

ChainLincs

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Social Gatherings

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 1900hrs at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Rd, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU.

Next Issue

The next issue of ChainLincs will be in November 2025

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EDITORIAL

A reasonably quiet month for the group events wise although the usual busy observing activity is always going on and tests are being taken. In addition there are more members taking their observer training and will soon be qualified National Observers.

Please note that with effect from the September social meeting on Tuesday 2nd we are moving the social meetings to the Nags Head in Middle Rasen. We have done this as it is more central to the location of our members and will hopefully encourage a few more to attend. As you will see from the Events Diary there is also a speaker that evening. Please note that the Nags Head is not normally open on Tuesday but have agreed to open just for us so hopefully we can make it worthwhile for them.

If you haven't seen Facebook there is a chippy lunch run on 3 September to Filey kindly organised by Mike Day. Leaving Caenby Corner by 1030 at the latest.

Heads up for October, there will be no ChainLincs in October due to the editor (me) being on holiday in late September into early October. I will send out an updated Events Diary to all when I get back from my hols.

As you can see from my 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 two new members, Mark Hunter and Graham Foyle-Twining.

Secondly, there have been three test passes since the last newsletter: Clive Stephenson, Josh Atkin and Stewart Rustage. Well done to you and your Observers (Will Field, Rick Fox and Alan Pugh respectively).



In October last year we marked the tragic passing of one of our Observers (Keith Smith) by holding a memorial ride. I'd like to do something similar again this year. It could be a longer or shorter ride, you can't please everyone. So please yourself. So, if someone would like to put something 'out there' let's see if it generates any interest. Any ride to remember him or his contribution to the club, doesn't need to be on that date, just somewhere close.

Note, we have had Observers die in the past while in service and we don't mark those events. We have had members and associates die, on or off a bike and again we don't mark those events.

Keith's passing was on the 6th October, on his bike, totally out of his ability to avoid, not his fault.

Now for the fun bit:

Bear with me on this, I'm not passing any opinion in this article on different parts of the UK's decision to reduce some speed limits to 20mph. This debate/change/process is not over by a long way and still creates polarised opinions.

I've provided links to where I've taken the information I've used from, but you don't need to access these links, you could just read the extracts below.

Link #1

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/&sa=U&sqi=2&ved=2ahUKEwiTgZaQoa6PAxWQZUEAHWmFO0sQFnoECA4QAQ&usg=AOvVaw1ZYK7yrCIWKcRr5cTolufuf>

Open the link

It takes you to a webpage called UK Parliament research briefings.

Click on House of Commons library. (Accept cookies)

Click on search button, top right.

Type 'Road humps and 20mph'

It will return one article, written 01.12.2023.

The Welsh 20mph limit was introduced 17.09.2023

Scroll down to read:

"In a poll carried out in Oct 2023, 59% of Welsh voters said they opposed the change, up from 34% opposition in mid September (before introduction) support for the new, reduced speed limit has correspondingly fallen from 46% to 29%."

Scroll down further, under

"Public support" read:

"...Once the 20mph limit has been implemented a 2018 (that date confuses me!) DfT review of signed only 20mph limits found high levels of support amongst cyclists (81%) residents living in the area with a new 20mph limit (75%) and drivers not resident in the 20mph area (66%) but less support amongst residents of neighbouring areas (44%) and opposition from motorcyclists 29% supportive 49% unsupportive."

What does that say about us (motorcyclists) as a group? It doesn't say what type of motorcyclists were canvassed though.

Here's another article:

Link #2

<https://TfL.gov.uk/powerful> new research 20mph

Transport for London (TfL) press release 21st of May 2025.

TfL undertook analysis of more than 150 20 MPH schemes implemented between 1989 and 2013, to better understand the impact of the schemes over a longer time period.

(After the bullet points)

Paragraph one read: "Compelling new TfL research that the number of people killed and seriously injured on borough roads in London reduced by 34% following the implementation of the 20mph speed limit between 1989 and 2013."

Scroll down to paragraph 3, read:

"TfL carried out this new extensive analysis to fully understand the impact of road safety measures across the city over a long time span. The report shows that, with the exception of motorcycle fatalities which did not change, 20 mile an hour schemes led to fewer deaths and less severe injuries across every mode of travel."

What? Why didn't motorcycle fatalities likewise reduce?

This is a statement, not an opinion, but I just don't understand this.

We seem to be the group that resist the reduction in speed limits and are the only group not to benefit from those same reductions. Hey ho.

Thank you

Ride safe

Look after each other

Ian (Chair)

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There have been two new member enrolments since the August newsletter.

Member	Observer
1129 Mark Hunter from Market Rasen	Alan Pugh
1130 Graham Foyle-Twining from Gainsborough	Mark Gill

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

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

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Clive Stephenson	30 June	Will Field
Josh Atkin	8 August	Rick Fox
Stewart Rustage	15 August	Alan Pugh

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	142
Fellows	12
Associate Members	22
Total Group Membership	176

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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WILL'S RIDE TO SNOWDONIA – SEP 2025

I am planning to do a 2 day ride to North Wales Snowdonia area, on the 22nd and 23rd September this year.

