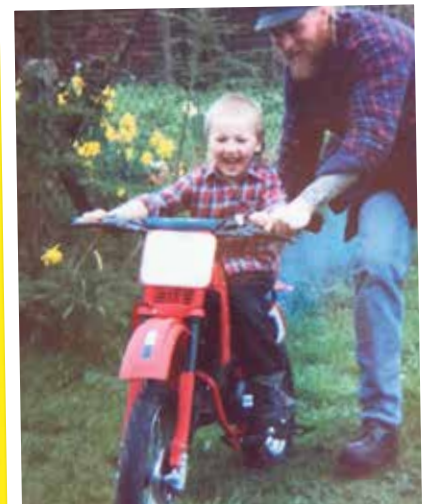




AJS 500
Here's a pic of my dad, around 1965. He's on his 500cc AJS, built by Reg Curley. Shame I came along in 1966 and he had to settle for a sidecar. **John Parry**



MALAGUTI GRIZZLY
My son Max on his Malaguti Grizzly in about 1992. He now lives in Perth, Australia and rides a KTM Super Duke R and a WR450. **Paul James**



HONDA SUPER DREAM
I was 23 and in my first year as a submariner in the Royal Navy. My Super Dream 250 got me back to South Shields from Rosyth in Scotland. **Ray Davison**



HONDA CBF125F
I decided to do my CBT before I turned 50 back in 2016 and treated myself to a cute little Honda (called Buttercup). Since then I have done more training and have my first big bike: a Honda Rebel 500. **Lynn Broadhurst**



YAMAHA BALANCE BIKE
Not my first bike, I know, but it is my son James' first wheels and as you can see he already loves motorcycles. **Alexander Nix**

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THOMPSON SUZUKI
My brother on my Thompson Suzuki back in 1967. **Denys Clayton**



SUZUKI TS 185
Carolyn, my then girlfriend and now wife of 40 years, on my Suzuki in 1974. I knew it must be serious if I let her ride my bike. She passed her CBT last year at the age of 64. **Bill Lambert**



KAWASAKI KE175
Me on my KE175 in 1980. I'm not sure my riding gear is quite up to standard. **Stephen Farley**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Can the police pull me for using cruise control?

A friend of mine who is a traffic highway patrol officer has mentioned to me that I should be wary of riding along with only one hand on the bars, because it could be found that I am not in 'proper control' of the bike. Is it an offence to ride like that? If it is, what is the point of cruise control where you can let go of the twistgrip without the throttle shutting off?
Tim Newman, email

A There is no law that says you can't ride one-handed. But if a police officer believes there are other factors that do constitute the offence of 'not being in proper control' (which is found at S41 D of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Regulation 110 Construction and Use Regulations 1986) it could get to court. Mobile phone use by a car driver is covered by the same legislation. So riding one-handed is fine so long as you remain in proper control of the bike. If you are not then you could be committing an offence. Relaxing your throttle grip

'There is no law that you can't ride one-handed'

with cruise control on is one thing, but a police officer could argue in court that resting your right hand anywhere else other than on the handlebar for an extended time seriously limits your ability to brake and swerve suddenly around an obstacle. The penalty for this offence is a Level 3 fine, which carries a £1000 maximum, and three penalty points with a discretionary disqualification.

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TT LEGEND JOHN McGUINNESS IN MCN EVERY WEEK

'William was such a stylish rider'

Our man shares fond memories of battling with William Dunlop

I have raced against most of the Dunlops, both the first and second generations of the dynasty, including William. He was always a very fair rider and you could ride wheel-to-wheel with him all day long without any worries. He was very stylish and really leaned the old girl over. Away from the track William was a bit like Joey. He was a quiet fellow with a very dry sense of humour and any time I was in his company I always enjoyed it. It was interesting to see him



McGuinness enjoyed being in William Dunlop's company

'HE COULD BE DOMINANT ON HIS DAY AND BEAT US ALL'

with his brother Michael. They loved each other to bits although they would never say it out loud and a lot of people thought they didn't get on. I can't help feeling we maybe never saw William at his full potential at the TT in particular, but he could beat all of us on his day and won a lot of races that I probably didn't even know about. He could be utterly dominant when everything fell into place for him and there is no doubt he had the talent to win a TT but, for whatever reason, it just never happened for him. He will be missed very much.



McGuinness chases oh-so-smooth William Dunlop during a TT practice session

ASK McGUINNESS

Now the TT is over, what are you up to right now?

Bill Tovey
"Enjoying the summer, doing some ambassador-type stuff for Norton. I'm hoping to test the Norton soon and still working out what I can do at the Classic TT in August. Watch this space!"

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