

ChainLincs



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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.

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Welcome to the April edition of ChainLincs. What a great time of year, Spring is all around us (see the front cover), the days are getting longer and hopefully it will be warming up a little more. A number of members in this last month have taken the opportunity to get out with the group on the planned Sunday group rides and a couple of extra midweek rides laid on by Ian Morrision and Dave Hall, thanks guys.

Thanks also to the members that turn up for the planned rides and agree to take a group on a meander around the countryside for a few hours obviously including café breaks. If you're not keen on the way we run Sunday morning rides you could always offer to plan a ride ahead as Ian and Dave did or do one on a Sunday. The easiest way to let the membership know about it is our Facebook page at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#). If you plan even further ahead I can add it into ChainLincs.

There have been great turnouts at the rides over the last month and fantastic to see some fresh faces along with the regulars. Us regulars don't bite and will be pleased to see you.

A change to last months events diary for April. The Group observed ride will now be on 12 April instead of Easter Sunday and the social ride will be 2 weeks later on 26 April.

Don't forget Dave Hall's ride on 2 April to Rudyard Lakes Narrow Gauge Steam Railway. See last months ChainLincs for details. [March ChainLincs](#)

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.

In ChainLincs this month we have:

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Stay safe

Mick

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again,

Firstly, a warm welcome to two new members: David Ashmore and Ben Jackson. I look forward to meeting you on one of our ride outs soon.

I've been watching an article by Hannah Fry, Professor of the 'Public Understanding of Mathematics' at the University of Cambridge.

So, when she quote statistics, I'm not going to challenge her or ask for her source material.

I'm reminded of a famous quote, 'There are lies, damned lies and statistics'. Mark Twain is the author generally attributed to it, with the saying reflecting scepticism of how statistics can be used out of context.



Anyway, Sun 29th March we alter our clocks for 'daylight saving time'.

Hannah says this 'daylight saving' process results in:

A 6% rise in the number of fatal car crashes the next day.

A 24% spike in heart attacks.

I'm interested especially in the 6% figure.

Remember that wild animals don't wear wristwatches, they tell the time by the position of the sun.

Generally, they try to avoid contact with humans but when we mess with our clocks we risk messing with their avoidance strategy at least till they get used to our new routine.

So, try to be a bit more vigilant at sunrise/sunset for the hour before and after for a week or so, especially if you are travelling in any rural areas at these times.

Although foxes don't respect rural/town boundaries. Hitting a fox or a deer on a bike or in a car is not something I'd say is going to be good for us.

Take extra care.

Remember, just because you can doesn't mean that you should.

Thank you. Ride safe. Look after each other.

Ian (Chair)

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There has been two new members enrolled since the March newsletter.

Member	Observer
1139 David Ashmore from Scunthorpe	Chris Pursey
1140 Ben Jackson from Coningsby	Nick Palframan-Wilde

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	144
Fellows	13
Associate Members	17
Total Group Membership	174

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, at the February committee the financial status of the group was discussed in relation to a possible increase required in group subscriptions from 2027 onwards to alleviate an anticipated continuing decrease in group funds due mainly to ongoing monthly storage charges for our equipment used to publicize the group at outside events including the group projector and screen..

It was suggested that there may be a possibility of a fairly centrally located group member having a safe and dry area to store the equipment as opposed to the group using commercial storage facilities.

The commercial storage we currently use is four foot square, which is ample for our requirements.

If any member is able to help in this instance could they contact John Bateman or any other group committee member.

That's all for now, ride safely:

John Cheetham

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FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

4 March

Many thanks to Dave Hall who kindly came along and showed slides and spoke about his latest European motorcycle tour. It was interesting and very much appreciated by all who attended. – John



8 March

Brigg observed ride

We had a good turn out this morning at Brigg. 10 of us and we split into 2 groups, Malcolm took a group west and I took one east.

Thanks to all. – Will



5 of us went to the Paddock at Alkborough, a bit different for the southerners to come up North, tha Noes – Malcolm

17 March

Sheffield Peaks 2025

Good ride today chaps.

Good roads.

Good weather.

Great company.

I'm just home.

