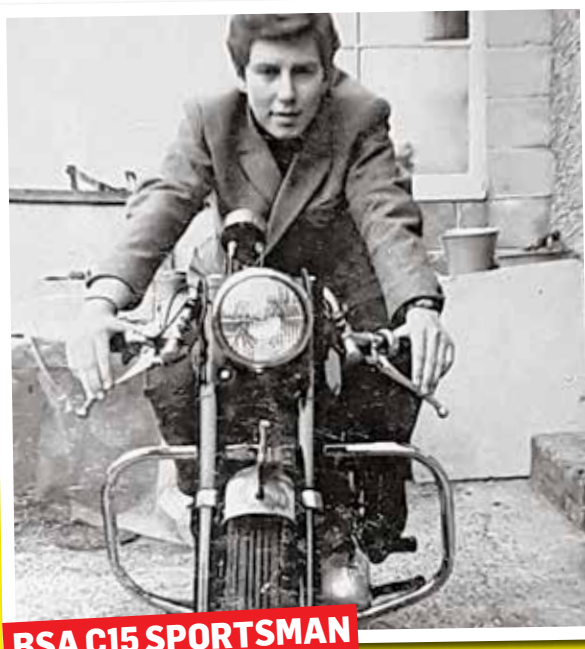




HOME-MADE BIKE
My son Jamie age six in 1993 on his home-made bike. He went on to be a successful club racer. **John Medhurst**



BSA C15 SPORTSMAN
My first bike bought new in 1964 was this BSA C15 SS80. This is in winter mode with crash bars on. **Brian Barrow**



HONDA Z50 MONKEY BIKE
Here I am having fun on two wheels with my brother in 1970. The Z50 Monkey was my first bike. **Adam Hewitt**



YAMAHA RD350LC
This was 1981 and I'd just passed my test, here I am on my Yamaha RD350LC. Wish I'd kept it! **Eric Wilson**



SUZUKI GZ125HS
A late starter, so my first bike was a little GZ125HS. I'm now on an Electra Glide to accommodate my 6ft6 son on pillion! **Bob Bogle**

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HONDA HORNET
I bought my dream bike after my test. I had a CB125F while I was learning and enjoy every second on the Hornet. **Piotr Siudzinski**



YAMAHA MT-07
This may not be my first bike but after 28 years riding this is my first brand new motorcycle and I love it. **Barrie Bexley**



HONDA CD175
Here I am back in 1982 with my first bike, the ultra-reliable Honda CD175 alongside my friend's TR7. Great memories! **Karl Maggs**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Should I appeal?

I was in court last week as a result of my bike accident. I was claiming against a car driver for injuries caused in the accident but I lost my case. My brother says I could appeal the court's decision and have a retrial. Basically, the accident involved the car driver turning in front of me without warning. The judge's decision was fully in favour of the car driver. I believe that the judge misunderstood the evidence that I had given. Please let me know if I can and should appeal and what risks are involved.

Brian Handy, email

A There is a time limit to lodge the appeal of 21 days from the decision of the court. To succeed you will need to show that the judge was plainly wrong in law or fact (and this had a bearing on the result) or erred seriously in his judgment – in other words that no reasonable judge would have found as he did.

The most sensible approach would be for your barrister who represented you to write an urgent short opinion on the prospects of a successful appeal and ask your legal expenses insurer to fund it.

'You need to ask your barrister to write an opinion'

They may not be willing to do so due to proportionality (costs versus benefit to be derived) if the case is only of modest value – you don't say how badly injured you were.

If the insurer does not agree to fund it then your other option is to pay privately. Again you may feel proportionality will rule this option out because of the potentially high costs involved in the action.

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'It will be horrific to see the race go'

McPint can't believe organisers are calling time on the Ulster GP

I've heard the news this week that the 2020 Ulster GP looks like it's off and it could be the end of the race (see page 55). I can't believe it, what a great shame because it's a fantastic event. Reading between the lines, there are riders who have ridden their balls off and haven't received any prize money. When you're doing 190mph between the hedges and you're wheel-to-wheel with the best racers in the world and you're not getting your slice of the pie, it's difficult, because that's the deal. But it will be horrific to see the

'I CAN'T SEE WHY FANS AREN'T TURNING UP TO THESE EVENTS'

race disappear, it's got so much history about it. Hickman's lap time this year was over 136mph and if you'd have been there to see that it would have been special, and to ride in that race would have been incredible. I was the first man to do a 130mph lap when I got pole in 2006. I've got some fantastic memories. I got on the podium the first time I went there in 2004 and did the race on and off until 2011. It's proper hedge-to-hedge stuff. I rode with Guy Martin around there, Hutchy, Archibald – loads of fantastic riders and I won a couple of the races too.



You get proper wheel-to-wheel action at the Ulster

I don't understand what is happening to racing. How are we losing these type of events? I can't see why fans aren't turning up. People will go to the shop and buy a pack of fags for the best part of £20. People will go to the pub and buy a round for £20 and not bat an eye lid – so why won't people pay £20 to watch an international road race? You'll get to see the best riders in the world on the fastest track in the world. You'll get wheel-to-wheel action which is something you don't get at the TT. So if that's not worth £20, I'm giving in. I don't know what else to say.



Hickman smashed the 136mph barrier this year, but was it the last-ever Ulster?

ASK McGUINESS

Who would you most like to manage?
John Shayler

I'd like to manage or help out Michael Dunlop, but he wouldn't let me. He doesn't let many people into his life.

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