

ChainLincs

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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
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Next Issue

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A short ChainLincs this month unfortunately as time wasn't on my side and I really could do with some write ups from you, the members.

Please see the extra ride this month on 24 June. See [Roly's Derbyshire Magical Mystery Tour](#). Roland has created an event on Facebook but his contact details are with details of his ride at the link above.

As you can see in the [Events diary](#) we are having a stand at Motorcycles at the Manor on 29 June. We could do with some help setting up and talking to the punters so if you can help out please let me or Sarah know.

As you can see from my brief Facebook roundup there are often extra rides laid on a short notice by some of our members so if you want to know what's going on Facebook is the place to look. 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.

I need your help to make ChainLincs a worthwhile read so if you have anything you want to share with other members whether your recent IAM journey or other advanced riding experience (RoSPA), your experience at a track day, a recap of a European tour or an experience that may have happened on the road that others can learn from or anything else you can think of please send it to me for inclusion at lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com.

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Stay safe

Mick

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again everyone,

Firstly, a warm welcome to new members Andy Young, Chris Jones, Vernon Gaiger, Nick Palframan-Wilde, Stewart Rustage and Stewart Buckingham.

Secondly a big congratulations to recent test passes Manuel Belmonte, Peter Holt and Antony Green. Many thanks to your observers Malcolm Heaton, Don Ford and Roland Johns.

Jerry Neale, Chief Observer, Phil Niner GDPR manager and myself have delivered 'Thank you' certificates to two more retiring Observers, Ken Rose and Morris Howe, after 12 years and 16 years respectively dedicated to LAM.



I haven't seen Jerry's contribution yet, but if he mentions the size of the enormous slab of fruit cake generously provided by Mrs Rose, treat his comments with scepticism. Remember, the camera adds 5lbs. Tip, if you visit Ken, make sure you go there very hungry.

And now my monthly ramblings...

Who am I? What am I? Why does my brain work (or not work) the way it does?

Why do I think and act the way I do?

Why don't I think and act the way you do?

All very searching, deep and reflective questions, but it's important to remember when we are dealing with each other that we are all different.

We all respond differently to different situations.
Sometimes I have to admit that I could have done that differently.
Even if I don't know what I could have done differently, that at least I'm aware that the outcome could have been better.
Sometimes saying or doing less works better.

I've attached a link [here](#) to a document borrowed from the IAM 'Observer Resources' pack on the IAM RoadSmart website.

You might not understand or agree with the content, but from a recent study (2024 conducted by the University of Edinburgh) indicates that these 'issues' could affect/impact 15-20% of the UK population directly, not to mention the indirect impact of people living with or working with neurodivergent individuals.

When we are riding our bikes, we are alone in our own head space. The rider, the bike, the road, the time.
Some of us enjoy (or tolerate) riding in a group, some of us not so much so.

This might get you thinking a bit deeper (if you want to, if you haven't already) about what draws you to motorcycling,
and what might draw the other biker standing a few feet away from you.

Thank you
Ride safe.
Look after each other.

Ian (Chair)

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There have been six new member enrolments since the May newsletter.

Member	Observer
1116 Vernon Gaiger from Woodhall Spa	Full Member
1117 Stewart Buckingham from Lincoln	Alex Munford
1118 Stewart Rustage from Lincoln	Alan Pugh
1119 Chris Jones from Martin Dales	Rick Fox
1120 Nick Palframan-Wilde from Ashby De La Launde	Jerry Neale
1121 Andy Young from Caistor	Paul Rushton

Three test passes to report, making four so far in 2025

Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Manuel Belmonte	3 May	Malcolm Heaton
Peter Holt	6 May	Don Ford
Antony Green	25 May	Roland Johns

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	128
Fellows	13
Associate Members	26
Total Group Membership	167

There are still some members still to renew group membership which was due on 6 April 2025. Preferred method of renewal is now via Bank Transfer (or a Standing Order) to the group's 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.

