# LIFE ON BIKES



My first road bike when I was a young 15 year-old (of course never rode it until I was legally allowed to...). Derek Grant



This was taken in 1959 when my brother Geoff, who passed away recently, was 18 and I was just nine years old. Denis Mallett



My first bike from 35 years ago, a Yamaha TY175 trials bike. This was Xmas day 1984, in my new Ultimate USA gear. Paul Vickery



Here I am with my first bike, a Triumph Street Triple 675. ve removed that screen now. Keith Butler

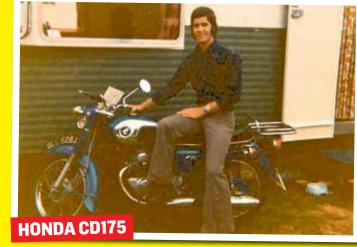
A blast down memory lane



The little beast that started my passion for bikes – a Honda XR75. As you can tell from the cars this was 40 years ago! **Lenny Webster** 



My girlfriend Carol – who is now my wife of 50 years – on my Ariel Arrow Sport circa 1969, Graham Nulty



This is me on my first bike in 1972! I've had many more since and MCN is still the best bike read on the planet! Martin Lynch



Me and my nephew on my Honda CBR125 a while back. I'll never forget that bike. Josh Hodsell

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# Your tricky legal questions answered

## 'Can I claim against idiot cvclist?

I was riding along the Finchley Road in London when a cyclist came out of a side road to my left without stopping. I did mv best to not take him out but lost control and came off. I ended up crushing my ankle and am still on crutches. Although the cyclist did not stop (!) a witness caught up with him and called the police. He was arrested for failing to stop and the police have provided me with his details for a civil claim. The problem is: what if he has no money? Cyclists, unlike motorists, don't need to have insurance. Liam Barnes, London

You are correct that it is compulsory for motorists to have insurance, at the very least third party liability cover. However it is not compulsory for cyclists to have insurance although there is a growing argument for such mandatory insurance. Some bodies do offer insurance for cyclists, these include as British Cycling which has 150,000 members and part of the membership is third party liability insurance cover. Therefore you should

#### 'You may be able to claim against his home policy

make enquiries as to whether your opponent is a member of such a body. Many home contents insurance policies have legal expenses insurance which would include cover for negligent actions of the policy holder away from the home. Finally, you could pursue the cyclist personally but, as you have identified, he may not have the means to pay. An asset search could give you a better idea in this regard.

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# TT LEGEND JOHN McGUINNESS IN MCN EVERY WEEK

# 'Rossi keeps on for the love of racing'

400 GP starts later there's just no stopping the boy from Tavullia

it. 400 GP starts man is a goliath

I was looking at his Instagram feed the other day and it was absolutely full of pictures of him completely sideways on a 450 Yamaha at his ranch with his mates. He's got everything you could ever imagine: money, family, land, friends, but he still loves riding a bike.

People still go on about him stopping, but he isn't going to stop racing. It's like McWilliams

### **'McWILLIAMS IS** THE SAME, HE'D **DESTROY YOU** ON ANY BIKE'

won't stop, he's 55 but he'd destroy you. He'd destroy you on a push bike, a motocross bike, a classic. It's the same for Bayliss, he's another one that refuses to

It's fair to say that Rossi is having a hard time on the Yamaha, especially with Quartararo doing what he's doing. But all it'll take is one win and you can forget about the fourths, fifths and slip offs.

Why is he there? No one is forcing him, he's there because he wants to be there. You can't offer him any more money.

him in the grandstands but when the day does come that he retires the fans will accept it and jump on to someone else like Marquez. gets butterflies when he's on the speak I'll ask him what he's been maybe karting, but mainly bikes.

It'll be a sea of yellow for a while yet but

He could put his feet up, but that's not going to happer

# **ASK McGUINNESS**

**IsFabio Quartararo** the next Marc **Marquez?** 



No, as fast as he is I don't think he's the next Marquez. There is no 'next' Marc Marquez, he is a pure one-off!

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much yellow and support from

I've seen it happen myself with

To do 400 GPs is incredible,

start line. It doesn't matter who you are, you're nervous.

on WhatsApp, but whenever we

Put simply he loves motorbikes.

doing and he's been riding or

I have a bit of banter with him

but I bet he still gets nervous,

me and Peter Hickman!

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