

# ChainLincs

THE NEWSLETTER OF

## 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 2000hrs at The Sun Inn, 20 Bridge St, Saxilby, LN1 2PZ  
<https://w3w.co/struts.comforted.clashes>

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The next issue of ChainLincs will be in May 2024

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Welcome to April's ChainLincs and again it seems to have shrunk a little again this month, mainly because Jerry's contribution was a little smaller than last month. Talking of contributions, I am still waiting for the flood of articles from you, somebody must have something they can share. Send them to me at [lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com). If I don't get something I might have to go back to my archive of ChainLincs from a few years ago and see what I can use, please don't make me do that!

I have left the notices in for Will Field and Dave Hall's 2 day rides in May and June so if you missed them last month there may still be time to join one of them. Details are on page 4. Thanks to Will and Dave for organising these trips, as many of you will be aware this takes up a good amount of their time.

You will recall that in the February edition Ian talked about his time (and Jerry's) at the trial of the men accused of causing Keith Smith's death by dangerous driving. If you haven't seen it already this link will take you to the Lincolnshire Police article on the sentencing of these men.

<https://www.lincs.police.uk/.../two-men-have-been.../>



**We still need a new clothing member.** Phil Gilbert has stood down from the committee and that leaves a vacancy for somebody to look after the group clothing side of things. Phil has done a great job over the past couple of years so many thanks to him and he will look after the clothing until we find somebody else to so if you feel you can spare a little time to give back to the group let somebody on the committee know. If you want to know more about the job drop Phil an email, his address is on the last page. You do not necessarily need to be a committee member as well. **There must be somebody out there willing to give back to the group.**

**Please make sure you check the Diary of Events because from March the timings of the monthly observed and social rides have changed to 'Summer' timings – 0930hrs meet to depart at 1000hrs.**

**In ChainLincs this month we have:**

*Will and Dave's 2-day Trips*

*Chatter from the Chair*

*Membership update*

*Facebook roundup from February*

*Observer and associate update*

*Events diary*

Mick

# WILL AND DAVE'S 2-DAY TRIPS

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## Will's Ride

Lake District/ Yorkshire Dales 2 Day Ride. 14th/15th May

I will be taking a leisurely mostly scenic route through the Yorkshire Dales and into the Lake District, taking in 5 passes.

Staying overnight in a Travelodge in Cockermouth. £87 for 1 person inc. Breakfast. (You will need to book this yourself) [https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/350/Cockermouth-hotel?checkIn=14/05/2024&checkOut=15/05/2024&rooms\[0\]\[adults\]=1&rooms\[0\]\[children\]=0](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/350/Cockermouth-hotel?checkIn=14/05/2024&checkOut=15/05/2024&rooms[0][adults]=1&rooms[0][children]=0)

Each day will be less than 250 miles.

Please let me know if you wish to attend or require more information.

Myself and Dave Hall are supporting each other's rides, so there are already 2 of us going on each ride.

Will Field – 07599 374560



## Dave's Ride

I am arranging a trip to Wales on Wed 5th June returning on Thurs 6th, the Hotel I have in mind is the Nueadd Arms at Llanwrtyd Wells, the cost is £65 for a single room with breakfast or £110 sharing a twin room. Day one mileage is approx 215miles (from Lincoln), day two 266 miles. As hotels are booking up fast I suggest that you book a room through booking.com, Hotels.com or direct with the Hotel.

If you wish to go please let me know ASAP, thanks.

Dave Hall – 07441 344308



Hello Members, here we are again, my how time flies when the weather starts to improve. 😊

Firstly, a hearty welcome to our latest new members: Helen Edwards, Paula Finlayson, Ian Ballinger and Joanne Holt.

Here's a recent topical theme. Talking of flying, see the following article, passed to me recently by the intrepid Jerry 'the tea drinker' Neale. [Man jailed for ramming motorcyclist off bridge in act of 'extreme road rage'](#)

Jerry's last magazine theme was Human Factors, why we might do (or not do) some of the things we do (or don't do).

This is an event of road rage that turned really nasty towards a biker. Bikers don't have the steel cages around them, seat belts or multiple air bags and are generally going to come off second best in any tussle with a car driver.

So, please bear in mind that while we share the road with mostly courteous road users who generally have a mixture of not seeing us, not knowing we are amongst them till we are past, might appreciate some of the skill we might show, but also might resent us.

