

# ChainLincs

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Welcome to the first edition of ChainLincs for 2025. I hope you all had a good Christmas and new year and thank goodness the longest month of the year is over!

It has been a fairly quiet couple of months for the Group as is normal at this time of year although it seems that there has been some particularly nasty weather over this period. If it hasn't been blowing a gale it has been freezing but hopefully Spring is on the way and it will get better from here on.

Don't forget there are often extra rides laid on a short notice by some of our members so if you want to know what's going Facebook is the place to look so by being a Facebook member you will get to know about them beforehand not just read about them afterwards in here. If you haven't found our Facebook page go to [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#) and ask to join to see all the other exciting things that go on. It is a private page so not open to the public's prying eyes.

In this months edition Ian has been rambling on but this is exactly the type of thing that is great to include in ChainLincs so if you can contribute it would be most welcome, it doesn't matter how long or how short I can use them. Send them to me at [lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com](mailto:lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com).

**In ChainLincs this month we have:**

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Stay safe

Mick



Happy New Year everyone.

I'd like to welcome four new members to the club: Peter Holt, Craig Brocklebank, Anthony Green and John Keech.

Well, as I've had some free time, I, like I'm sure many of you, have been gainfully employed clearing out some old drawers and the likes and came across a write up of a ride out I made at the start of my LAM biking career. See below.



I'd been out with one of the older seasoned group leaders and fully intended to publish this in the magazine, but being a 'newbie' I didn't get round to doing it. I won't mention the ride leader's name, there were just the two of us. He will know who he is and with a bit of luck we might get him to put on another 'daffodil ride out' this Spring, fingers crossed. I still have the route map he provided. As with all things nature wise, timing is everything, you can't guarantee anything from one year to the next. Watch this space.

My Notes start where we stopped in the market town of Spilsby, where we met and chatted to some (older than us) codgers, with their beautifully restored Rolls-Royce's. One of the "spirit of ecstasy" figures was not facing quite forward enough so she had to be reset, quite right too, standards have to be kept up. I felt it would have been rude almost to ask for a photo, my ride Leader didn't ask and as I'm only "his lad" I kept my mouth shut. I was getting hungry (some things never change). The proud owner of one of these wonderful machines lifted the engine cover (you can't really call it a bonnet) to show the immaculate condition underneath. I felt the urge to wipe my boots, just to stand and look into the engine cavity.

We're back on the bikes and travelling down some narrow roads where we meet up with three small lambs who all seem to know my ride Leader reasonably well, its a fairly wide road (it was definitely a road this time as it had proper tarmac). I'm going to name these three creatures Crash, Bang and Wallop to give you an idea of the level of unnatural interest they kept showing in the spokes of my ride Leader's front wheel. I would've preferred to see my ride Leader trying slow riding between static cones but (I thought) 'nice trick where did you learn that?' on one of these Off-Road-Skills days I hear so much about? I'm sure the Off-Road-Skills days people would be just as impressed as me. I noticed I was riding in a position otherwise known as 'shotgun position', I see now why that position has that name.

Anyone who knows me understands I need two fuels for a ride, fuel #1: calories and fuel #2: petrol.

Next stop, two coffees and a generous slab each of delicious apple and caramel pie and my own personal fuel tank needle was back out of the red.

The views and scenery were very good (keep your eye on the road laddie!). We had good weather and although Willingham was full of bikes, there were not many bikers actually using

their bikes for riding, it seemed more of a Talking Shop. The daffodil displays were generally stunning and in part exceptional and there were times when I wondered when they would end (eat your heart out Mr. Woodsworth).

Then I could see my ride Leader indicating left but the only left turn I could see was a brown dirt track. Now I'm not bashful at narrow green lanes, even rabbits strewn about is what I've become accustomed to after enjoying riding with my Observer 'John the Ford Harrison' but I wasn't looking forward to this, then, ha, it wasn't mud, it was brown tarmac. Have you ever heard of such a thing.

There it ends. Waiting for a sequel?

