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Next Issue

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Welcome to another not so packed edition of ChainLincs, just the regular contributors this month. It is great to have some items to include. If you can contribute, it doesn't matter how long or how short I can use them. Send them to me at lincs.am.editor@btinternet.com.

As usual I have done a Facebook Roundup but I don't copy everything across so if you haven't joined our FB yet give it a go. There were plenty of posts on Facebook of our members getting up to other biking related activity and passing on info gleaned from elsewhere. Find our page at [\(1\) Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists | Facebook](#) and ask to join to see all the other exciting things that go on.

We still need a new clothing member. Phil Gilbert has stood down from the committee and that leaves a vacancy for somebody to look after the group clothing side of things. Phil has done a great job over the past couple of years so many thanks to him and he will look after the clothing until we find somebody else to so if you feel you can spare a little time to give back to the group let somebody on the committee know. If you want to know more about the job drop Phil an email, his address is on the last page. You do not necessarily need to be a committee member as well. **There must be somebody out there willing to give back to the group.**

And we still need a new data manager. As notified last month Phil Niner is stepping down from the committee. Many thanks to Phil over the years especially when GDPR was introduced and he worked tirelessly to make sure we complied with the new legislation and have remained compliant since.

If you feel you can help with either position both Phil's contact details are available somewhere in ChainLincs, give them a shout to see what the jobs entail.

In ChainLincs this month we have:

Dave's 2 Day Trip – September

Chatter from the Chair

Membership update

Facebook roundup

Observer and associate update

Events diary

Short from me this month

Stay safe

Mick

DAVE'S 2-DAY TRIP - SEPTEMBER

Due to the success of the Lakes Trip & Wales Trip, I am arranging another trip for Sunday 8th September 2024 to Lancashire.

The Hotel Details are as follows:-

Best Western Lancaster Morcambe Lothersdale Hotel, Morcambe.LA4 5AA tel 01524 416404.
Price for a single room £69 to £79 (sea View) Double room £89 . There are a limited number of Single rooms but lots of doubles.

Travelling on Sunday 8th return home Monday 9th Sept.

If you wish to go please let me know ASAP, thanks.

Dave Hall – 07441 344308

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello again everyone.

So, here we are again, it's crazy how fast these months are flying by.

Recent test passes: Firstly, congratulations to three recent test passes, Phil Meggett, Richard Bull and Nic Holdsworth and their respective Observers. Well done to everyone involved with that.

Also let me welcome three new members this month, David Plange, Reece Lake and Jayne Bell. I hope you enjoy your advanced riding journey although Jayne has long been an IAM member and has recently moved to the area.

This article perhaps ought to carry some warning, "viewer discretion is advised"? I am trying to keep these articles current and topical. In my mind's eye, the big issue for me at the moment is the recent bike related tragedy on the A61 Barnsley road, as I'm sure most of you by now know, where a family of four (two parents and two children) together with two bikers (husband and wife rider and pillion) were fatally injured at about 16:00 on Sunday afternoon 21.07.24.

I will be keeping my mind open and trying to be as non-judgmental as possible and simply regretting the whole affair.

From the released aerial video footage of the scene, the road initially appeared to be as straight as a die without hidden dips or junctions or obvious hazards.

No obvious reasons for any crash.

I later saw a screen shot from road level looking towards the closed road, three investigators in their white forensic suits walking towards the photographer, a definite right-hand bend as the photographer looks at the scene with a junction warning triangle at the far left hand side of the road.

How different could those two views have been?

I saw quite a bit of early criticism of these bikers and all bikers in general.

A number of people prepared to blame the bikers at first glance, "it's obvious that the biker had to be at fault..."

On the same day, I was out biking with another group member leading me, he shall remain nameless. The other biker was also carrying a pillion.

At the end of that ride, my lead rider mentioned the slower traffic in front of us, a fuel tanker and a small red car tucked in quite close behind the tanker.

I admit, I had looked at the scene, thinking that a single rider on a bike might have explored the opportunity to overtake both vehicles, but two up, it's a different story, I immediately



discounted it and settled back to relax and take my time. I've never carried a pillion, but I'd expect most bikes to behave differently, I'm sure some of you will tell me more about that.