All members are welcome to join me.

We are staying 1 night in the Premier inn at Porthmadog.

Each day will be about 230miles no motorways but some dual carriageways.

We will depart Newark Shell Petrol Station A46/A17 Roundabout at 8.30am

We will have regular stops on the way.

If you would like to come along please book your room (with cancelation) and let me know – 07599 374560



DAVES'S RIDE TO MOFFAT – JUN 2026

Thanks guys for a great 3 day trip, we have decided to go again in 2026, the date going 9th 10th 11th June, returning on Friday 12th (3 nights), if you would prefer a shorter stay that's fine, you can cancel your booking nearer the time if you are unable to go. The hotel gets booked up quickly, so if you want to go please contact the hotel direct to book your room. I have asked for the hotel to hold 8 rooms, which they are doing until the end of July, although they have more available and mention Lincs Advanced Motorcyclists when booking.



The Buccleuch Arms Hotel Moffat. enquiries@buccleucharmshotel.com , 01683 220003

Dave Hall 07471 344308

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FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

10 August

Thirteen of us at Brigg today. The only observer, Will, took a full member for a refresher and his friend who came along for a taster, thanks Will. The rest of us split into 3 groups led by Rick, Ken and Dave and rode off to different areas, thanks for the lead guys, much appreciated.

Ian was also there to re-present John Harrison with an amended certificate in appreciation of his service to the group since it was founded. Many thanks John from us all. – Mick



8 August

The weather is looking good for Tuesday 12th. I am going to put on a ride to the Matlock area of Derbyshire, meet at Woodcocks Burton Waters Lincoln to leave at 9.30am. – Dave

12 August

The Cafe at The National Stone Centre, Wirksworth, Derbyshire. – Dave

Thanks Dave for leading a great ride today 🙌🍷 - Will



24 August

Fifteen of us at the Homestead this morning. We split into 2 groups, one led by Philip Gilbert who headed Doncaster way and the other led by David Hall who took us on a meandering ride to J&J Alpacas near Dry Doddington. Many thanks to Phil and Dave for the leads, we had a great ride. - Mick



Phil took us on a tour of Lincolnshire airfields with a stop at the Happy Cafe at Sandtoft and a final stop at the Wickenby Cafe where I picked up a nail and had to repair my rear tyre before limping home. Great ride and good company as usual. – Ian



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OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

August saw the last evening session of on bike training for the Observer team, as usual a busy evening with many subjects covered by the team in the north and the team in south including the challenges of urban riding when Observing, thanks to the team leaders Alan, Mike and all that could make it. September will see us back in the classroom for our evening session. This month the Observer team would like to welcome Ian Welsh and Steve Mitchell to the team, both Ian and Steve will be working towards the IMI National Observer qualification.

Quite often you will hear me refer to skill fade, which can creep in over time without us realising.

Having a fresh pair of eyes looking at our riding is a great way to address this issue, this could be in the form of joining the IAM RoadSmart Fellow membership and show that you are working to arrest any signs of skill fade with an Advanced Re-test every three years. Or a second great way to consider is to look at the Members Advanced Rider Refresher Course LAMs friendly qualified Observers cover all corners of the county, so wherever you are we have you covered. Lets keep one stage ahead of skill fade here in Lincolnshire!



Member's Advanced Rider Refresher Course!

- Learn 1-to-1 from a highly skilled Observer
- Hone your advanced riding skills in 3-4 sessions
- Refresh your knowledge of IPSGA

Course Overview

The Member's Advanced Rider Refresher a great opportunity for IAM RoadSmart members (past or present) to go out on three to four 60-90 minute rides with a skilled Observer. It may be quite some time since you passed your Advanced test, or you may just want the opportunity to brush up on a few advanced riding skills. All you need is a full valid licence, full membership status and your own motorbike.

About the session

The Member's Advanced Rider Refresher has been designed to focus on maintaining Advanced Riding skills with reference to the competencies in the Advanced Rider Logbook. Your Observer will be able to identify some areas to work on and you will be encouraged to input into the focus of each session to gain the most benefit. There's no test and there's no pressure – just enjoy the sessions!

What's included?

The first session will start with introductions and a discussion of your goals. Sessions 2 and 3 will focus on revision of IPSGA and developing skills individual to the rider. Session 4 is an optional session to recap on learning and bring everything together. The course is likely to take a couple of months depending on how often you meet. Between your sessions, you'll have the opportunity to put into practise your learnings. You will receive a soft copy version of the Logbook.



Are there any additional costs?

Your allocated Observer is a volunteer and will use their own motorcycle when riding with you to deliver the course. LAM request that a contribution is made to the fuel costs incurred by the Observer. A hard copy of the all new 2025 course logbook is also available to purchase. The course is £89 and can be found in courses at iamroadsmart.com or click the link [HERE](#)

Stay Safe Jerry

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WALKING IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN MOTORCYCLING

Back in June myself and a couple of mates, Andy and Alan, embarked on a four night trip to North Wales based in Llanberis, Snowdonia. I was on my Triumph 900 GT Pro, Andy on his Honda Africa Twin and Alan on the mighty Honda ADV 750. Our first stop was in Ashbourne at a very nice café called Preston's Specialty Coffee Bar on Derby Road, worth a visit.

