



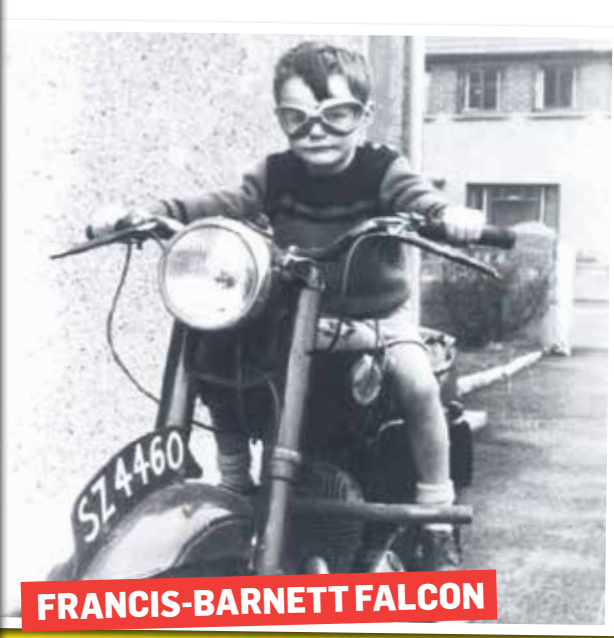
SUZUKI VANVAN

This is my missus Catherine Brown looking pleased as punch with her first bike: a Suzuki 125 VanVan. **Peter Adrain**



TRIUMPH METISSE

Here I am doing a balancing act on my ex-Rob Jordan 650cc MetisSe in 1965. **Geoff Gale**



FRANCIS-BARNETT FALCON

I was always jumping on my dad's Francis-Barnett, but he sold it before I was old enough to get a licence! **Geoff Bell**



SUZUKI GS250T

I was back then 17 in 1980 and the very proud owner of this GS250T, which I bought new for £77. **Andy Green**



VELOCETTE VENOM

I loved my first bike, a Velocette Venom, so much. I got it in 1968 and it came with clip-ons and a racing seat. **Stuart Nicholson**



HONDA C90

This is me on my grandad's Honda C90. I'm straining to reach the side panels, let alone the foot rests. **Andy Jones**



JAMES 197

I rebuilt my James before I took, and passed, my test on it. **John Harris**



HONDA 460/4

My very trick Yoshimura 460/4 started as a 400/4. **Stan Hannant**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE
A blast down memory lane
Send your first bike pics to:
yourpics@motorcyclenews.com

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Can I claim from coked-up kerfuffle?

I made a compensation claim after an accident last summer. I was on the back of my mate's bike as he was giving me a lift home. We had been at a friend's BBQ and I didn't see my mate drink any alcohol, so I thought it was safe to go with him. What I didn't know is that he had been taking cocaine in the toilet. He lost control and we both came off. He was convicted for drug driving. His insurers are now saying they won't pay me compensation because they claim I knew he was taking drugs but decided to get on the bike anyway. This is not fair, as I had no idea he even used it. Can you offer me any advice?
Reggie, Staffs

A The metabolite in cocaine is something called benzoylecgonine. There is a legal limit of 50 micrograms of this substance per litre of blood. Anything over this and you are likely to be prosecuted in accordance with Section 5A of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You need to get witness evidence to help prove you had no idea that he was using the drug at the BBQ, as well as

'His insurers say I must have known he was on drugs'

giving your own evidence. If the insurer shows that it was obvious or that you knew or ought to have known that your mate was taking the substance, then you may well find you will receive reduced compensation to account for your contributory negligence.

Tell your solicitors to look at the case of Owens v Brimmell [1977]. This case deals with the 'ought to have known' test which is relevant here.

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

Andrew Campbell, Bikelawyer.
Visit www.bikelawyer.co.uk or email andrew@bikelawyer.co.uk or call 01446 794169



TT LEGEND JOHN McGUINNESS IN MCN EVERY WEEK

McPINT



NEW

'I would love to see Marquez on a st bike'**

He can't be considered a true great until he's won on another bike

Marc Marquez needs to move manufacturers at some point, but I guess it's tough when you're on a winning bike. I think he'd get more respect if he did though. Valentino Rossi obviously moved from Honda to Yamaha and it worked but then when he moved to Ducati it went very wrong. He only got away with it because it's him. Look at what's happened to Jorge Lorenzo. He's having a properly horrible time at Ducati and will probably be in BSB next year! I'd love to see Marquez on something s**t, so that he has to push really hard. If the rumoured

'YOU CAN'T SLAG HIM OFF. NO-ONE CAN DO THE STUFF HE DOES'

KTM move ever happened that would be brilliant.

