

## THE LATEST FROM THE LINCOLN GROUP

*Blast back to the 90's!*



As I recently posted on our Facebook Group and Twitter, I have been going through some of our groups old files which have been sitting around since our previous Secretary, Graham, dropped them off with me a few months ago! I stumbled across an article and impressive picture from the national IAM magazine in 1991, when the Red Arrows Squadron were prepared for their advanced driving tests by the Lincoln Group - no mention of the outcome (pass/fail), but naturally I'm sure they all passed! If any of our members and former Observers remember this, please get in touch so we can find out more!

I hope you all enjoyed the re-launched edition of our newsletter back in the Autumn. In this edition, you'll find out more about our offer for young drivers, find out about a great new use for the tax disc holder, hear more about emergency diversion signs and much more. Enjoy - and as ever, if you would like to comment or offer some feedback please get in touch! Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2015!

**Ashley**

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## OBSERVER UPDATE

We have achieved a total of 12 passes throughout 2014. Had it not been for some unfortunate delays, which were outside our control, we should have achieved at least 18 passes this year. As a result we will now have at least 6 associates who are test ready and will be taking their tests early in 2015. Also, given that we currently have 25 associates in training at present and with new ones coming on stream in the new year, I am confident we should expect to achieve in excess of 20 passes again in 2015.

Currently we have ten observers, 3 of whom are qualified to the new National Observer standard. We do however, require more observers next year in order to improve our coverage of the Lincoln Group designated area and to ensure that we can deal with all our associates in a professional and timely way. All new and existing observers will in the future have to be qualified to the newly adopted Institute of Motor Industries standards which give the observer qualification the credibility and status it deserves.

I am very grateful to my observer colleagues for all their support and hard work throughout the year and if we are to meet our objectives it looks like 2015 will be another busy year for all of us.

Drive safely and please try to make it along to some of our events next year.

**Roger Hicks**  
**Chief Observer**



## YOUNG DRIVERS OFFER

### *Discount for Under 25's...*

**Between 17 and 25?! Sign up for a [Skill for Life](#) and the Lincoln Group will give you £50 back once you have taken the test – regardless of the outcome. This means you can complete the SfL course for just £99! This offer is exclusive to our group.**

IAM research carried out in August 2008 indicates that drivers under 25 are the most vulnerable age group on our roads and are the most “at risk” of being killed or seriously injured. The SfL course offers all the advanced skills a drivers needs along with insurance discounts, 1 years free RAC membership and much more!

**Find out more on our website under the ‘Young Drivers’ section, or contact us by phone or email!**

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## NEW USE FOR TAX DISC HOLDER

*An idea that could help save your life*

With it no longer being compulsory to display a tax disc, several organisations, including the IAM and Lincolnshire Police, have come up with a novel way of using your now redundant windscreen disc holder for a very worthwhile purpose. A tax disc-shaped information document giving the opportunity to list essential information on the driver such as emergency contacts and medical information, should the driver be unable to give that information. This is known as ICE details (In Case of Emergency).



Simply print off the template on to an A4 piece of paper and cut around the disc and enter your details accordingly following the instructions on the template. Ensure that your next of kin knows their details have been disclosed on the form.

Lincolnshire Police's version of the form has been designed by local Neighbourhood Watch members and can be downloaded from their website [www.lincs.police.uk](http://www.lincs.police.uk), just search 'ICE'. If you'd like a copy but are unable to download it, let us know and we'll happily send you one.

***We think this is a good, simple idea which could really make a difference! What do you think?***  
***Get in touch and let us know, we'll publish your comments in the next edition!***

## RECENT TEST PASSES

***Congratulations!***

The following Associate's have passed their tests since our last edition and become Full Members of the IAM and Lincoln Group - well done! This brings our test passes for 2014 to 12!

