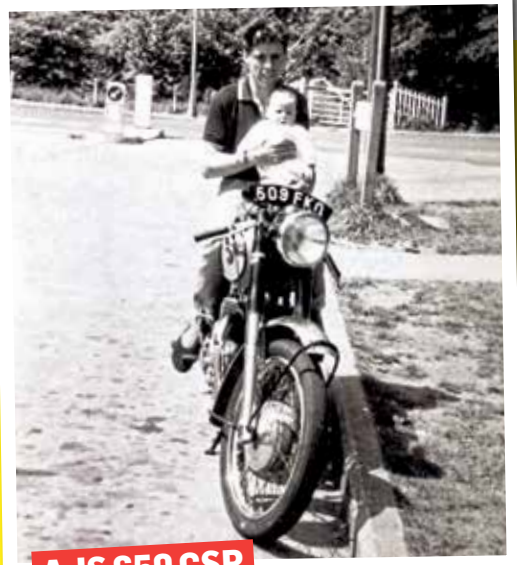




SUZUKI T250
My Dad Keith Hart on his 250 Suzuki in the early 70s. He is still riding now at 64 years old on a 1978 Honda CB750. **Lee Hart**



AJS 650 CSR
Here am I with my son, Stefan, sitting on my first motorbike, an AJS 650 CSR. **Peter Curd**



HONDA MB5
My brother and I on the Honda MB5 back in 1981. **Paul Armstrong**



BSA B25 STARFIRE
On my first bike in 1975. It's a 1971 BSA B25 Starfire. Not sure about the hairstyle, though! I've had a variety of bikes since. **Keith Martin**



YAMAHA RD350LC
Going home from work on the RD350LC in 1981. **Peter Thomas**

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SKYTEAM ACE 50
This was my first bike, a cool little SkyTeam Ace 50, and I absolutely loved it. **Jack Woolland**



VELOCETTE MSS 500
My wife of 57 years and I at an early 1960s TT passing Kate's Cottage on our 500 MSS Velocette. Great times! **Howard Tunstall**



BSA B33
Me with my twin sister on my Dad's BSA B33; his only form of transport at the time. It was an early introduction to biking. **Andy Ratcliffe**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Can drivers stick a satnav anywhere?

Could you tell me the rules about placing aftermarket satnavs in cars? I see them anywhere on windscreens, including blocking the driver's view. Yesterday I passed a driver with the device at eye-level right in front of her face! It seems that there are no rules to protect other road users from a driver who buys a unit and then sticks it wherever they like. They can easily obscure a biker along with anything of our size and must prove a danger. Is there no legislation?
James, email

A There are no regulations that I know about that refer specifically to the placement of satnav equipment, but I think the following are relevant. Firstly, Section 40A Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by Road Traffic Act 1991: "A person is guilty of an offence if he uses, causes or permits another to use a motor vehicle [or trailer] on a road when: the condition of the motor vehicle [or trailer], or of its accessories or equipment, or the purpose for which it

'The satnav was at eye-level right in front of the driver'

is used, or the number of passengers carried by it, or the manner in which they are carried, or the weight, position or distribution of its load, or the manner in which it is secured, is such that the use of the motor vehicle [or trailer] involves a danger of injury to any person." Or Regulation 100(1) the Road Vehicle Construction and Use Regulations 1986 which says the same thing but attracts a lesser penalty.

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'Stuff just seems to happen to me!'

Our man looks back on a misspent youth... and crashing into bulls!

I've done some pretty daft things on bikes in my time. I once hit a bull on the road, f**k that hurt! I was 17 and on my TZR125 and we had a bit of a race track near where we lived; there was a blind, flat out, left-hander and you had to get the bike straight before the jump. It was a bit like the TT for me, like a Ballacrye-type section. I came through there on the limiter and there was a stray bull on the road. I veered to the left and hit my arm on its head. It swelled up like a cartoon bruise! My arm was massive. I couldn't

'I LOOKED OVER AND GOT MY FINGER CAUGHT IN THE CHAIN'

ride the bike back, it didn't half hurt. I went home and Becky took me to hospital, nothing was broken but boy it hurt. Another time, I went to get a bottle of wine for Becky's mum and I had the bottle down my top coming back. I pulled a big wheelee and when I landed it, the bottle hit the bike and dented the tank. I was gutted, I loved that TZR125. There was this other time when I was oiling the chain on my AP50 and I was spinning the wheel around and Mum shouted that my tea was ready, and as I looked over I got my finger caught in the chain! That's why



one of my fingers is shorter than it should be. Birdy took delivery of a brand new 999 Ducati and they called me up and told me to chuck some miles on it to run it in. I know the roads round here like the back of my hand and there's this jump I like to do. But this time I was going pretty quick and when I landed the back wheel just spun. I looked down and I'd ripped the sump off. That was an embarrassing phone call. I'm a bit calmer on the roads these days, but I'm sure there'll be more fun and games in 2019. Stuff just seems to happen to me.



'Think I'm moo-ving out of the way for you and you've got another thing coming'

ASK McGUINNESS

Made any New Year's Resolutions?
DAVE MORGAN

I don't really do New Year's Resolutions, but in 2019 I want to get better at driving my tractor, get really fit and have a good crack at getting on the TT podium again. Oh and I want to kick everyone's arse at the MCN London Show Thunderdrome. I'll see you there!

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