



**HONDA CBR650F**  
Here I am ready to go with my 2015 Honda CBR650F. What a brilliant all-round bike. **Chris Kidgell**



**HUSQVARNA CR250**  
On my Husqvarna CR250 1976 40 years ago. I now ride an Aprilia SXV 550 and a KTM 300EXC Super Moto. **Mark Berryman**



**HONDA CB72**  
This is the 250 I learned on. I could only pull away downhill for the first few days until I could get the hang of the clutch and throttle! **Dave Smith**



**HONDA CX500**  
My dad with my grandad on the back of his 1979 Honda CX500. Grandad was an 8th Army despatch rider during the war. **Cliff Finn**



**BSA 500 GOLD STAR DBD34**  
This wasn't quite my first bike but was definitely one I loved. I'm 72 now and still ride a 1200 Bandit and a 929 Blade. **Bill Smallwood**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane  
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**'S1000RR' MINIBIKE**  
Here's my biker babe on her S1000RR. **Lee Adams**



**KAWASAKI Z750**  
Age 19 (1986) on my first Kawasaki, a Z750 and my dad on his BMW R100RT heading for the South of France from Liverpool. Happy days. **Andy Shotton**



**SUZUKI GT380**  
380cc Ram Air cooled. She was a bit heavy but as a first bike in Australia in the late 1970s she was a dream. **Phil Tedman**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'Cops told me I wasn't really insured'

I was out the other day and got pulled by the police. They said records showed that my bike was not insured. I explained that I was insured and used my mobile to show the insurance email I had with the certificate. They were having none of it and said that their records showed the bike as uninsured and told me it could not be moved. It transpired that my insurer had forgotten to arrange cover even though I paid and they'd issued a policy. Are the police entitled to stop you riding for reasons you believe to be false and if you can produce documentation like I did?

**Colin Howell, email**

**A** Despite the documentation your bike was not in fact insured, so the police were correct although this was clearly not your fault. The police can stop a vehicle for any reason. If they ask you to stop, you should always pull over when it is safe to do so. You are breaking the law if you don't. They can ask to see your driving licence, insurance certificate and MoT certificate. If you don't have these

### 'Police have the power to seize your motorcycle'

documents with you, you have seven days to take them to a police station. You are breaking the law if you don't show the documents within seven days. They can also give you an on-the-spot fixed penalty notice for many minor offences and make you take a breath test in certain circumstances. You can have your vehicle seized if you are stopped on suspicion of driving without insurance and for some other offences.

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## 'Long trip? I'd take an adventure bike'

They make sense but it's hard not to scratch that sportsbike itch

**Y**ou just can't ignore adventure bikes these days. They are absolutely everywhere and it's easy to see why – ten or 15 years ago they were big heavy things and pretty basic, but that's all changed.

Then you take a look at the guys who are riding them. A lot of them are folks who've crashed bikes and got manky knees but the upright ergonomics and extra legroom work well for them. They can get on an adventure bike and be happy because it is comfy. Many of them are the sort of people who'd have had a Blade or

### 'THEY'RE BUILT FOR THE RIDING THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY DO'

a ZX-9R back in the 90s but that's changed now. Another factor is that the latest sportsbikes are so incredible that people are bit scared of them. Of course, if you short-shift and go steady they are pussycats but people worry.

Adventure bikes have opened up a whole new world for bikers, not just in terms of the bikes themselves but also the gear they wear, helmets, jackets, heated clothing – it's no longer all about race replica helmets and one-piece leathers. It just makes the whole riding experience easier.

If there was a line of bikes and we were heading off to ride in



The latest Africa Twin is a light and high-tech marvel

Scotland I'd take an adventure bike, but if you said we're going for a blast to Devil's Bridge I'd take a sportsbike and even after all the bikes I've ridden in my career – it would blow my skirt up! You can only really get that wow factor from a sportsbike – that moment where the thing is on the back wheel with the traction kicking in and anti-wheelie kicking in.

On an adventure bike it's different, some of them are still incredibly high-tec but ultimately they offer a fit-for-purpose experience. They are designed for what people actually do.



The original Africa Twins were fun but feel a bit on the lardy side these days

### ASK McGUINNESS

#### What sportsbikes have you had on the road?



**Chris Webb**  
I kind of missed all that. I had a KR1-S and then went racing so I've never ridden a superbike on the road day in day out. Probably not a bad thing for me – you can get a bit giddy on them!

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