

# ChainLincs



The November 2022 edition of ChainLincs for

## **Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists**

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

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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 December 2022

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

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## Cover Photo

One of our members on the way to this year's Ride to the Wall (RTTW).

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



### CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Apologies for the repeat of my Chatter last month. I was on holiday and didn't have time to do anything before Stuart went to print. A bit of a catch up this month. Since my last update for September's edition the Group has been busy and there have been 12 successful test passes including five F1rst. There have also been several rides including a couple of midweekers and the Observers have been really busy observing, mentoring trainee observers and also attending regular observer meetings.

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 all those test passes over the last couple of months. In chronological order they were Rhys Lakay, Rob Radford (F1rst), Steve Ackland (F1rst), Ian Coleman, Clive Brealey, Stephen Johnson, Jason Hunt, Jarrod Tomblin, David Hooper (F1rst), Michael Cowton, Paul Reeve (F1rst) and Phil Hatherley (F1rst). Many congratulations to you all as well as your excellent observers Morris Howe, Alan Pugh, Andy Kitchen, Rick Fox, Bruce Whetton, Will Field, Mike Day, Jerry Neale 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.

Only two new members since my last Chatter so welcome to Gordon Scott from Bracebridge Heath and Adam Jacobs from Wilsford. Hope to meet you at a ride soon. Enjoy your advanced riding experience.

During September and October there have been rides from 7 different locations. There were our usual group observed rides from the WAVE and Brigg, group social rides from the WAVE and Barney's Diner, a final (for this year) evening ride from Caenby Corner and 2 midweek rides, one to Derbyshire and another around the Lincoln area (well a 30 mile radius of it). I want to thank all those that attended the rides, those that took the lead at the group organised rides and Will Field and Dave Hall for organising the midweek rides. If you didn't attend one of these rides you are missing out so come along and join in. Just the final ride this month to come on 30 Oct from the WAVE and Barney's Diner.



The next Group observed ride is from Willingham Woods 13 November. Meet at **0930hrs** for prompt departure at **1000hrs**. 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 27 November meeting at two locations, the WAVE (LN5 9FG) and Barney's Diner (DN38 6LB) both for **departure** at 1000hrs so get there early for a brew and bacon butty.

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.

You will all have had an email from me with details of the Annual General Meeting of the Group to be held on 7 Nov on Zoom. Hope to see you there.



Phil Gilbert has recently arranged with our clothing supplier to have the IAM RoadSmart logo on our clothing rather than the green IAM logo. We will still have our Lincolnshire flag logo but if you want any new t-shirts, polo shirts, fleeces, sweatshirts, hats etc give Phil a shout, his details are on the clothing page or the committee page. Thanks to Phil for arranging this update.

The first Barry Heath for two years took place on 26 October and I have included a short report elsewhere in this edition.

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).

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

Well we are well into the autumn season now, and I'm pleased to see that the change of weather hasn't put many Associates off from continuing with their Advanced test preparation runs and the number a recent test passes. The change of conditions is something that we should consider as part of our Human factors, the wider world, we should ask, What could affect our ride today? Are the roads damp or greasy? Are there more wet leaves now than when you last went out? Quickly dropping temperatures? As an Advanced rider our mind set should be considering these questions before we have left home.

It has been very encouraging recently to see so many Full and Associate members out on the Sunday morning group rides. Its a great way to keep your Advanced riding skills up, and for Associate members it's a great way to meet other members of the group and get some extra practice between your Observed rides, well done to all that have made it happen.

Recently I was following a rider as they came to a stop about one foot behind some stationary queuing traffic. This put the rider at risk if the vehicle ahead selected reverse by mistake, I have seen this happen before, and unfortunately the vehicle ahead was a tractor and plough combination! We should always be careful how and where we position our machine. This is especially true when stopping behind stationary vehicles in a queue. Always position yourself so that you can easily manoeuvre past the vehicle in front if it stalls or fails to move away. In addition this enables you to move out of the way if the vehicle behind is having difficulty stopping in time.

Imagine a triangle on the ground with the base along the rear bumper of the vehicle in front and the point towards you (see picture) Aim to avoid entering the triangle. In that way you will never become 'trapped'





Part of our ‘how can the wider world effect my ride’ during the winter we should consider using treated roads during a cold snap. Lincolnshire county council covers most of the county, and Highways England are responsible for Motorways and trunk routes. As motorcyclists we moan a lot about the effect of salt on our machines, but riding a motorcycle on an untreated road after a hard frost or black ice is a very daunting thought indeed!

