



**AJS 350**  
I passed my test in 1949 on a Triumph Tiger but this is the earliest picture I have showing my AJS in 1956. **Terry Stevens**



**SUZUKI K11**  
This is me on my Suzuki K11 Sports 80 in 1967. I'm now on to my 15th bike. **Colin Brown**



**JAWA MUSTANG**  
This photo was taken in 1982, when I was 16. My Jawa Mustang 50 was the slowest moped on the planet but kickstarted 32 years of biking. **John Clarke**



**YAMAHA DT250**  
This is me in 1981, aged 17, on my DT250 in DT400 colours. I took my test on it before the 125 rules came in, and put it back on the road in 2016, 33 years after I last rode it! **Jason Williams**



**MATCHLESS G11**  
Here's a picture of my dad and his pride and joy. This shot was taken in either the late 1960s or early 1970s. **Paul Carter**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane  
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**TRIUMPH OUTFIT**  
That's me at the front. My parents and four kids used to travel in this sidecar outfit. **Sue Stone-Grundy**



**YAMAHA RD250**  
This RD200 was my first proper bike, in 1981. I now own a Ducati 1098, Aprilia Caponord, KTM 690R and a 1979 Z1000A2. **Tim Clark**



**YAMAHA DT100**  
My first bike – and the lovely Vanessa – back in 1980 (and it still only seems like yesterday). **Stuart Watson**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

### Kid's scooter kept me off work for two months

Last September I was riding my Suzuki GSX-R600 to work. It was a single-carriageway road with lanes in both directions and kerbs on both sides. The speed limit was 40mph. I was probably doing about 25-30mph. A child on a self-propelled scooter was on the kerb coming towards me on my side of the road. He lost control of the scooter and it went into the road in front of me. I tried to avoid it but I lost control, hit the kerb and came off. I had some quite nasty injuries and was off work for two months recovering. I wish to claim compensation and wonder if there is a body that can pay up like the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) – which you have written about previously.

**Roger Tillman, by email**

**A** The MIB compensates victims of negligent untraced or uninsured drivers, so unfortunately they can't help. The other government compensating body, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA), is highly unlikely to

### 'Household insurance claim might cover it'

compensate you, as a 'crime of violence' is required to have been committed in order to qualify for compensation. I once acted for the widow of a motorcyclist killed in similar circumstances, but with a skateboard. The route to compensation was to claim against the parents' household contents insurance. These policies often cover negligent acts of household members, even away from the home.

**Andrew Campbell**  
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# McPINT



# 'It's embarrassing crashing your bike'

But injury recovery is as much about attitude as medical science...

**P**eople seem amazed when bike racers crash and just want to get back on the bike! They think we must be bionic... But it's embarrassing crashing; all you want to do is scramble back to your bike get on it, get back to the pits with your tail between your legs and pretend it never happened. Sometimes you're hurting like f\*\*k, but you won't admit it! Recovery is all about determination; we're different gravy. It's funny because the surgeons just can't put a finger

## 'SOME PEOPLE CALL US MAD, BUT THAT'S JUST BOLLOCKS'

on it... They're always in total disbelief at the things we do and the timescales we can recover in to get back on a bike again. The big improvements in track safety and kit helps, without a doubt. There was a time where if you crashed it was never good, whether on the roads, short circuits, wherever – but these days we have airbag technology, air fencing and what-not. It all makes a big difference to whether, and how fast, you can get back up again. But when you're hurt, you're hurt, simple as that. Look at Leon Camier's crash in Aragon. He took a battering, and I'm sure



What do you do if you can't ride? You play with your tractor...

as much as he wanted to get up he knew he had no chance. If you can't get up, you get yourself fixed as soon as possible. Shane Byrne is going through it right now. I hope he's back out there fast, but his injury list is bloody awful – he's had a big knock. We're head-strong. Some people call us 'mad', but that's bollocks. I'm just a family man, racing is my passion and my job. I love my job. The surgeons love that, too – they get so many people looking for as much time off work as possible from injuries, but we just can't wait to get back to work!



Even when McPint's leg was still in the fixator he was focusing on racing again

## ASK McGUINNESS

### How well can Hutchy do at the TT?

**Alan Purnell**  
"I don't think anyone has got as much determination as him to fight back from all the injuries he's had. He's got to deal with the inconsistency with teams, moving to BMW and now Honda, so I'm not sure how that will go. He knows what he's doing though, and he wasn't hanging about at the North West!"

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