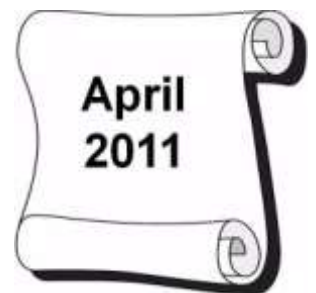


# Chain Links

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
**THE LINCOLNSHIRE ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS**  
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**Read about Dave Hall's East Germany Trip this issue**



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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 8pm  
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Glenthams is on the A631 about 2 miles east of the A631/A15 junction at Caenby Corner

The next issue of Chainlincs will be in May 2011.

**Please provide any copy to the editor, Mick Smith, by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 at the latest, earlier is better.**

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To help Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists we need members to:

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IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER  
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Folks,

In March we were given a presentation, by the IAM Regional representative, on the IAM's aim to deliver enhanced customer service. The intention is to standardise the way Groups relate, and provide a service, to their customers.

This raised a couple of important questions central to the issue of customer service:

1. Do we have customers?
2. Do we provide a service?

The consensus was that we have Associates not customers. The IAM may have customers but we don't. As for providing a service - in a way we do, but not in the usual sense of the word. We provide assistance and guidance to prepare an Associate for test. Is that a service – I'm not sure it is.

It appears that the corporate 'management speak' is finding its way into the IAM and we are expected to embrace it. My experience of organisations that shout about customer service is that they are usually the ones that provide customers with the worst possible service. When 'box ticking' takes priority over common sense the customer inevitably loses out.

I can't see that we actually need, or will benefit from, this sort of corporate approach. As far as our Group is concerned I think we are doing it about right – the majority of feedback we get from Associates is very positive (likewise for the Bikesafe events we attend). Our approach is based on common sense and a willingness to help and guide the Associate to test standard (and having taken the test to maintain, and improve, that standard).

I believe our Observers deliver this guidance in a friendly and efficient manner and that the overall standard and approach is maintained, at a high level, by Iain and the Senior Observers.

It appears that the IAM, in its quest for a corporate identity, risks losing sight of the fact that it's a Charity and that we are all volunteers. Yes, the IAM has to be efficient and cover its costs (with a small profit) but it needs to remember that we give up our time (and money) to help others, and make the roads a little bit safer, not to be part of their corporate dream.

Andy Kitchen

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Group Web Site: [www.l-a-m.co.uk](http://www.l-a-m.co.uk)

No Membership Update this month. There are no changes from last month.



# MOTs

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## **EDITORIAL and OBSERVATIONS**

Welcome to the April edition of ChainLincs And thanks to Dave Hall for his article about his ride round East Germany.

Mick Smith takes over again next month, so please send your contributions to him.

No colour in the printed copies this month, cost and time prohibit it.

Barton Bike Night in June is in question. As far as I know nobody has yet stepped forward to organise it and if anyone did so now time would be very short.

At Dave Hall's request I have approached the Scunthorpe Car Group about using their meeting place to run the Barry Heath Quiz. It is our turn to organise it because we won last year and our venue is not really big enough. So the Barry Heath Quiz will be at the Redbourne Club in Scunthorpe on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

See later in this issue for the Annual Dinner on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Contact is Dave Hall.

We have two people interested in joining the group following the first Lincoln BikeSafe. A good omen for the year ahead?

I understand that Lincoln Harley group are putting a copy of our newsletter on their web site ([www.lindumcolonia.co.uk](http://www.lindumcolonia.co.uk)), also perhaps a good omen for the year ahead.

Also see elsewhere in this issue information about North East Lincs MAG Easter Egg run.

