

ChainLincs



Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

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Social Gatherings

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Next Issue

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Welcome to May's ChainLincs and a little more to read this month thanks to an ex-member, Dave Ayres. Dave was an observer and also ChainLincs editor prior to his life being taken over by all those flies on his visor. Thanks to Dave for his article and maybe it can embarrass a current member or two to put pen to paper! Send them to me at lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com or I will start to have a look through to see if I can find some Group history for you. As a late addition I also received an article from John Bateman that I will hold back until next month just in case I get nothing else!

As many of you will have seen on Facebook we had a reasonably successful day at the LRSP BikeSafe bikers breakfast on 7 Apr. A bit gusty but we survived and although only about half of the bikers turned up for the BikeSafe taster rides we signed up 8 new members or thought we had! It seems a couple changed their minds when contacted by the IAM to complete payment etc. Hey ho that's the way it goes, we plod on!

There were plenty of other posts on FaceBook of our members getting up to other biking related activity and passing on info gleaned from elsewhere. Find our page at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#) and ask to join to see all the other exciting things that go on.

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.**

And as you can see from the Chair's piece below we also need a replacement data manager for Phil Niner who is stepping down from the committee. Many thanks to Phil over the years especially when GDPR was introduced and he worked tirelessly to make sure we complied with the new legislation and have remained compliant since.

In ChainLincs this month we have:

Chatter from the Chair

Membership update

Life after the IAM – Dave Ayres [Home | Flies on the Visor](#)

Facebook roundup

Observer and associate update

Events diary

Mick

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello members, here we are again.

Firstly, a hearty welcome to some new members, namely Allan Vincent, Manuel Belmonte, Jamie Finn, Paul Cree, Gresley Nicholson, Julian Pennington, Daniel Platts and Kevin Brereton.

You should all be by now in the process of having an Observer allocated to you. Good luck with that process.

That leads me to thank all the Observer team who give their time freely so we might continue this work. That is this group's primary function. Well done Observers.

Food for thought? Anyone who knows me, knows I like my food.

Motorcycling has long been associated with freedom, adventure (and a sense of rebellion?).

For many, it represents a break from the ordinary, a chance to explore the open road and connect with like-minded individuals.

Who are these 'like-minded individuals? Do we recognise them? Are there some that we don't recognise yet?

As the motorcycle community continues to grow, there's a growing awareness of the need to promote diversity and support riders who might not fit the traditional mould.

Historically, the image of a motorcyclist has often been stereotypically linked to a rugged, (white?) male image.

However, today's reality is much more complex and inclusive. Women, people of colour, LGBTQ+ individuals and those with different physical abilities are increasingly joining the ranks of motorcycle enthusiasts. This shift toward greater diversity not only enriches the community, our community, but also broadens the perspectives within it.

An inclusive motorcycle community means more people can experience the joys of riding. By embracing riders from all walks of life, the motorcycle community demonstrates its openness and commitment to growth.

Growth for us in the IAM, could mean getting our message out to more riders and hopefully creating more safer riders. Isn't that what we signed up for?

Inclusivity goes beyond mere representation;

it also involves addressing the needs of those who may not be as experienced or as confident on a motorcycle.



Weaker riders, whether they are new to motorcycling or face physical challenges, require support and encouragement to build their skills and confidence. That is what we signed up for.

That is true of all bikers at all levels, whatever we are doing, whenever we are doing it.

These 'whatevers' and 'whenever's' will change, as we change, grow, age, all perfectly natural, some changes positively, some not so positively.

If we are going to improve, we need to want to improve, or not, take the new challenge, or not.

(I've recently ridden HardKnott Pass, a desire of more than 40 years. Last experienced on a bicycle. Box ticked. Tremendous experience. I was successful. I wanted to do it.

Never again! I felt it too hard to ride (some parts) downhill on my bicycle when I was 20+)

I would like to see us reaching out to some other groups of the not so stereotypically white males when we see them. Instead of standing in our own group, not intending to but possibly looking a bit aloof, unapproachable, cliquey?

Maybe try reaching out to 'other' groups or individuals, (for 10 mins) introducing ourselves and seeking to find out a bit about them.

