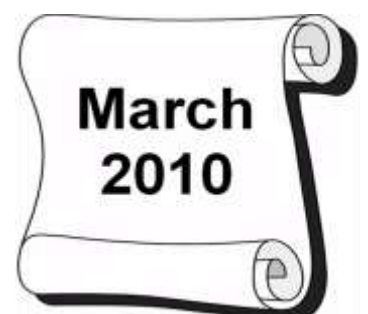


Chain Links

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS
IAM GROUP 7176, REGISTERED CHARITY 1049955, SUPPORTERS OF THE BMF



Found this picture of Mick Wheeler's bike on a trip to the Black Forest, could almost have been in Lincolnshire this morning!



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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 8pm

From 5th August these meetings are at Dave Capell's Games Room at his house in Kirton Lindsey. Many Thanks Dave

(Dave's house is next to Kirton Lindsey Railway Station)

The next issue of Chainlincs will be in April 2010.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Mick Smith, by Saturday 20th March 2010 at the latest, earlier is better.

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Folks,

As I write this another blizzard is raging outside and yet another weekend passes with no chance of riding the bike. In fact I haven't ridden a bike since November – I'm certainly going to be a bit 'rusty' when winter eventually passes.

Hopefully things will improve by the end of March, when the Bikesafe events start for another year. We shall, as in previous years, be assisting both Lincolnshire and Humberside Police/Road Safety Partnerships by providing Observers. Any Observers willing, and able, to help should contact Don Ford who organises our assistance at Lincolnshire Bikesafe and Iain Johnston for Humberside Bikesafe. As with all events please don't leave it to a few. The Bikesafe programmes rely on our assistance to operate successfully, so please do offer your help.

In order to vary the content of the monthly meetings we are intending to introduce training talks/discussions as part of some meetings. These are not intended to be lectures, but open discussions on a range of issues of interest to us all – whether prospective member, Associate, full member or Observer. Please watch the calendar of events in Chain Links and on the website for details.

Andy Kitchen



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Group Web Site: www.l-a-m.co.uk

I have no new members or test passes to report since the previous newsletter.

Membership currently stands as follows:

Full Members	89
Associate Members	11
Group Friends	1
Total Group Membership	101

Not much to mention this month apart from the fact that the time of year for renewing membership is fast approaching. Renewal forms will be going out shortly together with Gift Aid forms for those of you not already signed up. Nearly all eligible members now Gift Aid their subscriptions to the group, this bringing in much appreciated extra revenue to the group.

With spring in the air, motorcyclist's thoughts should be anticipating a new season of riding opportunities. The best way to provide an interesting and varied diary of events throughout the warmer months is for as many members as possible to come forward with ideas and offer to organise a run. Please contact Dave Hall (details on page 2) if you are able to help in this regard.

Finally Lincolnshire BikeSafe (contact person, Don Ford) and also Humberside BikeSafe (contact person, Iain Johnston) are running again during 2010. All offers of help from Observers to the respective contacts please. The BikeSafe events have every year led to enrolments with our group from those wishing to improve their riding and go on to take the IAM test.

That's all for this month, ride safe:

John Cheetham

OBSERVATIONS

By Iain Johnston (Chief Observer, Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists)

It's a bright and sunny Saturday morning as I write this, looking forward to lots of them this year, preferably when I have the time and money to take the bike out for a ride.

It really wasn't that bad on Sunday February 7th for the first Sunday run of the year. A bit grey, but dry and the main roads were fairly clean. A poor turnout though, only myself and Mick Smith. I hope more of you are available for Sunday March 7th.

Both Lincolnshire and Humberside police have now announced dates for their BikeSafe events this year. You will see them elsewhere in ChainLincs, in the diary of events at least, so I won't repeat them here. The Lincolnshire events are in Lincoln and the Humberside events are mostly in Beverley but once again they will have three on our side of the Humber, two in Brigg and one in Grimsby. As usual we will be supporting both forces by providing observers. Also I will be at the Humberside police launch event on Sunday 25th April with a small stand for Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists. It's not usually very busy, but any assistance would be appreciated. Don Ford will be coordinating our support for the Lincoln BikeSafe events and I will be coordinating our support for the Humberside BikeSafe events. Observers please contact us if you would like to help.