Try to be the better person, a good ambassador for the rest of us.  
Be on the side of caution, expect the worst and be grateful for the best.

Short and sweet, that's all for this month,  
Look after each other,

Ian  
(Chair)



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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There have been six new members to the group since the March newsletter.

| Member  | Observer        |
|---|-----------------|
| 1071 Helen Edwards from Lincoln               | Julie Mendes    |
| 1072 Paula Finlayson from Horncastle          | Jerry Neale     |
| 1073 Ian Ballinger from West Butterwick       | Allan Knight    |
| 1074 Jo Holt from Waddington                  | Roland Johns    |
| 1075 Withheld (awaiting GDPR Member Contract) | Stuart Harrison |
| 1076 Withheld (awaiting GDPR Member Contract) | Malcolm Heaton  |

Two test passes so far in 2024

The present composition of the group is as follows:

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Full Members                  | 151        |
| Fellows                       | 13         |
| Associate Members             | 26         |
| <b>Total Group Membership</b> | <b>190</b> |

It's that time of year again when annual group subscriptions are due. Still held at the figure of £8 per annum as it has been for many years so good value for money.

**I will be communicating with all members who are due to renew at this time, therefore if you are not contacted your renewal is not yet due.**

The preferred method of renewal is now via Bank Transfer (or a Standing Order) to the groups online bank account due to the closure of all the Lloyds bank branches apart from Lincoln city centre which makes it more difficult to pay in cheques.

Hoping that you all decide to renew and enable us to continue to provide guidance to those seeking to improve their riding, safety and general enjoyment of motorcycling.

**Payments on or after 6 APRIL please to:**

Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists

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6 April is the start of HMRC tax year which simplifies the claiming of Gift Aid.

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.

That's all for this month, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

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

# FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

2 Mar 24

A few of us met with Roch Hall and some of the ladies from the Girls Ride Out Group at Wickenby Cafe where we hopefully dispelled a few myths about the IAM.

A very productive meeting with loads of questions and answers. Roch sent me an email expressing thanks to all the team from her and the ladies that attended for an interesting event.

Ali Yonder was also there with her Bikesafe hat on explaining about the biker breakfast etc. Many thanks to Ian Morrison, Jerry Neale, Matt and Sharon Hopkins, Julie Mendes, Karen Bevan, Gill Matheson, Will Field, Roland Johns, and Barry Jones the great team that attended and gave their valuable input, experience and expertise. It is very much appreciated. – John Bateman (3 ladies have signed up since this event, good job ladies and gents - Ed)



5 Mar 24

A great presentation by our group member Mark Goulden tonight on the importance of hearing protection. Very interesting and informative.

Lots of useful information and even some giveaways. Mark is a highly qualified audiologist and also is a consultant for PLUGZZ moulded hearing protection. If you want to know more about their products I have put the details below.

A very big thank you Mark for all the work you put into giving the presentation it is very much appreciated. – John Bateman



6 Mar 24

Morning all!!

Thanks for attending the Hearing care presentation at Saxilby last night.

I have spoken to Plugzz this morning and have negotiated a discounted price for the products, starting with the basic moulds at £45 (were £55). Please contact me should you wish to purchase and I will arrange to come to you and do the impressions and you pay me. Cash or Bank Transfer accepted.

Should you require anything other than the basic Custom made moulds ie. a different Plugzz product, then initially contact Plugzz by phone - 01642 777725- who will advise you and then call me for impressions to be done. My phone number is 07930 404 799.

Happy ( and quieter) riding! - Mark Goulden

6 Mar 24

Had the pleasure of spending Monday in the company of Steve Goodwin and Roland Johns trialling an upcoming two day course around the Lincs Wolds. Fantastic experience and amazing what work goes on behind the lens to capture the pics we see in magazines.

