



SUZUKI GSX-R

My sister on my first Suzuki GSX-R (inset) back in the day and here she is again on my latest one. **Mark Donagher**



KAWASAKI Z650

This is my wife Jan on her first big bike. She passed her test earlier this year. **Chris Gibson**



NORMAN

Me in our back garden back in 1958. The bike was a 1947 Norman with a hand gear change. My current bike is a Triumph T120. **Will Chandler**



TRIUMPH TIGER 110

My Tiger 110 in 1959. I currently have a 1993 Honda VFR, Kawasaki 125 KMX and a 1954 Cyclomaster! **Bob Glaister**



BSA A10

It had clip-ons when I bought in 1971 but I soon fitted scrambler bars. Not quite the Easy Rider look but it was great. **Richard Pawelko**

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A blast down memory lane
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KAWASAKI KR1-S

This was 1991. KR1-S, clubbie Avons and Crowtree Leathers. Life was simpler back then! **Matty Riggall**



YAMAHA RD250

My first bike back in 1978. I've now got a Speed Triple. **Paul Archer**



ITALJET

My dad brought this beauty home on my fifth birthday, I've been hooked on bikes ever since. **Richard Medd**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Who has to pay for hospital's bodge job?

I had a crash just over a year ago and suffered a fairly nasty set of injuries to my left leg. The other side admitted liability early on and have been paying for treatment and have generally been fair up until recently. The issue is I was in for some treatment and the hospital botched up an operation and it looks like my recovery is now going to take longer as a result. The other side's solicitors are saying they are not paying for the impact of the surgeon's mistake and say any ongoing loss is not for them to compensate. Can you give me some tips to pass on to my solicitor as she seems a little confused about what to do?
Edward Gibby, email

A We quite often see cases where a person has an accident (road or as in your case medical accident) during the course of a claim for a previous incident. It is a quite straightforward situation where alleged medical negligence is the second incident. For medical negligence to count as an

'The answer will depend on a medical report'

intervening act (preventing the person responsible for the first accident from having to pay for the consequences of a second event even if the treatment being received would not have been received but for the first accident) then it must be grossly negligent, not merely negligent. So the answer in your case will depend on medical expert evidence as to the treatment received being grossly negligent or not.

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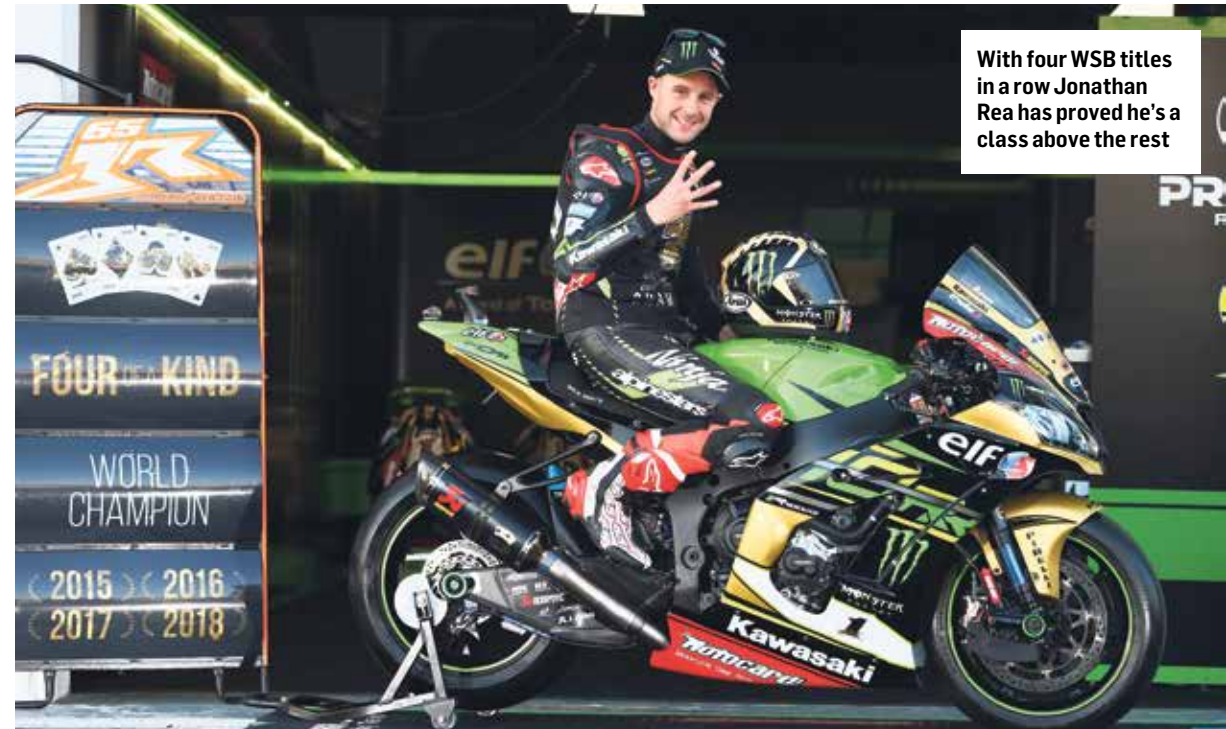
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'Rea's the best WSB racer of all time'

McGuinness rates and slates some of superbike's biggest names

I think Jonathan Rea is the best World Superbike rider of all time. I like his consistency and the way he does things. He's pretty conventional, he's got an old-school style, he's super-smooth, aggressive when he wants to be but respectful, too. It might look a bit boring, but if you watch and dissect what he does, it is amazing. He's class. You can't deny that. It's a fact. He's there week-in, week-out. He cut his teeth on a bike that couldn't quite do it, the Honda Fireblade. He's been down the



With four WSB titles in a row Jonathan Rea has proved he's a class above the rest

'YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE FOGGY, BUT HE CAN BE AN ARROGANT, GRUMPY BUGGER'

road a few times, too, but look at him now. He might be on the best bike but Tom Sykes was on that bike, too, and he's nowhere near him. Troy Bayliss was awesome for many reasons. I mean, look at how old he was when he was still winning world championships. He would not back down, he was a tenacious f***er. Wet, dry whatever, he wouldn't give up. I remember when he got hurt at Donington, lost a finger, and wanted to ride in the second race! There are so many World Superbike greats and they're

great for a reason. I used to love watching Aaron Slight. He never won a world title but he was awesome. Colin Edwards was special on a bike, too. And you've got to admire Foggy. He didn't have as much natural ability as some, was more of a brute, fought his way through and didn't give up. When he rode, there were 120,000 at Brands shouting for him so he was doing something right! Grumpy, arrogant bugger though! But I still say Jonathan is the greatest. It's just a real shame he never got a proper shot in MotoGP.



McPint admires Foggy but thinks he didn't have as much natural ability as Rea

ASK McGUINNESS

Can you really put the Norton on the podium at the TT?
Steve Knight, Facebook

Definitely. It's been around at 132mph so with a tweak here and there I don't see why not. The podium is the target for me next year and I really think it's possible if we get the right testing.

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