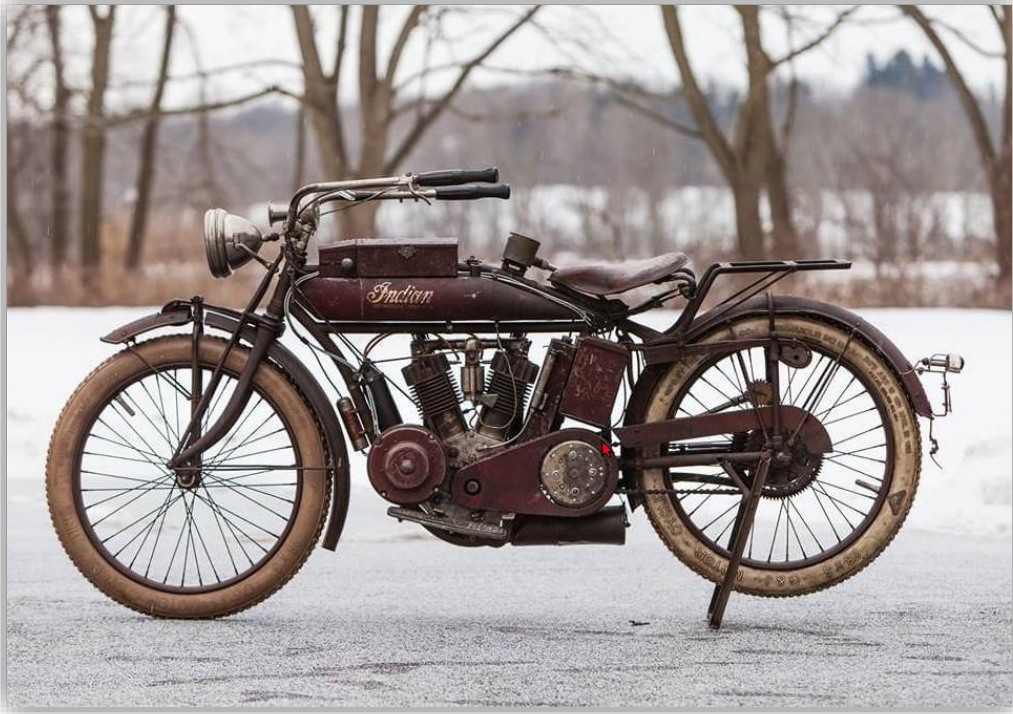


ChainLincs



The March 2023 edition of ChainLincs for

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

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



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Social Gatherings

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month starting at 8pm at The Bottle and Glass in Normanby by Spittal
<https://w3w.co/robot.realm.woods>
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Next Issue

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Please provide any copy to the Editor, by 26th March 2023

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What's in it for you?

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Cover Photo

Couldn't resist this photo of 1914 Indian Twin 988cc. How we've moved on !!

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



Why is it that January seems such a long month and then February goes by in a flash? Apologies to Stuart and Michelle if this reaches them later than ideal, I will get a grip next month! It was a busy month for the group with the starting of monthly social meetings again, an observed ride and the social rides from The Homestead in Lincoln and Barney's Diner at Barnetby. In between those Ian Morrison also had a couple more rides to the Peaks.

For our first social evening since before Covid 12 members attended the The Bottle and Glass in Normanby by Spittal.

There was lots of space and room for plenty more so hopefully there will be more there on **7 March** for the next one (more detail in the Diary of Events). We all sat around and put the world to rights and more importantly presented Gill Matheson with her test pass certificate from her success on 3 December. As you all know certificates are now sent to the candidate rather than the group but Gill brought hers along, we framed it and then presented it to her. Well done Gill on an excellent F1rst pass. If you want yours framed, presented to you when you pass and a picture taken for posterity let us know and we can make it happen!



One new member to welcome and that is Rob Pursey from Scunthorpe. Two days after joining Rob came along for February's observed ride from Brigg. Nice to meet you Rob, hope you enjoy the experience.

As I mentioned there have been a few rides this month starting with the monthly observed ride and in February it started in the North of the group area at Brigg. There we 18 of us there, Jerry went off for a run with his associate David, and Stuart and Michelle went and did their own thing.



That left 10 full members, two observers and two associates. We split into two groups each with an observer and associate and headed in opposite directions. Ken Mulholland took his group north out in the Goole direction and I took the other group up and over the Wolds finishing up at Willingham Woods.

It was great to see two associates (Rob and Laurance) who haven't even had their first rides with their observers yet. Thanks to Ian and Will for guiding them and to Ken for the lead, just as

importantly, thanks to all those that came for the ride and the chat, great to see you all.

