



50cc CROSSER

This is my son Harry Pell with his first bike. He now rides and races in the British minibike series on a 90cc and I would love to see his face when this is printed. **Rob Pell**



HONDA 175

Here I am as a Top Gun wannabe at RAF Cottesmore in 1970. **John Freestone**



HONDA CUB

Me, aged 15, in 1977 after I'd swapped my Raleigh chopper for this 1967 Honda 50 from my uncle. I'm riding a Ducati Scrambler now. Loving the trouser tucked-into-sock look! **Michael Jones**



MILITARY H-D

That's me in the middle on a tri-service motorcycle course with the Royal Marines. We were off road training on Harley-Davidsons, or "hardly dangerous" as we called them. **Sam**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane
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HONDA XR75

Here's me on my Honda and big brother Tony, aged 16, in 1979 on his Yamaha FS1-E. Great days. **Dave Wratten**



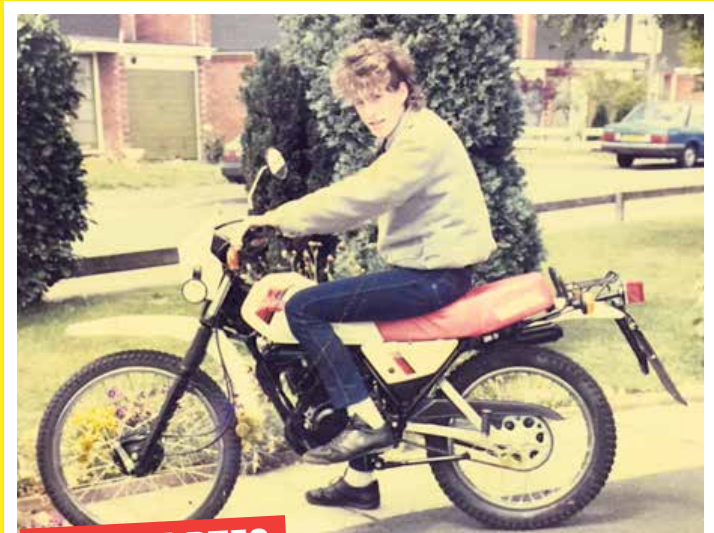
KAWASAKI Z900

My best friend Garry who was sadly lost to cancer last month. Good old days on his first big bike, a Z900 back in 1983. **Rob Holliday**



BSA BANTAM

My late father-in-law Harry on his Bantam. He and his wife Betty (who is still going strong) did their courting on the Beeza. **Jackie Peat**



YAMAHA DT50

My new DT50 in July 1985. I had it a week before my 16th birthday so rode up and down the drive until I was legal. **Wayne Moran**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Do my pillion and I need separate lawyers?'

I was riding my Goldwing on the outskirts of Guildford with my wife on the back and happily going along listening to music. A woman was waiting in her car at a junction to our right, about 60 metres or so away and indicating left. She pulled out on us giving me no time to react and there was a collision in which we were both hurt; my pillion worse than me by quite some way. My insurer appointed a solicitor to act for us both and all has been going well until recently. I have been acting as litigation friend for my wife due to the nature of her injuries, providing instructions on her behalf to our solicitor. The driver's solicitor is now

'Your wife is bound to succeed in full with her claim'

alleging that I was partly to blame for exceeding the speed limit (which I deny) and says there is a conflict of interest and my wife and I should have different solicitors. My solicitor says this is not needed. Who is right?

Ron Jacobson, Byfleet

A If the Defendant is pursuing an allegation of contributory negligence against you, ie that you were partly at fault, you and your wife need separate solicitors. Your wife is bound to succeed in full with her claim either entirely against the other driver or with your insurer making up the balance relating to your degree of fault. I do not think you can continue to be her litigation friend and she should find one who is not party to the claim.

Andrew Campbell

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

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'Trail riders give something back...'

...while moaning ramblers just munch their own sarnies on a bench'

Since I've been fit I've been itching to get out on my enduro bike and this winter I've been loaned a KTM by a local dealership so I've been able to get out quite a bit.

I love riding the trails, but every time we go out we're finding more and more have been closed. It's a crying shame. There are a lot of big, empty areas but at the minute, there's clearly someone who wants to make life difficult for anybody with a motorbike. It's not fair.

We're a decent bunch, it's not

'AT LEAST WE STOP TO BUY PIE AND FUEL FROM LOCAL SHOPS'

just lunatics who ride off-road bikes wanting to make a noise and wreck everything.

There's no compromise, it's just 'we're shutting it, that's it'. There's no, 'oh well you can use it on these days at these times', it's just a flat 'no, this trail is closed'.

There are hundreds and hundreds of miles of trails but they're making it super-difficult when they close them.

There's no give and take, it's such a shame. I find it difficult to express it as I get so mad! We put petrol in our bikes, we'll stop at the pub for pie and chips and we're putting back into the



Off-roading is great for training and also bloody good fun

community while the people moaning about us, let's say Mr Rambler, what do they bring back to the party when they're sat on their bench with their flask and sandwiches?

We have to be considerate... like I don't go out when the kids are off school because you can't be tearing around on an enduro bike with kids about as the last thing I want is to hurt someone.

Enduro riding is a sport, you're never going to stop people from doing it and if you start making it more difficult that's when you start making things more dangerous.



McGuinness reckons there is room for everyone to enjoy the countryside

ASK McGUINNESS

Have you had any really embarrassing crashes?

PHIL FARRELLY

Loads! I once pulled away from a mate's pub and high-sided my Honda SP1 straight down Garstang High Street and it slid under a burgundy Mk5 Escort. Not clever.

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