

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 August edition of ChainLincs. As I write this it is nice that it has cooled down a bit so I can actually sit in my study and not think I am in a sauna! Wait, I wrote that last month, must be in some sort of weather cycle! I was warm yesterday, 30 plus degree heat in Cambridgeshire helping my brother erect a 3m x 3m pergola in his garden. Glad I drove down there in my car so the aircon was on coming home, I did think about going on my bike but glad I didn't!

The front cover this month is from the mid week ride Dave Hall organised (again) visiting three cafes in Lincs, Leics and Notts although the last one had closed early so we dipped out on more coffee and cake. We had a great day out clocking up 140 miles (ish). Many thanks for organising Dave and to all those that came making Dave's efforts worthwhile.

Dave is one of a handful of members that organise additional rides over and above the planned Group rides. If you feel you could do something like Dave last month let me know and I can add the details in here and on our Facebook page at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#).

As you will have seen we have had a run of new members over the past couple of months and doing a quick count that brings the total to 24 associates this year plus a couple of full members. Welcome to you all and please think about joining us on a planned ride sometime. It is certainly keeping the observers busy so thanks to them for the extra they give to the group.

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

NEW CLOTHING RANGE

As the sun comes out and the temperatures climb, what better way to show off your bike-ready body (surely 'beach-ready' - ed?) than with our new range of exclusive group branded polo shirts. For just £18 each they come embroidered with the LAM and IAM RoadSmart logos, and you can add your own name for that personalised touch! The polo shirts come in two colour combinations with gold or grey piping on collar and sleeves and are available in all sizes from S to XXXL. Get your order in now by emailing Martin Atkin martin@funnelweb.org or scroll down ([Group Clothing](#)) to see the full range of LAM branded clothing.



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CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hi all, here we are again, it'll soon be Xmas at this rate, I can't wait. (eds note – I can!)

Firstly a warm welcome to new members: Mike Warren, Keith Ulyett, Celia Wilson, Peter Chapman, and Leia Thompson.

I look forward to meeting you on ride outs sometime, don't be shy, (already met Leia at a Sunday gathering) while we might seem intimidating to some who are not used to club meets and group riding, we can be very accommodating, so give us a try.

Secondly, a big congratulations to recent test passes: (Observers in brackets)

David Ashmore (Chris Pursey) and Jason Brewer (Ian Welsh)

Many thanks to your Observers, the backbone of the club.

This months article is about SPEED v TIME v DISTANCE.

Rearrange those anyway you like, but the outcome is the same, the faster you travel, the less time it takes to cover a given distance. Logical eh? Of course it's crystal clear. Or is it?

See below, a version of a speedometer with another gauge on the outside of the MPH figures. Not Kilometers per Hour on this gauge, but Miles per Minute. A Paceometer.



A standard vehicle speedometer measures in miles per hour, this outer gauge shows distance covered per single minute rather than per hour. These are called Paceometers. I'll bet most of you know all about these.

Anyway, for those who are new to this concept, it shows that if you decide to speed, ie for arguments sake, break the national speed limit, and instead of riding at a constant 70mph, you elect to ride at 80, 90 or (heaven forbid) 100, over a 10 mile journey, you save 1min, 2mins or 2.5mins respectively.

Over a 40 mile journey at a constant 'ton' you save a paltry 10 mins.

So, if you're not riding at 70 for 40 miles, why are you speeding?

Are you trying to get to your destination earlier?

If so, perhaps it's better to set off a few mins earlier.

If you're overtaking, why? Sitting behind the vehicle in front of you at 50 instead of overtaking and riding at 60, only costs you 2mins over 10 miles.

So what?

Risk.

When we overtake we increase our risk.

When we speed we increase our risk.

When we speed and overtake...

This concept is making me thinking about relaxing more and 'pushing the envelope' less.

Don't get me wrong, I like to overtake, I like to make progress. I don't see myself as a plodder.

But if I'm running late, I am not going to try and be a time traveller. If I was Santa, I could stop time, in theory, but only one day a year. For the remaining 364 days, I'm just a mere mortal, like the rest of you and hope to ride again another day.

I called at my doctors once for a routine check up. I'd just ridden 50 miles from work to my local surgery. My doctor took my blood pressure, looked at me, looked at his reading and repeated that several times. Then asked me (pretty obvious as my helmet was on his desk) 'did you ride a motorbike to come here?' Then he asked me to go back to his waiting room and, you guessed, 'wait'.

After 20mins and another BP check, he TOLD me, NEVER to ride a bike to a check up again.

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

Thank you, Ride safe, Look after each other.

Ian (Chair)

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There have been three new members enrolled since the July newsletter.

