



# ChainLincs

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## Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists

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## Social Gatherings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month starting at 1930hrs at the Nags Head, Gainsborough Rd, Middle Rasen, LN8 3JU.

## Next Issue

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Welcome to the final edition of ChainLincs for 2025 and it's a fairly small one this month but that doesn't mean to say it doesn't take as long to put together for me and for those that contribute every month, Ian, John and Jerry. Thanks guys and I hope that your efforts are appreciated by members opening and reading what we do.

A fairly quiet month in November but some great rides in ever changing weather conditions and you can read more about riding at this time of year in Jerry's [Observer and Associate](#) bit on page 10. As I write this it is raining but once this is done and the rain has stopped I am off out to hone my riding skills on the wet and slippery roads of Lincolnshire.

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 before and 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](mailto:lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com).

We are looking forward to another great year for the group in 2026 but before that don't forget the planned rides this month on 7 and 21 December, details in the [Events Diary](#) on page 12.

Have a great Christmas and New Year and hopefully see you at some group rides and events in 2026.

**In ChainLincs this month we have:**

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Stay safe

Mick

## CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Hello again everyone,

Firstly, a warm welcome to a new member, Graham Millward. I look forward to meeting you on ride outs at some time.

Congratulations to Simon Clayton and Stewart Buckingham on your recent test passes, well done.

New Group members, mostly Associates, have held up very well after the IAM price rise and all the uncertainty that such an increase can bring. That's really good news. We have managed to retain a strong number of existing members and active members who felt that they were getting value for money from Group membership, again, really good news.

I occasionally listen to "women's hour" BBC Radio4 10:00-11:00 every weekday. (All available on catch up). Honestly guys, it's mind blowing the stuff that gals have to put up with.

Anyway, today's programme Tues 25 Nov, covered "rage rooms", a subject I'd never heard of. The programme is female orientated, the cast is usually solely female, but why can't any of this be experienced by males?

The narrator goes into a room where there's a printer and a baseball bat.

Apparently she exited the room feeling a lot better, like she'd done one for the team.

They might have another room with crockery! Or white goods etc.

Rage rooms are not for me, I don't get like that, but anyone knowing me will know I've recently been in a situation, purely a one off exceptional event, my bike being stolen.

Life deals us cards, some good and some not so good. We have to play that hand. We're all human, we're all different. Whatever works for you, or someone close to you, don't keep it all in (a famous song by 'The Beautiful South').

Why aren't males 'allowed' to express extreme emotions? Does this make you feel uncomfortable?

It's coming up to that really stressful time of year. Is there anyone near or dear to you that might benefit from a shoulder?

While the programme lasts for an hour, the article starts 18:10 seconds into the programme and lasts for 15mins.

So, Xmas is looming.

I find at the middle of November there seems loads of time, then, BAM before you know it we're in the thick of it.



I sprained my ankle badly a few weeks ago and while it's taking its time to heal, I hope to be able to be back on the bike just after Xmas as we generally get some days of decent weather, but, the ankle has to be a lot better first.  
Hopefully I'll see some of you out and about quite soon.

I thank you all for your continued membership of the Group and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous Xmas and New Year.

Remember, just because you can, doesn't mean you should.  
Ride safe, look after each other.

Ian (Chair)

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

Member	Observer
1136 Graham Millward from Mablethorpe	Kev Hewson

Previously notified new member Andrew Gledhill has been allocated Malcolm Heaton as his Observer.

Two test passes to report, making twenty so far in 2025  
Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observer.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Simon Clayton	8 November	Mike Day
Stewart Buckingham	11 November	Alex Munford

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	146
Fellows	11
Associate Members	16
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>173</b>

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.

Finally, best wishes to everybody for Christmas and a prosperous New Year with plenty of good motorcycling opportunities to look forward to.

