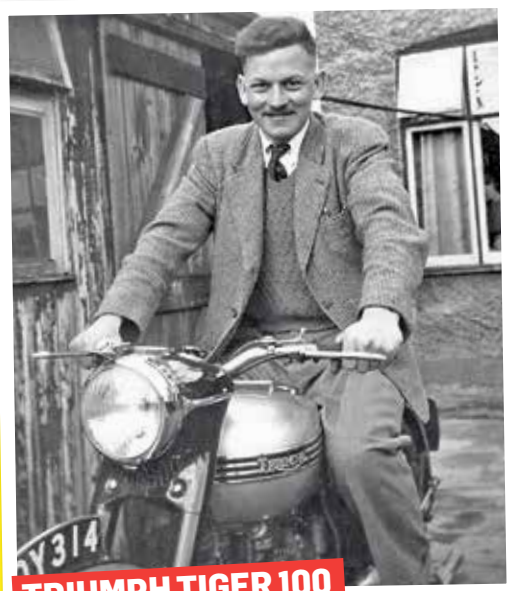




HONDA CRF70

This is my son Aidy, age nine, looking good on his CRF70 at an enduro event in the Scottish Borders. **Mark Lang**



TRIUMPH TIGER 100

My father on his Triumph Tiger 100 circa 1951, this is where my interest in bikes came from! **Alan Blincow**



BSA C15

There I was thinking I looked like Peter Fonda! The bike cost me £35 a few months before my 16th birthday. First gallon of petrol was 3 shillings and 6d. **Pete Lewis**



SUZUKI GSX-R600

I had just picked up my new SRAD 600 in 1998 and was getting ready for the running-in process. **Neil Clancy**



BSA A10

Actually it's my second bike, after passing the test on a Bantam I bought this BSA A10. Note the double set of handlebars, high-rise scrambler style and clip-ons. **Denis Mallett**

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NORTON DOMINATOR

Me and Jackie in 1962 with our 58 Dominator. She is still lovely (I mean the bike, of course...). **Colin Baker**



SUZUKI X1

My dad and the dog in the back garden on my Suzuki X1 back in 1983. I ride an Aprilia Dorsoduro 900 now. **David Cotton**



FRANCIS BARNETT

Here is my first bike – a 1950, 197cc Francis Barnett. I fitted the dual seat unit to make it look a bit more modern. **Cyril How**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'It's not fair I am getting crash blame'

I was travelling along a country road at 50mph and was just exiting a sweeping bend when I was met with a large farm vehicle emerging from a road to my left. The vehicle was moving into the road, blocking more and more of my path. I assumed that the driver would see me and I didn't think I could safely stop so I attempted to go around the front of it. The driver continued to emerge from the side road and the gap that I was heading for closed before I could get through. I attempted to brake knowing that a crash was inevitable. The police are blaming me for the accident and want me to go on a driver's improvement course. I do not think I was to blame as I was going under the speed limit. Am I likely to succeed if I seek compensation?

Richard, Welwyn Garden City

'The driver kept pulling out and the gap closed up'

I would need to see the police report and witness evidence before providing a detailed opinion. Although you are unlikely to recover 100% of your compensation you may well succeed in part. A "successful" claim is one in which the other side makes a settlement offer or concession, however small, in relation to liability, resulting in compensation. I suspect you are likely to be found partly at fault, which will reduce your compensation. Although you were travelling within the speed limit your opponent will argue that you were going too fast for the road conditions and had you not been you could have safely stopped.

Andrew Campbell

Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

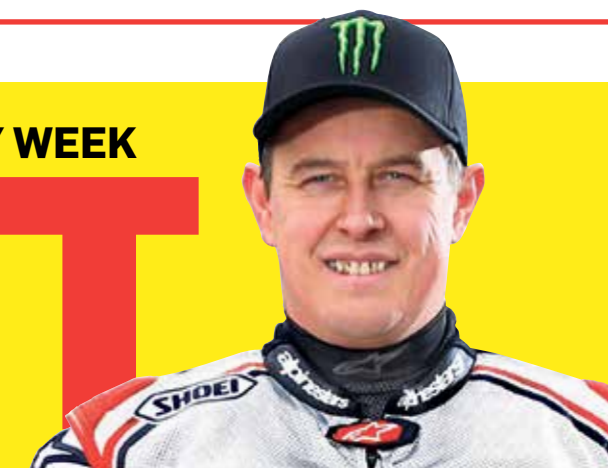
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'You have to work bloody hard for it'

McGuinness mulls what it is that gets stars to the top of their sport

I get asked a lot about whether you are born with the talent to race at the top or you can learn it. I think if you really want it, but you haven't got that natural talent you can still get it – but you have to really work at it. I don't actually think Hutchy is really naturally talented, but f**k me he makes up for it in terms of training.

Then you had people like David Jefferies and Bomber Harris who were just pure talent – different gravy. Cal is different, he says himself that he's not naturally talented, but like Hutchy he really

'CAL ISN'T A NATURAL, BUT LIKE HUTCHY HE WANTS IT'

wants it. I don't actually think Cal particularly enjoys it – it just seems like a load of agro for him.

Marquez is different again, I was watching a video of him doing some whips on his motocross bike, he's amazing on anything and you can't inject that into someone. That's a given talent. MotoGP, flat tracking, motocross – he can do it all and he loves it. He is a natural.

It's like when a young guy starts racing and they're fast, but crashing a lot. It's easy to pull these people back three steps and then take four steps forward. But it's much harder to get a rider to take those steps



Is there nothing Marquez can't do on a motorcycle?

if they haven't got it in the first place. They might get there eventually with a bit of luck and a lot of determination but you can't inject that into them. It's like a mate of mine who in his first season of road racing went to Oulton on a 200bhp Superstock bike with no experience and lapped quick enough to be mid pack in the British Superstock championship.

Then take the TT, riders like Hickman came and did a 129mph lap first time there, Brookes 127, Plater 125. It's because they've got something. I hate to say it but the cream comes to the top.



Maybe he's born with it... Peter Hickman is the fastest man around the TT course

ASK McGUINNESS

What advice would you give to new riders?

NICK HANSFORD



Don't feel you have to get out and ride a big bike straight away. Learn to ride well on a smaller bike, build your confidence and experience. There is plenty of time to ride bigger bikes.

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