We then made our way, via Leek and Macclesfield, to stop two at Chester Services on the M56 for a bit of lunch. It was here that my first misdemeanour took place. Whilst putting my jacket on by the bikes I noticed that my wallet was missing! We looked everywhere and checked to see if it was handed in, anyway I decided that someone must have picked it up and it was gone, nightmare! On the phone to Carol to cancel my credit cards just in case, I felt such a fool. Alan kindly offered to sub me for the trip, I promised to pay him back later!



Off we went heading for Llanberis along the N.Wales coast, lovely views, until I felt something at my lower back against the pillion seat, it was square, about the size of a wallet! I got the others to pull in off the motorway at the next exit. Jacket off and there was my wallet, in



between the outer fabric and the liner!! I had mistakenly shoved the wallet in the open vent rather than the pocket which is next to it, the wallet had slipped down into the lining. I called Carol and after a few expletives she informed me that all the cards were cancelled. O well, we live and learn.

Moving on, anyway, a nice ride on and down to our Air B&B in Llanberis. Nice and handy for pubs, restaurants and great views all around. Settled in the Pub, food etc.

Day two was a planned circuit of Anglesey, heavy rain and thunderstorms were forecast so we had a bail out plan. Luckily the storm arrived that evening after we returned. Anglesey was great, hardly any traffic, great roads, café's and views.

On Holyhead we visited South Stack Lighthouse, amazing views back to Snowdonia and nice café / visitor centre.



We popped into the Anglesey race circuit for a looksee and another brew. Formula Ford type cars were there on a track day, looks a great circuit. Back over the lovely Menai bridge and return to base before the heavens opened! Pub, food etc.

Day three was great sunny weather with a planned 100 mile round trip of Snowdonia. It was spectacular from the start, heading up Llanberis Pass and on to Betws-y-Coed, Llanrwst, Ffestiniog, Porthmadog and Caernarfon. You must ride the B4391 sometime, its stunning!

Following a brew near the castle we decided to return via the village on Anglesey with the longest name ever that we missed yesterday,

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch, know locally as Llanfair, good



job eh? We took piccies of the sign along with bus loads of tourists at the station, as you do.



The evening was my second misdemeanour! Following a fish and chip supper we decided to go for a stroll in the local park down by the beautiful lake Llyn Padarn before heading back for a beer. For some unknown reason I felt

the need to jump down a low wall into a concrete rainwater gully and up a similar wall the other side. Upon landing my right knee gave way and I started to go down in a heap, but somehow it came back to life shooting me into the opposite wall headfirst! The contact was hard as it was Welsh slate, so I then had a major gash in my forehead spewing blood in copious amounts. Amazingly, from nowhere, there appeared some folk who were first aiders with all the kit as they had just come back from leading an outward bound course.

I was patched up pretty quick and they stopped the blood flow. That was a lucky break! Someone dialled 999 for an ambulance but it would be 3-6 hrs! One of the group, a lovely lady called Layla, offered to take me to Bangor A&E in her car. She not only took me there but went to a local shop to buy me a few items to survive the waiting room wait. My guardian angel, we still keep in touch. Layla restored my faith in humanity. The boys popped in later with bike mags and other goodies, also free micky taking was thrown in of course!

Following a quick triage my wait was 13 hrs, all night to get stitched up! 8 stitches in the morning and a taxi back to Llanberis wearing a turban! Andy and Alan were there to receive the patient, I told them to go off on ride three as I was off to bed. They had a great day riding down to Lake Vymwy. As I couldn't ride back the next day (turban, stitches and right eye

closing up) as planned I needed to source a van to take me and the bike back home. The AA weren't interested as the bike hadn't broken down, so through a website called Shiply I arranged a flatbed truck to pick up me and the bike next morning for £360, door to door, sorted.

Managed to get my money back, minus £50 excess, through my travel insurance. The chap who brought me back was great, the bike never moved an inch!

So, that was a bit different to our usual tours and not one I wish to repeat! It was all a bit bizarre, not something you could dream up even. I was lucky as the head injury could have been far worse if I had hit the wall an inch or two either way.



A trip of highs and lows, but still great memories. Planning our next one now!

Cheers for now

Roland (75 not 25!)

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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
NAGS HEAD	The Nags Head, Gainsborough Rd, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU

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**

SEPTEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2nd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen - 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
Monday 22 nd		
/Tuesday 23 rd	Will's ride to Snowdonia	See Will's Ride to Snowdonia – Sep 2025
Wednesday 24 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

OCTOBER 2025

Tuesday 7 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 12 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Friday 17 th	Committee Meeting	Zoom
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

NOVEMBER 2025

Tuesday 4 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 9 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 23 rd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 26 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

DECEMBER 2025

Tuesday 2 nd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Committee meeting on a date TBC.		

FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
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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