Now a riding thought for the time of year. As we know we have had an unusually long spell of cold weather, with freezing temperatures and snow. This has left more potholes in the roads than we have been used to in recent years and it is likely that it will be some time before the roads departments catch up with repairs to these, especially on the minor roads of rural Lincolnshire that are particularly enjoyable to ride on.

So for riding, try to avoid riding over potholes by planning your ride in advance and by being careful to allow sufficient room between you and the vehicle in front to allow you to see the potholes and to avoid them without the need for sudden changes in your road position. Nothing special about this of course, just the smooth safe ride that we all strive to achieve, but a particular reason for it after the harsh winter.

Safe Riding all of you

Iain

EDITORIAL

On the same sunny Saturday morning that Iain mentioned above I was out washing the Speed Triple. Once it dawned on me that it was actually quite warm in the sun I decided to go and fill the bike with petrol. I then had a quick trip to Hartsholme Park to check out the location for the next group observed run meeting point having never been there before myself. It is easy enough to find but there is a map in the back of the newsletter for those of you who have also never been to the park before. Look forward to seeing you there on 7 Mar at 0930hrs.

Once again a reminder that Iain is still looking for somebody that would be interested in maintaining the group website, if you are that person then please contact him via email, by phone or catch him at a monthly group meeting or observed group run. He would be most grateful to hand over the website which would enable him to concentrate on being the Chief Observer.

This is your newsletter so please think about it when you are out and about on your bike, take a camera, get some pictures and add a few words. I need your articles to make this newsletter interesting and a good read. Thanks in anticipation and to Dave for his Australian article of which the third part is below. Dave will also be giving a talk and showing a video at the next group meeting on 3 Mar.

Finally, thanks to LK2 Architects of Nettleham for the recent donation of this paper that you are reading Chainlinks on and for the continued use of their premises for regular committee and observer meetings.

Mick Smith

TOURING IN AUSTRALIA – Part 3

by Dave Hall

It was Dinnertime on Wednesday 25th March when we finally took delivery of the bikes, 21.5 degrees C and raring to go, heading north east to bye -passing Melbourne for our first nights stop on the Hume Highway at the Castle Creek Motel at EUROA, (153 miles on the clock) Euroa was very quiet, a one horse town springs to mind, visiting a local café for our evening meal....not much choice.

The following day.(28c and sunny) we continued eastward to the Snowy Mountains and the Kosciuszko National Park in New South Wales, great motorcycling roads - twisting and turning up the mountain side, it was here that we saw our first Wombat unfortunately laying dead on the side of the road, We spent two nights at JINDABYNE overlooking lake Jindabyne, \$45 dollars each per night (\$2 to the Pound) they also did a cheap meal....261miles today.

Another warm and sunny day dawned. 28c. Colin, Dave R and I spent the day together, visiting among other places Cabramurra the highest town in Australia at 1488 m. It was built to house the men who were working on a big hydro electricity project that took 25 years to complete. The school was demolished after the project ended and people moved away. Now it has mainly ski cabins and a shop.

Saturday 28th was a much colder day only 10c but sunny (we were in the mountains). Our destination today was Bateman's Bay on the coast approx 100 miles south of Sydney. As we got nearer the coast and away from the mountains the temperature increased to 24 c. On our way we passed Bateman's Bay Nature Reserve where we stopped off to look at lots of Black Swans and Pelicans on a lake by the roadside.

The days were passing quickly, Sunday already, as we rode north towards Sydney, being Sunday all the local motorcyclists were out and about. Not wanting to stay in Sydney we headed for the Blue Mountains just west of Sydney, Stuart had read about a waterfall on our route, so we had to stop off and take a look, The Fitzroy Falls are at the northern end of Morton National Park ,The Yarrunga Creek plunges 100's of feet over an escarpment. After riding through Towns and Villages with English names, one small place was called Buxton, we stopped at Thirlemere at a take-away late afternoon, there is a Railway Museum here but sadly didn't have time to visit, although a group riding old motorcycles did as they rode passed us while we were there. We found a motel on the outskirts of Katoomba a 15 minute walk from the town centre. At Katoomba there are a number of view-points over looking the Escarpments, Rock formations and valleys, a very popular area especially on a warm sunny evening.

