



SUZUKI GSX250
I've been riding for 40 years now. It's hard to believe it has really been that long since this picture. **John Kelly**



OSET 12.5
Me and my three-year-old grandson Luca on his first set of wheels, an Oset 12.5. **Mike Whittaker**



TRIUMPH TIGER 100
My granddad, Alan Coles, on his Triumph Tiger 100 in the 1950s. **Jessica Edroff**



YAMAHA YF1
Me, aged 14. I was lucky to live down a private road I could ride on. It was a 50cc Yamaha YF1, with a kickstart, not pedals. **Jan Rescorla**



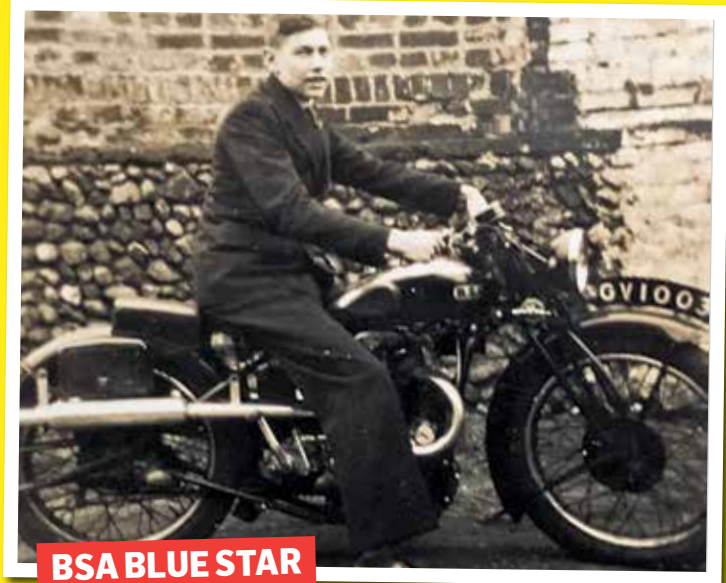
ITALJET 50
Not only did Max Biaggi steal my racing number but brotly babes around the world have copied by 1972 hot pants. **Roger Sudlow**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane
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KAWASAKI KH100EX
The year is 1982. How cool do I look at 17 on my KH? My current ZZR1400 is a little bit quicker. **Andy Brenton**



BSA BLUE STAR
My late father, pictured at 19 years old, in 1934. **Ric Brand**



HONDA CB500
I'm a very proud father. Last year, my daughter passed her bike test, and as you can see, my grandson is almost ready, too. **John Webb**

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Do I actually need a licence to ride?

I have decided that I would like to get my first bike and wondered what the licence rules are. I don't have a motorcycle licence but have heard that I may not actually need one, depending on the power of the machine I choose. Is this correct?
Gavin, Cheddar

The rules depend on whether you passed your car driving test before or after February 1, 2001. If you passed before this date then you are able to ride a moped with a maximum capacity of 50cc and without L-plates. If you want to ride something between 50cc and 125cc then you will need to take Compulsory Basic Training (CBT). To remove the L-plates or ride a more powerful bike, you will need to take practical tests. If you passed your car test after 1 February 2001 you have no choice but to take the CBT, and can ride a bike up to 125cc with L-plates. Again, there will be practical tests to pass if you want to remove the L-plates or ride a more powerful machine. Before you take your full

'As a car driver you can legally ride any trike'

motorcycle licence tests you will also be required to take a motorcycle theory and hazard perception test. Another route to pursue could be a three-wheeler. If you hold a full car licence and are over the age of 21, you can legally ride a trike of any power. This opens up the choice of bikes such as Piaggio's MP3 (though the new Yamaha Niken doesn't qualify as a trike as its track is too narrow).

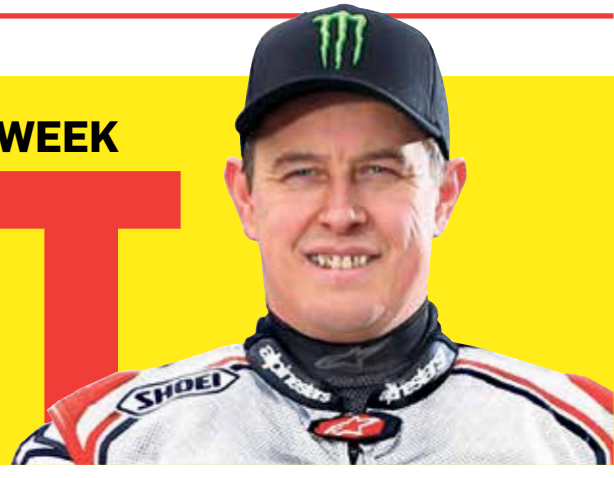
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'Who the f**k is Andrea Iannone?'

MotoGP star's semi-naked pics have got our man all hot and bothered

Do you know what I don't get? I follow that Andrea Iannone on Instagram and he's absolutely embarrassing. He thinks he's a Hollywood pin-up boy; what the hell is that about? Who is taking the pictures? Who is organising all of this, opening his leathers and getting him to stick his chest out? It's the worst image I've ever seen for motorbike racing. It's bizarre. What direction is he going in? MotoGP racers aren't pin-up



Iannone: just moving bikes around a track and not doing enough to keep his seat

'WE NEED SOME NEW FACES IN MOTOGP. IT'S GETTING BORING'

boys, they are motorbike racers! Rossi is sliding bikes around on his ranch and Marquez is doing cool things on bikes, while Iannone sits on the beach with his missus in a pair of budgie smugglers! Sorry mate, it's not working for me. Unless the job has changed a bit, I don't get it. I'm bored with people like that. I'd rather see some other riders getting a chance in MotoGP. What has Iannone done? It seems like a bowl of soup sometimes, going round in circles; the same riders just moving the bikes around. It'll be good to see a few new names like Bagnaia and Mir coming up. It looks like

we're going to lose some Brits with Bradley Smith and Scott Redding, but they've not done much have they?

We need some new faces in MotoGP. If you ask me, it gets boring, especially with people like Iannone just moving from bike to bike and failing to set the world on fire year after year. If you get a chance you need to take it or move over and let someone else try. Maybe if he paid more attention to riding his bike than looking good on Instagram he might stand a chance...



Andrea put it away please. If he spent less time on his hair he might actually win a race

ASK MCGUINNESS

What do you think about Brexit?
Steve Goode

What's that then, a type of breakfast cereal? I'm not really bothered as long as I still get to Calais for my cheap booze! I think they just need to get on with it now and get the deal done.

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