Enjoy Safe Riding

Iain



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# ANNUAL HOLIDAY - A TRIP TO EAST GERMANY

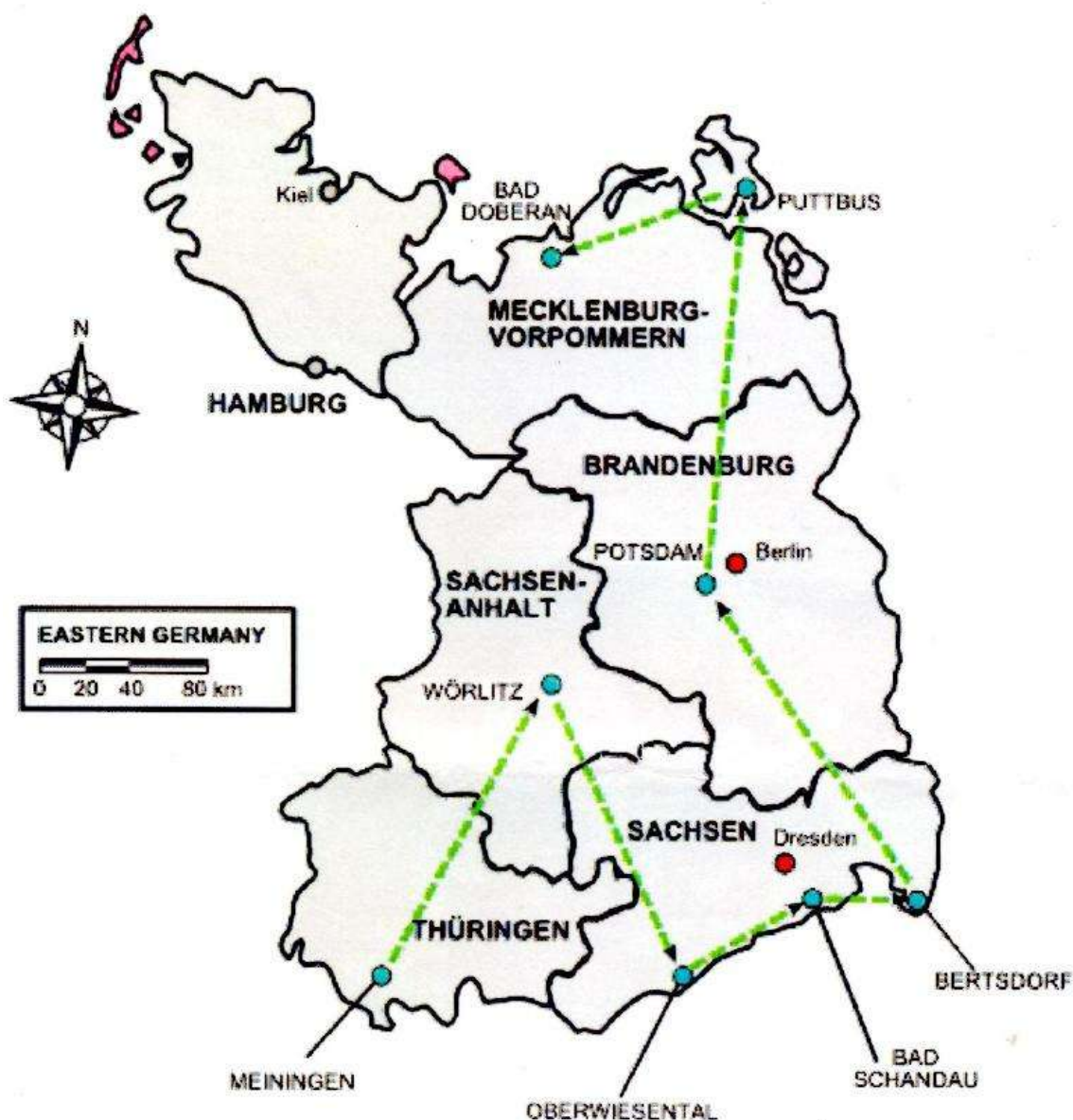
Part 1

By Dave Hall

My Annual Holiday for 2010 was to be Eastern Germany, on Thursday 2nd September I rode down to Dover for the hop over the channel, I was to meet up with Ted (who lives in London) at a B&B the touring club uses approx 40 miles from Calais arriving around 5pm. Ted had already arrived and so had 3 other club members who were going off to tour a part of France for a week, after a delicious evening meal we spent the rest of the evening talking with the odd drink or three.