Cracking day and the weather gods behaved too. - Mike Day

[Come and experience a road test \(simonweir.co.uk\)](http://simonweir.co.uk)





10 Mar 24

Thanks Mick for leading a wet but progressive ride around the Wolds today. We had a good turnout despite the weather Thanks to everyone for supporting the ride. I had a really enjoyable ride - Will Field



13 Mar 24

Dave Hall led a very nice ride out today to Elsecar Heritage Centre. Nice roads, great company. How Will managed to eat that piece of cake is still surprising me. I'm sure he will be posting some photos of the group. – Ian Morrison





24 Mar 24

Twenty of us at the Homestead this morning. Thanks to John, Stevie and Bruce for leads. John had a trip to Belvoir Castle, Stevie on his first ride lead went to Sturgate Airfield cafe and Bruce took his group to the Seaview cafe at Mablethorpe. Great lead from Bruce and good cake. - Mick



Nice ride out today. My first group ride this year. I led a ride to the Belvoir Castle Engine Yard. An interesting ride with a major holdup by tree fellers on the A17 and then road closures in Newark causing lots of rerouting. Only around 70 miles round trip by it turned into a bit of a trek (Sorry about that lads). Not been there before so word of warning the car park is quite steep. Thanks for your company everyone I enjoyed it. I think Paul has better picture. I was trying to get in the massive cakes that Adie and Baz were going to do battle with. – John Bateman



Thank you to all that came on my ride to Sturgate airfeild !! All the feedback is great, and taken on board for future rides out. Sorry Mick, no Photos! But the bacon butty was good 😎 \_  
Stevie



Just the 3 of us at Starbucks, Barnetby this morning. Rob Pursey led myself and Ian Batchelor to Castle Cafe, Withernsea where cake and tea was consumed 🍰 Next stop was up the coast on a lovely twisty road and across to Seaways at Fridaythorpe. It was heaving with bikes today ☀️ Then home via Goole. – Sarah



# OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

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The March Observer meeting was another busy well attended evening in our Lincoln office with many items being presented and discussed throughout the evening from all around the table. Although all the Observer team members are unpaid IMI qualified volunteers, you can be assured that they give 100% commitment to LAM with their time and professional attitude to their Observing duties, consistently looking to up-skill with new Advanced riding knowledge and techniques to ensure that there is less chance of skill fade. We also cross check each other on a regular basis to watch for any skill-fade or issues with our riding. This is something that all Advanced riders should aim to do regularly to ensure that they are still riding to a high standard. All LAM Observers are here to give a second pair of eyes over your riding, its free....just ask any of the team.

This month the Observer team would like to welcome Barry Jones to the team, Barry will be working towards the IMI National Observer qualification.

The monthly Sunday morning Group Observed ride is open to all members both Full and Associate, it's a great opportunity to meet and ride with fellow group members in a controlled safe small group, keeping the skills level up and a good way to learn new skills from other group members who have many years Advanced riding knowledge to share. The next Group Observed ride on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of April from the Homestead, Bracebridge heath, will be offering a few places for a small group session on Overtakes, and a small group session about Leading a group, both sessions will have some theory and hands on practice.

## The Rider

Looking at Chairman Ian Morrison's reference to the road rage incident, where the Red mist has clearly enveloped the car driver, makes me think back to last month's article about **Human Factors**,

### To remain calm and considerate of others at all times

- ✓ Advanced riders are always aware that their decisions and actions may have an effect on other people (see picture showing Betari's Cycle of Conflict and how attitude and behaviour are affected).
- ✓ They recognise that the road-space needs to be shared and that this is most successfully achieved when everyone communicates and cooperates.
- ✓ As well as complying with legislation and the Highway code, should set a good example to other road users.
- ✓ Displays courtesy to other road users.



Betari's cycle of conflict is a model that describes the escalating stages of conflict between two parties. It consists of five stages:



1. **\*\*Latent Conflict:\*\*** This is the stage where tensions exist but have not yet been expressed. In the context of motorists, this could be situations where drivers have different expectations or desires on the road, but they haven't yet led to any confrontations.

2. **\*\*Perceived Conflict:\*\*** At this stage, one or both parties perceive that there is a conflict brewing. This could happen when one driver perceives another driver's actions as aggressive or threatening.

3. **\*\*Felt Conflict:\*\*** This stage involves the emotional involvement of the parties. Emotions like frustration, anger, or fear start to surface as the conflict becomes more evident. For example, one driver might feel angry because they perceive another driver's actions as disrespectful or dangerous.

4. **\*\*Manifest Conflict:\*\*** This is where the conflict becomes evident through behaviours such as verbal arguments, aggressive driving manoeuvres, or even physical altercations. In the case of motorists, this could involve honking, yelling, or gesturing at each other.

