



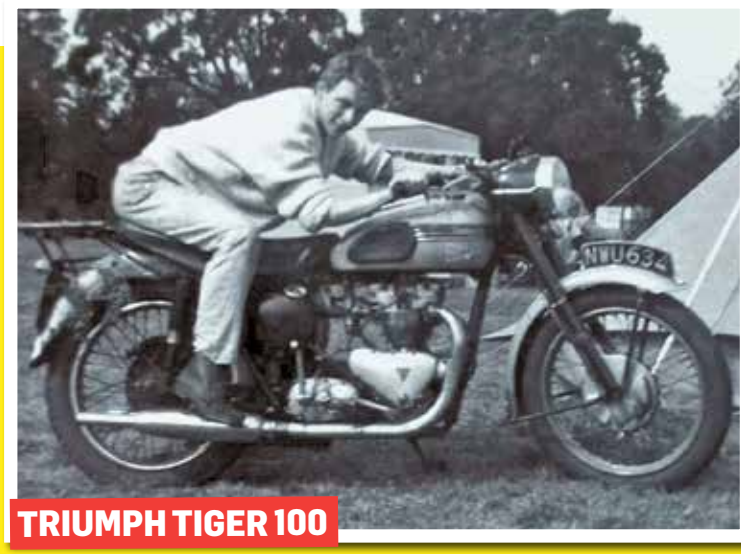
**HONDA 250 DREAM**

Me on my first bike, a Honda 250 Dream, in 1981. The bike (and the hair) had to go when I joined the RAF soon after. **Martin Llewellyn**



**YAMAHA PW50**

Dan Hulse Having some fun on his Yamaha PW50



**TRIUMPH TIGER 100**

Here I am aged 21 camping at Porlock Weir on Dartmoor in 1961. The bike was a 1954 500 Triumph Tiger 100 which I'd ridden down from Bradford. **Peter Briggs**



**YAMAHA RD250**

Not my first bike (that was a CB125) but I soon upgraded for more speed to an RD250 with acebars and rearsets. **Nigel Stevens**



**TRIUMPH TIGER 100**

This was my 1961 Triumph Tiger 100. It was 500cc, good for 100mph and pictured with me back when I had hair. **John Stroud**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane  
Send your first bike pics to:  
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**HONDA XR125**

Here is my son Callum with his first bike a Honda XR125. He is sitting his test soon. Good luck Callum! **Greg Johnston**



**SUZUKI KIDS BIKE**

Here is a pic of me and daddy just after we washed our bikes. I was four at the time. **Lawrie Chincock**



**ITALJET 50**

My daughter on her first bike, an Italjet in about 1983. Suffice to say, it didn't look like this for much longer. **Alan McDermott**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'Will I get in trouble for e-scooting?'

There seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding the use of e-scooters on the road and I heard various news stories on the subject last week. I have one which I use for commuting and would be grateful if you could clarify if they are actually legal to use?  
**Lauren, Hammersmith**

**A** E-scooters are classified by the Department for Transport as being "powered transporters," otherwise known as personal light electric vehicles. They are covered by the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles. The definition of "motor vehicle" as set out in the Road Traffic Act 1988 is "any mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads."

### 'Electric scooters are banned from using pavements'

For motor vehicles to use public roads, they must meet a number of requirements. These include insurance; conformity with technical standards and standards of use; payment of vehicle tax, licensing and registration; driver testing and licensing; and the use of relevant safety equipment. It is illegal to use one on a public road without complying with a number of requirements, which users will find very difficult. It is illegal to use an e-scooter in spaces which are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders. It is an offence to use them on the pavement and they are banned from use on footpaths, cycle lanes, or other spaces dedicated to cyclists.

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# McPINT



# 'They've got the surface sorted'

Silverstone have done a top job – but McPint does like the odd bump

**Y**ou could never imagine what happened to the British GP when it was abandoned last year. You just couldn't believe it happened to a circuit of that calibre. They got it wrong, but Silverstone have taken the criticism onboard and got the right people in to fix it. You can't argue with the pedigree. Silverstone is the heart of British racing, one of the most famous tracks in the world and

## 'WHEN YOU RIDE BUMPS ON A TRACK IT GIVES YOU A BUZZ'

We've seen some incredible races over the years, going back to Sheene and Roberts in 1979. I know they've done a lot of work to get rid of the bumps and while I understand the reason behind it and I'm sure the MotoGP guys are going to love it, I do actually like the odd bump! It's not just because I'm a road racer, but when you ride bumps on a track it gives you a buzz. You have to figure out how your bike is going to feel when you hit them. For me it's part of the challenge. So when a track is absolutely clinical and smooth, it is as a challenging?



We can look forward to lap records tumbling as racing returns to Silverstone

I'm not saying it's boring, but take Paul Ricard in France for instance, if you run off track you just take a big sweeping line on concrete and re-join – it's not a real challenge. That makes everyone braver than they really are because you aren't going straight into the gravel trap. The new surface should give us some pretty amazing lap times though – especially on a MotoGP bike because of the speed the guys will be able to carry through the corners. I like to see lap records get broken, but I prefer to see close racing.



Heavy rain last year caused a disaster but Silverstone have taken the right action

## ASK McGUINNESS

**What is the best bike you've ridden?**



**John Shayler**  
My 1999 TSR 250 Honda. That year the British Championship was 12 rounds and I qualified on the front row and finished on the podium in every race.

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