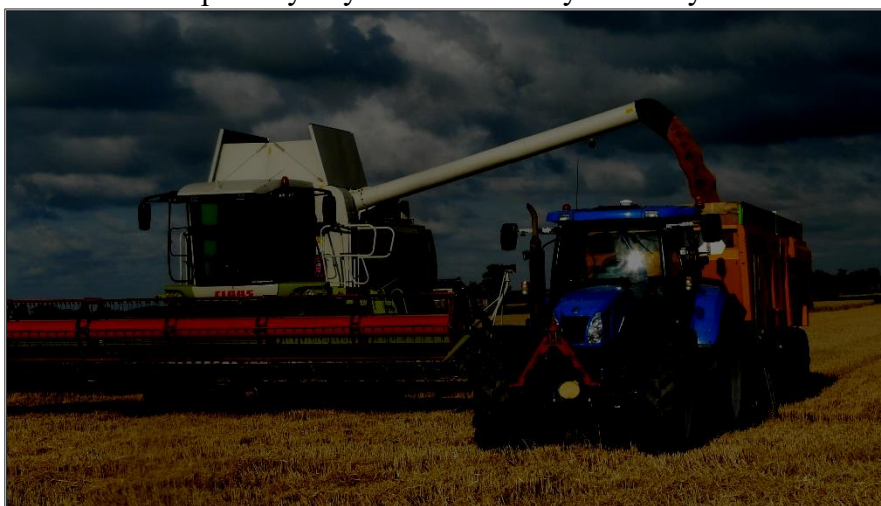
Harvest time

Although the harvest has started early this year due to the drought, we still need to be vigilant. This month's tip is a good reminder to all about Harvest time and sharing the roads.

And just like that, summer is drawing to an end and harvest season is upon us. During the most important time in the farming calendar, crops are being gathered in from the fields using various techniques and machinery. We should expect to see large farming vehicles heading down roads around the UK over the next few weeks. Rebecca Ashton, Head of Policy and Research for IAM RoadSmart has some timely reminders and tips to make things a little easier for drivers, riders and farmers during harvest season.

- Drivers and riders in rural areas should always remain alert and patient, particularly at this time of year where there is more of a chance of encountering a large slow-moving farm vehicle on rural roads. Although many can travel faster than they used to, this can still seem slow especially if you are in a hurry so always allow a little extra time for your journey if you're travelling on rural roads.
- Farm vehicles such as tractors and combine harvesters are large and complex machines to operate, so the driver will appreciate your patience and understanding. A fully loaded tractor and trailer might make it more difficult for the driver to see – remember all vehicles do not have the same view or manoeuvring capabilities as you.

- Be vigilant when driving near farmland, a look over into the field will give you a clue as to whether a vehicle is



going to exit in front of you, you might also find mud on the road in these areas will affect your braking and grip.

- Large farm vehicles will require additional road space, so keep a mental note of the last passing space or wide area in case you need to reverse.

- Always be prepared to slow down, safely pull over to the side of the road or stop. This will aid the driver in the farm vehicle if they are having to manoeuvre with limited space.

- If a farm vehicle is slowing down and looks as if it is pulling over to the off-side of the road – consider they could be turning left but need that extra space to make the turn safely. The driver might be using hand signals or looking back over their shoulder to assess the situation before turning.

- Try not to get irritable if you get stuck behind a farm vehicle, this is their busiest time of year. Most drivers will pull over and let you past when they can, remember a thank you is always appreciated. Rebecca said: “It’s important now more than ever, that we are considerate of others and our surroundings and our communities. Extra care and patience with any situation can go a long way.”



This month Observer Alan Pugh talks about ‘Why I became an Observer’

It's 54 years since I first became associated with motorcycles. I started working around motorcycles in a motorbike showroom in Slough called Sid Moram's on Wexham Rd. My job was to clean the bikes in the showrooms and a few years later I was taking the new bikes out of the crates and getting them ready for sale. These were mainly Honda 125cc, 250cc and Yamaha. You could say I had a teensy weensy part to play in the downfall of the British Motorcycle Empire. This was during school holidays and weekends. I started at the ripe old age of 14.

I then took a hiatus from motorbikes until 1999 when my wonderful wife Von got me back into it.

