



HONDA MT50

My old Honda back in May 1981. I still have bikes, five and counting, but I have fond memories of this. **Peter Cuthbert**



VICTORIA MODEL 155

My first bike in 1964. It's a 50cc two-stroke and quite unusual. **Wally Fogerty**



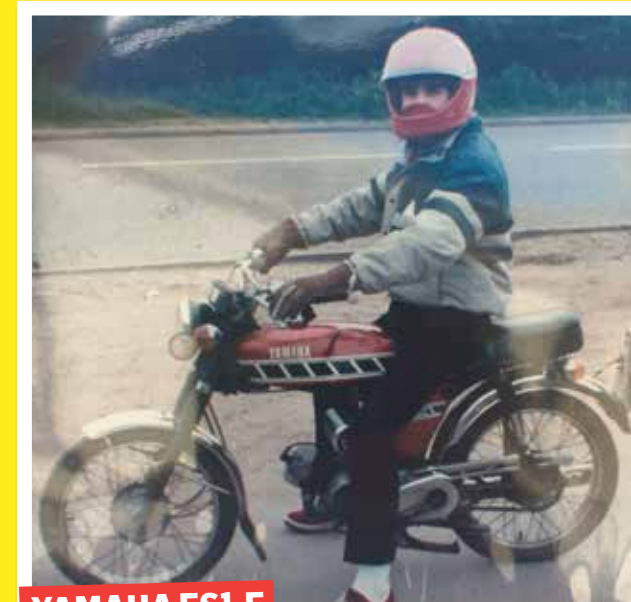
ARIEL ARROW

This bike had a red tank and I've never seen another one like it. **Dave Barber**



APRILIA RS125

My first real bike was this Aprilia RS125 two-stroke back in 2013. It still managed 84mph lugging 19-odd stone. **Mike Mosely**



YAMAHA FS1-E

My brother-in-law Paut on his Fizzy in 1984. **Andrew Cooper**



TRIUMPH TIGER 100

My dad John Scott on his Triumph Tiger 100 back in the late 60s. We are trying to trace it. **Steven Scott**



YAMAHA FS1-E

I had the hair, the bike and the girl. Well it was my cousin Kim actually but I loved that FS1-E, bought from The Bee in Liverpool. **Robert Mutch**



SWM

This is from 1977 on my 50cc SWM at Horsham schoolboy scramble club. Those were the days. **Philippe Young**

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Q Can I claim for crashed car blocking carriageway?

Two years ago I was riding my Triumph home from work along a main A-road. The road is mainly a single carriageway, but at certain points forms a dual carriageway to allow for overtaking.

At the start of a dual carriageway section, I moved into the right-hand lane to overtake the slower-moving traffic. I was riding around a sweeping bend when I was confronted with a car that had crashed into the central reservation and was blocking my lane. Unfortunately, the left hand lane was full with traffic and I was travelling at 60mph so I attempted to brake. I cut my speed significantly, but it was not enough. I sustained very serious injuries, but have been reluctant to bring a claim as I was worried I'd be found at fault for not being able to stop.

It remains unclear what exactly caused your collision and you'll need a police report and witness statements. If it becomes apparent that the driver of the car blocking the right lane was to blame for his own crash, then you may be able to successfully bring a claim

'It is likely you will be found partly negligent'

against him. However, it is likely you will be found to be partly negligent. It will be argued that you were travelling too fast around what sounds like a blind bend. In your favour is the fact it is a dual carriageway and the right-hand lane is for overtaking so it is not as foreseeable that there would be something blocking your progress.

Andrew Campbell
Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

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TT LEGEND JOHN McGUINNESS IN MCN EVERY WEEK

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'I did 115mph while waving to the fans'

The sight every TT fan wanted to see proved a big hit

Before Saturday I hadn't ridden a bike for 386 days, since I came off at Primrose Hill at the North West 200.

Despite signing for Norton earlier this year, as I recovered from my leg injuries, I hadn't actually done a lap on the thing. We were hoping to get some testing done, but it just couldn't happen with my injury setbacks.

So to be setting off down Bray Hill for my first ride on the SG17 was a little daunting. But I absolutely loved it.

It was a special day to be back



McGuinness was never going to just potter around the TT course was he?

on a bike. Sticking the leathers on in the motorhome beforehand made me nervous.

I had the TT track to myself on the Norton. It doesn't get any better than that, does it? I was so glad to get a lap in as I didn't want to miss two TTs from a riding point of view. There were fans everywhere and I could hear them cheering. Even over that screaming V4.

I loved the bike and managed to do a 115mph lap while waving to the crowds so I was impressed and can't wait to race the bike next year.

I did wind it up a bit as I wanted to get that buzz again and see

how it felt. It felt amazing.

Not quite Dean Harrison pace though. That 134.432mph lap from a standing start is astounding. I had a feeling Dean would be the man this year. He's been doing a lot of short circuit racing and that does keep you sharp.

I was gutted to see him break down in the Superbike TT as it would have been an epic battle between him and Michael Dunlop. I can see the 135mph lap barrier being broken this year if there are a few top riders pushing each other towards the end of the Senior.



Waving fans slowed down the 23-time TT winner on his parade lap, but not much

ASK McGUINESS

What's it like being at the TT but not racing?



AL CROPLEY
Pretty frustrating but I just love the place and I'd be even worse if I wasn't there supporting the boys and soaking up the atmosphere. I'd rather be amongst it and involved in some way rather than sat at home.

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NEXT WEEK ELECTRIC BIKES STILL HAVE SOME WAY TO GO