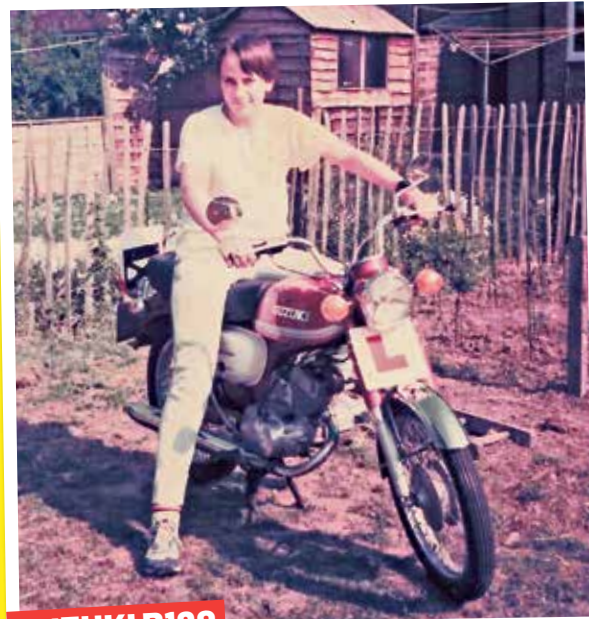




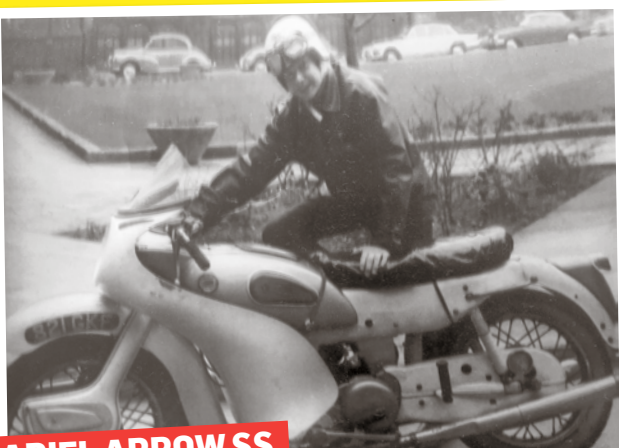
BENELLI TNT 125
My partner Pippa Hinds on her first bike, a brand new Benelli TNT 125 collected on September 1. **David Wall**



SUZUKI B120
Me on my first non-moped, a Suzuki B120. Not the coolest bike, but lots of fun and I got plenty of miles done. **Mark Watson**



NORMAN B3 250
Dave Wyatt (Woggy Wyatt) in 1961 at Horsell, Woking. This was well before the law changed to say we all had to wear helmets on our bikes



ARIEL ARROW SS
Me leaving work in 1967 on my first bike. I loved that thing to bits and the road holding was great (just ignore the fairing). **Tony Gallagher**



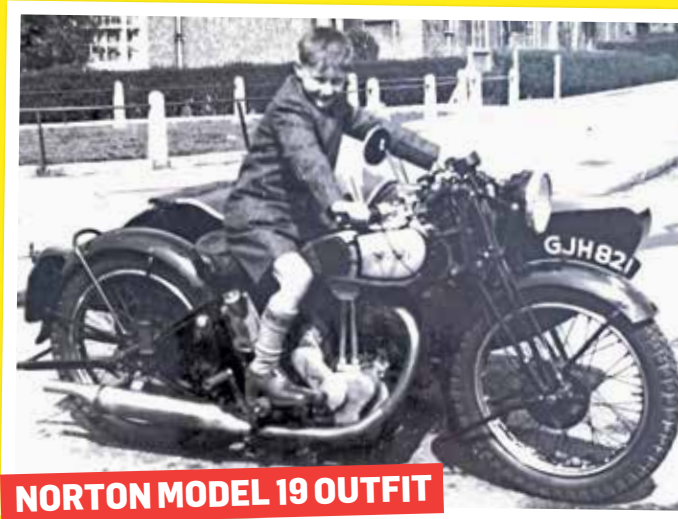
SUZUKI TSX50
16 years old and very proud of my TSX50. I still don't know how I got my Hugh Grant hair under my lid! **Mike Ingleheart**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

