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



**Group observed run on 10 Apr stopped near Horncastle**



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at the Crown Inn, Glenthams

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 June 2011.

Please provide any copy to the editor, Mick Smith, by Sunday 22 May 2010 at the latest, earlier is better.

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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hi Folks,

This month sees a short and sweet contribution from me, as the weather has been far too nice to spend any more time than is absolutely necessary at the computer.

The Group Observed ride from Hartsholme Park at the beginning of April saw a good turnout on a very nice morning. The Park was somewhat busier than usual, for that time of the day, as there was a meeting of vintage cars. When we came to depart, negotiating the crowds certainly tested our slow riding skills. The ride was superb – taking in Bucknall bends and Caister High Street on the way to Willingham Woods.

The Group Dinner at the Ferry House, East Stockwith, went very well and was a pleasant evening. The food was good and portions seemed more than adequate. I had the Giant Yorkshire Pudding which certainly lived up to the description as it was enormous and actually defeated me. Bob Stringer had the mixed grill which was so big it arrived on two plates! Bob put up a good fight but he was also had to accept defeat. Many thanks to Dave for organising the meal.

Andy Kitchen

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May edition of Chainlincs. After 3 months away I am back in the chair this month. Many thanks to Iain for editing ChainLincs in my absence.

Thanks again to Dave Hall this month for the second part of his tale of his trip to Germany last year. Other than that a scant edition this month. This is partly due to the amount of time I have been able to spend on it this month but mainly due to contributions received from our members. If you are out on your bike and get any good pictures I am always happy to publish those with just a caption. Iain has provided a couple this month that are included.

Talking of Iain he is looking for some help to run a group stand at the Cleethorpes Bike Show on 22 May. If you can spare an hour or 2 to help out on the day it would be much appreciated. It is through these type of events that the group can promote itself and the IAM, and hopefully increase membership with the ultimate aim of educating the many bikers out there that have not yet seen the advantages of advanced riding. Iain is also looking for help on 6<sup>th</sup> July at the Barton Bike Night which coincides with our monthly meeting. Perhaps we should hold our meeting at Barton that night or have a ride out there from our usual meeting place??

While I am plugging for help don't forget the Lincoln Bikefest at the Brayford Pool on 12 Jun. Andy is still looking for help on the day to man the group stand so if you can help out please let him know.

That's it from me for now, after 3 months away, and the atrocious weather we had before I left, I am planning some time out on my bike this morning. I am just hoping the sun will pop out from behind the clouds.

Mick

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

One new member to welcome to the group, the first of 2011/2012.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Observer</b>
Vikki Bennett from Lincoln	Andrew Kitchen

No test passes to report at the present time, the total for the year remains at ten.

As renewals are still coming in the membership figure below reflects the total membership at 31 March plus new members since then.

Full Members	87
Associate Members	15
Group Friends	1
<b>Total Group Membership</b>	<b>103</b>

That's all for this month, ride safe:

*John Cheetham*

## OBSERVATIONS

What superb riding weather. Almost too warm. I really did wish I had my bike on my recent few days holiday in Scotland. The unclassified road from Shiel Bridge to Glen Elg was absolutely magic, miles of single track twists, turns and climbs that just went on and on. And virtually no traffic.

Oh well, back to reality.

Lots of bikes will now be out of the shed and on the road. If you haven't been riding over the winter make sure you take a while to consciously bed in again and allow for the likelihood that others will not do so and will make mistakes.

I attended the Humberside BikeSafe at the Humber Bridge on 17<sup>th</sup> April. Unfortunately we had little interest in the group there. I hope things perk up later on.

Enjoy Safe Riding

Iain



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## ANNUAL HOLIDAY - A TRIP TO EAST GERMANY

Part 2

By Dave Hall

Leaving Bertsdorf behind heading north to our next hotel in Potsdam close to Berlin, it was a warm and sunny Sunday; the roads were quiet and had a most enjoyable ride through a variety of countryside. We stopped off at a town called Gornitz close to the Polish border which I had seen on a video, It has many ornate buildings and it happened to be on a day where all of the town council buildings were open to the public, in the square were a number of craft stalls and music being played by local artists, some of our members had arrived



before Ted and myself and while looking in the Town Hall had bumped into the Town Mayor, and was pleased to meet British motorcyclists visiting his town. We all agreed that we would one day like to go back and spend more time there.