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## View Lincolnshire gritting routes

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We grit priority roads when road temperatures drop to around 0.5°C. This includes:

- ⑩ all A and B roads
- ⑩ at least one road from each of the county’s main villages to a major traffic route
- ⑩ at least one road within 500m of all train and bus stations, hospitals and schools
- ⑩ additional roads depending on various risk factors, such as historic accident data

[View gritting routes](#)

During prolonged snowfall, we fit ploughs to our gritters. We may also call upon farmers and contractors to assist with snow clearing.

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## When we grit

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From October to April, we work with the Met Office to monitor weather conditions around the clock. Our 43 gritting crews are on-call 24/7.

We grit based on weather forecasts, road surface temperature and dampness, air temperature and humidity.

When we grit, we try to do so either before the ice has set or once the snow has settled. Be aware that high-purity white salt is not always visible on the road.

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## Why roads might still be icy

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This can be because:

- ⑩ it takes time for the salt to take effect
- ⑩ high winds or sudden rain can take the salt off the road
- ⑩ if the road surface temperature drops below -7°C gritting is less effective
- ⑩ if the road surface temperature drops below -15°C, gritting doesn’t work at all

For updates on our gritting operations, [follow @LincsCC\\_roads on Twitter](#).

**Stay Safe, Jerry**



## Members Tit Bits

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This month – Phil Niner get “proper stitched up”.

Phil is recommending a chap called Michael Waterton aka “*Mick the Stitch*”, - a Saville Row-trained tailor who is now working from home and offering alteration services for bike gear as well as:

Leather and Textile Bike Gear

New Zips

Suits

Jackets, Trousers and vests

School uniforms

Top Coats

Wedding outfits, dresses, bridesmaids dresses

He is located at Cavendish, 12 Church Lane, Eagle, LN6 9DJ

Tel: 07765 910281

Phil reports that he has recently had two leather jackets altered and is extremely happy with the outcome.

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# Membership Update

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## Membership Update etc.

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

One new member to welcome since the last update:

Member	Observer
1022 Details withheld	Julie Mendes

There are

seven test passes to report, making twenty seven so far in 2022.

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

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Stephen Johnson	29 September	Alan Pugh
Jason Hunt	5 October	Bruce Whetton
Jarrold Tomblin	7 October	Will Field
David Hooper	10 October	Mike Day
Paul Reeve	30 October	Steve Goodwin
Phil Hatherley	30 October	Morris Howe
Michael Cowton	30 October	Jerry Neale

Additionally a further four test applications have been submitted, this illustrating the commitment of our Observer team in the preparation of candidates.

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	144
Fellows	12
Associate Members	22
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>178</b>

Please be aware that on 1 October group membership renewals are now overdue. This affects membership numbers 952 to 974 inclusive.

These have all been mailed out with the option of returning a cheque by post or by the now preferred method of Bank Transfer to the group account. All necessary information is on the renewal form sent out.

The cost is £4, this covering the six month period from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Subsequent renewals will then follow the normal pattern of annually (April to March) at the agreed rate (currently £8 per annum)

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

# 2022 AGM

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(As per last months ChainLincs)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by order of the Group Committee that the 36th Annual General Meeting of **LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS** will be held at 8.00pm on Monday 7 November 2022 via a “Zoom” meeting due to the lack of premises to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1049955) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

<b>Honorary Secretary's Name</b>	John Cheetham	<b>Date</b>	01 10 2021
<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	Offering to <b>stand</b> for re-election
	Vice Chairman	Nominations required (post currently unfilled)
John Cheetham	Secretary	Offering to <b>stand</b> for re-election
Matt Hopkins	Treasurer	Offering to <b>stand</b> 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

Jerry Neale  
Phil Gilbert

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

None

### C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING

John Bateman  
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 7 November 2022 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 31 October 2022. (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			
	Vice Chairperson			
JOHN CHEETHAM	Honorary Secretary			
MATT HOPKINS	Honorary Treasurer			

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	Signature of Nominee
JERRY NEALE			
PHIL GILBERT			

## Diary of Events

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**Diary of Events**  
**(Remember - Covid-19 hasn't gone away)**  
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.**

#### 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)

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# 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>						