The day was hot, it's easy to be dehydrated on a bike or in a car.

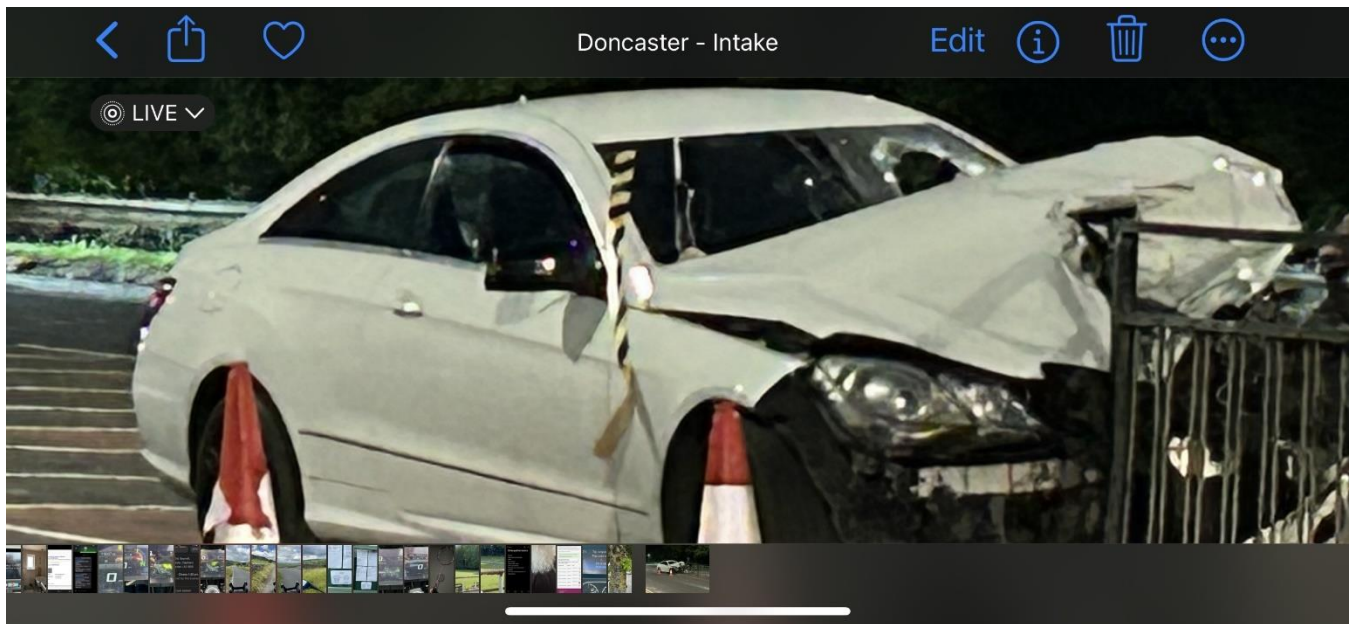
Kids in the back of a car can be a distraction.

Dehydrated or distracted or running late are all issues to be aware of and to fight against.

As I write, the latest news is that the driver of a Porsche 911 has been arrested on suspicion of being involved and then released on bail.

Now, the focus moves to the "obvious speed merchant in the super car" when, just as before, we don't know the involvement of this or any other vehicle, we don't know the reason for the tragedy and even after the inquest, we may still never fully know.

Assumptions, jumping to conclusions. For us, it's important to remain calm and objective and not to make unnecessary assumptions, factor that into your riding plan.



I took the attached photo on my drive home Monday evening 22.07.24 on a major road in Doncaster near the racecourse, I was passing it at approximately 22:12. The passenger side windscreen has some very nasty looking damage to it which I tried not to jump to conclusions as to its cause.

To try and not be too morose, Gov.uk provides very detailed information on road injuries, (the KSI statistics: killed and seriously injured) grading them by class of vehicle, severity of injury, and number of miles travelled. The headline figure for fatalities for 2022 (the latest figures available) show 1,711 fatalities for that year (being a decline of 2% on 2019 levels) but still a phenomenal number in my mind. How many families, friends, work colleagues does this involve? While this number is across all road users, we are all too aware as bikers that our group feature badly in these figures and are generally involved with other vehicles to our disadvantage in any tussle with the tarmac.

