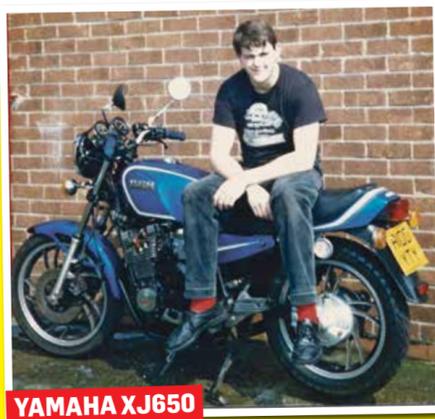


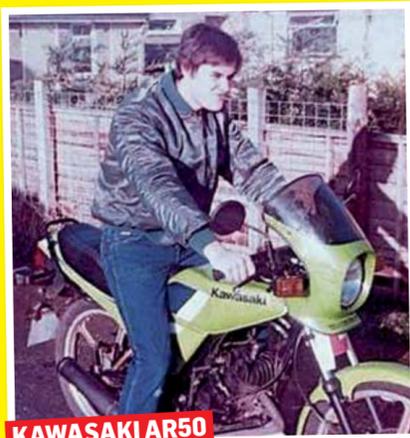
**HONDA CB125J**  
Got this bike brand new in March 1977 and had thrashed the thing to near death six months later! Pete Smith



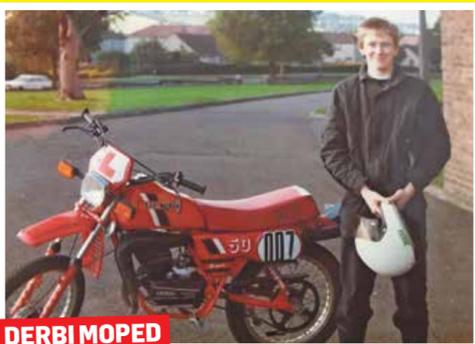
**YAMAHA XJ650**  
This was taken in 1986. It's my first big bike after passing my test. As you can see it's a Yamaha XJ650. Stay safe. Leslie Miller



**CB250N SUPER DREAM**  
Just going through some photos during this lockdown time and found one of my Super Dream in 1979. I loved that bike, now riding an Indian Scout. Dave Bishop



**KAWASAKI AR50**  
My first bike when I was 16. 34 years later I passed my test and got a Z1000SX. My dress code is slightly better now! Paul Gower



**DERBI MOPED**  
Hope you like this shot of my 1985 Derbi which I bought from James Henry Motorcycles in Kirkcaldy. Alan Dalziel

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**HONDA CB900 F2**  
I sold a Suzuki GS550 for my CB900 F2 bought new in 1981. That's a classic Bell helmet on the seat. Mark Andrews



**HONDA SUPER DREAM DELUXE**  
I'm not sure what extra the Deluxe aspect delivered but the Honda never let me down once in 30,000 miles. Shaun Yates



**MATCHLESS G3L**  
I'm No.111 at the start of the 1955 Land's End Trial. Maurice Arden (112) and I are still in contact and I'm still riding. Harold Wright

**MCN LAW**  
Your tricky legal questions answered

**Q 'Knocked off after I pulled over for an ambulance'**

I was on my way to work in single lane traffic which was going at about 15mph during rush hour. I heard a siren behind me and there was an ambulance coming with lights flashing. I moved over to the left slightly to allow it to pass, which it did. As I was moving back to the right a car knocked me off my bike. He obviously wanted to follow the ambulance and get through the traffic. My collarbone was broken and I will be unable to work for a couple of months. Do I claim against the car driver or the ambulance service as well?

Leslie, New Malden

**A** You did the correct thing in moving across to let the ambulance driver pass you. If there is any CCTV available, I suggest you obtain the footage before it is overwritten. If it is the case that the other driver was tagging onto the back of the ambulance to make faster progress and in doing so failed to have due

**'It was reasonably foreseeable that you would have moved back out'**

regard to other road users (it is reasonably foreseeable that other drivers will have pulled over and will need to re-join the carriageway) then it is likely that he will be completely at fault for the accident.

