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This was 1965 and I was working as a GPO telegram boy. Peter Daley



PUCH MAGNUMX

Growing up on the Malvern Hills made for a very special childhood. Here's a seven-year-old me rocking the Puch MagnumX in 1980. Nik Taylor



SUZUKI 80

Me age 16 in 1964 on my first bike: a Suzuki 80. David Pascoe



SUZUKI 100

My dad Paul Moslin on a Suzuki back in 1978. Ruth Moslin



BSA A10 SUPER ROCKET

My mum and dad in Worcester shortly before moving back to Ireland (my brother and I are in the sidecar). Kevin Colville



KAWASAKI KMH125

Flying high on my KMH125. I loved that thing. At 56 I'm still riding although I've grown into a BMW S1000RR. Daniel Tetley



YAMAHA RD350

I'll never forget my 350YPVS, pictured here outside my mate's house in early 1992. I loved it. Steve Gorrie

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane
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HONDA 400/4

My first race meeting at Cadwell Park in March 1978. I fell off in the second race and broke my hand and the bike! Peter Steere

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Am I to blame for falling branch?

I was involved in a freak accident on May 27. A huge branch just dropped off a tree into the road right in front of me. I braked but hit it and came off. My insurer says I will be classed as at fault. Surely, that can't be right? Walter Duroe, email

A You will need to find out who owns the tree. Then there is a legal test to apply. The owner of the tree is under a duty of care to act in the manner to be expected from a reasonable and prudent landowner.

The owner is not liable for an act of God, such as lightning. The danger must be of a kind that is apparent to the ordinary layman. In other words: which an ordinary person can see with their own eyes. Finally, a reasonable and prudent landowner must carry out preliminary/informal inspections of trees on a regular basis and only if these inspections reveal a problem,

'You will need a tree expert to compile a report'

is the landowner under any duty to arrange for checks by a tree expert.

So, the owner's duty extends no further than the carrying out of periodic observations of trees. In your case, it will depend if there was anything that should have alerted the owner to the tree being anything other than healthy, or that it required a closer inspection by an expert.

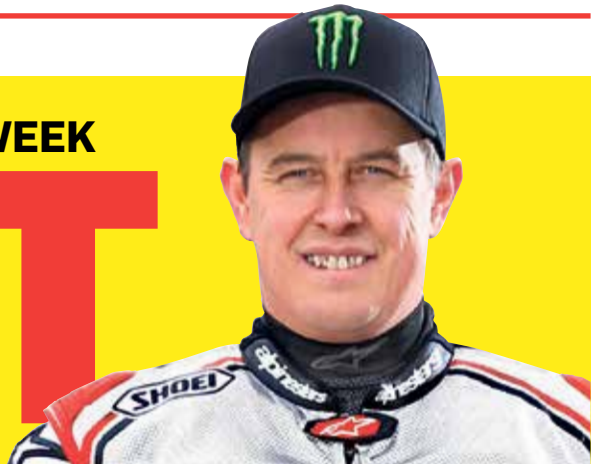
In order for you to find out if you can succeed, you will need to instruct a tree expert to prepare a report on whether or not the danger of falling branches was reasonably foreseeable had the tree been periodically checked.

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McPINT



'Electric bikes are heavy and pricey'

Zero TT winner sparks debate over the future of motorcycling

People ask if electric bikes are the future. They aren't, not for a while anyway. I'd love to say yes with my Mugen hat on, but with my heart it's a big no because we just don't want them. It's interesting and I love the technology, although I have no idea how it works.

I can't understand how a motorbike can go that fast off a battery. Electric to me is like magic. How the f**k does that make a quarter of a tonne machine go like that? I understand petrol going in, fire,

'I UNDERSTAND PETROL ENGINES BUT ELECTRIC IS LIKE MAGIC'

combustion, but electric bikes baffle me.

I would love everybody to experience what I've experienced on the Mugen, because it's been amazing. It breaks my heart that I couldn't ride it this year. I can ride the Norton, a Blade, whatever, whenever I want, but I might never get the chance to ride something like that again.

It's a lovely thing to ride, painless. It absolutely feels like a motorbike. When I'm riding it at the TT I am completely on-point, concentrating really hard to squeeze everything I can out of it. Nobody ever sees it because



Mugen engineers don't leave anything to chance on their incredible TT racer

they're in the pub. I don't think anybody realises just how good those bikes are.

It will filter down to road bikes and be a good thing eventually. Maybe we have to go to hybrid first so we can still have an engine. We live in a crazy world at the minute and we're probably not too far off the government clamping down on bikes, they don't want motorbikes do they?

The first telephone was a joke but you can fly to the moon on an iPhone, so eventually I think electric bikes will get there. At the minute they are too heavy and expensive.



McGuinness may not be sure of the future but he's won two Zero TTs on a Mugen

ASK MCGUINNESS

'Can Lorenzo win title on a Honda?'

JAMES POLESWORTH
Of course he can. He's such a classy rider that he'll adapt. And can you even begin to imagine how much he'd love to stick to his arch rival Valentino Rossi and his old Yamaha team? You don't win five world titles by mistake.

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NEXT WEEK HERE'S A LIST OF BIKES I'D ADD TO MY NEW COLLECTION