That's all for 2025, ride safely:

*John Cheetham*

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## FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

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8 November

Thanks to everyone for supporting the ride today in remembrance of Keith Smith. I think he would have enjoyed the ride. Special thanks to Ian Welsh for tail ending the second man drop off ride. – Will

Thank you Will Field for putting together an awesome route, and everyone on the ride for making me feel like part of the group, my first (of many I hope) ride and I thoroughly enjoyed it 🍷🍷 - John K

Great ride today in memory of our dear friend Keith Smith. 25 turned out to pay our respects. Thanks to Will Field for an interesting route. A couple of windmills along with lovely refreshments 🍷🍷🍷 - Roland







This is just a few pictures from Keith Smith's memorial ride, there are loads more on FaceBook. [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#)

9 November

5 of us turned up at Brigg this morning. It was a little misty. Thanks Ken for leading a great ride out to Goole. – Will





23 November

Nine of us at the Homestead this morning. Thanks to David Hall for a great run to the Manor Farm Tea Shoppe near Bleasby, an excellent choice. We lost Jim K on the way, hope the bike is okay Jim. – Mick

Thanks very much Dave for leading a very enjoyable ride to Manor Farm Tea Shoppe. A great route. Jim had a puncture but managed to limp home. – Will



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## OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

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November was the last LAM Observer training session for 2025, it was another busy session with many items worked on throughout the session, including a Q&A session with IAM Roadsmart Examiner Steve Goodwin. Steve talked to the Observer team about the Advanced test process from an Examiners roll, and was open to questions about National Observer Assessments and the Masters program. Thanks to Steve, and all that could make the session.



It's important as an Advanced rider to have a really good understanding of the Highway code, so lets not leave it on the side gathering dust, especially at this time of the year, grab a cuppa, put your feet up in front of the fire and refresh your knowledge!

Contrary to the popular image of summer riding, tackling colder months on a motorcycle offers distinct advantages, including improved mental fortitude, better riding skills, and less road congestion! While it requires proper preparation and caution, winter riding can be a rewarding challenge for dedicated riders. It sharpens riding skills: Challenging conditions like cold, wet roads, and reduced visibility force you to be a more deliberate and smooth rider. This hones fundamental skills in control, balance, and reaction time, making you a safer rider year-round.

Whilst out riding in this recent cold snap feeling suitably cosy using my heated Keis kit and passing a gritter I was reminded to be aware of '**Micro Climates**'

It's important to look out for evidence of Micro Climates. These can cause frost, wet patches or fog to linger in some areas after they may have disappeared elsewhere. Ice can linger in landscape features, such as valley bottoms, shaded hillsides and shaded slopes, or large areas of shadow cast by trees or buildings and can result in sudden loss of traction.

Remember that bridge surfaces are often colder than the surrounding roads because they are exposed on all sides and can be icy when their approach roads are not!



What could be lurking in those those shadows?

## Road signs and markings

Road signs and markings warn of approaching hazards and give instructions and information about road use. Use your observation skills to read the road and link the signs to the hazards ahead, especially at night.

Make the best possible use of road signs and markings:



- **Observe** - actively search for road signs and marking in your observation scans and incorporate the information they give you into your riding plan as soon as possible. Many riders fail to see and make use of them and so lose valuable information.
- **Understand** - be able to recognise them immediately. You should be familiar with the current editions of the Highway code and Know your Traffic signs.
- **React** - react to a sign or marking by looking ahead to what it refers to and building the information into your riding plan. Where the sign or marking refers to an unseen hazard, anticipate the hazard and adapt your plan accordingly.

**O                      U                      R**  
Observe      Understand      React

*All the members of the LAM Observer team would like to wish all LAM members and associates a really Merry Christmas and a happy safe.....  
New year!*



*Stay Safe Jerry*

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## 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>NAGS HEAD</b>	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**     **1030hrs FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1100hrs  
(November to February)**

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

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

### DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Willingham Woods
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Zoom
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Group Social Rides</b>	The Homestead and Starbucks

### FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	The Homestead
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
Committee meeting on a date TBC.		

### **MARCH 2026**

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Ancholme Leisure Centre
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

### **APRIL 2026**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Willingham Woods
Sunday 19 <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

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

### **May 2026**

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	The Homestead
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Social Rides</b>	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Observers Meeting</b>	Details from Jerry nearer the date

### **JUNE 2026**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Social Meeting</b>	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Group Observed Ride</b>	Ancholme Leisure Centre
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

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](mailto: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	£
<b>PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED WITH ORDER</b>						



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