If they ask 'who we are' or 'what do we do' we might tell them, but that's not the point, not as a recruitment drive, just to strike up a relationship, maybe plant a seed. Break down some of the myths about IAM and some of the stereotypes that might be out there.

Riding a bike is about enjoying the journey, not the destination, it's a better journey when you don't go alone.

Look after each other.

GDPR Manager resignation

After 6 years serving the committee and as GDPR Manager Phil Niner has decided to resign his role and committee membership.

I'd like to personally thank Phil for his dedication, tenacity and hard work. I'm a believer in the work that Phil undertook. I do not believe it is unnecessary or thankless, although above my pay grade of understanding.

I would hope that we can find someone to step forward to try and carry this important role on.

Phil is offering to stay in post till a replacement can be found.

Do please think about supporting the group in this role. Expressing an interest is not a final decision.

Ian (Chair)

There have been seven new members to the group since the April newsletter plus the two (1075 & 1076) whose names were withheld from the April newsletter until receipt of their GDPR Member Contracts

Member	Observer
1075 Allan Vincent from Healing	Stuart Harrison
1076 Manuel Belmonte from Winterton	Malcolm Heaton
1077 Jamie Finn from Grantham	Joined as a Full Member
1078 Paul Cree from Lincoln	Karen Bevan
1079 Gresley Nicholson from Skellingthorpe	Mick L
1080 Julian Pennington from Lincoln	Rick Fox
1081 Daniel Platts from East Barkwith	Will Field
1082 Kevin Brereton from Fiskerton	Will Field
1083 Withheld (awaiting GDPR Member Contract)	Joined as a Full Member

Two test passes so far in 2024

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	150
Fellows	13
Associate Members	32
Total Group Membership	195

Still quite a few members yet to renew their group membership for 2024 / 2025

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 to be made to:

Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists

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Finally, 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

LIFE AFTER THE IAM

Riding After the IAM

My time as a member of Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists ended a few years ago when time commitments on other things meant something had to go.

At the time, I wondered what would happen to my riding when the process wasn't being reinforced. Would bad habits creep in? Would IPSGA drift slowly to the back of my mind, and would the mantra of Safety Surface Stability and View be replaced by riding along the centre of my lane, with my brain in neutral?



The answers are Yes, No and Maybe.

Yes – I'm Worse

Looking back to my first session as an associate and how I ride today, I realize my riding has improved significantly. Yet, comparing where I am today to my final assessment ride before the Masters Test, I'm worse.

I've never been faster than I was at the end of the Masters training. My brain moved at a faster pace, and my ability to assess a situation and react to possibilities was faster. The faster my brain went, the more time there was to add even more to the ride.

Five years later, I can still ride at that pace for a short time, but it is an effort, and I know when I'm getting to the overload point.

No – It's Advanced

A few weeks back, I went out for a ride across the Wolds. The lead rider was following a downloaded route, and the road they wanted was closed. As I knew where we were going, I offered to help and took a different path to our destination.

While drinking tea and eating sausage rolls, two of the people on the ride asked, "Where did you learn to ride like that?" That other riders could still see a difference made my ego glow with pride.

And for the cynics, no, it wasn't a sarcastic comment. And yes, I suggested they contact the Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists.

Maybe

The difference in learning to ride the way advanced training teaches doesn't evaporate. I'm certain I have areas for improvement. My score sheet would have a lot of 2s in the assessment column, but the core skills are still part of my everyday ride.

I still automatically look for gravel when turning off major roads, and that voice in my head still reminds me to clear my mirrors after clearing the junction.

Road positioning, continual assessment, and planning are part of my everyday ride, but I'm just not as efficient as I once was at processing the data.

It's Not Just Me

Over the weekend just gone, I received a message from an ex-associate who had decided to complete a Bike Safe assessment ride with the Police.

It must have been three or more years (5 years – Ed) since Billy passed his IAM Test, and the Officer's assessment of his ride was, "That was spot on. I don't have any comments."

Even over the damp and soggy months of winter, our performance will lose its edge simply because we ride less.