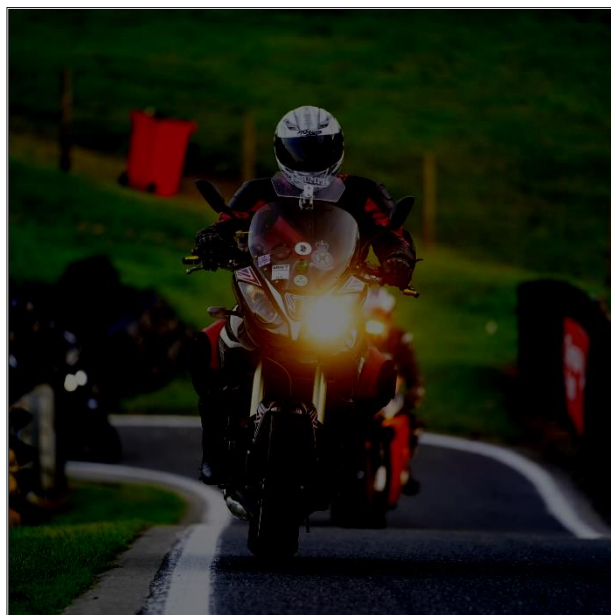
I've had quite a lot of bikes over the years, covered lots of miles in Europe and the UK. We also trained and qualified as ACU technical scrutineers, apparently Von liked checking Shakey Burns' leathers best!! Technical scrutineering took us all over the UK getting us involved with mainly BSB, WSB and 2 MotoGP's.

Bringing us up to date, after commuting many years on my old speed triple and sv1000 to Nottingham on the old A46 I joined the ranks of white van man and only rode at weekends.

This brings us to my retirement from paid employment. What am I going to do with all this spare time says I, LOL!! I decided to follow my dream of becoming a blood biker and to do this I obviously needed to go down the advanced route. All credit to Phil N who had to change my riding style from my commuting days to Nottingham and my days of going to and from race meetings.

It took a while, (I admire Phil's patience) but my riding style was transformed completely and I get so much pleasure out of my motorcycle jaunts now. I'm guessing the biggest changes are the way I tackle bends, position, observation and of course being a much safer rider. All this from doing the advanced rider course. After passing the advanced with a F1rst (did I mention I got a F1rst), I decided I needed to keep these skills sharp and develop even further. The way to do this was to become an observer. It's early days in my observer journey, but it is so satisfying for me to pass these skills across and to see the skill set of the associates improve dramatically.... and that is why I became an observer.

All the best Al Pugh.



Stay Safe

Jerry

Members Tit Bits

Fellow member Andrew Robinson - andrewprobinson@btinternet.com – is selling a couple of bikes. Summary and photo's below. Please contact Andrew for further details

BMW K1100LTSE

TRIUMPH 1200 TROPHY4

looking for £2000 each

if anyone is interested call 07853 116 060.



Membership Update

Membership Update etc.

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

Six new members to welcome since the last update:

Member	Observer
1013 Suzanne Bolton from Sleaford	Rick Fox
1014 Martin Atkin from Lincoln	Full Member
1015 David Hooper from Scartho Top	Mike Day
1016 Andy Steer from Donington On Bain	Full Member
1017 Paul Morris from Bracebridge Heath	Karen Bevan
1018 Leigh Hodson from Lincoln	Alan Pugh

There are two test passes to report, making fifteen so far in 2022.

Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Anon	6 August	Steve Goodwin
Eric Stockdale	6 August	Malcolm Heaton / Stuart Harrison

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	136
Fellows	11
Associate Members	34
Total Group Membership	181

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

Diary of Events

Diary of Events when Covid-19 Permits

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

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 9FG 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.

SEPTEMBER

Monday 5th	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 11th	Group Observed Run – Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FG Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30
Sunday 25th	Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00 Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FG Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

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

OCTOBER

Sunday 9th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook, Brigg
Meet 09.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Monday 10th Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date

Wednesday 26th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

Sunday 30th Group Social Runs – Meeting 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FG
Barney’s Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

NOVEMBER

Monday 7th Group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19.30 (via ZOOM)
Email to be sent with link / login details for those wishing to participate

Sunday 13th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.30 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 9FG
Barney’s Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

Wednesday 30th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale (details on page 2)

DECEMBER

Sunday 11th Group Observed Run – Waddington Airfield Viewing Area (WAVE) LN5 9FG
Meet 11.30 for prompt departure at 12.00

Monday 12th Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date

Monday 26th Group Social Runs – Meeting 10.30 for prompt departure at 11.00
The Homestead Pub, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, LN4 2RS
Barney’s Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
“Come on, let’s get out on Boxing Day!”

PLEASE NOTE there is no Observers meeting this month

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 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