One of the points behind this article is that this magazine is nothing without the input of you the members. So don't be shy, give us all the benefit of one of your experiences. Like the above, there doesn't have to be any great point to it.

We have some promise of decent weather ahead of us, days are starting to lengthen, but frosts and other risks are also to be factored into your riding plans. Pick your days and have many of them.

While I didn't make it to the 'end of month ride out', I look forward to seeing you on another social ride out or at the monthly social meet.

Ride safe,  
Look after each other.

Ian (Chair)

There have been four new members join the group since the December newsletter:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Observer</b>
1101 Peter Holt from Heighington	Don Ford
1102 Craig Brocklebank from Healing	Malcolm Heaton
1103 Antony Green from Witham St Hughs	Roland Johns
1104 John Keech from Burton Waters	Will Field

No test passes to report in 2025.

The group achieved twenty test passes 2024

Congratulations on all your successes and a big thank you to the groups Observer team.

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	144
Fellows	14
Associate Members	24
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>182</b>

Finally, please remember 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

## DAVES PLANNED RIDE TO MOFFAT

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I am arranging a trip to Moffat Scotland, 2 nights Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June, returning on Thursday 5th June (it was originally going to be May). Staying at the Buccleuch Arms Hotel Moffat. Tel:- 01683 220003.

Price per night £93.50 for a twin room or £103.50 for a double. There is secure Bike parking on hard standing or you can book a Garage - single bike occupancy @£2 per night. If you wish to book a garage please do so when booking the room.

I have reserved 6 single & 2 Double rooms - so be quick to book to secure your place. If you wish to go please book direct with the hotel and let me know you are going please.

Dave Hall  
07471 344308

## FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

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8 December

3 mad fools out on the observer ride today. Thanks for joining me Harry and Mick Smith. A nice ride to the cafe hotspot of Woodhall Spa, just a short ride taking the conditions into account 🏍️🤖👍 - Alan



14 December

I would like to say thanks to Dave Ayres for bringing along the Voge DS900X to Starbucks this morning I was impressed with how much bike you get for £9000.

5 of us met Dave to have a good look at the bike.

Afterwards myself and Dave Hall had a ride out to Revs and Relics for lunch thanks for leading that Dave – Will