Due to a last minute problem with the rear wheel on the K1200, I had to take the K75, I did not have time to service it or even change the oil !!

Ted rides a 1100 Pan European and we had a fair bit of motorway to ride and I didn't want to push "The Old Girl" to fast, Ted led and settled into a 70/75 MPH cruising speed and although the bike coped, I would have preferred it slightly slower as we had over 2,500 miles to ride on the holiday and had not ridden that far on the bike.



Our first night stop, (Friday) and to meet up with the other 13 members of the tour was in Meiningen, a 2 night stop as that weekend the local Steam Train works which is the largest in Europe had an open weekend and had brought in lots of steam trains from other parts of eastern Germany.



Meiningen is a pretty little town, on the river Werra. other than the Railway the other most noticeable building was a large "Schloss" (castle) called Elizabethenburg but more like a Stately Home in Britain. We had to eat at another Hotel which was pre-arranged as our hotel didn't have a restaurant, very nice too.

Saturday morning was spent looking around the train works taking lots of photographs, as you would expect very busy, a most enjoyable visit, a quick look around the town, and then getting the bike out and having a look around the local area on my own.

The next day being Sunday the roads were much quieter with little traffic as we moved on to our next hotel in Worlitz on the river Elbe, another 2 night stop in sunshine and the temperature was about 26 deg c. The Gardens which were just behind the hotel are a Unesco listed garden with free entry, landscaped in the English style and covers 227 acres, with lakes, canals and numerous interesting buildings around the grounds. The Duke of Dessau who ruled this part of Saxony had been to England and fell for this style of garden, it was the first garden in mainland Europe in this style. - they are well worth a visit but watch out for the mosquito's !! we had a local English speaking guide to take us around called Christina - very informative and well worth the few euros that it cost.



The next day we were heading south again to Oberwiesental a tiny health resort in the Ore Mountains, which is the highest village in Germany, close to the Czech border, and another Steam Train. Ted and I had a good ride there in glorious sunshine, but next morning was covered in low cloud all day, like a fine drizzle, so onto the train with some other group members and a trip down the valley to a small town where it was overcast but dry. A none event day really but it did give us a break from riding.

From Oberwiesental our next stop was to be Bad Schandau on the river Elbe a few miles south of Dresden, Paddle Steamers ply up and down the river from Dresden to Sächsische Schweiz (Saxon Switzerland) nearby is the large fortress of Königstein.



I spent the free day going with Bob & Irene by train to Dresden, a Beautiful city, rebuilt after the war. there are some amazing buildings along the banks of the Elbe.

After a 2 night stop we headed for Bertsdorf which involved riding through the Czech Republic for ½ hour, as this small part of CZ juts into Germany. Our hotel was situated out of the village overlooking the small railway station, from where Smaller Steam Trains operate from, the highlight is in the afternoon when two steam trains head out at the same, time, side by side on different lines before going their separate ways, unfortunately I missed it, although one chap did get a photo !!

**Part two next month**

NORTH EAST Lincs MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP ANNUAL



# EASTER EGG RUN 2011

TO THE DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES HOSPITAL, CHILDREN'S WARD.  
PLEASE BRING AN EASTER EGG OR TWO.

Sunday 24th April 2011, 11am

Meeting Kingsway Kiosk, Kingsway, Cleethorpes, DN35 0BY



# Menu for Group annual dinner on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, Contact Dave Hall.

## Bar Snacks

### Burgers

1/4 lb. Home-made Beef Burger .....	£4.95
1/4 lb. Home-made Cheese Burger .....	£5.50
1/4 lb. Home-made House Stackers .....	£6.25
<i>Cheese, Bacon and BBQ Sauce</i>	
Vege-Burger .....	£4.95

All served with chips, side-salad and home-made coleslaw.

