



**SUZUKI SV650S**  
First bike and first wheelie... and I can confirm the engine suffers oil starvation if you do this too often. **Craig Thimbleby**



**ITALJET 50**  
Me aged five in the mid 80s on my Italjet 50 – I was just growing into it (and my helmet!). Great memories! **Kiran Beer**



**YAMAHA FIZZY**  
My Yamaha FSI-E DX in typical pose! **David Mehigan**



**APRILIA RS50**  
Looking pretty pleased with myself with my first bike. **Dan Sutherland**



**MONTESA 200**  
Carefree days when I was around 14 years old on my Montesa 200. Bikes have been in my blood ever since. **Will Hamner**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane  
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**YAMAHA V-STAR 650**  
This is my wife Hannah Whiteoak on her first motorcycle. It took me so long to convince her to get her licence! **Rob Blake**



**KAWASAKI ZX-6R**  
My first bike was a Honda CBR600F, which I found out had been clocked! I got my money back and bought a Kawasaki Ninja BIH 636. **Alex Groome**



**APRILIA RS125**  
Afternoon from the sunny Caribbean! Here's my good old Aprilia RS125 back when I was 22. **Will McT**

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## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

**Q Why is she getting off scott free?**

No one can have escaped the news surrounding the tragic story of the biker killed in an accident with a US diplomat's wife. Who does diplomatic immunity apply to and does anyone else have the same? **Hamish Douglas, email**

**A** The case to which you refer is the subject of an ongoing police investigation and therefore it would be wrong for me to comment on the allegations made against the driver. America appears to be standing by her alleged status of immunity whilst the Foreign Office is arguing that she has no such immunity.

Diplomatic immunity is an exemption from prosecution under the host country's laws provided to diplomats in a foreign state. It is governed by something called the Vienna Convention (on Diplomatic Relations) and dates back to the early 1960s.

There are other immunities such as Crown Immunity. The Queen cannot be tried for a criminal offence (or face a civil claim) for this reason. Criminal cases are currently referenced

### 'America seems to be standing by her diplomatic status'

"R -v- the accused", R standing for Regina – that is the Queen – so she would be bringing a prosecution against herself, which obviously she cannot do.

There is also state immunity which is a principle of international law that is often relied on by states to claim that the particular court or tribunal does not have jurisdiction over it, or to prevent enforcement of an award or judgment against any of its assets.

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## 'Total admiration for Bruce Anstey'

Race comebacks don't come better deserved or more hard fought

**T**here are not enough words, in fact there are not enough columns to fit in all the admiration I have for Bruce Anstey. Everything I was hearing earlier in the year was that he was at death's door. Clive Padgett said to me that they were planning his funeral. It doesn't get any heavier than that, does it?

I remember seeing him at the Classic TT last year (mid-way through chemo and with no hair) I asked him how he was and he just said he was OK. There was no fuss, no details.

But then he did a parade lap

### 'DID ANSTEY GO ON ABOUT HIS ILLNESS? DID HE F\*\*\*'

of the TT on an RCV; the beard was back and the chirpiness was back. We were in the press conference and he showed me how he'd been doing a few laps on the motocross bike. The rest of us would whack that straight onto Twitter, onto Instagram, but not Bruce.

Then at the Classic TT I had expected him to do alright, but he did a 116mph lap on a 250 on lap two on the first night. I know how hard it is to keep the wheels rolling and hit all the spots especially up the mountain and you have to be perfect so to do 116mph lap – let me tell you, you



Bruce is back... winning the 2019 Lightweight

are not hanging about. I watched at the bottom of Bray Hill and it was unbelievable. He came past and I just knew, inside his helmet he would have been loving it. It was a beautiful night and he was hurtling round the TT course on a 250.

I remember seeing his big grin when he came in, the celebration was real. It had a different feeling to any other celebration I've witnessed. But through it all did he go on about his illness? Did he f\*\*\*. Hardly said a thing. Bruce has been through hell and back so to still have that drive and determination is incredible.



Anstey at The Bungalow during the Dunlop Lightweight Classic TT race

### ASK McGUINESS

**Do you like cleaning or riding your bikes?**



**Nick Hansford**  
I do like to keep things nice, but I'm not one of those blokes that cleans their bike to within an inch of its life every time I ride it! Just enjoy the thing.

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

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