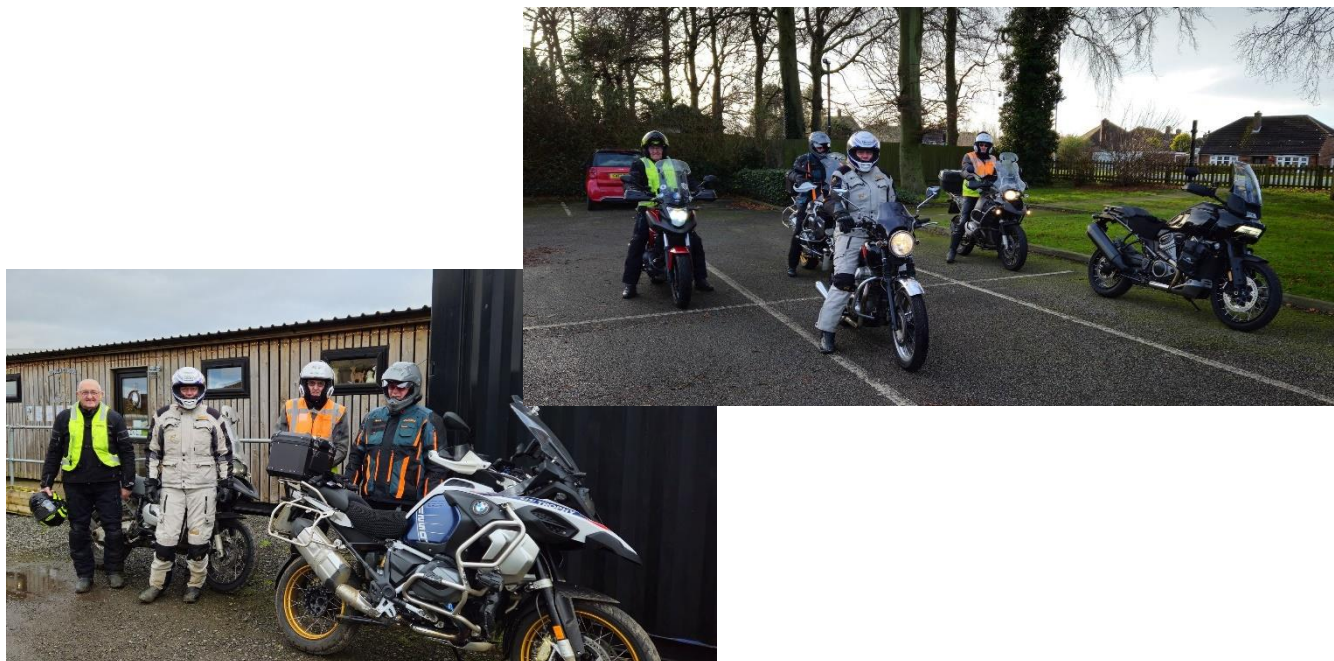


22 December

5 of us turned up for a ride from the Homestead this morning. Thanks Dave for leading an interesting ride to J&J Alpacas for refreshments. (a little bit of mud on the road)

I have only just finished cleaning my bike 🌈🌈

I'm thinking of doing a New Years Eve ride if the weather is ok, this is just to give some advanced notice. - Will



30 December

I would like to thank everyone who came on my ride today. Also Stuart and Geoff for tailending for me. Sorry about the dirty roads. – Will





6th January 2025

Our first social this year and a good turn out to see a very interesting presentation by Stuart Donald (Chairman of IAM Roadsmart) about his time as a consultant for the Saudi Government.

We also had three presentations of Pass certificates to Joanne Holt, Tim Fordred and Kevin Brereton. Congratulations to all three on passing the test. – John B



26 January

Four of us braved the cold windy wet weather for a steady (slow) ride to Louth for a warming brew then home. Missed the worst of the rain. Sorry no photo. - Harry

Six of us turned up to yesterday's social ride ..... Julie took her Associate for an Observed run around Lincoln (Junctions and roundabouts). Harry led the remaining hardy souls to Louth via Horncastle for a coffee and a bite to eat. We returned via Willingham Woods / Market Rasen. Conditions were a coolish 4 degrees, a tad windy 😊 and wet / slippery under foot. – Mark



New Year, New venue for the Observer team training meetings, we are in the final stages of arranging our new venue, details to follow via email to all members of the Observer team. As we move back towards the spring, what better excuse to ride your bike than joining the Sunday morning Observed Group ride. This is open to all Associates and Full members, it really is a good opportunity for Associates to meet other Advanced riders who have many years of experience that are happy to share their knowledge, and it's a chance to hone your new skills. Not done one yet? Get yourself up to Brigg for the next one on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> and join in, it's free.

### Space Invader

Recently you might have seen and heard the Government adverts about driving and riding too close to the vehicle in front. This campaign, was called the Space Invader. I quite often follow other motorcyclists who are riding far too close whilst following a vehicle for miles looking for an overtaking opportunity, remember to drop back to our safe following position if there is no opportunity to overtake. Lets take a closer look at our stopping distances;

Whether you're a new driver, rider or a seasoned old hand with many years of experience, there are times when you may be guilty of driving or riding too fast for the conditions, or too close to the other vehicles around you.

Following too closely to other cars, known as tailgating, is one of the biggest causes of road accidents in the UK. So, it's important to make sure you reduce your risk of collision by leaving enough distance between you and the vehicle in front, so you can make the most of these clear benefits:

- Having time to react and stop in time if cars ahead suddenly brake
- Allowing you a better view of the road ahead to plan your ride
- Reducing your fuel consumption – your riding will become smoother and you won't be required to apply the brakes every time the car in front of you slows down

### The Highway Code

The Highway Code details stopping distances in Rule 126 where it describes the two components which make up your overall stopping distance:

- Thinking distance: this is the distance you travel while you are deciding how to react to a situation. The Highway Code has given a simple formula to calculate this of 1 foot (0.3m) per mph, which means that at 30mph you would travel 30ft while thinking through how to react. However various studies have indicated that, in a measurement of time, this can be as much as 1.5 seconds. This would mean the thinking distance in most cases would be over double than that stated in The Highway Code, and it's possible that at 70 mph a driver or rider would be covering over 200 feet (over 60m) before they even applied the brakes.



