

ChainLincs



The November 2023 edition of ChainLincs for

Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

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Social Gatherings

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month starting at 7.30pm at The Boat House, 100 High Street, Spittal Road, South of Glentham (A631)

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Next Issue

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in December 2023

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What's in it for you?

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Cover Photo

Recently passed her IAM test – this is Sarah “muddy girl” Barwick testing out The Hornet’s stability on a Sunday ride! Great job Sarah – and well done!!

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER



The weather over the past month has been 'changeable' to say the least but there has been plenty of support for the rides in the group with some excellent numbers of members coming along. The observers have been continuing their great work but we do have 22 associates that are still on their advanced riding journey and a couple having been allocated an examiner. Associates please remember that we are all volunteers and the observers do give a huge amount of their time willingly but will not chase you if you don't respond to them after couple of attempts to arrange follow on rides, the onus is on you to contact your observer if you have let the rides lapse.

During October we had 3 new members join us although no extra work for the observers as they are all full members that have joined our group or moved to the area recently. Welcome to Chris Jackson from Market Rasen, Pete Hopkinson from Newark and David Allen from Waddingham. Hope to see you at a ride soon, don't forget we have monthly group observed rides and social rides and these continue through the winter although we do take a break in January.

Test passes in October were Suzanne Bolton, Stephen Blow and Sarah Barwick. Congratulations to you all and many thanks and well done to your observers, Rick Fox, Bruce Whetton and Stuart Harrison.

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.

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. This issue has not been resolved yet so let's do plenty of socialising on the rides every month.

The next Group observed ride is on 12 November from Ancholme Leisure Centre, Brigg, DN20 9JH. Meet at **1030hrs** with departure at **1100hrs**. 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 26 November meeting at two locations, the Homestead, Bracebridge heath, LN4 2RS and Barney's Diner, DN38 6LB both for **departure at 1100hrs**. Please note that all Lincoln based social rides and group observed rides will be from the Homestead in future.



At the observed ride on 8 October from the WAVE we had 24 members including associates from all over the county. Jerry Neale had arranged with Will

Field to plan and lead a ride using the drop off system and on my way there the weather was looking misty/foggy and dreary and I thought that might have put some people off but there were already a good number there when I got there! Will had planned a route out to Rachel's café near Hagworthingham and back to Langworth. A great ride and awesome organisation from Will (again!), thanks Will and Jerry for being TEC. Nice to see so many there so thanks for coming.



AT THE SOCIAL RIDE ON 22 OCTOBER THERE WERE 10 AT THE WAVE AND SIX AT BARNEY'S. ONCE AGAIN WILL LED THE 10 OTHER MEMBERS ON THE RIDE FROM THE WAVE. THEY HEADED TO IRON HORSE RANCH HOUSE, AMERICAN DINER AT MARKET

DEEPIING USING VARIETY OF ROADS A ROADS, B ROADS AND FARM TRACKS. LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD A GREAT RIDE. MANY THANKS TO WILL AGAIN! ANYBODY ELSE FANCY LEADING A RIDE IN NOVEMBER TO GIVE WILL A BREAK?

THE SIX AT BARNEY'S WERE LED BY RICK PARKER ACROSS THROUGH THE WOLDS, QUIET ROADS TO BINBROOK, THEN ONTO HAGWORTHINGHAM AGAIN FOR COFFEE AND BACON BUTTIE. AS THERE WEREN'T SO MANY OF THEM ON THIS RIDE THEY HOPEFULLY DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A WAIT FOR BREWS AT RACHEL'S CAFÉ (I THINK RICK LIKES GOING THERE!). FROM THE PICTURES AND VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK IT LOOKS LIKE RICK SOME SLIGHTLY MUDDY ROADS – WELL DONE RICK AND THANKS FOR THE LEAD. I CAN'T GET THEM



ON HERE BUT IF YOU WANT TO SEE THEIR ACTION VIDEOS CHECK OUR FACEBOOK [HERE](#).

[In between the rides above guess who put on a midweek ride? Yes, you got it, Will! It was a very short notice so only made it to facebook but will planned a ride to Scarborough on 10th Oct for fish and chips. He was joined by three members on what was probably the best day of the week. Thanks again to Will.](#)

We now have around 190 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 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.