Perhaps it is time for me to sign up as an associate and do the training again? What could possibly go wrong?

Dave Ayres

FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

2 Apr 24

Many thanks to Peter Riley from Helite for attending our meeting last night and giving a very interesting talk on air bag vests mainly but how they now have a range of jackets with airbags incorporated. Stan volunteered to be a guinea pig for the demo and it seemed to take his breath away! There was a lot of interest from the 22 members that turned and many thanks to John for arranging the talk. Ian also presented a pass certificate to Steve Richardson who passed his test in February and achieved a F1rst, well done Steve. I got no pictures of the talk but did get some of Ian and Steve. – Mick



Many thanks for the well attended presentation at our Social Evening last night. A great presentation from Peter Riley of Helite. Thanks to Stan for being a good sport and being the guinea pig to be blown up (probably not quite the right term) in the Helite vest. Unfortunately I didn't get a picture of that. I did however

trade in my Helite Turtle two vest for a new Helite Air jacket so that I can use it on our up and coming "Jolly Boys Tour" Down that south. There seemed to be a lot of interest in the room from the group. - John



7 Apr 24

All set up for the LRSP BikeSafe biker breakfast event at Nettleham Police HQ. A bit windy but we are still standing! – Mick



Just a quick special thank you to all the team that volunteered, supported and helped to make the Bike Safe setup a success today.

Without you all the Gazebo would probably have been blown to Bardney.

Seven sign ups in total two of which will probably be South Lincs Advanced Group and the rest for LAM.

Thanks to Sarah Barwick (Special mention for supplying exceptional cakes)

Mark Goulden as always a cheerful addition and gazebo post support.

Barry Jones for his unwavering support and buying me a coffee.

Mick Smith as main table anchor and chief in charge of form filling.

Nigel Baddeley additional gazebo support and packing away team.

And anyone else I have forgotten to mention.

Your help and support at the events is very much appreciated. – John

Thanks to all those that came along to Nettleham today and helped prevent the table and gazebo taking off! More importantly thanks for talking to those that came over to find out about advanced riding. We have signed up 8 new members although 2 will be allocated to the South Lincs group due to their location. – Mick

A very windy day at the Bike Safe Event today but reasonably productive and Will got to present Neil Tyler with his pass Certificate. Well done Neil and Will. - John



14 Apr 24

Somewhere in the region of 21 members at the Homestead observed ride this month. Too many posts on Facebook to include them all so a selection of pictures and some comments. If you use Facebook and want to see everything the members put on there join us at [Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#).

Nice circular route to Corby Glen via Bitchfield Bends and back through Bourne and Heckington. Newly named Hatties (formerly March Hare) was pretty much unchanged - good cakes still. Thanks for the company. - Bruce



A great session on 'Leading a group ride' at this morning's Observed ride. Thanks go to Alex, Karen, Ady and Steve for stepping up to the roll of Ride leader and each one taking us on some good challenging roads. Some very neat, well disciplined group riding. And finally thanks to Don for keeping us all honest whilst riding tail end.



Oh yes, also there was the mandatory half time cakes..... – Jerry

Great ride today, Geoff Everard, Dick Foley and myself. Anyone who has not been on one of Geoff's rides doesn't know what they are missing. Great route, great company. – Ian



21 Apr 24

A 'massive' turnout at Starbucks this morning with our group of 5 being led up to Seaways by Mike Pace who then carried onto Pickering! We headed back led by Sarah. Thanks to Sarah and Mike for the leads, a good day out. We lost Ian on the way to Seaways as he had a bike problem but got home okay. – Mick (note - we didn't actually lose Ian, he turned around and went home) Picture courtesy of Sarah.