- **Stopping distance:** this is the time it takes for your vehicle to stop when you apply the brakes. Using the formula adopted by The Highway Code, it takes almost four times longer to stop a vehicle from 60 mph than from 30 mph. So, this means a vehicle travelling at 60 mph would need 240 feet (73m) in total to stop.

The Highway Code advises that when driving and riding in wet conditions you should double your following distance. It also suggests that in snow and icy conditions it can take up to 10 times the regular distance to stop. So, remember to leave a much larger following gap in the wet or when it's cold enough to freeze.

### **"Only a fool breaks the two-second rule"**

The well-known two-second rule is a handy technique for judging safe stopping distances: this should be the minimum separation gap between you and the vehicle in front. However, when driving and riding at 70mph it's worth remembering that you will cover 205 feet (62m) every two seconds. This means you may need 315 feet or 96 metres to stop, so a three-second gap is preferable.

To ascertain what a two or three-second gap looks like, pick a fixed point on the road and count after the vehicle in front goes past it. This will help ensure you are keeping a safe distance between you.

### **Factors that impact the stopping distance**

Remember that any form of distraction might detract from your ability to react and will lengthen the overall time it takes you to stop. So, it's important to maintain your concentration at all times when driving or riding.

Weather, condition of the road surface, type of vehicle and the condition of your brakes and tyres can all affect the time it takes your vehicle to stop safely, so all should be considered for every journey you make, enabling you to make adjustments where necessary. "Keeping your distance will make for a less stressful journey, not only for you, but also for your passenger and for the traffic in front. It's sensible to reduce the gap in slow-moving traffic to assist in traffic flow, but when moving at speed the gap should really be equivalent to the overall stopping distance or a minimum of 2 to 3 seconds, or whichever is greater in the dry.

Dicing with disaster

#### **\*A third of drivers ignore or are unaware of the two-second distance rule**

- 32% of drivers admit to being unaware or choosing to ignore the two-second distance rule
- Government statistics show that 21% of cars are being driven too close to the one in front

\*(Source AA)

*Remember Space Invader!*

**Stay Safe Jerry**

07412 935333



## 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.

<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, ///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

**OBSERVED AND SOCIAL RIDES**    **1030hrs FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1100hrs (Nov to Feb)**

**SOCIAL MEETING**                      **FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 1930hrs**

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

### FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Sun Inn, Saxilby – Martin Atkin (Group member), Mental Health Motorbike. Explaining about the aims of the organisation.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
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

**OBSERVED AND SOCIAL RIDES      0930hrs FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1000hrs (Mar to Oct)**

**MARCH 2025**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Sun Inn, Saxilby – Dave Hall (Group member) Slide show and short videos on some of his road trips.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Willingham Woods
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

**APRIL 2025**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Sun Inn, Saxilby - Jon Wilkins (Group member) a Talk titled “The older I get the faster I was”. A talk about biker life moto-cross racing and touring abroad.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	The Homestead
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Social Rides</b>	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Observers Meeting</b>	Details from Jerry nearer the date

**MAY 2025**

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Sun Inn, Saxilby - Mark Robinson (Hugh James Partnership) Specialist Motorcycle Accident claims Solicitors.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Ancholme Leisure Centre
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

**JUNE 2025**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Sun Inn, Saxilby – Dave Hall (Group member) Slide show and short videos on some of his road trips.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Willingham Woods
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Group Social Rides</b>	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 25 <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 Martin Atkin, [martin@funnelweb.org](mailto:martin@funnelweb.org) or 07795 443607.

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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	£
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