### Jacket Potatoes (GF)

With a choice of:	
Cheese .....	£4.25
Coleslaw .....	£4.25
Tuna .....	£4.25
Beans .....	£4.25
Prawns in Rose-Marie Sauce .....	£5.45

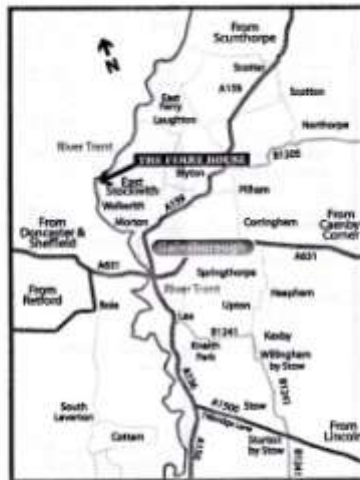
Extra fillings 50p.  
Served with side salad.

### Baguettes

A warm crusty roll with a choice of:	
Cheese .....	£4.25
Tuna Mayo/Tuna Melt .....	£4.25
Ham .....	£4.95
Prawns in Rose-Marie Sauce .....	£5.45

All served with chips, side-salad and home-made coleslaw.

(GF) Some meals can be made gluten free easily. Please ask.



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# MENU

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### Starters

Soup of the Day .....	£2.95
<i>Piping hot bowl of home-made soup served with a warm white or brown roll and butter.</i>	
Garlic Mushrooms .....	£3.25
<i>Freshly prepared breaded mushrooms served with a home-made garlic dip.</i>	
Prawn Cocktail .....	£3.95
<i>Icelandic prawns in a rose-marie sauce served on a bed of lettuce with brown bread and butter.</i>	
Mussels To Share .....	£6.50
<i>Mussels in a white wine and garlic sauce served with crusty bread and butter.</i>	
Potato Wedges .....	£3.75
<i>Deep fried smoky bacon flavoured potato wedges served with a home-made garlic dip and side salad.</i>	
Cranberry and Brie Wontons .....	£3.75
<i>Filo pastry wontons stuffed with cranberries and brie served with a side salad.</i>	

### Main Courses

Home-made Steak and Ale Pie .....	£6.45
<i>Best steak in a rich ale gravy surrounded by shortcrust pastry.</i>	
Chicken, Bacon and Stilton (GF) .....	£6.75
<i>A chicken breast wrapped in smoked bacon served with a creamy stilton sauce.</i>	
Beef Lasagne .....	£6.25
<i>A traditional home-made favourite.</i>	

### Main Courses continued

Wholetail Scampi .....	£6.95
<i>Wholetail breaded scampi, deep fried, served with home-made tartare sauce and lemon wedges.</i>	
Salmon Fillet (GF) .....	£7.45
<i>A salmon fillet poached in a creamy lemon sauce.</i>	
Pork Steaks (GF) .....	£6.95
<i>2 pork steaks grilled and served with a creamy stilton and walnut sauce.</i>	
Minted Lamb Shank .....	£7.45
<i>A slow roasted lamb shank served with a rich minted gravy.</i>	
BBQ Spare Ribs .....	£7.95
<i>A rack of BBQ ribs.</i>	
<i>All above meals are served with a choice of chips or new potatoes and salad or veg of the day.</i>	
Giant Yorkie Pudding .....	£4.95
<i>A giant home-made yorkie pud served with roast of the day, new potatoes and veg of the day.</i>	
Haddock, Chips and Peas .....	£6.45
<i>A large haddock fillet battered and freshly cooked to order. Gluten free also available.</i>	
Curry of the Day .....	£6.95
<i>See specials board for choices</i>	
Fresh salads prepared from .....	£4.95
Vegetarian .....	£6.45
<i>For a wide choice of home-cooked dishes, see specials board.</i>	

### From the Grill

Ferry House Grill .....	£10.95
<i>Rump steak, gammon, pork steak, liver, lamb chop and 2 sausages.</i>	
18oz Gammon Steak (GF) .....	£8.95
<i>Served with eggs, pineapple or both.</i>	
Surf and Turf .....	£10.95
<i>6oz rump steak and scampi.</i>	
10oz Sirloin Steak (GF) .....	£9.95
10oz Rib Eye Steak (GF) .....	£9.95
<i>All served with onion rings, mushrooms and tomato with a choice of chips or new potatoes and salad or veg of the day.</i>	
<i>All our steaks are flame grilled to your liking.</i>	
Add a sauce .....	£1.95
Stilton, Peppercorn or Mushroom	