Showers were forecast for following day so Colin, Dave R and I decided to go into Sydney by train, while Dave, Margaret and Stuart would ride some of the Dirt roads. It would take 1 ½ hours into Sydney by train stopping at all the stations en-route. We had a really good day (it kept dry)



walking down to Darling Harbour (3 Aborigine’s were playing their kind of music on a Didgeridoo & Hand Drums) staying awhile before we boarded a ferry that took us under the famous harbour bridge and on to the opera house, we stayed until dark, catching the 8.20pm train, halfway back it began to rain and by the time we got back to Katoomba the rain was bouncing of the pavement,

fortunately for us there was a taxi parked outside the railway station.



It rained all night and part of the next morning as we rode back to the coast north of Sydney heading north. Halfway between Sydney and Coffs Harbour is FORSTER where we stayed the night, we had seen on television that there were lots of rain about and our northern most destination of Coffs Harbour (200mls from Forster) on the

coast was flooded, so change of plan was in order. We decided to go inland crossing the Great Dividing Range on a road called “The Thunderbolt Highway” a few miles on we came to Gloucester where the local river was swollen and flowing quite fast, before the main climb over the

pass, we came across another smaller river which was overflowing the small bridge by 4 to 6 inches, A ranger was sat in his 4x4 by the bridge and advised us to cross with caution as tree branches were being washed down the river and hitting the bridge, after watching some cars cross we thought it would be ok so we elected Stuart to go first on his GS, soon we were all across except Margaret who got a lift with the ranger so she wouldn't get her feet wet !! As we climbed the pass the temperature dropped and got quite chilly by the top, as we dropped down the other side it began to increase again and by Tamworth on the other it was 30 c eventually getting up to 32 c mid-afternoon as we headed for GUNNEDAH the Koala capital of Australia, so they

claim, as a few years ago planted gum trees the Koala's favourite snack a number of kilometers either side of the town, they claim to have 40 in the area but we only found one after much searching, it was up a gum tree on the golf course, sleeping not watching the golfers!! At least it was there because it wanted to be and at liberty to roam should it wish.



From Gunnadah we rode slightly north to visit the Australian Telescope 20km west of Narrabri the most advanced radio telescope in the southern hemisphere, a number of large radio dishes on rails pointing skywards. Access to the site was up a very long approach road, this is where I saw my first mob of Kangaroos amongst some trees, there must have been at least 8.

We continued south down to Dubbo (a large cotton growing area) where we sampled the motels swimming pool before going to the local pub/hotel for a meal, while we were there it started to rain so we had to make a dash for it back to the motel....the following day the sun was out again as we continued south, enjoying the countryside to our next stop at YOUNG the cherry growing area of Australia.

Last installment next month

Dave



January 2010

Dear *Iain*

Humberside Police are pleased to inform you that due to the success of Bikesafe 2009, we are again continuing Bikesafe throughout 2010.

The opening event will be at the Humber Bridge car park on the North Bank on Sunday 25 April 2010 starting at 0930 and finishing at 1530. Police staff will be at the car park from 0800 to assist with the positioning of trade stands. We will as in previous years, be conducting free assessment rides from this event using experienced assessors.

We hope that we can rely on your support at this event and that you will be able to attend. Please would you complete the acceptance form and return it in the reply paid envelope so we will be aware of numbers attending.

Due to the continued support of Humberside Police and Safer Roads Humber we are able to offer the one day workshops at the very low cost of £35.00 per person.

Please find enclosed list of this years Bikesafe Workshop events.

All at the Bikesafe team thank you for your support of Bikesafe 2010 and hope you all have a safe and enjoyable biking year.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H Fordham".