Associate	Pass Date	Observer	2nd Opinion
Kiera Beasley	04/12/2014	Neil White	Roger Hicks
Jo Gill	04/12/2014	Neil White	Roger Hicks
Johanna Johnson	04/12/2014	Roger Hicks	Neil White
Sharon Hermanns	17/11/2014	Ashley Behan	Roger Hicks

***We are pleased that 2015 got off to a flying start!*** Harriet Brown became our first Associate to pass her test on 3 January. Her observer was Ashley, 2nd Opinion with Gary Hill. Well done Harriet!



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## ALL ABOUT JULIA

### *All you need to know about our Treasurer, Julia Vause...*

I stumbled upon the IAM by purchasing a Daewoo Musso 4 wheel drive car in 2000. At that time I had a florist shop & needed a vehicle with a wide rear opening to allow flower pedestal arrangements to be transported, the Musso fitted the bill & looked to be a good deal as they were fitted with Mercedes parts- engine, braking system gears, etc. To tempt buyers onto this rather unknown vehicle they gave a one year membership to a local IAM group. I was duly contacted by Terry Johnston, taken out by Ian Stockdale (an interesting guy who used to build & race Caterham 7 kit cars). They put me forward for the committee & I joined.

At that time meetings were held at The Station Hotel in Langworth (before it became a fish & chip restaurant), then moved to the Fire & Rescue building where we now meet. I was deemed to have a few good ideas & have moved from Vice Chair, briefly to Secretary & am in my second year of the Treasurer role. I became an observer a number of years ago & continue to enjoy helping people to become more confident, safe drivers.

I am a Waddington girl, where I met my future husband, then after teacher training at BG College here in Lincoln moved up to work & live in York & later Oakworth (West Yorks). We returned in 1989 & opened a village shop in Waddington. I had a vision of Harrods of Waddington, but all the customers needed was a florist & a sandwich takeaway so that's what evolved. I sold the sandwich/catering business but then just sweeping up & delivering for the florist was not taxing so I moved into Food Hygiene training, forming my training company in 2001. When the recession came along it meant that training budgets were cut & I needed to find other outlets for my talents so I joined some further

education colleges (Telford, Stamford & latterly Lincoln) to lecture in food safety & hospitality. After an interesting & varied period, which included travelling the country assessing cleaning staff in Next, Toys R Us & Debenhams, I secured my present job as tutor to special needs students here in Lincoln. We operate a café in St Katherine's Church (corner of Colegrave Street, South Park) where the public can come & eat homemade food prepared by the students under the close supervision of myself & a wonderful professional chef, we serve roast dinners, make a variety of breads, pasta; fish & chip Friday is very popular as we keep prices low to get custom so the students gain work skills that will hopefully lead to employment.

Second only to the birth of our now 22 year old son, my proudest achievement was being selected as an equestrian Fence Judge by British Eventing for the 2012 London Olympics. Numerous trips to London for training & test events got me quite savvy with the underground system & as Peter was a volunteer for mobility in the Para Olympics we had some wonderful experiences. My event took place in Greenwich Park on one day but I secured tickets for most of the dressage events too which is "my thing".

We have a twin axle caravan which I tow while Peter navigates otherwise divorce would await our every trip & we try to explore as much as we can, when we both fully retire in a couple of years there will be no stopping us! Our son Rupert is under guidance at the moment while he lives back at home & tries to secure a graduate job so another advanced driver is on the way!

**Julia**

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## Events Update

### Barrie Heath Memorial Quiz

Mike Hill, Tony Lofts and Ashley Behan represented the Lincoln Group at the 2014 Barrie Heath Memorial Quiz. The quiz is held in memory of Barrie, one of the founding member of the Scunthorpe Group and former member of both the Lincoln and Grimsby Group. Barrie sadly died of a heart attack in 1977 aged 32. His brother, Terry, is now Chairman of the Scunthorpe Group and the local groups host an annual quiz in his memory.

As winners last time out, it was the turn of the Lincolnshire Advanced Motorcyclists to host the evening. It was held at the Redbourne Club in Scunthorpe on 22 October at 8pm. It has to be said, the questions were rather challenging - but we did manage to come a respectable 2nd!