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KAWASAKI GPZ1100
This is me on my first big Japanese bike, also my brothers Danny (GPZ750) and John (GSX250) in about 1986. **Telford Fuga**



NORTON MODEL 19 OUTFIT
My father-in-law, Norman Snow, sitting on his father's Norton which he would go on to ride himself (and have an accident that directly led him to meet my mother-in-law). **Mark Watson**



HONDA CB250N SUPER DREAM
This 1978 CB250N Super Dream was my first bike after passing my test. That's me with my brother Paul in the picture. **Andrew Miles**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'How was it my fault?'

What exactly is contributory negligence? I'm in the process of making a claim after I was knocked off by a car which pulled into my path from a garage forecourt as I was filtering through traffic. My solicitor told me that liability for the accident had been admitted by the other side and then all of a sudden, I'm being accused of contributory negligence. How could I have contributed to his negligence?
Jeff South, Swindon

A An allegation of contributory negligence doesn't mean they're saying that you contributed to the other person's negligence, but rather that your negligence contributed to the accident. I assume that they are trying to allege that your filtering speed was too fast, or that you failed to keep a proper lookout. A court could consider either of those to be a factor depending on the circumstances. It sounds like what was reported to you as the Defendant admitting liability was actually that they admitted something called "primary liability". This is where a Defendant admits that they are liable to some extent

'It's likely they will say you were filtering too fast'

following an accident, but they reserve the right to allege that the Claimant in some way contributed to the accident too. Most Claimants are horrified to find out that when it comes to liability, things are often far less certain than they seem, and the court often lets a Defendant withdraw even a full admission of liability, particularly if it turns out that an accident is more serious than they initially thought.

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'There's still plenty of time to go riding'

Summer may be over but there's lots of biking action to be had

There is no reason why we can't carry on riding even when summer comes to an end. Autumn is a great time to ride. We're lucky in the UK because we get some beautiful clear days which are great for riding, plus there are still plenty of bike meets and events to go to. The thing is to have the right riding kit - winter kit may not look as cool as leathers but it makes such a difference. I got caught out a few years ago heading to the MCN Butlins event. I rode there on my Africa Twin in vented race leathers

'MODERN KIT AND TYRES MEAN YOU CAN RIDE ALL YEAR'

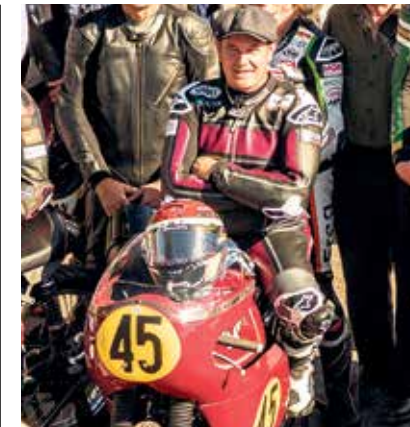
and was properly freezing - I ended up hating every minute. I was holding on with one hand, warming my other on the engine then swapping over and doing the throttle and steering with my left hand - which is never a good thing! The problem is if you're cold your morale drops and you lose concentration. So take my advice: wear the right kit. Modern kit, bikes and tyres mean you can now ride all year, but be prepared give yourself a bit more time and understand that braking distances get a bit longer and visibility can go down. But we're not into winter



Autumn provides some golden times for motorcycling



yet and there is still loads of opportunity to ride, so get out there and do it! I'm certainly not planning on stopping. As you know, I love riding and it doesn't matter if it's a race bike, enduro off-roader or classic machine like I rode at the Goodwood Revival last weekend. When I was recovering from injury last year I was sitting there with the cage on my leg bored silly. For something to do my son and I worked out how many miles I've ridden around the TT circuit and we calculated it to be over 50,000 miles. That's twice round the world!



McGuinness ready for action at the Goodwood Revival. Full story, p8-9

ASK McGUINNESS

What's the most miles you've ever ridden in just one day?



Richard Brown

It has to be at the Bol d'Or in the south of France. It's a 24-hour race and I rode for eight hours and did 280 laps - so that's just over 1000 miles!

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