Howard Fordham

Dates for the Humberside BikeSafe events will be published in the Calendar of Events at the end of the Newsletter along with the Lincoln BikeSafe events that begin in March.



KENT ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS GROUP CELEBRATE THEIR 30TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR.

AS WE WERE THE FIRST MOTORCYCLE GROUP TO BE APPROVED BY THE INSTITUTE OF
ADVANCED MOTORISTS WE ARE PLANNING TO MEET AS MANY OF THE GROUPS WHICH
FOLLOWED OUR LEAD BY RIDING AROUND BRITAIN INCLUDING NORTHERN IRELAND
DURING THE WEEK OF
12TH – 19TH JUNE 2010
STARTING AND FINISHING AT BRANDS HATCH

DURING THIS RIDE WE WILL ALSO BE RAISING FUNDS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AND
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IT IS PLANNED THAT GROUPS SIX RIDERS EACH WILL TAKE PART, IF YOU WISH TO JOIN
ONE OF THESE GROUPS ON THIS UNIQUE EVENT
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THERE WILL ALSO BE A SOCIAL EVENT ON 20TH JUNE

GROUP WEEKEND RUN TO CUMBRIA - JUNE

I am organising a run to Cumbria on the weekend of the 12th and 13th June, if anyone would like to join me. Setting off Saturday morning, the run will work its way across the country, probably stopping off for some lunch in Hawes.

If the weather is nice (it is June...) we may take a detour up the coast road to Piel Island and have an ice cream at the cafe there before setting off for the final destination - the coastal village of St Bees in West Cumbria. The beach is rather pleasant walk in the evening (if anyone needs to work up an appetite) and has some good B&Bs we can use. The Ratty Arms in Ravenglass supplies legendary sticky toffee pudding, with a mean Cumberland sausage as an appetizer, or alternatively we can eat in the village.

After a good breakfast, there are few things finer than a ride along the A595 on a Sunday morning, this is why the motorcycle was invented. Stopping off for refreshments at Devils Bridge we will take a shorter run home, getting back to Lincolnshire (depending on what time we decide to set off) around mid to late afternoon.

While we will cover a moderate distance (around 220 miles each day) the ride will be relaxed and along some fine roads. If you would like to come along, could you let me know by mid May so that I can get accommodation booked as the B&B will need a deposit? If you would like more details or to book a place on this trip please email me at triumphtriple@orange.net.

Glen

POTHoles: A 'HOLE' LOT OF TROUBLE, SAYS IAM

With potholes estimated to cost motorists £320 million every year, and more potholes than ever appearing with the thaw of the recent cold-snap, the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has issued advice on how to deal with them.

Neil Greig, IAM Director of Policy and Research, said: "Potholes form and get worse after icy spells as water gets into small cracks in the roads, expanding as it freezes and forcing the tarmac apart.

"For this reason, roads will increasingly start to show signs of damage as the weather warms up.

"As well as worrying about your vehicle, with potholes being a major cause of suspension failure, drivers should be particularly conscious of cyclists and motorcyclists trying to get past a pothole and give them a wide berth. They are entitled to a wobble and would appreciate not having a motorist attempting to overtake just as they avoid a hole in the road," added Mr Greig.

More pothole advice from the IAM:

- Leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front so that you can see the road surface before you drive or ride on it
- If you do hit a pothole accidentally, make a point of checking your tyres once you've stopped. Check the inner as well as the outer tyre wall, which may have been damaged as a result
- Avoid suddenly pulling out to avoid a hole – you might discover that there is a motorcyclist trying to get past you, or encounter an oncoming vehicle
- Bikers and cyclists need to look well ahead and change direction early so they have time to deal with the holes, and so that their movements don't cause surprise to other road users
- Potholes tend to reappear in the same place again and again as previous repairs fail - remember where you saw one and expect it to be there again
- Be extra vigilant on roads with lots of lorries and also around bus stops. Extra pressure is put on the road surface wherever heavy vehicles stop, start or turn

"Always make a point of reporting a pothole to the local authority as an early repair could prevent a future accident, although councils are reluctant to carry out permanent repairs until the winter conditions subside," Mr Greig added.