1157 Mike Warren from Louth	Will Field
1158 Keith Ulyett from North Kelsey	Malcolm Heaton
1159 Celia Wilson from Burton-upon-Stather	Stuart Harrison
1160 Peter Chapman from Brant Broughton	Phil Niner
1161 Leia Thompson from Lincoln	Wendy Beresford

We are still managing to match up new associate enrolments to Observers although we are reliant on the goodwill and enthusiasm of our Observer team.

We do, however, have a need for an Observer in the Market Rasen/Louth area to prevent excessive travel for both Observer and Associate if anyone wishes to put themselves forward for this most important of roles within the group.

Jerry Neale, our group Chief Observer (details on page 2 of ChainLincs), is the person to contact.

Two test passes to report, making five so far in 2026.

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

We have three tests booked to take place in the first half of August

Member	Pass Date	Observer
David Ashmore	1 July	Chris Pursey
Jason Brewer	23 July	Ian Welsh

The present composition of the group from the IAM online portal is as follows:

Full Members	129
Fellows	13
Associate Members	29
Total Group Membership	171

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.

Group online banking details below for membership renewals:

Lincolnshire Group of Advanced Motorcyclists

Sort Code 30 96 26

Acc. No. 67439968

That's all for now, ride safely:

John Cheetham

FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

5 July

Great day at Motorcycles at the Manor in West Ashby today. Had quite a bit of interest so hopefully some will sign up. Many thanks to John for bringing the kit and his camper van and also to Sarah and Ian for helping out all day, and also to the members that came to say hello and have a chat.

Lot of bikes there today, seems to be getting bigger every year. – Mick



12 July

Thirteen of us at Willingham Woods today with 2 observers for the ride, sadly no associates joined us. Ken took one group across to Sutton on Sea and I took the other group over the Wolds and we ended up at Louth.

Coincidentally we then all arrived back at Wickenby about the same time for more coffee and, for some, bacon and egg (or was there?) baps. Ian got his egg in the end and not on his face 😂. Thanks to all that came, it was a great day for being out on the roads in Lincolnshire. – Mick





Was the yolk on the Chair you have to ask 🤔👍. Great roads and a lot of great banter 😊👉 - Alan



13 July

Hi All

I thought you might be interested. Today I received this email from Larry Riches the sponsor of Motorcycles at the Manor that we attended on Sunday 5th July. Thanks to the team that manned the stand and the steady stream of our group members who showed up to give us support during the day.

Dear Friends,

First a big thank you for supporting our 4th event, who would have thought 5 years ago 50 friends had a few mates together with their bikes, last week we had 773 bikes and who knows how many visitors by car and by foot! We thought you should know, we raised the following amount for Charity, amazing really, thank you for your support.

In 2027 we plan to hold the event a little later on AUGUST 1st 2027, don't forget to put the date in your diary!

A Big Thankyou to you all,
Larry, Christine, Derek and the team
Motorcycles at The Manor 2026

The following payments were made to the various Charities listed below from the collection made on the 5th July 2026

Donation list

Blood Bikes £500.00

Air Ambulance (Lincs/Notts) £500.00

Paul Dame Charity Ride Cancer Research UK £500.00

RAF Benevolent Fund £500.00

West Ashby Community Fund/Church £500.00

Plus £100 from the Lions Car Parking fee has been passed to

The West Ashby Community Fund/Church £100.00

Total collection from field £2600.00

Plus additional fundraising

The Church. Community Ladies raised selling cakes etc £1400.00

Plus

The Lions also raised selling hot food £1036.00

A Grand Total of "to charity" £5036.00

15 July

Thanks Dave for a great ride. I hope everyone got home safe. – Will



Thanks for a great ride Dave, what an awesome day for it. Ian even managed to successfully order and receive a sausage and egg bap/roll/cob 🍔😂 - Mick



26 July

We had a great ride to Wymondham Windmill this morning Lead by Paul Kirton. A great ride Paul, thanks for volunteering.

As usual great company thanks everyone who came along 👍 - Will



Seven of us at the Homestead this morning for a social ride. Many thanks to Paul Kirton who led us to Wymondham Windmill somewhere over Melton way. Great ride Paul and some great chat and banter.



Jeremy Neale was also there with a dad and daughter duo doing a taster ride for them. Thanks Jerry. – Mick

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

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OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

Welcome to all the new Associate members that have recently joined us, I'm sure that you will gain many new skills while working towards your Advanced test. Congratulations go out once again to those that have recently taken and passed their Advanced test, some achieving a F1rst, also with big thanks to the Observers.

The Observer team have been very busy so far this summer with just about all the team out working with Associates. Remember that we have extra opportunities to get some additional practice in between your sessions with your Observer by joining the Sunday morning Observed ride, which is open to all Associates, details in Chain Lincs and our Group Facebook page, hope to see you there.

Rear Observation

Part of our Information stage, updating our rear information can be as the name suggests a LifeSaver.

