

# ChainLincs



The October 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 Tuesday of each month starting at 8pm at The Bottle and Glass in Normanby by Spittal  
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Stormy clouds gathering in North Wales

## CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



As we come to the quieter Winter months the observers are still busy mentoring their associates and there are some tests currently booked and there will hopefully be more before the Winter really arrives. Outside of the core purpose of the group there are our normal monthly observed rides and social rides that are being well attended.

As some of you will be aware I am standing down as Chairperson at the AGM in November. I have been the Chairperson since the middle of 2014 so it is time for somebody else to have a go. I don't intend to stand back completely and maybe interested in another role within the group.

So, what happened during September? There were three test passes so congratulations to Neil Stone, Ian Batchelor and Ian Welsh. Well done to you all and a great job from your observers, Julie Mendes, Malcolm Heaton and Rick Fox – thanks for your dedication to the Group.

There were two new members, welcome to Gary Luff and Vernon Major. I hope you enjoy your advanced riding experience and I will hopefully see you at one of our rides or socials soon. For the associates don't forget an important part of your training is regular rides, whether individually or in groups, between your training rides with your observer and our group rides are an excellent opportunity to develop your skills.

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 observer team have been busy mentoring their associates but also some of the Local Observers (LO) in preparation for the National Observer (NO) assessments which they all have to complete by April 2025 as the IAM will only recognise the NO qualification. Any that don't will no longer be able to observe for IAM RoadSmart. One LO has already decided that he will no longer remain as an observer once he has got his current associate through the test. I personally want to thank Andy Kitchen for all he has done in the group in the 20 years he has been member. He has been an observer for many of those years and was the Chairman when

I joined in 2009 and he has always been there to support me when needed. Hopefully we will still see him at rides in the future. Many thanks Andy, you will be missed.

Another observer who has decided to leave the group is Simon Battram. Thanks to Simon for his work with the group since he joined in 2015 whether as an observer or as a member of the committee.

A nice turn out at the group social on 5 September, plenty of chat going on bike related, group related and other but importantly we presented advanced rider pass certificates to three of our members. Please put your hands together for John Noone who was presented with his certificate by his observer Will Field, Leigh Hodson who was presented with his certificate by his observer Alan Pugh and to [Chris Pursey](#) who unfortunately was presented with his certificate by me as his observer

Simon Battram, was unable to join us this evening. An extra applause for Leigh and Chris who achieved a F1rst pass. Well done to you all and your observers. (Photos of Leigh and Chris at the end of my article)



As you will have seen from my email on 1 October evening social meetings have temporarily stopped due to a change in opening hours at the pub we were using. Hopefully we can resolve this issue soon.

The next Group observed ride is on 8 October from the WAVE. Meet at **0900hrs** with departure at **0930hrs**. It has been planned that Will Field

will once again lead the ride using the second person drop off system. Last time Will did this there were 17 of us so let's see if we can beat that number and have a really good ride. It is a great opportunity for associates to be observed possibly by a different observer than normal so hopefully there will be a few there to bolster the numbers.



The next regular social ride is on 22 October meeting at two locations, the WAVE on the A15 opposite RAF Waddington, LN5 9FG and Barney's Diner, DN38 6LB both for **departure at 0930hrs**.

And don't forget the annual Barry Heath quiz on 25 Oct at the Redbourne Club, Cemetery Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 1NU at 2000hrs. Scunthorpe won last year so will be setting the quiz this year but we need a team to try and win the trophy again for the glory of the bike group. Questions are general knowledge and the exact content is at the discretion of the quizmaster. If you fancy taking part in the team or just watching keep the date free. This is just a bit of fun between our group, The Scunthorpe and Grimsby car group and the Lincolnshire car group. There will be a buffet as well. We had a great turnout last year so hopefully we can do the same again. If you want to be part of the 4 person team step forward on the night.

It is in memory of Barry Heath who was a founder member of the Scunthorpe group and brother of the current chairman, Terry Heath.



At the observed ride on 10 September at Willingham Woods we had 17 riders including two associates and another a guy that had come for a taster and subsequently joined (welcome Vernon). We split into two groups led by Ian Morrison and Ken

Mulholland. Ian's group headed on a circuitous route to Wickenby Airfield and Ken's group headed to Rachel's Café at Hagworthingham. From Hagworthingham we also ended up at Wickenby where Ian's group were till chewing the fat and eating cake so we joined them! Many thanks to Ian and Ken for the leads and nice to see a good turnout.