Absolutely knackered. – Ian

A big thanks to Ian for leading his annual ride into the peaks today. It was a great days riding, good company and surprisingly good weather. – Will



21 March

Many thanks to the Observers Will Field, Mark Gill, Stuart Harrison and Mike Day for all your hard work today. 12 Taster ride outs completed and lots of positive feedback. Also, thanks to all the group members (you all know who you are) who turned up to support us during the day and managed to make inroads into the cakes, sausage rolls and sandwiches. - John



22 March

Eighteen members at the Homestead on a chilly morning. We split into 2 groups led by Geoff Everard and David Hall, thanks gents. Dave took his group to the Bubblecar Museum at Langrick and Geoff led us across to the Windmill at Moulton. Great ride Geoff, many thanks, most enjoyable and some good banter. I didn't get any pictures but I know there are some to come. – Mick

Thanks for your company today on the ride to the Bubblecar Museum at Langrick. – Dave



Thanks Dave and Geoff for leading the rides today. I went on Geoff's ride great roads and great company. On the way back Geoff left us as we went through Horncastle and Dick F lead the ride back to Wickenby. 👍 - Will



24 March

Dave Hall laid on his annual daffodil run today.

Photos from today's ride. – Dave



More pics from Dave's Daffodil Ride today. – Will



There are plenty more pictures on our Facebook at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#) .

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OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

To become proficient as an Advanced rider it is important that you continue to practice your Advanced riding skills. This is relevant at any level, Associate, Full member, Observer, Fellow, Masters, the learning never stops. On your next ride out take time to self analyse your ride. Ask yourself, am I riding at an Advanced level? Could I have done something different to improve my ride? Where is my vision? Use your eyes to build up a picture of what is happening all around you, as far as you can see, in every direction. The best way to build up this picture is to use your eyes in a scanning motion which sweeps the whole environment: the distance, the mid-ground, the foreground, the sides and rear. You might find that there is some room for improvement.

Winter can still be our friend

As we move through March and the clocks go forward on the 29th moving us into British summer time we can thank winter for giving us the opportunity to gain an 'information advantage' by still being able to see through hedges that have shed their leaves during the winter. Safe and effective riding depends on using the information gained from early observation to plan your riding actions. Gaining an advantage by good early observation is a vital part of your Information stage. Don't miss these clues....When you approach a hazard where your view is restricted, position your bike to get the best view that is consistent with safety. Take every opportunity, however brief, to improve your observation of the converging roads and the road ahead.

Take time to look for these features.....



Take a close look at this picture. What can be seen? By taking advantage of early observations through the gap in the dormant hedge, you can spot coming in the other direction at a similar distance to the bend as us, a silver crew cab towing a horse box. **Early Observations in our Information stage gives us more time to make our riding plans.**

Now take a close look at this picture. What can be seen? The clues are there. Early observations through the gap warns us of the approaching white vehicle in good time before we have even arrived at the crossroads ahead. By looking across a bend or through gaps, Advanced riders can better plan how to deal with hazards; you may see vehicles and or further hazards.....



The clues are there, **LOOK** to gain an advantage, we use the road sign as part of our Information stage, it gives us a clue about the crossroads ahead, the gap in the hedge allows us early indications of a possible hazard, work on sharpening your vision to boost your Information stage.

Fun at the Sunday morning Observed ride



The LAM Sunday morning Group ride out is a great opportunity for associate members to get in some extra riding practice before their Advanced test. At the Sunday morning ride you will usually find many Observers and Full members who have got a vast knowledge and experience of Advanced riding who are always willing to assist others to achieve test standard. It is also another opportunity to practice the work that you have been doing with your Observer. We have three areas of the county covered, so take a look in the events diary and plan your next Sunday morning Group ride! Add it to your diary and set yourself a goal to try and get to as many Sunday morning rides as you can throughout the year, our next one is from Willingham woods, it's a great opportunity to upskill and meet more members of the group.

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
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 WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 1930hrs**

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

APRIL 2026

Wednesday 1st	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen – talk from Mick Goodwin, LNAA Paramedic
Thursday 2 nd	Dave Hall Ride	Rudyard Lakes Narrow Gauge Steam Railway
Sunday 12 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Friday 17 th	Committee Meeting	1900hrs Zoom
Sunday 26 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 29 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

May 2026

Wednesday 6 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen – talk from Philip Wilkinson (The grandson of Mouncey Wilkinson who bought and built Cadwell Park)
Sunday 10 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 24 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 27 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

JUNE 2026

Wednesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 7 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Friday 19 th	Classic Bike Trackday	Cadwell Park
Sunday 21 st	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 24 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

JULY 2026

Wednesday 1 st	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 5 th	Motorcycles at the Manor	West Ashby 1000hrs
Sunday 12 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 26 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 29 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

August 2026

Wednesday 5 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 9 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 23 rd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 26 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

September 2026

Wednesday 2 nd	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 6 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 20 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
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**

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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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