On a more positive note, for what it's worth, the figures from 1979 to 2022 show fantastic reductions/improvements in overall deaths. Still so much more room for more improvement.

Ride safe, look out for each other.

Ian (Chair)

There have been three new members join the group since the July newsletter.
Note that Paul Slater who joined in late June has been allocated to Observer Steve Goodwin.

Member	Observer
1088 David Plange from West Halton	Malcolm Heaton
1089 Reece Lake from Crowle	Stuart Harrison
1090 Jayne Bell from Collingham	Full Member

Three test passes to report making five so far in 2024
Congratulations on your success and a big thank you to your Observers.

Member	Pass Date	Observer
Phil Meggett	14 July	Jerry Neale
Richard Bull	17 July	Ian Morrison
Nic Holdsworth	18 July	Stuart Harrison

The present composition of the group is as follows:

Full Members	132
Fellows	13
Associate Members	31
Total Group Membership	176

Finally, don't forget 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

FACEBOOK ROUNDUP

2 July 24

A good turnout at our social meeting to see tonight's speaker Simon Weir, Author, Journalist, Motorcycle tester and former editor of Ride Magazine. He gave a very interesting, entertaining presentation and insight into the life of a motorcycle tester. I think some of us were very envious and everyone enjoyed the evening. – John



4 July 24

7 of us had a great day out on the bikes, a ride out to the oil can. We saw one of the General Lee's ... Daisy Duke has gone off a bit 🤪👍 - Alan



7 July 24

I think there were 17 of us at the Homestead this morning. We split into 3 groups led by Bruce, Ken and Geoff disappearing off to slightly varying parts of Lincolnshire, thanks guys. Our group led by [Geoff](#) went to Langrick Station Cafe and then returned to Langworth where we went our merry ways also at which point the heavens opened. Great ride Geoff, thanks. -Mick



I would like to say a big thank you to all you guys who are always ready and willing to lead a ride whenever necessary. I was on Kens ride to JJ's Cafe and ended at Wickenby Airfield, taking in some really enjoyable riding roads along the way. If anyone else in the group feels that they would like to lead a ride to a new destination or maybe just along their favourite roads you would be very welcome to have a go. Interested? Let me know if I can help. 😊 - Will

14 July 24

Ok, England might not have got the result that they wanted this weekend, but the LAM Observer team are pleased to congratulate Karen Bevan with her result. Several years ago Karen achieved the IMI Local Observer qualification and has now moved forward to achieve the IMI National Observer qualification. Well done Karen and all who worked with Karen to achieve this result. – Jerry

18 July 24

Well done to Richard Bull passing his advanced test today. 🙌🙌

🙌 - Ian

19 July 24

Well done to Nic Holdsworth on passing his test yesterday. A great result. I thoroughly enjoyed our sessions. – Stuart

21 July 24

Fourteen of us at the Homestead this morning. Off we went in 2 groups led by myself and Bruce. I headed out for a ride over the Wolds and Bruce headed to Woodhall Spa. Thanks for coming all and thanks to Bruce for leading a ride. A great day for it. – Mick

Thanks Mick and Bruce for leading today's rides. I went on Mick's ride we went on some really good riding roads across the Wolds and great company. 🙌🙌🙌 - Will

Our destination was the 'Biker Brunch' at Woodhall Country Park. Convoluted route via Billinghay, Spilsby and Horncastle. Probably about 100 bikes of all shapes and sizes and great to meet up with Ian and co from up north. – Bruce



30 July 24

Thank you to the team who came out on my ride today, I really enjoyed your company. My apologies for missing the meal stop at Clapham. Good roads, good weather. Thank you to Stuart for leading to Malham even if there was still no food. 🍌 - Ian M.

Thanks Ian for a great ride today and thanks to everyone who came along for the great company. A really enjoyable day. - Will



Some of us needed to miss a meal or two !!! Yes - good day and a great roads. Brought back memories at Helwith Bridge! – Stuart

Thanks Ian for a good, interesting ride. I did 238 miles by the time I got home. It's the closest I have come to a lot of loose woolly cows horns before too. – Ian B.

OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE

It has been encouraging to see quite a few Associates completing their Advanced Rider course recently with some very good test results, we also have a few more in the pipe line near to test, well done to all Associate members and their Observers. Both working with your Observer and practising between your observed rides is very important to achieve good results. The Observer team is now halfway through the summer on-bike Observer training, I have spoken with some of the Observer team leaders to get feedback how the sessions are going, Junctions and roundabouts, Overtaking, Slow riding, Bend walks and cross checking each other are just some of the subjects that the teams have been working on.

This month the Observer team would like to congratulate Karen Beven with her successful IMI National Observer Qualification.

Making Observation Links

This time of year I hear a lot of comments about road signs being overgrown with foliage. It happens every Summer but this year seems to be the worst that I've seen for many years. Advanced warning signs make up a vital part of our Information stage, they help us make our riding plans and decisions. If advanced warning signs become hidden, using Observation Links with our Information stage can give us early indication of what might be ahead, giving us clues to physical features and the likely behaviour of other road users. Lets look at some hidden signs that I've spotted recently....



Did you spot the sign on this NSL carriageway? What is it?





Did you spot the hidden sign, here we can use the junction and possible built-up area as our Observation Links that there maybe a speed change. Guess the new speed!



Spot the sign? No?..Lets use those Observation Links, Big SLOW painted on the road, Right handed chevron in the distance, where does the road go?



There is an Advanced warning sign there somewhere



Yep, there actually is an Advanced warning sign here. But lets look for our Observation links. Again, a big SLOW painted in the road, a left-hand chevron, limited vision point and hedge lines.



We might not have the use of the Advanced road sign but we do have plenty of Observation links. Why are those Hazard lines there?



Spot the Advanced warning sign? Spot the house roofs?

Observation Link-entering built up area? Is there likely to be a speed change?

Guess the new speed limit..It is there.



Observation Links play a crucial role in advanced motorcycle riding. They enhance safety, Situational awareness, and overall riding skill. Here's how they help:

1. Early Detection of Hazards:

- Observation links involve continuously scanning the road ahead, checking mirrors, and assessing surroundings.
- By detecting hazards (e.g. pedestrians, vehicles, road conditions) early, riders can respond proactively.

2. Effective Decision-Making:

- Regular observations provide information about traffic flow, road signs (If visible!) and potential risks.
- Riders can make informed decisions based on this data, adjusting speed, position, and gear as needed.

3. IPSGA Framework:

- Observations align with the IPSGA approach: **Information, Position, Speed, Gear, Acceleration.**
- Riders gather information through observations, position themselves optimally, and adjust speed and gear accordingly.

4. Blind Spot Awareness:

- Checking blind spots during observation links prevents surprises when changing lanes or overtaking.
- Peripheral vision helps riders notice vehicles approaching from the sides.

Remember, consistent practice of making Observation Links enhances riding skills and safety, it might just help when your vision of an advanced warning sign might be restricted!

Stay Safe Jerry

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

GROUP AND OBSERVED RIDES **0930hrs FOR PROMPT DEPARTURE AT 1000hrs**

SOCIAL MEETING **FIRST TUESDAY IN THE MONTH AT 2000hrs**

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

AUGUST

Tuesday 6 th	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Friday 9 th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 11 th	Group Observed Ride	Ancholme Leisure Centre
Sunday 25 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 28 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Sunday/Mondy 8 th /9 th	Dave's Lancashire trip	See Page 4 for details
Sunday 22 nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks

Wednesday 25 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
OCTOBER		
Tuesday 1 st	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 6 th	Group Observed Ride	The Homestead
Friday 11 th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 20 th	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 23 rd	Barrie Heath Quiz	2000hrs Heslam Park Rugby Club, 124 Ashby Road, Scunthorpe, DN16 2AG
Wednesday 30 th	Observers Meeting	Details from Jerry nearer the date
NOVEMBER		
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
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 3 rd	Social Meeting	Sun Inn, Saxilby
Sunday 8 th	Group Observed Ride	Willingham Woods
Friday 13 th	Committee Meeting	Via Zoom. To Be Advised
Sunday 22 nd	Group Social Rides	The Homestead and Starbucks
Wednesday 25 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.

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 Philip Gilbert pgilbertlam@gmail.com or 07704 168227.

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						