The centre of Potsdam is beautiful, laid out in a grid pattern with tree lined cobbled streets and interesting buildings, this is where the hotel was situated, the main street had a large stone Archway at each end. The thing that spoiled it was all the parked cars. There is a ring road to take traffic through the town.



The main reason we were here was to visit "San Soussi" a huge park which is situated a short walk from the hotel. It is vast, nearly a mile in length and ½ mile wide, there are 2 huge red brick Mansions at one end and at the other end a slightly smaller yellow painted one which overlooked the gardens, it is here that Fredrich the Great is buried. There is also an Italianate style house with its own gardens, the formal gardens with their fountains and flower beds are mainly at the hotel end of the park. Unfortunately the Monday

morning started out very wet but armed with an umbrella in one hand and my camera in the other, it did not stop me enjoying the visit. It stopped raining around noon when the sun came out and quickly started to dry the pathways. Around the park are numerous other buildings like the circular Chinese House with many multi coloured Chinese figures adorning it and plenty of gold paintwork, it looked great in the sunshine. The park is free to visit but 2 of the 3 Mansions are closed on a Monday. A garden well worth a visit.

Potsdam still uses Trams so you can hear them rumbling along as you walk around. There is a Dutch and Russian quarter where the houses reflect those countries, the Russian houses are wooden chalet style arranged in a large oval with the rear of the houses facing inwards overlooking large apple orchards. Very quaint.

The hotel was good with a set evening meal, but the staff which were waiting on the tables were mainly teenage girls seemed disorganised as a number of our party had ordered a bottle of wine with their meal, they got the right wine but had difficulty when it



came to paying for it, one chap tried 5 times to pay for his and was told it was not entered on the computer, so left without paying, they didn't seem interested in sorting it out.



Tuesday morning greeted us with light rain as we tackled the Berlin Ring road, still heading northwards, the amount of traffic was horrendous, I suppose like all Capital Cities early morning, we were heading for the island of Rugen on the north German coast by the Baltic sea. We soon left the traffic and rain behind us and had another good days riding, catching a ferry over to Rugen (which lasted approx 20 mins) to the southern part of the island, further up the coast is a

large bridge which connects the island to the main land, and we would use it on leaving Rugen. Our hotel was situated in a small village with a harbour, probably in hindsight one of the best places to stay on the island, nice and quiet.

Rugen is where a lot of Germans go for their holidays, it has a number of national parks mainly woodland with cycle routes and tracks for walkers, and a small steam train system which travels around the Island. The island is mostly known for the "Hitler Holiday Camp" that never was at Prora. 8 huge three storey concrete blocks of flats stretch 4 1/2 km along the seashore, it was intended for the Hitler Youth to have holidays there, but were never finished due to the war.

Now a huge eye sore, fortunately is now hidden by trees, at one end of block 1 workmen are finishing the flats (around 40 flats) to be used as holiday lets, halfway along block 1 is a museum which shows what it would have been like when completed, it would have been impressive. In block 8 there is a car and motorcycle museum which houses a lot of old unknown German motorcycles makes. I didn't go in



as I wanted to see more of the island, although some of our party did and said it was very good, others went on the Steam train.

From Rugen it was a 200 odd mile ride to Bad Doberan another popular town where a steam train runs down the main shopping street three times a day in each direction, although these days the traffic is diverted around this area, vehicles can use the main street in one direction

only, but you need to know when the trains are due so you can pull to the side, out of their way!!

There is a large red brick Cathedral here - plus a museum, but generally quite a small town. We were to have 2 nights here, the hotel was good and very close to the main shopping street and the trains, the main railway station was a short walk away where the national train network passed through.



On the free day I went on my own to Lubeck some 70 miles west and would pass it again the next day on our ride to the boat at The Hook of Holland, I had heard that it was a town worth visiting and they were right, it has a large Cathedral plus other large churches, interesting buildings to see and boats on the river which runs through the town. By about 2pm it turned cold as it clouded over and soon began to drizzle,

by this time I had seen what I wanted to see so made my way back to Bad Doberan in time to see the last steam train of the day returning.

Some of our group were to ride up to Esbjerg in Denmark to catch a ferry back to Harwich about 175 miles, as it is a fairly expensive crossing I opted to ride with Tony back to the Hook of Holland for the overnight crossing to Harwich. Originally I was booked on the Dover / Calais boat but with around 475 miles to ride I took pity on the K75 and my bottom, as the Hook was only 325 miles with a lot of boring motorway riding. As our boat did not sail until 8pm we had all day to get there, as it turned out it was a good job as the main route through Rotterdam was closed and it took us some time riding around before we found our way out and onto the right road, it was around 6pm so there was lots of traffic to contend with, but made in good time.