Thanks to Ken for leading 8 of us out to this quaint venue, excellent bacon baps! – Roland



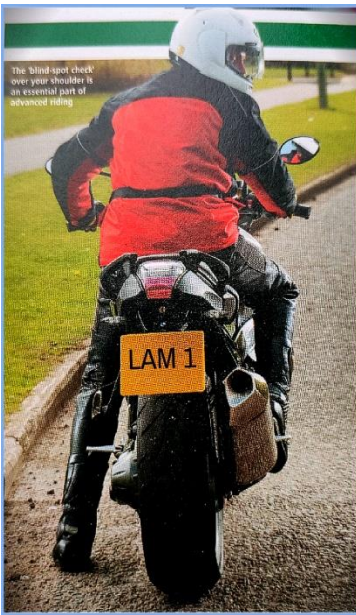
The Manor Farm Shop - Spilsby

OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

The last of the office based winter 23/24 Observer meetings took place in April, it was another busy evening with many items worked through and a subject of the month presentation from Chris Pursey with a look into 'Transactional Analysis'. Thanks to all that could make it, and all the Observer team would like to also thank PIB Risk Management for gifting LAM Observers the office facility during the winter months.

The LAM Observer team now moves into our summer 'On bike training' schedule for 4 monthly meetings.

Remember to check those Blind spots!



The 'Blind-spot check' over your shoulder is an essential part of Advanced riding.

Ask someone to slowly walk behind you from side to side and note the points at which they disappear from view, then reappear.

These are our blind spots and on some motorcycles, particularly on wide roads, they can be big enough to hide an entire lorry!

We need to be aware of these zones and compensate by making more frequent checks if necessary.

Before any manoeuvre you make, consider taking a quick look over your shoulder to check that you haven't missed anything in the blind spot.

Rear Observation and checking Blind spots

The phrase 'Rear Observation' is a generic term relating to any rearwards observation, either in the mirrors or over the shoulder.

A 'Blind Spot Check' is considered to be a look over the appropriate shoulder to check the area not covered by your mirrors.

This observation updates the 'Information' part of your riding system.

It is not meant to be a thorough 180-degree look to the rear, more a quick glance to fill in any blanks left by your mirrors.

It is also not intended to replace or replicate normal use of the mirrors, as their use has the advantage of allowing you to maintain a peripheral view of the road ahead whilst looking behind.

The level of vision your mirrors afford affects the frequency with which these checks need to be carried out and this should be considered part of the continuing 'Information' stage of IPSGA



As with every other part of IPSSGA, they should be considered and not just slavishly undertaken. This in turn promotes a 'Thinking Rider' approach to your riding in the same way as considering whether a signal is actually needed for every manoeuvre.

Remember that if a 'Blind Spot Check' is required, it should be executed before the manoeuvre, to allow time to react to anything observed.

***The road is clear
Or is it? always check
Blind-spots***



Lets keep our heads moving and be hungry for 'Information'

Stay Safe Jerry

EVENTS DIARY

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.

ANCHOLME LEISURE CENTRE	Scawby Brook, Brigg, DN20 9JH
WILLINGHAM WOODS.	Willingham Woods, LN8 3RQ.
THE HOMESTEAD	Canwick Avenue, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2RS
STARBUCKS	M180, Junc 5 Services, DN20 0PA, ///breakfast.slippers.alleges
SUN INN	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

MAY

Tuesday 7th **Social Meeting** 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.

Sunday 12th **Group Observed Ride** Ancholme Leisure Centre

Tues/Weds 14th/15th **Will's ride to lake District/Yorkshire Dales** See April ChainLincs for details

Sunday 26th **Group Social Rides** The Homestead and Starbucks

Wednesday 29th **Observers Meeting** Details from Jerry nearer the date

JUNE

Tuesday 4 th	Social Meeting	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 th /6 th	Dave Hall's ride to Wales	See April ChainLincs for details
Sunday 9 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Friday 14 th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sat 22 nd & Sun 23 rd	Suzuki Live at Cadwell Event	Details to Follow
Sunday 23 rd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 26 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Sunday 30 th	Motorcycles at the Manor (Event)	Details to Follow
		The Manor West Ashby Horncastle LN9 5PY

JULY

Tuesday 2 nd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Speaker is Simon Weir, author, journalist, tour planner, advanced riding instructor, speaker, commercial copywriter and general jack of all trades (taken from his LinkedIn profile)		
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 31 st	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 22 nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 25 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1 st	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 6 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Friday 18 th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 20 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 30 th	Observers Meeting	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 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						