Thanks to all those that went to the Barry Heath Quiz on 25 October and well done to our team of [Phil Niner](#), John Cheetham, [David Hall](#) and [Rick Parker](#) who were victorious. The only picture I have is of Dave Hall receiving the trophy from the Scunthorpe and Grimsby group chairman, Terry Heath. This means that we will be hosting and preparing the quiz next year so if there are any budding quizmasters out there please let us know you would be interested in preparing and presenting the quiz.

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

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 X (formerly known as 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.

Many thanks to 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.

Should all go to plan at the AGM this will be my last Chairman's Chatter and I am sure your new Chairperson will have a few words to say in this part of ChainLincs in the December edition. At the moment we only have Ian Morrison who has stepped forward to take over but if anybody feels that they could do the job then Ian is happy to stand aside and remain as Vice Chair.

I want to thank all those that have worked tirelessly to keep the group going over my nine and a bit years as Chairman and sincerely hope that the same level of support will continue within the group for many years to come.

I will continue to maintain the website (hopefully better than I have been doing) and even bring it a bit more up to date. I will also remain as admin on the FB page but more importantly I will be at as many rides as possible enjoying the company of the fantastic members of this group.

Stay safe *Mick*

Observer and Associate

As the weather changes, and the temperatures drop, its always worth checking the county gritting routes if planning a ride. Part of our Human factors and the wider world, What could effect our ride today? It is another tool in our tool kit at this time of year that might give you an advantage during the winter season. Travelling outside of the county? Try looking at other counties planned Gritting routes as part of your plans. We all moan about the effect that road salt has on our machines, but if you have ridden on untreated roads during icy spells you'll know that it is a trade off worth having to keep upright! Also there are plenty of motorcycle protection sprays out there which do a good job. Prepare your bike for winter, plan your route well, and enjoy your winter rides.



VIEW GRITTING ROUTES

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 route from each of the county's main villages
- ⑩ where possible, at least one road within 500m of all primary and secondary schools
- ⑩ roads linking all main NHS hospitals, train and bus stations
- ⑩ additional public service and school bus routes depending on various risk factors, such as historical accident data, pupil numbers and geographical risk factors

[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.

WHEN WE GRIT

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.

WHY ROADS MIGHT STILL BE ICY

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

Stay Safe Jerry

Membership Update

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

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There are three new members to the group since the previous newsletter.

| Member | Observer |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1059 Chris Jackson from Market Rasen | Full Member |
| 1060 Dave Allen from Waddingham | Full Member |
| 1061 Pete Hopkinson from Newark | Full Member |

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

| Member | Pass Date | Observer |
|----------------|------------|---------------|
| Suzanne Bolton | 15 October | Rick Fox |
| Stephen Blow | 22 October | Bruce Whetton |

The present composition of the group is as follows:

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| Full Members | 140 |
| Fellows | 12 |
| Associate Members | 22 |
| Total Group Membership | 174 |

Please note that group membership subs were 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 reminder email will be emailed to those still to renew.

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

Events Diary

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.

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| ANCHOLME LEISURE CENTRE | Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH |
| WILLINGHAM WOODS. | Willingham Woods LN8 3RQ. |
| THE HOMESTEAD | Canwick Avenue Bracebridge Heat Lincoln LN4 2RS |
| BARNEYS DINER | Melton Road Barnetby DN34 6LB |

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 **10:30 FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 11:00**
SOCIAL MEETING **FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 20:00**

OBSERVER NOTE: for those wishing to become observers contact JERRY NEALE 07412 935333

PLEASE NOTE

NEW START TIME FOR SOCIAL AND OBSERVED RIDES 10:30 FOR 11:00.

WE ARE NO LONGER USING THE WAVE AS A MEETING VENUE.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 7th **AGM By Zoom meeting.**
Link to join the meeting is in Chairmans email of 20th October

Sunday 12th **GROUP OBSERVED RIDE ANCHOLME LEISURE CENTRE**

Sunday 26th **GROUP SOCIAL RIDES** **THE HOMESTEAD**

Wednesday 22nd **OBSERVERS MEETING**

DECEMBER

Tuesday 5th **SOCIAL MEETING** **CANCELLED**

Sunday 10th

GROUP OBSERVED RIDE WILLINGHAM WOODS

Sunday 24th

GROUP SOCIAL RIDES THE HOMESTEAD & BARNEYS DINER

Friday 22nd

COMMITTEE MEETING

NO OBSERVER MEETING THIS MONTH

IMPORTANT NOTE

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.

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 | | | | | | |