We did notice that the other teams had much more support than us, so next year we'll be looking for several members to come along and support the team (don't worry there's always a good spread!) and hopefully we'll put in a winning performance! All in all it was a very enjoyable night and nice to socialise with the other local groups!

Overall scores:

1st: Scunthorpe, 2nd: Lincoln, 3rd: Grimsby and Louth.



## IAM release manifesto

The IAM published its road safety manifesto in November 2014 ahead of the next parliament in 2015. The manifesto calls on the new government to support continuing driver and rider development for safer roads. It outlines seven key areas which the IAM believe the government must focus on to help reduce the number of road deaths in the UK.

The IAM believes that the government need to focus on the follow seven key areas:

1. Reducing young driver risk
2. Driver risk management
3. Keeping older drivers safer for longer
4. Protecting the vulnerable
5. Safe motorcycling has a key role in transport policy
6. Leadership is essential for sustainable road safety
7. Supporting the law abiding majority on our roads

The full document can be downloaded from [www.iam.org.uk](http://www.iam.org.uk), just search Manifesto. If you'd like a copy but are unable to download it, let us know and we'll happily send you a copy.

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## FORDIE'S WORLD

### *Festive thoughts from Graham Ford!*

First, can I congratulate Ashley on the re-constituted newsletter, a very professional job. I know editing a newsletter is not the easiest thing to do, I was editor myself fifteen odd years ago, that was when everything was written in long-hand. Someone else had to type it up or try and print it on a rather doubtful printer and it was monthly, thank goodness we've moved on.

Now, as I have done in years past, I shall congratulate all those of you who have negotiated Christmas/New Year without committing atrocities upon the spouse, the cat, the granny, assorted kids or the credit card and have not been inundated with gifts of socks/hankies/cheap aftershave or perfume nor suffered the "gripes" from an overdose of turkey, plum pudding and brandy sauce. To me this "festive period" always seems a month of serious excess and my sympathies are totally with Scrooge "Christmas!! BAH! Humbug!"

If I am to have a gripe when all is bonhomie and light, it is because I have been looking at the way drivers (lesser mortals, non IAM) turn corners. It appears, when turning left that they give the wheel a small turn left and end up in the middle of the carriageway, oblivious of any approaching vehicle. Damn! I could turn an artic with a 13 metre trailer tighter than that! And the other way, turning right, they almost always cut the corner thus risking chopping the nose off a vehicle that is coming up to the white line. How to combat this? Well, greater minds than mine have pondered, but I feel there is scope to emphasise these points during lessons by driving schools, possibly adverts on TV, but they cost money and consensus suggests "we aint got none" (alright I know it's bad grammar) and possibly the compulsory use of "probationer" plates for say a couple of years. I accept good driving, with or without the aid of the Institute, is largely down to experience and that can only be "gained" not taught.

As with so many things that are written in advance, this bit is being written on the first day of the dreaded Christmas Market, my car is parked and won't move again until Monday barring emergencies, I have a full complement of "refreshments" in stock, at least a dozen bottles, plus a fair helping of cheese and onion crisps, that's it! I'm going nowhere!

Now then, the Christmas social, an excellent evening, certainly Neil's quiz reminded me I'd better re-read my highway code because there were many answers I should have known. Is age and not travelling the country anymore dimming my brain too much? Heaven forfend! The video clips were an eye-opener! I find it hard to believe drivers are really that daft! However, if it makes us sit up and take notice..... I'm sure I speak for all the members when I say thank you to Julia and her helpers for the delicious buffet, from what I saw at the table we were all determined to give a good account of ourselves and leave little to be taken home!