It was Sunday again when we arrived in Harwich leaving Tony to head home to Southampton around 9am, the sun was shining and I had a steady ride home having covered 2750 miles in all and "The Old Girl" never missed a beat!!

This was one of the best trips I have been on, and would very much like to re-visit some of the places again, the weather mostly was warm and sunny with quiet roads, and good company what more could you want ?

Dave



Some of the members who attended the Group Annual Dinner at The Ferry House, East Stockwith on 16 Apr. Many thanks to Dave hall for organising this event.

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The launch of the 2011 Humberside BikeSafe at the Humber Bridge on 17 Apr. You can see Iain's car and the group stand on the left of the picture. Thanks Iain.



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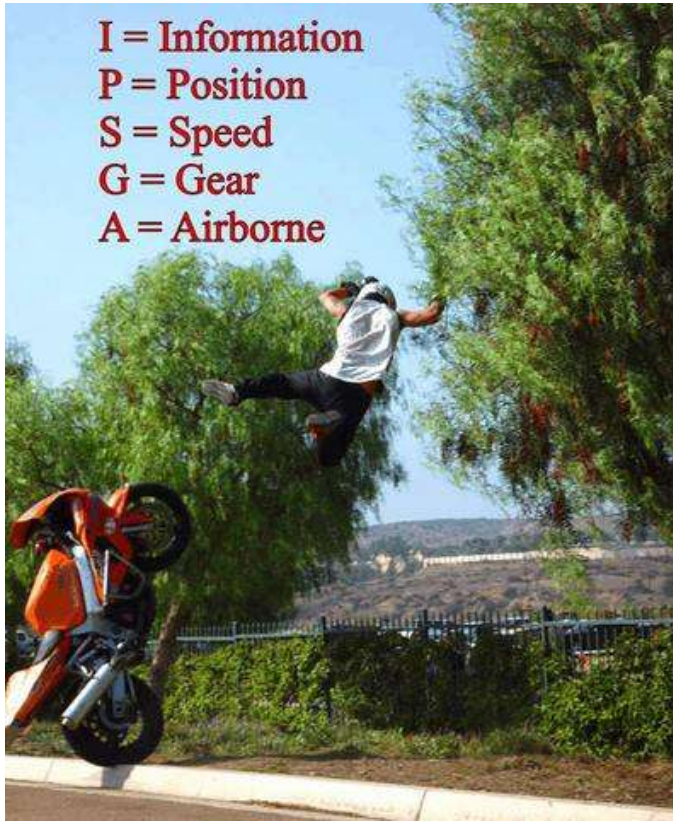
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Dave Mottram took this picture in Italy last year of an Italian Police Pursuit Bike!!

# 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.

## MAY

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly evening meeting at the Crown Inn, Glenthams (A631) at 8.00pm.

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

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** - Humberside BikeSafe 2011. Grimsby. Observers required. Contact Iain Johnston if you are able to help.

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** - Group Observed Run from Brigg Leisure Centre. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

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

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 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.

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Cleethorpes Bike Show. Assistance required to man the group stand. Contact Iain Johnston

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for Observers and those interested in becoming Observers. Venue TBA.

## JUNE

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup>** - Monthly evening meeting at the Crown Inn, Glenthams (A631) at 8.00pm.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>** - Lincolnshire BikeSafe 2011. Observers required. Contact Don Ford if you are able to help.

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup>** Humberside BikeSafe 2011, Grimsby Observers required. Contact Iain Johnston if you are able to help.

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>** - Group Observed Run from Willingham Woods. Meet 9.00am for 9.30am. Prompt start.

**Weds 8<sup>th</sup>** - Committee Meeting, Offices of LK2 Architects, Nettleham. Prompt start at 7.45pm

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** - Lincoln Bikefest, Brayford Pool area. 10.00am to 5.00pm. Offers to help on the stand please contact Andy Kitchen.

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** - Humberside BikeSafe 2011, Beverley. Observers may be required. Contact Iain Johnston in the first instance.

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** - Lincolnshire BikeSafe 2011. Observers required. Contact Don Ford if you are able to help.

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup>** - 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**