5. **\*\*Conflict Resolution or Suppression:\*\*** This final stage involves either resolving the conflict through negotiation, compromise, or other means, or suppressing it by avoiding further interaction or seeking outside intervention, such as involving law enforcement.

Betari's cycle of conflict helps to understand how conflicts between motorists escalate and provides insights into how they can be managed or resolved effectively to prevent further escalation or harm.

*Stay Safe Jerry*

# EVENTS DIARY

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The Sunday morning Group Observed Rides 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.

Rides usually last 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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| <b>ANCHOLME LEISURE CENTRE</b> | Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH                                     |
| <b>WILLINGHAM WOODS.</b>       | Willingham Woods, LN8 3RQ.  |
| <b>THE HOMESTEAD</b>           | Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS               |
| <b>STARBUCKS</b>               | M180, Junc 5 Services, DN20 0PA,<br>///breakfast.slippers.alleges |
| <b>SUN INN</b>                 | 20 Bridge Rd, Saxilby, LN1 2PZ (Social Venue)                     |

*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 you should ensure that this is covered by your motorcycle insurance policy.*

## MEETING TIMES

**GROUP AND OBSERVED RIDES      0930 FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1000**

**SOCIAL MEETING                      FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 2000**

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

## APRIL

|   |                                 |  |
|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | <b>Social Meeting</b>           | Sun Inn, Saxilby                             |
| Social event speaker is Peter Riley of Helite Demonstration of products and Q&A |                                 |  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>BikeSafe Biker Breakfast</b> | Public Taster Session at Nettleham Police HQ |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Committee Meeting</b>        | Via Zoom. To Be Advised                      |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Group Observed Ride</b>      | The Homestead                                |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>   | <b>Group Social Rides</b>       | The Homestead and Starbucks                  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Observers Meeting</b>        | Details from Jerry nearer the date           |

## MAY

|  |                       |                  |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Social Meeting</b> | Sun Inn, Saxilby |
| Social event speaker is Steve Ellis IAM RoadSmart Area Service Delivery Manager. |                       |                  |
| General talk about the IAM organisation. With Q&A session.                       |                       |                  |



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| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | <b>Group Observed Ride</b>                          | Ancholme Leisure Centre            |
| Tues/Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Will's ride to lake District/Yorkshire Dales</b> | Details on page 2                  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>                      | <b>Group Social Rides</b>                           | The Homestead and Starbucks        |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>                   | <b>Observers Meeting</b>                            | Details from Jerry nearer the date |

## JUNE

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|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Social Meeting</b>                   | Sun Inn, Saxilby                   |
| (Proposed evening short ride 6:30pm to 8:00pm and then meet at normal venue) |   |                                    |
| Anyone that wants to lead a short 1.5 hour ride locally please step forward. |   |                                    |
| Wed/Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>                                   | <b>Dave Hall's ride to Wales</b>        | Details on Page 2                  |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Group Observed Ride</b>              | Willingham Woods                   |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Committee Meeting</b>                | Via Zoom. To Be Advised            |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>                                  | <b>Suzuki Live at Cadwell Event</b>     | Details to Follow                  |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | <b>Group Social Rides</b>               | The Homestead and Starbucks        |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>Observers Meeting</b>                | Details from Jerry nearer the date |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Motorcycles at the Manor (Event)</b> | Details to Follow                  |
| The Manor West Ashby Horncastle LN9 5PY                                      |   |                                    |

## JULY

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | <b>Social Meeting</b>      | Sun Inn, Saxilby                   |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>     | <b>Group Observed Ride</b> | The Homestead                      |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>    | <b>Group Social Rides</b>  | The Homestead and Starbucks        |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Observers Meeting</b>   | Details from Jerry nearer the date |

## AUGUST

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Social Meeting</b>      | Sun Inn, Saxilby                   |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Group Observed Ride</b> | Ancholme Leisure Centre            |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Committee Meeting</b>   | Via Zoom. To Be Advised            |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Group Social Rides</b>  | The Homestead and Starbucks        |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Observers Meeting</b>   | Details from Jerry nearer the date |

### 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 [pgilbertlam@gmail.com](mailto:pgilbertlam@gmail.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 |                        |      |     |   |          |       |