On a totally different note, just recently I have had to overhaul the syphon in our toilet, if difficulty is found flushing it is usually the diaphragm that is failing. This diaphragm is only a thin piece of plastic, I bet you can't buy a spare, you'd have to buy the whole syphon but a repair can be effected by using a laminating pouch suitable for a 6x4 photo (15x10 mm), put it through the laminator as normal but WITHOUT the photo, then cut to size and refit to the syphon and re-assemble. Your biggest problem will be emptying the cistern tank, this is where your personal ingenuity come to the fore so as not to flood the toilet floor with buckets of water. A bit of care and thought and you can make a good repair.

As is often the case, with the "festivities" upon us, I have been asked if I can get this in a bit sooner. Very little problem, in fact it stops me waffling on ad nauseum. Suffice it to say that I have had two more Christmas dinners since our social, then there will be our own home cooked one plus two more parties before New Year then, I hope, sanity will return and I can settle back into my comfortable routine of magazines and music and look for cynical comments to make about the rest of the world but just in case you all think I'm a bit of a "grump", much of these comments are written with my tongue well and truly in my cheek.

If you get this before Christmas, have a good one, if not have a safe and prosperous New Year!

*Fordie*



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Motoring headlines...

Lincolnshire Police began Operation Blackwater on 1 December. It is an intelligence led operation, where the Police are encouraging members of the public to report habitual drink drivers by texting the word "DRINK" to 80800

followed by the vehicle and when and where the drink driving will occur. If a member of the public knows of someone who is going to imminently drink drive, they should dial 999. Road checks will also be in operation and anyone caught drink driving will be listed on the police's website for 24 hours!



Lincolnshire Police  
@lincspolice



Following

24 people charged so far as part of our Christmas Drink Drive Campaign  
[#OpBlackwater](https://twitter.com/OpBlackwater) [bit.ly/13qsJo1](http://bit.ly/13qsJo1)



The AA  
@TheAA\_UK



Following

Do you support the Government's plans for £15bn of road improvements?

Transport Secretary Pat McLoughlin announced £15 billion to be spent on over 80 new roads with £1.5 billion being spent on additional lanes for existing motorways. The funding will be spread over 5 years. Locally, Lincolnshire County Council have been given an extra £9 million to spend on pothole repairs in 2015/16. This brings their total road maintenance budget to £31m. Cllr Richard Davies, speaking to BBC Radio Lincolnshire commented that funding must be concentrated on carriageways over footways and they will be concentrating the extra money on trying to improve more minor roads in the county.



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Following

New drug-driving tests have been introduced in England and Wales. The tests analyse saliva to show whether drivers have taken cocaine or cannabis. If tested positive, the police will then take the suspect for a blood test to confirm the presence of the drug. Drug-driving caused an estimated 200 deaths per year. Previously police had to prove the driver was impaired due to drug use.

Drivers to be tested for [#drugs](https://twitter.com/drugs) over the festive period [bit.ly/1zO3HKk](http://bit.ly/1zO3HKk). Even prescription medicines can impair your [#driving](https://twitter.com/driving).

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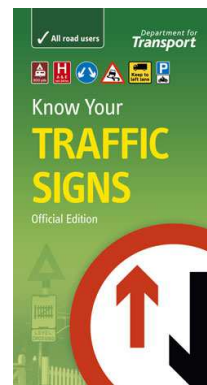
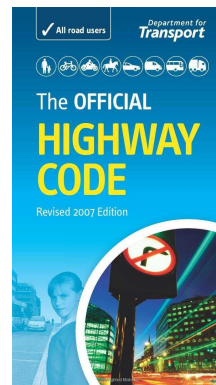
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**The Highway Code**  
@HighwayCodeGB

Before you set off you **MUST** be able to see, so clear all ice from windows and make sure they're demisted.

