

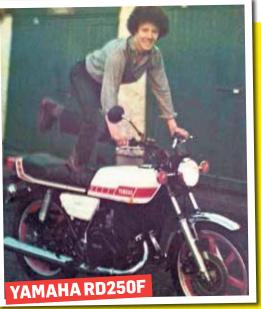
How's that for a first hike? A 1997 CBR900RR FireBlade, It's still one of the greatest machines of all time. Wesley Keane



My father with his dad on the back of his 1937 Raleigh 350 single.



My grandson learning clutch control. David Manton



1979 on my RD250F... afro hairstyle and nature treks? I've an XJR1300 now. David Lindsay



My brother's first bike. How come he got the RD50 and I didn't get the pony I asked for? **Stephanie Valentine**



I was reading MCN's articles on the Bonhams auction and the value of the Honda CR125M Elsinore. I had one as my first bike, aged 14. Paul Wilson



My first new bike – a Giulietta 49cc bought in 1965 when I was 17. Note the trendy Dunlop wellies. I now ride a Honda CB500F. **Grahame Gage**



My first wheelie machine, a 1981 Yamaha RD350LC, I checked the required recently, YMB 561W is still on the road! Derek Lynn

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Insurance **valuation** problem

I recently bought a secondhand Honda Fireblade from a dealer for £5000. I thought it was a good price and I insured it for that amount. The broker did not query the value. Unfortunately, one week later I had an accident and the bike was written off. I have just received an offer of £3000. I have found many equivalent Fireblades online all well above this. How can I ensure I get paid fairly? Darek Nowak, email

Assuming you have an invoice to prove the purchase amount, this is excellent evidence of the bike's market value before the accident.

You have also identified comparable bikes all valued way in excess of the offer from your insurer. I suggest you contact your insurer with the evidence you have as to value (actual price paid and comparable bike prices) and ask them to reconsider and pay you the £5000 you paid, less the excess.

If the insurer does not respond favourably then you can raise an official complaint with the insurer which they

'An invoice would provide excellent evidence'

must investigate. If they still don't come up with an acceptable market value figure then you may refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) asking them to investigate

Should the FOS not agree to deal with the matter then you could consider a claim against the insurer for breach of contract. Hopefully, however. stage one of the above will get this sorted out for you.

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TT LEGEND JOHN McGUINNESS IN MCN EVERY WEEK

'Some famous people are c**ks'

But McPint says others surprise you by being real salt of the earth

people over the years. It's always interesting. I guess the biggest guy I've met is

I got a secret phone call saying "The Duke of Cambridge is coming to the TT and would like to meet with you," and I just said "Oh right. I'll have to check my diary". I turned to Becky and said 'They want me to see the Duke of Cambridge. Is he part of the prawn sandwich brigade?" I had no idea it was Prince William!

I rode the Triumphs with Jim THE PRINCE HAS A BIKE BUT GETS

AGGRO OF HIS

I first met him in 2003 when

MISSUS FOR IT Moody and Bruce Anstey. He was only 21 back then and I wondered whether he'd remember me all these years later, and he did. He watches the racing and has

aggro off his missus for it. There's usually a lot of protocol with people like that but there wasn't that day he was just one of the lads. He came in, sat on the Norton, revved it up and was loving it.

a bike himself but gets a bit of

I met Keanu Reeves too; he's a big hitter! He was on TV talking to Nico Rosberg about Goodwood and he was saying how he rubbed shoulders with me! It was strange to hear him say



that when you think about all the movies he's done

They aren't always nice though. I remember Jenson Button saying to me in 2006: "oh, vou're still alive then". He had a massive entourage of people around him and I thought "what a f**king cock". He's actually changed a bit since then, I've got to know him a bit over the last few years and he's alright. I met that Jamiroquai once too, he was a bloody arrogant prick.

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I don't go looking for them though, it's usually they come to speak to me. It's incredible to be in that sort of company though.

It's not every day the heir to the throne

ASK McGUINNESS

How did you enjoy thefunat **Ally Pally?**



Loved it. Had a great weekend on the strip with James Whitham and the rest. You can't beat messing about with mates on bikes. I was like a pig in sh*t to be honest and it's always good to meet the showgoers too.

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

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