Has he already established himself as a great? That's a question in itself. Everyone loves an underdog so Marc isn't very popular as he always wins. Does that mean he isn't a great? I don't know. Everybody wanted Andrea Dovizioso to win the MotoGP championship last year and I must admit that I was cheering for him as I wanted to see someone new take the title, but the best man was always going to win in the end.

If Marquez joined KTM I think his popularity would increase



People will get behind Marquez if he quits his Honda comfort zone

again as people would get behind him in that challenge. That being said, you can't slag him off. No-one else can do some of the stuff he does, like tucking the front and holding it on his elbow.

He's raised the bar and I think even he's super-complacent about it now. He's a cat with nine lives, that's for sure.

Six world championships already and he's got loads of time yet. But that move to another manufacturer will have to come eventually. Nobody likes the same person winning every year on the same bike.



If Lorenzo keeps struggling in MotoGP, we could see him racing in British Superbikes

ASK McGUINESS

Do you ride fast on the road?

John Tody, email
Only at the TT! I used to ride like an idiot in and around Morecambe back in the day. My dad heard about my antics and made me race as he thought there was less stuff to hit. And if I hurt anyone, he thought it best I just hurt myself! I am pretty steady on the road these days, although I do like a blast every now and then.

@ Send your questions to AskMcPint@motorcyclenews.com. Don't expect a serious answer.

EDITORIAL
Editor Andy Calton, 01733-468006
andy.calton@motorcyclenews.com
Deputy Editor Richard Newland,
01733-468447 richard.newland@
motorcyclenews.com

ROAD TESTS AND FEATURES
Head of Content Tim Thompson,
01733-468095, tim.thompson@
motorcyclenews.com
Senior Editor Matt Wildes, 01733-468580,
matt.wildes@motorcyclenews.com
Office Manager Alison Sillcox, 01733-468025

SPORT
Editor Michael Guy, 01733-468883
MotoGP Reporter Simon Patterson,
01733-468514
BSB Reporter Oli Rushby, 01733-468005

PRODUCTION
Senior Production Editor Simon Brown

ART
Senior Art Editor Nick Lemon
Senior Designer Simon Relph
Designer Lee Laughton
Photographer Joe Dick

MOTORCYCLENEWS.COM
Online Editor Maria Martin

ADVERTISING
Group Commercial Director
Gareth Ashman, 01733-366444
Head of Online Advertising
Rob Fairburn, 01733-366455
Key Accounts Sharon Collins, 01733-366453
Group Commercial Manager
Rhonda James, 01733-366445
Classified Events Exec
Phil Martin, 01733-366368
Classified Products Exec
Bills Handley, 01733-363272
MCN Services Max Garwood, 01733-366405
Production Chloe Martin, 01733-468675
Marketing Manager Sarah Norman
Subscriptions Hotline 01858-438884

PUBLISHING
MD, Motorcycling Rob Aherne
Group Managing Director Rob Munro-Hall
Editorial Director June Smith-Sheppard

BAUER CONSUMER MEDIA
Group Finance and Strategy Director
Sarah Vickery
Chief Executive Paul Keenan
Bauer Consumer Media Limited is a company
registered in England and Wales with
company number 011770805, registered
address: Media House, Peterborough Business
Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough, PE2 6EA
Subscriptions Hotline 01858-438884

MCN is published weekly by Bauer Consumer Media Ltd. No part of the magazine may be reproduced in any form in whole or in part, without prior permission of the publisher. All material published remains the copyright of Bauer Consumer Media Ltd. We reserve the right to edit letters, copy or images submitted to the magazine without further consent. The submission of material to Bauer Media whether unsolicited or requested, is taken as permission to publish in the magazine, including any licensed editions throughout the world. Any fees paid in the UK include remuneration for any use in any other licensed editions.

We cannot accept responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts, images or materials lost or damaged in the post. While every reasonable care is taken to ensure accuracy, the publisher is not responsible for errors or omissions nor do we accept any liability for loss or damage, resulting from use in the paper.

Bauer Consumer Media Limited is a member of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (www.ipso.co.uk) and tries to respond to and resolve concerns quickly. Our Editorial Complaints Policy (including details of how to contact us about editorial complaints) and IPSO's contact details can be found at www.bauermediacomplaints.co.uk. Our email address for editorial complaints is covered by the Editorial Complaints Policy is complaints@bauermedia.co.uk.