INSIGHT

THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS GROUP BRIEFING

WELCOME

Welcome to Insight, the communiqué produced for the IAM Group Network and its members.

Young drivers have always had the most to gain out of the advanced driving course, but have proved hard to reach.

So I am really pleased to be able to tell you about a new motor insurance deal to be announced this month which will help make the IAM a more attractive proposal than ever for young drivers.

As you know, IAM Surety has for years provided a good deal on motor insurance for IAM members who are over 21 - but the offer has not extended to young drivers before. Now, however, IAM Surety can offer the market-beating rates that older members enjoy to drivers as young as 19.

IAM Surety tell us that the proposal will have some vehicle restrictions, but that it won't be restricted to cars only in the very lowest insurance groups. We will be putting further details of the offer in Advanced Driving and on the IAM website.

The new deal for younger drivers comes after the recently-introduced IAM Family offer, which means that the immediate families of IAM members can now apply to IAM Surety for motor insurance.

Meanwhile, as we put together this year's business plan at the IAM, at its core we had the needs of our group network. At each stage we asked ourselves: what will this mean to the groups? The result was that certain budgets were ring-fenced and protected for group use. Yes, they were subject to the same scrutiny as the rest of the business plan, as you'd expect: but we felt it was important that the "engine room" of the IAM was properly

resourced in the new financial year.

What was the outcome? Various resources were put aside, and supported by sales and marketing activity at IAM House, to complement those of individual groups. I thought I would mention one or two of the initiatives in Insight this month, and give some space to focus on marketing.

This year, for example, one innovation to help the groups is a series of ten new observer training events, which we are offering for the first time on a regional basis. The intention is to offer a user-friendly regional workshop. Our observers – the lifeblood of the IAM group movement - will be offered an event to help them improve their coaching skills and develop their ability to "mentor" associates. They will be given guidance by examiners and senior observers.

If you would like to offer your future group observers an opportunity to join one of the regional observer training events, please contact your RCO or RMA, or Dave Shenton - dave.shenton@iam.org.uk.

The first meeting of the National Representative Group (NRG) in 2010 will be held on Saturday 27 February. Please let your representative know if there is something you want raised. The NRG will be looking at, among other things, how we can improve communications and the focus remains on our standards project. A list of your NRG representatives is attached to this copy of Insight.

You may have heard now that the Council proposed a very modest



50p increase in the subscription for 2010/2011. This was accepted at the AGM and one of the consequences is that we have been able to give a commitment to keep the Skill for Life price at £139 for the whole of 2010. I hope you will agree that it represents very good value and I urge you to sell it with vigour. Finally I should mention that our Spring forums are starting soon and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible there.

Simon Best
Chief Executive
ceo@iam.org.uk

PS - Have a look at this BBC interview. Good advice from Peter Rodger, even if you don't have a Toyota!

www.iam.org.uk/acceleratoradvice

TAKE OUR SURVEY

PLEASE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

We first published Insight last June and we'd appreciate it if you could give us your feedback.

Please click the link below and answer a few questions.

www.iam.org.uk/insightsurvey

MARKETING PLANS FOR 2010/2011

We are now commencing a wave of Skill for Life car advertising activity nationally, supported by some additional DriveCheck55 promotional work. This is intended to raise awareness for our core Advanced Driving programmes especially as the better Spring weather approaches! (although I have to say we have a notable uplift in press and media coverage as a result of the poor weather conditions).

Skill for Life advertising will be appearing in key motoring publications including Auto Express, TOP GEAR and Autocar, as well as online banner advertising on equivalent media websites, and additionally on WHAT CAR? online.

To underpin this we will be using some targeted e-mailing lists to prospect for new potential customers by emailing a newsletter style communication to generate interest. I

am very keen to investigate a regular "prospect" e-newsletter as a means of regularly raising awareness of the IAM, its road safety commitment, and the availability of driver and rider skills enhancement services.

We have also kicked off our 2010 New Year advertising for Skill for Life Riders, and feature the "win a Yamaha" offer strongly in current advertising in publications such as MCN (Motorcycle News), RIDER, Rider's Digest and the like.