We should use a combination of mirror checks and looking behind to make sure you are always fully aware of what's happening behind you. Rear observation is important because the view through the mirrors on some motorcycles is restricted, leaving significant blind spots. You need to look into these blind spots to make sure you know what is happening there.

Rear Observation can be any head movement, from a quick glance to the side to a full backwards twist of the head. How you look depends on the circumstances, but the purpose is always to make sure that your intended course and speed will be safe.

As a 'Thinking Rider' use your judgement in deciding when to look behind. There are situations when it is dangerous not to do so, such as a right turn into a minor road. But when you are looking behind you are not looking ahead. This could be risky if you are close to the vehicle in front or overtaking at speed.



There is an element of risk taking our eyes off the road ahead, so learn to check behind quickly and don't do it twice when once is enough. Consider rear observation when you are about to change position or speed as you approach and negotiate a hazard.

Do you know exactly where the offside and nearside blind spots are on the machine that you ride? Sit in your normal riding position on the stationary bike and look in the mirrors. Where are the nearside and offside areas that you can't see? Turn your head over your right shoulder until you can see into the blind spots to the right and behind you. Then do the same to the left.

Making Observational Links

Making observational links while riding means connecting visual clues to unseen hazards. Observational links are clues to physical features and the likely behaviour of other road users.

Understanding Observational Links

Observational links connect what you can see with what you can't see to anticipate developing situations. Using the core concept of Observation, Anticipation, and planning (OAP) you process environmental details before they turn into actual emergencies.

Common Road Clues and Anticipated Actions

- **Parked vehicles:** Look for retracted wing mirrors, exhaust smoke, glowing brake lights, or drivers sitting inside; anticipate a door opening or a car pulling out into traffic.
- **Pedestrians and children:** See a child looking and pointing across the street; anticipate them darting across to meet a friend or a parent distracted with a pram.
- **Surface debris:** Spot mud, straw, or manure on the road; anticipate a slow-moving tractor or horse-and-rider just around the upcoming bend.
- **See residential wheelie bins placed out at the end of driveways:** anticipate a wide bin lorry possibly ahead.
- **A bus waiting at a bus stop:** anticipate pedestrians crossing the road to and from the bus. The bus moving off possibly at an angle.
- **Harvest and farming activities:**
anticipate slow moving tractors with trailers that might just quickly turn into field entrances that might be hard to spot but well known to the farmer.
- **Harvest:** anticipate trails of grain on the road between fields and farm, these can be like hitting marbles on a motorcycle.



Practice making observation links, even on familiar roads. What would you look out for if you Observed:

- a pedestrian calling a cab
- a motorway slip road
- a farm or quarry entrance
- a petrol station or service station
- horse droppings
- signs warning of roadworks
- a bus at a bus stop
- new hedge clippings or grass cuttings on a narrow country road
- bins out on the pavement

Can you think of a recent occasion where you failed to spot the significance of something you observed?

Could you use this experience to improve your anticipation skills?

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

August 2026

Wednesday 5 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen. Talk from Jane Kirton on the use of defibrillators.
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

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

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
October 2026		
Wednesday 7 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 11 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 25 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 21 st	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
Wednesday 28 th	Barry Heath Quiz	2000hrs Heslam Park Rugby Club, 124 Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 2AG

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

November 2026

Wednesday 4 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen.
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Sunday 22 nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 25 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

December 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

Committee meeting on a date TBC.

February 2027

Wednesday 7 th	Social Meeting	Nags Head, Middle Rasen
Sunday 11 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday 25 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead
Wednesday 28 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.

Prices have recently risen and the list below shows the old price and new price.

ITEM	OLD	NEW
Plain polo shirt with LAM group badge	£8.50	£11.75
Plain polo shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£10.50	£13.75
Plain polo shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£10.50	£13.75
Polo shirt (sleeve and collar detail) with LAM group badge	£16.00	£18.00
Polo shirt (sleeve and collar detail) with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£18.00	£20.00
Polo shirt (sleeve and collar detail) with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£18.00	£20.00
T-shirt with LAM group badge	£7.00	£8.00
T-shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£8.00	£10.00
T-shirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£8.00	£10.00
Sweatshirt with LAM group badge	£10.00	£12.50
Sweatshirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£12.00	£14.50
Sweatshirt with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£13.50	£14.50
Hoodie with LAM group badge with LAM group badge	£16.50	£18.50
Hoodie with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£18.50	£20.50
Hoodie with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£18.50	£20.50
Fleece with LAM group badge	£14.00	£16.00
Fleece with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo	£16.00	£18.00
Fleece with LAM group badge + IAM Roadsmart logo + name	£16.00	£18.00
Baseball cap with LAM group badge	£5.00	£7.00
Beanie with LAM group badge	£5.00	£7.00



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