



BMW F800GS

My husband Chris looking really proud on his BMW F800GS. He passed his test last year. **Janice Gibson**



EASTERN BLOC BIKE

With my dad 40 years ago. The bike was a Jawa or similar. I now have a Ducati. **Brenda Ritchie**



BSA BANTAM

With my dad Jack on my first bike back in September 1963. **Martin Thornton**



APRILIA PEGASO

This is me, age three, on my dad's Aprilia. I'm now 19 and we are off to Motorcycle Live to get some new bike ideas! **Alex Parkin**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

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PANTHER

My brother and me on my dad's Panther. **Olwen Jones**



MOTO GUZZI ZIGOLO

My first bike when I was 16 (I'm now 67). It was a 110cc rotary valve two-stroke making 4.8 bhp! **David Everett**



TRIUMPH TR6 TROPHY

My dad Brian in the 1960s on his Triumph Trophy. He's still riding bikes at the age of 72. **Lou Hadlow**



YAMAHA YBR125

Taken this summer of my partner Andrea Brookson on her first bike, a Yamaha YBR125. **Kevin Sinderson**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Driver was indicating but carried straight on

I was waiting at a junction to turn left onto a main road and because the car coming towards me from my right was indicating left and looked as if it was slowing down, I assumed she was turning into the road I was exiting. As I pulled out she knocked me off my bike. Her insurers are claiming that it is 50% my fault. That can't be right, can it?

Russell Davies, email

A There is quite a lot of case law on this topic but the case of Winter v Cotton is closest to the facts of your accident because that involved a slowing down vehicle which was indicating, as per your case. Winter relied on both the signal and Cotton's slow speed and the court decided that Cotton was 100% responsible for the accident.

The Highway Code makes it clear that a driver on a main road has right of way but the court will look at all the circumstances surrounding the accident including signalling, behaviour and witness evidence.

'Press for 100% but be prepared to accept an offer'

The advice to those emerging from minor roads is to wait and only do so when you are sure it is safe to pull out.

You should press for 100% of your compensation based on the Winter v Cotton case but do be prepared to accept a reasonable offer bearing in mind the ever-present litigation risk because other cases similar to this have not ended up 100% against the driver pulling out.

Andrew Campbell

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'Nobody deserves to get hurt racing'

Our man reflects on a hard year for racing, but says it'll bounce back

It's been a tough year for road racing, but it will bounce back. It always does. It's been in this situation before. I can remember back in the 1980s when some people were calling road racing too dangerous, saying the bikes were getting too fast.

Phil Read criticised it, Agostini criticised it and the TT stopped being a world championship race, but it's still going. When David Jefferies got killed in 2003 the TT was getting a kicking, but people on the outside just don't understand road racing.

'WE ALL KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING AND THE CONSEQUENCES'

At the minute road racing can't get much bigger than it is, it's huge. The lap times, the racing, the coverage; everybody still wants to go.

The actual racing this year was fantastic, the North West was incredible, the TT was absolutely insane. Dean Harrison and Peter Hickman were sublime. I'm in awe and gobsmacked at what those boys did this year, especially Hickman on the last lap of the Senior. If you've not been in that position before, you will never ever understand it.

What we saw from Hickman was historic, a huge milestone. Of course, road racing has



McGuinness lines up with William Dunlop at the 2017 North West 200

its ups and downs, highs and lows. This year has been tough, it just seemed to be one thing after another. So many kicks in the b****s, all good lads, all good people who I have raced with wheel-to-wheel. Nobody deserves to get hurt or worse but we all know what we are doing and we know what the consequences can be.

I know how it works. I've lost mates over the years. We are selfish p****s, we get our helmets back on and get going again. I'd sooner leave a legacy behind and a few quid for my kids than be a miserable f****r!



William Dunlop was killed at Skerries this year at the age of just 32

ASK McGUINNESS

Have you considered sidecars?

Evan Jones

I have actually. It comes into my mind and goes out of it all the time. I'm quite pally with Tim Reeves, Moly and the Birchalls. I've had a go in some before and really enjoyed it. Chris Walker did it didn't he? Maybe one day. At the moment I'm focusing on two wheels.

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