DriveCheck 55 sales pre- Christmas were excellent with nearly 100 units sold up to the end of December. We will now reinforce the availability of this product by trying to advertise in SAGA magazine (although the AA involvement with SAGA - parent company ownership - may prove interesting!) and we will also be inserting around 200,000

DriveCheck55 leaflets in a publication called "I'm Still Young" in their Spring and Summer issues. It is targeted to people heading towards pensionable age and features helpful products and services for this segment, including financial and "life-stage" products.

Some of the advertising imagery is featured here, in addition a full Group marketing bulletin will be sent out in the next few days to keep you fully informed.

As always, your constructive feedback is welcome!



Colin Paterson
Director of Marketing & Communications

Don't forget that an additional 'Skill for Life' is available to existing members for £109 so if you haven't thought about your Car test then maybe now is the time to do it.

18th January 2010

Older drivers are the safest, says IAM

Drivers over 70 are no more likely to cause crashes than any other driver, and are considerably safer than younger drivers, according to a report published today by the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists).

Neil Greig, IAM Director of Policy and Research said: "The report contradicts the common assumption that older drivers are a danger on the roads. Just eight per cent of drivers are over 70 and they are involved in around four per cent of injury crashes. But 15 per cent of drivers are in their teens and 20s and they are involved in 34 per cent of injury crashes."

Older people rely heavily on their cars, and the ability to drive gives many older people better mobility and access to more activities. Men in their seventies make more trips as car drivers than men in their late teens and 20s.

Mr Greig added: "The IAM recommends that, rather than seeking to prevent older people from driving, we need to make them aware of the risks they face, and offer them driving assessments to help them cope with these risks."

Greg Lewis of Age Concern/Help the Aged said: "We believe that where drivers wish to continue behind the wheel beyond the age of 70, only convincing reasons should prevent them from doing so."

Mr Lewis added: "An elderly person's risk of being killed or suffering a serious injury as a result of a road crash is between two and five times greater than that of a younger person because of their increased physical frailty."

Other key findings:

- In the next 20 years the number of male drivers over 70 will double, female drivers will treble.
- Drivers over 70 are safer on bends and overtaking than 50 year olds, but are more at risk at roundabouts, junctions and slip roads on high speed roads.
- In some traffic situations, older drivers are less likely to be in a crash because they tend to adopt a more careful and restrained driving style.
- No particular age was identified where there is sudden increase in crash involvement.
- Older drivers self regulate and take fewer trips on motorways, in poor light or wet weather, or at peak times.
- Drivers over 85 are four times more likely to have caused a crash than to have been an innocent victim of one.
- Crashes in which older women are to blame peak about five years earlier than those for older men.

"The IAM strongly believes that there is no case for compulsory retesting of older drivers at an arbitrary age. More research is needed on the best age to renew driving licences and there needs to be a wider debate on the introduction of restricted licensing," said Mr Greig.