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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

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ROLY'S DERBYSHIRE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Tuesday 24 June. An all day ride in deepest Derbyshire and Staffs. Old bikes, beverages, cake and ice cream will be involved 😊 Bring some refreshments in case the remote lunchtime stop is closed, should be open though 😊

Meet at Maccy Dees, South Hykeham LN6 9UJ for a 09.30 departure.

Roland has created an event for this on Facebook but if you don't use Facebook let him know on 07943 812324 if you are going.

FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

1 May

Out with Donald Ford today trying out some new biker cafe's. Strawberry Fields near York, then Trackers in Bridlington and finally stopping off at Withernsea and cake 🍰😄. Over 200 miles of flowing roads and good progress made 🏍️👍 - Alan



3 May

- I will be leading an all day ride this Bank Holiday Monday to Grosmont. I will be going through the picturesque North Yorkshire Moors via Rosedale Chimney Bank. The ride is 220 miles long with a petrol stop and several comfort breaks.
- Starting at Starbucks, Caenby Corner at 9am for a 9.30am depart. there will be a short pick up stop at Barton upon Humber Services at 10.10am for anyone that would like to join from there.
- All members welcome. – Will

5 May

Thanks very much to everyone who came on my ride today. I thoroughly enjoyed it even with the little misadventure. 😊 - Will





6 May

At this evenings social gathering we had very interesting presentation by Mark Robinson of Hugh James Solicitors who is a specialist motorcycle accident claims solicitor. He gave some extremely good advice and how a specialist claims solicitor can make a huge difference to a settlement figure. He showed us a case study and video from 2013 where he managed to get substantial compensation for the rider involved in the accident. I'm sure we all came away with some valuable information. I will make sure that Marks details are available for everyone in the group in the next ChainLincs. Many thanks to Mark for taking the time to come and talk to us. - John



11 May

14 today at Brigg, split into 2 groups to Crowle, different venues, nice twisty roads there. Cafe is good, good coffee etc but directions send you the wrong way. Hopefully they have another sign being made. The weather was sublime.



17 May

- Would any one like to join me on a ride this Wednesday 21st to Monyash for lunch.
- I will be leaving from [Woodcocks](#), Burton Waters, Lincoln LN1 2BE Meeting at 9.30am for a 10am depart. So get there early if you would like a bit of breakfast or just a coffee. The whole Ride is about 150 miles and I hope to be back home about 4ish.

21 May

- The ride today started good as usual with a nice sized group. Unfortunately my ride ended with a break down just this side of Chesterfield. Which is where I remained for a good part if the day! The RAC man told me he thought it was possibly a problem with the starter motor. He got me and I then rode to Chesterfield Harley Davidson where they checked it and found no fault! 🙄
- A big thanks to Paul Kirton for taking over the ride, I understand it all went well! Apologies to all on the ride! - Will



Editor's note – unfortunately nobody posted any further pictures of this ride!

25 May

Eight of us at the Homestead this morning. Many thanks to Will Field for a great ride to Ferneley's Dairy Barn Cafe near Melton. A great day for it albeit a little windy at times. - Mick



29 May

Seven of us braved the very strong wind today on the Helmsley loop. Bit of a detour home due to the Humber Bridge being closed to vulnerable vehicles but all in all, a great day out. Thanks for coming along chaps. - Mike



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The last Wednesday in May was the monthly on bike training evening for Observers. The Observer group was divided into two teams, a team in the north of the county and a team in the south of the county. The theme for the evening was to cross check each Observer for riding standards. Thanks to all that could make it, and also thanks go to team leaders Alan P and Mike D for their planning.

Self annualising your ride

Self annualising your ride is a vital part of Advanced riding, it is important to reflect and ask yourself 'Could I have done something different there'? Finding time to practice your Advanced riding skills to keep sharp should be part of every Advanced riders plan. Reviewing your understanding and application of IPSGA regularly should be part of your self annualising. As we know, that the IPSGA system of motorcycle control is a trusted and effective method of creating time to negotiate a hazard safely.