It may be that he will say that you would not have pulled out but I think he will be held fully responsible and his insurer should compensate you. The ambulance driver is not to blame in any way.

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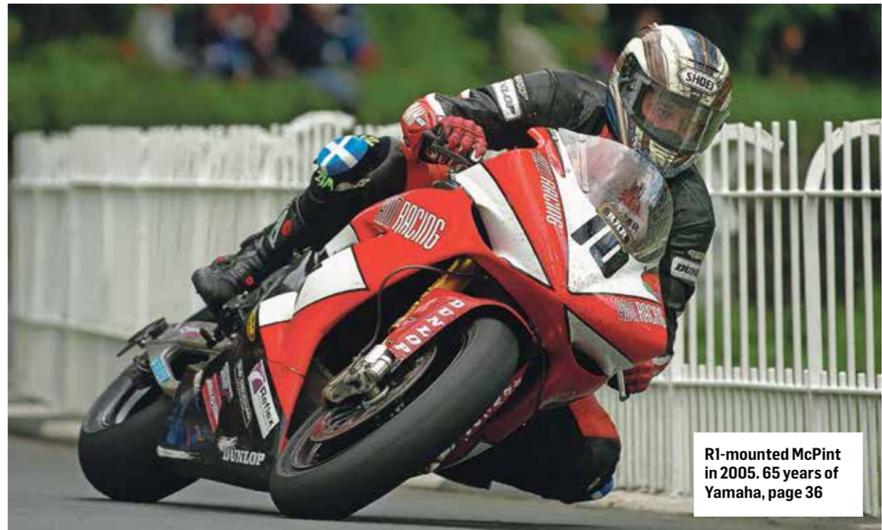
**'It's a big birthday for a mega brand'**

As Yamaha turns 65, McPint pays his respects to a giant of biking

**H**appy birthday to Yamaha, 65 years of building amazing bikes is an achievement in anyone's book – as is the list of names that have ridden for them. From Phil Read to Jarno Saarinen and people like Ago, Roberts, Lawson, Rainey, Rossi... I guess they are similar to Honda in terms of how long they've been going and the success they've had. They won't be million miles away in terms of world titles either. They are one of the manufacturers that have a bike for everything and they are

**'EVEN AFTER I WENT TO HONDA YAMAHA SENT A BOTTLE OF FIZZ'**

not afraid to innovate. I won a few TTs on their machines. I never had any dealings at the highest level with Yamaha, but the UK boss Andy Smith shook my hand on a deal to race their bike at the TT in 2004 and 2005. We never had a contract, but they paid my wages and when I went to Honda in 2006, and for the next few years, whenever I won a Superbike race on the Honda I got a bottle of champagne from Andy at Yamaha to congratulate me. Going back, I had a YZ80 in 1982 and there will be loads that started out on something similar.



R1-mounted McPint in 2005. 65 years of Yamaha, page 36

Road bike wise, I cut my teeth on a TZR125 and I can remember the R1 coming out and thinking... wow! With the FS1-E they built the most loved 50cc bike ever and the list goes on: LCs, power valves, RD500, the lot. Over the years they've been successful because they've had the right combination of strong riders, great bikes, clever product. And long may it continue; they've got heritage, history and I can't really think of a bad bike they've built. Every one of us has had a Yamaha in our lives at some point. ● Yamaha birthday special, p36



McGuinness celebrates Formula One TT victory for Yamaha at the 2004 event

**ASK McGUINNESS**

**You don't strike me as a 10k kind of guy – how do you keep fit?**

**Daz O'Leary**  
I never go to the gym, I just try and do stuff that makes me happy so that means riding my enduro and motocross bike as much as possible.



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