At the social ride on 24 September there were 8 at the Homestead (the WAVE staff were having a rest as there had been a big flying exercise on at Waddington) and five at Barney's. The Homestaed group were led by Alan Pugh on his newly acquired ex police BMW RT over to Corby Glen. Thanks for leading Alan, looks like you had good ride.

As it was a huge number at Barneys they split into two groups led by Rick Parker and Malcolm Heaton. Rick headed to Wickenby again (I think he likes it there!) and Malcolm headed down the Trent towards Gainsborough (Malcolm doesn't like to stray too far from the North!). Many thanks to Rick and Malcolm for the leads.

Thanks to all those that came to the Homestead and Barney's and for supporting the group.



We now have around 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.

If you want to see more of what group members get up to why not join our Facebook page [here](#).

If you don't come to the group rides because the rides don't suit you please step forward and offer something different. All input is greatly received and suggestions, but more importantly offering to plan and lead a ride, are always appreciated.

At short notice John Bateman once again took the gazebo to Cadwell (I think he likes it there!) for the Cadwell Moto Classic event on 16 and 17 September. We didn't recruit any new members but it put the IAM RoadSmart word out there and it might have sown a seed in somebody's head! Thanks to John and all those (Julie, Bruce, Paul, Alan and Mark) that helped over the weekend, much appreciated.



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 150 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*

## Observer and Associate

The Observer team were back in the Lincoln office for the September Observers meeting. We were joined this month by ASDM Steve Ellis from IAM Roadsmart HQ. It was a very productive evening with some great guidance and advice from Steve that will further assist with the work that the Observer team do when out working with associates. Thanks to Steve, and all the members of the Observer team that attended and made it a very thought provoking evening.

Here in Lincolnshire in 2022, 48 people lost their lives following collisions, and a further 391 were seriously injured. Careless/reckless, or in a hurry, failed to look properly, and speed, were cited as contributory factors in half of all fatal collisions in that year. As Advanced riders we should always be thinking before every ride, about the four sections that make up our Human factors: The Rider, The Motorcycle, The Journey, and The Wider world. Make time to re-read Human factors in your Advanced Rider Course book to help avoid some of the contributory factors mentioned above.

Will Field will be running a session on the Second man drop off system at Octobers Sunday morning Observed ride from the WAVE (8<sup>th</sup> October). This is open to both associates and full members. A full pre ride brief will be given so get there early. If you haven't had a go at the group riding second man drop off system before, come and learn a new skill. If you have done it before come and keep your skills up! Ride your bike and have some Fun, Details on the group Facebook page.

## Oh Deer!

Although we might have to put our clocks back at the end of October, remember that wildlife will continue to move around at their dawn and dusk, remember that wildlife does not change for GMT!

Riders need to be extra vigilant in parts of the country where deer are common, as this is the time of year when they are more likely to stray onto road. During the rutting season, deer are on the move and riders are urged to be careful. **October/November** is breeding time, and that means deer will be more prevalent.



Deer are at their most active during the rutting season at dawn and dusk, so their activity coincides with times when the roads are at their busiest, through the morning and evening rush hours.

There are more than two million deer in the UK, and research which suggests that around 75,000 are involved in vehicle collisions each year, with 10,000 deer killed as a result.

The human death toll from deer collisions ranges between 10 and 20 annually, and industry estimates put the cost of damage to vehicles to be at least £17m.

Some advice to riders to reduce risk from deer collisions which include: taking note of deer warning signs and being ready to encounter a deer at very short notice; dipping headlights because deer are more likely to 'freeze' in full beam.

*Data source Road safety GB.*

Some points to remember:



1. Increased Activity: During the fall, deer are more active due to mating season and the search for food, leading them to cross roads more frequently.
2. Reduced Daylight: Days get shorter in the autumn, reducing visibility for riders during dawn and dusk when deer are most active.
3. Rutting Season: Bucks become more aggressive during the rut (mating season) making them less predictable and more likely to dart onto roads.
4. Foliage Cover: Falling leaves and foliage can obstruct sight-lines, making it harder to spot deer on the road.
5. Group Behaviour: Deer often travel in groups. If you see one, there may be more nearby, increasing the risk of multiple collisions.
6. Night Time Risks: Many motorcycle accidents involving deer occur at night when visibility is reduced, and deer are more active.

