



GREEVES SCOTTISH

Here I am (centre) in 1971 with our £35 Greeves which was dressed up as a Husqvana with real decals. **Robin Strickland**



BSA 500

I was two when this picture was taken in 1959. At present I'm riding a ZXR750R. **Frederick A White**



BSA A10

My stepdad Jack's first new bike. He turned 72 in January. **Janet Hopkinson**



SUZUKI TS50ER

It was 1981 and I'd bought my TS50ER from new for £450. My nephew, who is now 48, is on the back. **Martin Meehan**



BSA C11G

My mother and father on a BSA in the mid-50s. As the story goes, they fell off on their way to this holiday in Somerset but they seem none the worse for it in this picture. **Simon Smith**

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HONDA CB200

My first proper bike in 1976 (I had a Mobylette before). My mother thought it was a monster. **Phil Holloway**



HONDA BENLY 125

Me and my first bike; a 1966 Honda Benly 125. I thought I was the bee's knees on that thing and absolutely loved it. **Stuart Bremner**



BSA SUPER ROCKET

Here I am with my Super Rocket in Coniston, Lake District in 1972. I'm still biking, but now on a Triumph Street Triple. **Rob Crossland**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Can drink driver claim from me?'

I was leaving an out-of-town shopping centre when I was knocked off by a woman in a big Merc 4x4. She obviously didn't see me. I managed to hobble to the side of the road and someone there called an ambulance. The police also attended, so someone must have called them. They breathalysed the driver and she was over the alcohol limit. I am told by the investigating officer that this was confirmed at the police station and she has been summoned to appear in court. My solicitor is making a claim for me but the insurer of the woman in question says I pulled out on her and is blaming me. Surely, if she was drunk then I am not at fault? **John Norman, email**

A Without seeing the police documentation it is difficult for me to comment other than to say the following:

If the other driver pleads guilty or is found guilty of the offence of driving while over the permitted limit of alcohol then this is a factor you can use to try to persuade the court to infer negligence on her part

'I would suggest waiting until the case is over'

through intoxication or impaired judgment. However, I can imagine you could face a causation defence which will say that her drink driving was not the reason for the accident, rather it was your act of pulling out from a car park onto the main road into her path when she had right of way. I suggest waiting until the criminal case is concluded, obtaining all of the information and reconsidering the evidence.

Andrew Campbell

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'Racer of the Year has to be Hicky'

Our man rates every nominee but there's one who edges it for him

I've been looking at the nominations for MCN Racer of the Year. It's a hard one this time as I love all the guys to bits and have so much respect for all of them.

I'm a big speedway fan and it was great to see Tai Woffinden win his third title, but I'm also a big admirer of Jonathan Rea. Jonathan is so skilled, he makes it look effortless. He hits every apex, doesn't make many mistakes, never crashes and he's a four-time world champion.

Peter Hickman did a fantastic job in 2018. If I had to pick a

'HICKY JUST GETS ON WITH IT AND ENJOYS HIS RACING TOO'

winner, it'd be him. What he's done is remarkable. He's there or thereabouts in BSB every week and then bossing it on the roads. He doesn't say much, he's not obsessive with his training and he just gets on with it. He's supernaturally talented and the best thing is he enjoys it, he doesn't let anything stand in the way of what racing is all about... having fun. He will be one to watch in the Thunderdrome at the MCN show too (see p20).

If you're basing it on out and out results, Marquez should win it. You can't argue with five out of the last six MotoGP titles.

It's nice to see the Birchalls



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nominated; what they have done is awesome and they are so underrated. Sidecar racing goes under the radar, which is crazy really as these guys are winning world championships and TTs on a chassis built and prepared by themselves.

Ana Carrasco made history; she's a world champion and deservedly so. She must have pissed off all the lads in that class, she stuck a finger up to them and she should take a bow. Whoever wins it this year deserves it for sure.

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McGuinness is a big Hickyman fan and says the best thing is that he just loves racing

ASK McGUINESS

Have you got any more chat shows planned?

Michael McCormick



I had a great time doing the chat shows with James Whitham last year and we are planning to do some more in 2019. Hopefully we'll get some new dates soon and we'll release them in MCN as soon as we can.

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