For the social ride on 26 February there were six of us in Lincoln and four at Barnetby. From Lincoln we were lead by Dave Hall on a winding route out to Corby Glen where we partook in the usual brew and cake except Will who went down the bacon butty route. Thanks for the lead Dave and to those that came along, it was a great day for a ride although the heated grips were on and off at various times. The four at Barnetby split into two with Malcolm and John going over the bridge to Market Weighton Wolds Way Café. Ian



Morrison went with Chris Pursey (associate) down into the Lincolnshire Wolds and apparently ate cake as well!



In between the above rides Ian Morrison offered to lead another ride into the Peaks on 22 February but with a 'test' ride on 20 February. From what I can figure out from FaceBook Ian was joined by Will and Steve on 20 Feb and Dave and Harry on 22 Feb! Thanks for organising Ian, wish I could have joined you on one of the days!

The next Group observed ride is from the Willingham Woods on 12 March. Meet at **0930hrs** for coffee and bacon butty with 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 26 March meeting at two locations, the Homestead Pub, Bracebridge Heath (LN4 2RS) and Barney's Diner (DN38 6LB) both for **departure at 1000hrs**.

We now have in excess of 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.

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.

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.

Every month I thank 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 contributed recently, please keep the articles coming, it really does make their life easier.

Stay safe *Mick*

Area Service Delivery Manager – Region 5

Introducing Stephen Ellis

Having been born in the heart of the South Yorkshire coal mining community, it was no surprise that after leaving school Steve began his working life underground, qualifying as a coal face electrician.

After 14yrs, Steve joined South Yorkshire Police enjoying a long and varied career at the rank of Sergeant, working in CID, Training and Roads Policing where he qualified as a Road Death Investigator.

Steve has extensive experience in dealing with drivers and riders of all ages and abilities, he also has a wealth of experience of dealing with and investigating serious, life threatening and fatal road traffic collisions (RTCs) where driver or rider was often a significant contributory factor.

Being a keen motorcyclist from the age of 16yrs, having qualified as a Class 1 Advanced Driver with the police, it was not surprising that Steve became a member of IAM RoadSmart achieving his Master Rider qualification with a Distinction.

Following his retirement from the police, Steve worked as a Community Relations manager for a leading engineering solutions provider, before joining IAM RoadSmart where he has been the ASDM for Region 6 for the past 5yrs, gaining a wealth of knowledge and experience in managing groups, and helping them develop their observer teams.

Steve currently drives a Hyundai Hybrid vehicle, he owns two motorcycles, a Kawasaki GTR 1400 and a BMW R1250GS, he particularly enjoys touring on his motorcycle, especially eastern Europe.

Observer and Associate

February was the first meeting of 2023 for the LAM Observer team. It was great to be back, many subjects were worked through during the evening session. Thanks go to all that could make it, and thanks also go to Observer Ian Morrison for preparing our subject of the month at short notice.

Associates that haven't been out for a while, it would be great to see you, there are some good days even at this time of the year to get out riding, if you pick your days right. Most of the Observer team ride all year round so a quick call or message to your Observer should see you back on with your Advanced test preparation runs.

This month the Observer team would like to welcome John Travis and Stevie Johnson to the LAM Observer team, both John and Stevie will be working towards achieving the IMI Observer qualification.

Lets talk 'Concentration'

Following on from last months article about needing to be on our 'A game' at all times, this month let's look at concentration and how it plays a very large and vital part of our riding. In the Advanced Rider Course book concentration is part of our Human factors section, it refers to one of the personal qualities or behaviours that any Advanced rider must demonstrate;

⑩ To always maintain concentration while riding

Concentration is defined as: The action or power of focusing all one's 'attention' (Oxford English Dictionary)

Advanced riders should be able to focus on their riding while disregarding any unrelated factors.

As Advanced riders we have to take in a very large amount of information to make our safe riding plans-such as pedestrians, cyclists, other vehicles, road signs and road surface conditions are just a few that all demand our concentration. A great tool to improve your concentration level is to give yourself a commentary while you are riding – describing the road and traffic hazards that arise, and what you propose to do about them, this can be a great way to keep you focused and looking out for other road users possible lapse of concentration.

In 2017, driver distraction was a factor in more than 4500 accidents resulting in injuries. 125 of these were fatal (source AA)

So as Advanced riders it is vital that we watch for other distracted road users. According to the AA research, nearly 70% of drivers have their minds on other things while they're driving.

Overall, 50% of drivers worry about arriving on time, 1 in 3 are thinking about work, and 25% are distracted by planning for the future!

Let's consider why we need to concentrate to gain early information on other road users movements and actions, place yourself on a very busy four lane roundabout, where is the concentration level of all the other road users around you?

Are they:

- ⑩ Daydreaming, planning what to have for tea tonight, planning the evenings TV viewing
- ⑩ Food, eating food or drinking with one hand while steering with the other
- ⑩ Engaged in conversation with passengers in their vehicle
- ⑩ Looking at Sat Nav screens, and other controls like adjusting the radio or heating and climate controls
- ⑩ Engaged in telephone conversations, even with hands free devices
- ⑩ Looking elsewhere!