Notes to editors

- The full report is available online at www.iam.org.uk/olderdrivers

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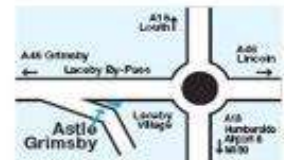
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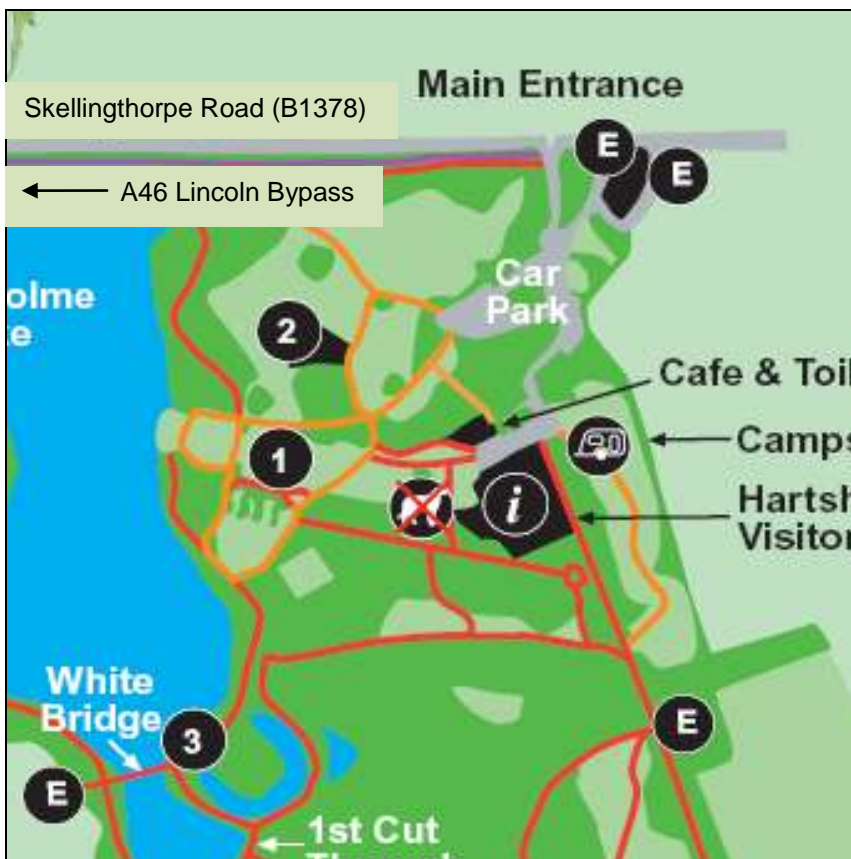
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As you can see below March's group observed run will start from the café in Hartsholme Country Park. The adjacent map shows the main entrance and the café should you not have been there before. You will have to pass through a 'No Entry' sign to get to the café.

CURRENT DIARY OF EVENTS

The Sunday morning Group Observed Runs are open to all members. Also non members considering advanced training may have an assessment ride. The prime purpose is to provide guidance to benefit associate members, although assessment rides for full members may be available depending on observer numbers. The runs last around 2 hours, usually with a refreshment stop, starting at the following venues:

Brigg Leisure Centre parking area

Willingham Woods picnic site

Hartsholme Country Park Café (LN6 0EY)

South side of A18

A631 east of Market Rasen

Skellingthorpe Road (B1378) off A46 Lincoln Bypass

Social runs 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 note that due to an IAM directive regarding insurance cover for affiliated groups, Social Runs are for group members only. Guests are welcome as pillion passengers.

MARCH

Weds 3rd - Monthly evening meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm including a Video Night provided by Dave Hall.

Sun 7th - Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park, Lincoln. Meet 9.30am for 10.00am. Prompt start.

Sat 27th – Lincoln BikeSafe at Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Pelham Bridge. Contact Point Don Ford 01522 686068

Weds 31st - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. POC Iain Johnston.

APRIL

Weds 7th - Monthly evening meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm.

Sat 10th – Lincoln BikeSafe, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Pelham Bridge. Contact Point Don Ford 01522 686068

Sun 11th - Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

Weds 14th - Committee Meeting. Offices of LK2 Architects, Nettleham. Prompt start at 7.45pm.

Sun 25th – Humberside BikeSafe launch event, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Venue – Humber Bridge car park, North Bank. Contact point – Iain Johnston.

Weds 28th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. POC Iain Johnston.

MAY

Weds 5th - Monthly evening meeting at Dave Capell's Games Room, Station Farm, Station Road, Kirton in Lindsey at 8.00pm. IAM examiner Mick Wheeler will be in attendance giving the group a topical presentation.

Sat 8th - Lincoln BikeSafe, LRSP, Pelham Bridge, Lincoln. Contact Point - Don Ford 01522 686068

Sun 9th - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

Sun 23rd - Humberside BikeSafe – Brigg. Contact Point - Iain Johnston

Weds 26th - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. POC Iain Johnston.

ANYONE READY TO OFFER TO PUT ON A RUN OR OTHER EVENT TO LIVEN UP THE CALENDAR PLEASE CONTACT DAVE HALL ON 01522 828010