TUG Take-Use-Give Information, remember to work this in your ride.

Pick a nice section of road and make sure that you are working IPSGA correctly.

Common errors: IPSGA

1) Incomplete or inaccurate information gathering

Does not scan far enough ahead to gather enough useful information

Misses critical visual clues, such as road signs, hazards or traffic flows

Focuses on only one element (e.g. road markings) and misses others (e.g. pedestrian movement, other road users)

'Did you gather information from all relevant sources – road signs, the road layout, surrounding traffic, and conditions?'



2) Not considering the whole picture in positioning

Positions too early or too late relative to hazards, intersections or other vehicles

Does not adjust position when conditions change (e.g. moving out for better visibility, or lane discipline)

Fails to position for smoothness in overtaking, junctions or bends

'Did your position give you the best view / room for adjustments needed ahead?'

3) Incorrect or delayed speed adjustment

Does not adapt speed early enough to match the road layout, traffic or conditions

Keeps a high speed when it is inappropriate (e.g. near a junction, bend or slow-moving traffic)

Brakes too late or aggressively, instead of adjusting speed smoothly

'Was your speed set early enough to allow smooth progression through the next stage?'

4) Not selecting the correct gear

Changes gear too late or too early, disrupting the flow or causing delays

Uses a higher gear than necessary, which reduces control, especially in curves, junctions or while overtaking

Does not adjust gear to allow smooth deceleration, acceleration or cornering

'Was your gear choice appropriate for the conditions and your desired control?'

5) Lack of anticipation or forward planning

Moves through the IPSGA stages reactively rather than proactively

Fails to anticipate what's ahead – such as upcoming hazards, changes in traffic speed, or road layout Does not adjust the system based on new information coming in (e.g. changing weather)

'How far ahead did you plan each stage of your approach? Were you thinking ahead enough to make adjustments?'

6) Not adapting IPSGA to changing road conditions

Uses a rigid approach to the IPSGA stages rather than adjusting based on real-time conditions (e.g. poor weather, heavy traffic)

Fails to account for roadworks, pedestrian crossings, or unfamiliar road layouts

Does not adjust the positioning, speed or gear when conditions change suddenly (e.g. entering a built-up area)

'Did you adapt each stage of IPSGA to the conditions, or did you use a one-size-fits-all approach?'

7) Inconsistent use of the IPSGA system

Skips stages of the IPSGA system, especially when under pressure or when not aware of the full context of a situation

Does not follow through with all stages (e.g. fails to adjust acceleration when necessary after selecting the correct gear)

Over-relies on one or two stages of the system, neglecting others (e.g. focuses on information but does not adjust speed)

'Were you consistent in following all stages of IPSGA, or did you skip any steps because of external pressures?'

8) Lack of review or reflection after each manoeuvre

Does not reflect on each IPSGA stage after completing a manoeuvre (e.g. overtaking)

Does not recognise areas where they could improve in the use of the system for smoother or safer riding

Fails to adjust their use of the system based on experience or feedback

'How was your use of the IPSGA in that manoeuvre?'

What would you tweak next time?'

Stay Safe Jerry

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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

OBSERVED AND SOCIAL RIDES **0930hrs FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1000hrs (March to October)**

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

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

JUNE 2025

Tuesday 3rd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 22nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 25 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Sunday 29 th	Motorcycles at the Manor	West Ashby Manor, LN9 5PY
Committee meeting on a date TBC.		

JULY 2025

Tuesday 1st	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 6 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 27 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 30 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

AUGUST 2025

Tuesday 5 th	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 10 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 24 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 27 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2nd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby - John Noone (Group member) talking about his Vlog YouTube channel EnthusiasticDad.
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 24 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

OCTOBER 2025

Tuesday 7 th	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 12 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Wednesday 22 nd	Barry Heath Quiz	2000hrs Heslam Park Rugby Club, 124 Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 2AG
Sunday 26 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 29 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

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

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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 or 07795 443607.

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						



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