### Children's Menu

Choice of .....	£3.95
Beef Burger, Home-made Lasagne, Roast of the Day, Chicken Goujons or Fish Fingers	
<i>Served with a choice of chips or curly fries with peas or beans followed by a bowl of ice cream.</i>	

### Side Orders

Chips (GF) .....	£1.50
Curly Fries .....	£1.75
Onion Rings .....	£1.50
Garlic Bread .....	£1.50
Coleslaw (GF) .....	95p
Side Salad (GF) .....	£1.50

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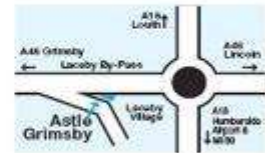


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## AND FINALLY (FROM HULL & EAST RIDING GROUP NEWSLETTER)

### Royal Enfield – Making It Big in India

It's not about owing the fastest set of two wheels.. nor is it about riding the most reliable or flashy piece of machinery. There will always be something faster, something more reliable, something flashier waiting for you round the corner.

Royal Enfield has recently posted a video titled "**Handcrafted in Chennai**" on Youtube. Without speaking even a single word, the video leaves a lingering impression. The 2 min 24 sec video is almost therapeutic for a "desi" biker looking for that inner peace. Ideal for those observed rides, type it into youtube and enjoy.



# CURRENT DIARY OF EVENTS

Contact point: Dave Hall 01522 828010

**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	South side of A18
Willingham Woods picnic site	A631 east of Market Rasen
Hartsholme Country Park	South side of B1378, Skellingthorpe Road (off 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.

## APRIL

**Wed. 6th** Monthly evening meeting at the Crown Inn, Glenthams (A631) at 8.00pm.

**Sat. 9th** Lincolnshire BikeSafe 2011. Observers required. Contact co-ordinator Don Ford if you are able to help.

**Sun. 10th** Group Observed Run from Hartsholme Country Park. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. prompt start.

**Weds. 13th** Committee Meeting, Offices of LK2 Architects, Nettleham. Prompt start at 7.45pm

**Sat. 16th** Group Dinner, The Ferry House, East Stockwith. Contact point Dave Hall.

**Sun. 17th** Social run taking in the Humberside BikeSafe opening event at the north bank parking area as a refreshment stop, then continuing the run around the East Riding area. Run Organiser / Leader required. Volunteer(s) contact Dave Hall ASAP.

**Sun. 17th** Humberside BikeSafe 2011 Opening Event. Humber Bridge parking area, north bank. 10.00am onwards. Contact co-ordinator Iain Johnston if you are able to help.

**Weds. 27th** Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Please contact Iain Johnston for further details.

**Sat. 30th** Humberside BikeSafe 2011, Beverley. Observers may be required to assist Hull & ER Group. Contact co-ordinator Iain Johnston in the first instance.

## MAY

**Wed. 4th** Monthly evening meeting at the Crown Inn, Glenthams (A631) at 8.00pm.

**Sat. 7th** Lincolnshire BikeSafe 2011. Observers required. Contact co-ordinator Don Ford if you are able to help.

**Sun. 8th** Humberside BikeSafe 2011, Grimsby Observers required. Contact co-ordinator Iain Johnston if you are able to help.

**Sun. 8th** Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. prompt start.

**Sat. 21st** Humberside BikeSafe 2011, Beverley. Observers may be required to assist Hull & ER Group. Contact co-ordinator Iain Johnston in the first instance.

**Sun. 22nd** Breakfast run to Meet at Bayards Leap café, (A17 / B6403 junc. Near Cranwell at 08.30am, This is to be followed for those interested a ride to Crich Tramway Museum near Matlock. There is a classic motorcycle display being held. Admission charge £12.00. Run Leader Dave Hall.

**Weds. 25th** Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue TBA.

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