Remember as motorcyclists, to try and reduce the dangers of deer encounters, we should exercise caution, especially when riding in areas with known deer populations. Staying alert and riding at safe speeds are vital.

*Stay Safe Jerry*

# AGM Notification

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(As per Septembers ChainLincs) **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by order of the Group Committee that the 37th Annual General Meeting of **LINCOLNSHIRE GROUP OF ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS** will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at the Bottle and Glass, 46 Main Street, Normanby-by-Spital, Market Rasen. LN8 2HE to enable the Trustees of the Group (Registered Charity No. 1049955) to present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 for approval by the Group Members and to conduct an election.

<b>Honorary Secretary's Name</b>	John Cheetham	<b>Date</b>	01 09 2023
<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.**

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## CURRENT OFFICERS

All Officers retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. (Group Rule 3.4)

<b>Mick Smith</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Ian Morrison</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>John Cheetham</b>	<b>Honorary Secretary</b>
<b>Matt Hopkins</b>	<b>Honorary Treasurer</b>

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## 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

**John Bateman**  
**Phil Niner**

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

**None**

### C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT RETIRING

**Jerry Neale**  
**Phil Gilbert**

Note

The total number of Committee Members including the Officers must not exceed twenty. Please see the NOMINATION PAPER for further detail.

# Membership Update

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

## Membership Update etc.

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

There are two enrolments to the group since the previous newsletter.

Member	Observer
1054 Paul Rushton from Hessle	Full Member
1055 Chris Wright from Louth	Full Member
1056 Neil Tyler from Welton	Will Field
1057 Gary Luff from Leadenham	Mick L
1058 Vernon Major from Retford	Ian Morrison

There have been three test passes, making a total of thirteen so far in 2023. Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observers.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Neil Stone	6 September	Julie Mendes
Ian Batchelor	9 September	Malcolm Heaton
Ian Welsh	29 September	Rick Fox

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	152
Fellows	11
Associate Members	26
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>189</b>

Please note that group membership subs will be due by 1 October for those with membership numbers between 989 and 1019.

This will cost £4 and run from 1 October 2023 until 31 March 2024

A renewal notification will be emailed to those involved.

Don't forget that the rules of our affiliation with IAM RoadSmart state that local group membership is dependent on current IAM RoadSmart membership being in place.

Therefore it is sincerely hoped that you will continue to be a member of both IAM RoadSmart and our local motorcycle group

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

# Diary of Events 2023

## (Remember - Covid-19 hasn't gone away)

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

The Sunday morning Group Observed Rides are open to all members and also potential members who may be considering preparing for the I.A.M test.

The prime purpose is to provide the opportunity to hone /improve skills through riding with fellow members.

Potential members considering taking the I.A.M test may have an individual assessment ride.

Rides 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 ride style of their choice as they feel fit.

The main purpose is to have the opportunity to ride with fellow like-minded bikers.

**ANCHOLME LEISURE CENTRE**  
**WILLINGHAM WOODS.**  
**THE WAVE**  
**BOTTLE & GLASS**

**Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH**  
**Willingham Woods LN8 3RQ.**  
**Sleaford Road Lincoln**  
**Main Street, Normanby by Spital LN8 2HE**

**GROUP SOCIAL RIDES** 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 ride 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.

**GROUP AND OBSERVED RIDES, MEETING TIMES**  
**SOCIAL MEETING**

**09:00 FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 09:30**  
**FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 20:00**

**OBSERVER NOTE: FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME OBSERVERS CONTACT JERRY NEALE**  
**07412 935333**

## SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - **SOCIAL MEETING**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> - **GROUP OBSERVED RIDE**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - **GROUP SOCIAL RIDES**

DINER

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - **OBSERVERS MEETING**

BOTTLE AND GLASS

WILLINGHAM WOODS

THE WAVE & BARNEYS

## NOVEMBER

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - **SOCIAL MEETING**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> - **GROUP OBSERVED RIDE**

CENTRE

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> - **GROUP SOCIAL RIDES**

DINER

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - **OBSERVERS MEETING**

BOTTLE AND GLASS

ANCHOLME LEISURE

THE WAVE & BARNEYS

# 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>						