Take a look at this busy junction, what are the other road users concentrating on ?



Same junction, just with a little bit more detail, where is the cyclist on the right, riding through the junction with no hands on the bars and two hands on their mobile device attention, are they concentrating on the road or their device?



Look Mum – No Hands !!!

The IAM estimates that 'driver error' is a contributory cause in a massive 95% of vehicle collisions. Much of that driver error – doing the wrong thing, or not doing the right thing quickly enough – is due to lack of concentration. Even a momentary lapse can be significant. At 70 mph, the maximum legal speed on most motorways and dual carriageways, during a lapse of concentration for just one second you will travel over 100 feet. And whenever there is a collision on a motorway there is almost always a series of shunts or near misses on the opposite carriageway as drivers stop concentrating on their own driving to have a look.

This is why being on our 'A game' with our concentration level is vital when riding.

Stay Safe, Jerry

Members Tit Bits

Some RT bits for sale.

Low seat – sculpted by a guy in Nettleham (bike not included). £125



BMW OEM Sport Screen
The red taped line shows the difference in height. Great for the summer! £125



This is the low screen on my previous RT. (Bike not included)

I also have a pair of genuine BMW Pannier inner bags for the panniers on an RT or GT - £125 the pair.

If anyone is interested in trying the seat or screen for a test ride – just get in touch with Stuart Harrison (stuart.harrison@btinternet.com / 07548 248100) to arrange.

Roads, Routes and Rides

This section is for any of our members to share favourite Roads, interesting or challenging Routes or even GPX files with “mystery tours”. GPX files are the preferred file format for Garmin Sat Navs / Zumo / Tom Tom. I don’t think they work on iPhones but I could be wrong.

If you send a GPX file to me I’ll put on our websire and link it here in the news letter.

C’mon – you know you want to show off – and don’t forget to include your favourite cake stop too!

RIDE OF THANKS

A constant reminder about this year's Ride of Thanks – a date for our diaries

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RIDE OF THANKS

3rd September 2023
Newark Showground, NG24 2NY
Departing: 10.30am
Registration: £10 per Bike
Plus booking fees
Contact: rideofthanks@yahoo.com

IN AID OF



Charity No 1017501



Promises to be another great day and an ideal opportunity to support our charities, rub shoulders with like-minded people and no doubt eat some cake !!

LINCS & NOTTS RIDE OF THANKS

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Membership Update

Membership Update etc.

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

Only the one new associate to report this month.

Member	Observer
1030 Rob Pursey from Scunthorpe	Mark Gill

No test passes yet this year.

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	149
Fellows	13
Associate Members	20
Total Group Membership	182

That's all for this month, ride safely:

John Cheetham

Diary of Events
(Remember - Covid-19 hasn't gone away)
Social distancing. Avoid shaking hands. Follow NHS hygiene advice.
Hands. Face. Space. Motorcycles.

March 2023 to JULY 2023

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

The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS

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.

NOTE: SOCIAL GET TOGETHERS ARE NOW BACK ON FOR 2023 SEE BELOW FOR DATES AND TIME

MARCH

Tuesday 7th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln, LN8 2HE Meet 20:00

Sunday 12th Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area near kiosk
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Sunday 26th
Lincoln, Group Social Runs – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,
LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

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

APRIL

Tuesday 4th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln, LN8 2HE. Meet 20:00

Sunday 9th Group Observed Run – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath,
Lincoln, LN4 2RS
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30

Friday 14th Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date
Prompt start at 19.45

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 – Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

MAY

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.

Tuesday 2nd Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln LN8 2HE. Meet 20:00

Sunday 14th Group Observed Run - Ancholme Leisure Centre car park, Scawby Brook,
Brigg,
DN20 9JH
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30

Sunday 28th Group Social Runs –
The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln,
LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

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 (details on page 2)

JUNE

Tuesday 6th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital
Market Rasen. Lincoln, LN8 2HE Meet 20:00

Sunday 11th Group Observed Run - Group Observed Run - Willingham Woods Picnic Area
near kiosk
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Friday 16th Committee Meeting - details to follow nearer the date
Prompt start at 19.45

Sunday 25th Group Social Runs – The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB
Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00

Wednesday 28th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale

JULY

Tuesday 7th Social Meeting – Bottle and Glass. Main Street, Normanby by Spital Market Rasen. Lincoln LN8 2HE Meet 20:00

Sunday 9th Group Observed Run - The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
Meet 09.00 for prompt departure at 09.30

Sunday 23rd Group Social Runs – Meet 9.30 for prompt departure at 10.00
The Homestead, Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
Barney's Diner, Melton Road, Barnetby, DN38 6LB

Wednesday 30th Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers
For information contact Jerry Neale

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

