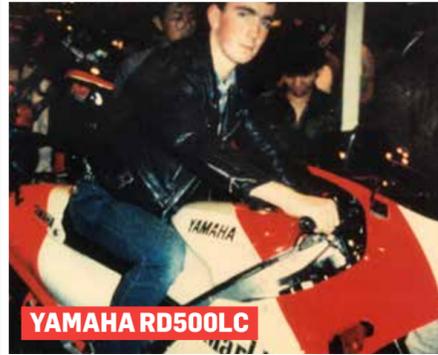




**KAWASAKI GPZ750R**

My first big bike after passing my test... I was so proud, I thought I was Top Gun! I now have four Kawasakis. **Paul Blake**



**YAMAHA RD500LC**

Me on Yamaha's RD500LC at the Bike show in 1984. I was 17 and had just passed my test on a P-reg Suzuki TS125B. **Andrew Parfitt**



**HONDA CX500 CUSTOM**

On the trusty CX in the 70s. I'd moved to Jersey for work and made many great trips to the Loire Valley in France. **Eddie Jessiman**

Dad on his BSA trials bike, me on my first bike and my first actual ride. I'm 30 now and my dad is 60. **Richard Norton Beavis**



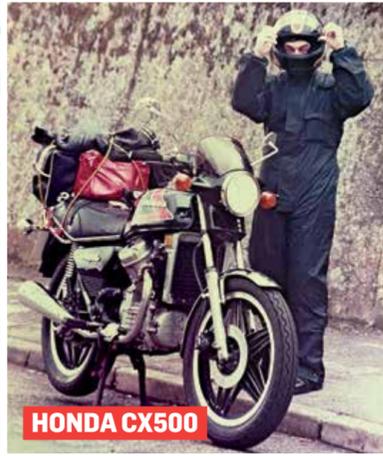
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**ARIEL**

Me from 1956 trying to get my feet down on my dad's Ariel. I'm currently getting my feet down on my BMW F900XR! **Frank Edgar**



**HONDA CX500**

Here I am on my first decent bike, this shot was taken in 1980 during a visit to Folkestone. **Ray Mills**



**HONDA FIREBLADE**

My two youngest children on my first Fireblade, I am still looking for that bike (reg: L144 TVG). **Roger Moore**



**NORTON JUBILEE**

Me on my beloved 1964, 250cc Norton Jubilee. These days I am riding a 2016 T120 Bonneville. **John Brandon**

**MCN LAW**  
Your tricky legal questions answered

**Q 'Is my payout about to be cut?'**

I was involved in an incident in early February when I was stationary at some traffic lights and a car shunted me from behind. Luckily I managed to stay on my bike, although I lurched forwards. It caused my head to be flung forward and back at some force with the weight of my helmet. I have since been suffering with neck and upper back issues. I want to wait and see how I recover before submitting a claim to the driver's insurer, but the solicitor appointed by my insurer has told me that I must submit the claim before the end of May or I could get less payout due to changes being introduced. Is this correct? **Ryan, email**

**A** Your solicitor is mistaken. He is thinking of the Whiplash Reforms that are coming in on May 31 2021. To tackle fraud and the so-called 'compensation culture' the Government is introducing a new tariff-based system for whiplash

**'The changes don't apply to riders with whiplash'**

injuries which will pay significantly less compensation than is currently the case. For example, £240 for an injury lasting less than three months compared to over £1000 currently and also not allow the recovery of legal costs.

Your solicitor has failed to realise that (a) the new rules only apply to accidents occurring on/after May 31 and (b) the rules do not apply to vulnerable road users such as motorcyclists. Motorcyclists with whiplash can continue to use solicitors to maximise the claim values.

**Andrew Campbell**  
Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for more than ten years

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**'Marc could come back even better'**

A bit more maturity will see a less do-or-die approach to racing

I'm dead excited about MotoGP. I've been following the testing in Qatar and it's been interesting, but it's a real shame Marc Marquez won't be back at the first round this weekend. In many ways it would've been a good track for him to come back on because it's not the most physical. You get a rest down the straight and it's quite flowing. I've done an 8-hour endurance race there and it wasn't too bad. It'd still be tough on his arm though, and I think the whole injury and the recovery

**'His rivals will need to show they're not scared of him'**

has been a massive wake up call because trying to be super human has backfired a little bit.

The first round can bring out some wacky results, but whatever happens in Qatar by the time the season gets back to Europe and settles down Marquez will be there. My money is still on him to be the champion.

Ultimately his luck ran out when he crashed last year, he just pushed it a little bit too far and now he's back from such a big injury he might actually be a better rider for it. He might be a bit more sensible and take finishes rather than thinking he

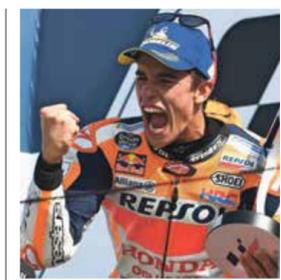
Marquez's rivals won't have such a clear run this year



has to win everything. Seeing his brother crashing and upside-down five times in testing will have got his attention, too.

I think his rivals will need to show they're not scared of him, especially riders like Jack Miller – he'll be looking to stand up to him, if he passes you then you go straight back at the next corner. Rossi used to do that didn't he? But I'm not sure riders like Viñales or Morbidelli will be able to fight with Marquez.

Only a few days now and I can't wait for it all to get started!



McGuinness says his money is on the returning Marquez to be champ

**ASK MCGUINNESS**

**Who do you think will win in the MotoGP in Qatar?**

**John Shayler**  
You can't call it, but what I've learnt over the years is that you have to be careful what you read into what has been fast in testing!

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