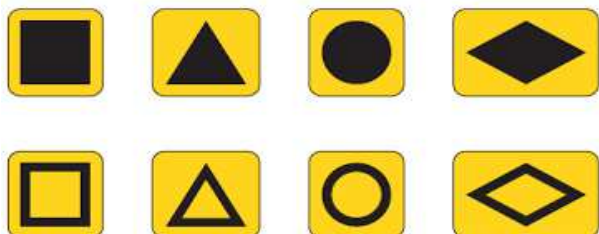
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As our Chairman, Neil, says - and quite rightly: "If you don't know what a sign means, how do you

## KNOW YOUR STUFF

### *Traffic Diversions on major routes*



The symbol on this sign may be replaced by route numbers

These signs should only be used where you are directed by a sign (like the one on the left) at the point of the closure (or at a junction before). From that point you should follow your symbol which will be displayed on major junctions and maybe displayed along the route. These routes are planned by the Highways Agency and local authorities to give a suitable route for all vehicles (including HGVs) to end up back on the road you were originally on. The numbers of these routes was increased considerably in 2011.

**Written by: Ashley Behan**



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## SPOT THE HAZARDS IN LINCOLN



**NEWARK ROAD, LINCOLN** WHAT HAZARDS CAN YOU SPOT?!



**B1188, METHERINGHAM** THIS ONE IS PRETTY OBVIOUS - BUT IT GOES TO SHOW YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT COME ACROSS !!!

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## Events Calendar

We have held three successful meetings since our Autumn newsletter. In October, David Higginbottom of Driver First Assist gave a presentation on his new road safety initiative. In November, our Winter Driver Development Evening was attended by around 30 members and some good information on winter driving was given. We held our Christmas Social in November with a quiz and some interesting driving videos! Reports of these events can be found on our website.

## Forthcoming Events

10 February 2015 – *Lincs Road Policing Unit (RPU)*

10 March – *Driver Development Evening*

14 April 2015 – *LRSP Collision Investigation Unit*

12 May 2015—*Annual AGM*

June 2015— TBC

## Where to find us

Our meetings begin at 7:30pm and are held at Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue HQ, South Park Avenue, Lincoln, LN5 8EL. See the map on the right for directions!

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**Experience and enjoy the benefits of advanced driving**



By using this **FREE** one hour introductory voucher. **Available for family and friends of Lincoln Group members**

**A FREE one hour 'Enjoy your Driving' session**

*A simple, enjoyable way to have your road skills assessed and receive a demonstration of advanced driving techniques with a Lincoln Group Observer*

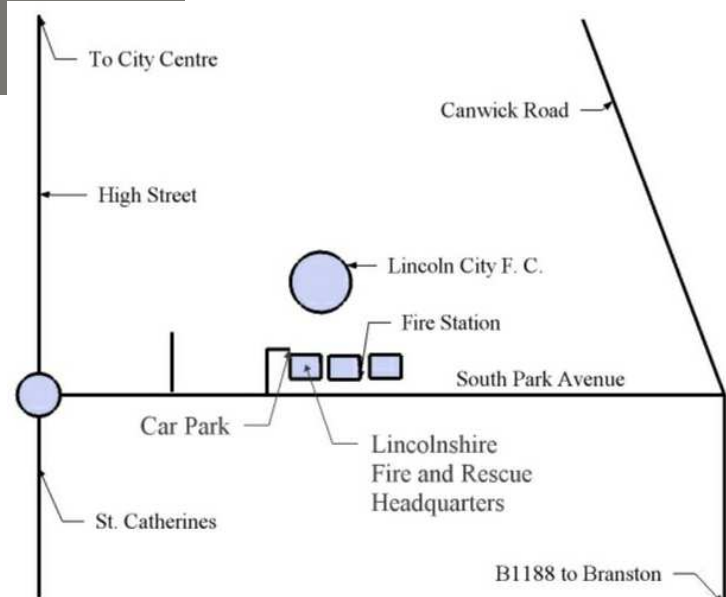
**To book call 0300 365 0152 or bring this voucher to our next group meeting!**

\*This free session takes place using your own car with a qualified IAM Observer. Dates and times will be confirmed by the Lincoln Group. This voucher has no monetary value and is valid until 31st March 2015

Winter Edition

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