



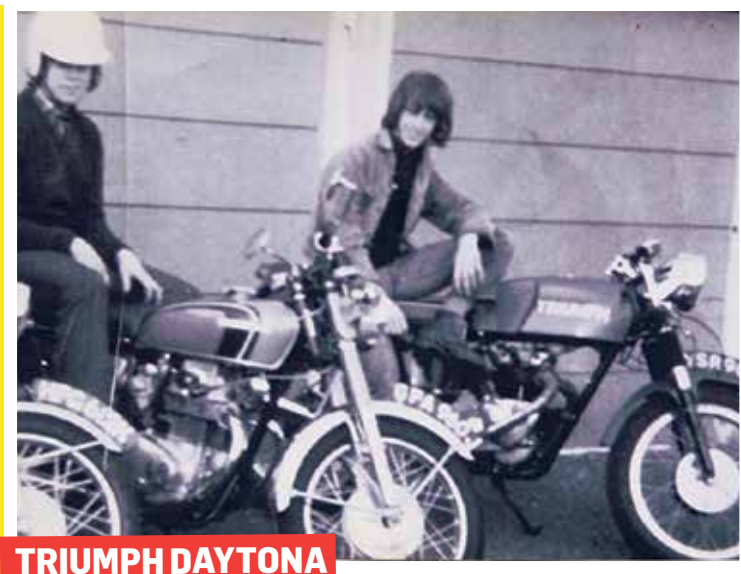
**ROYAL ENFIELD CONTINENTAL DELUXE**

This was my 250cc Enfield Deluxe which I got new on my 16th birthday in 1964. The reg was BBD 807B. **Rick Hammond**



**TRIUMPH TIGER 90**

This is me on my dad's Triumph Tiger 90 in about 1974. Dig those protective sandals! **Simeon Aldren**



**TRIUMPH DAYTONA**

My first big bike after passing my test in around 1972. They were great days enjoying the freedom of getting out on two wheels. **Graham Crouch**



**JAWA 350**

Here's my big brother aboard a Jawa 350cc two-stroke twin in what must have been around 1963. **Les Norman**



**YAMAHA YAS3 125**

Small bike for a six-footer and I'm sure the trousers lost me 20mph, but it got me around and my missus too! **Chas Thomason**



**VESPA**

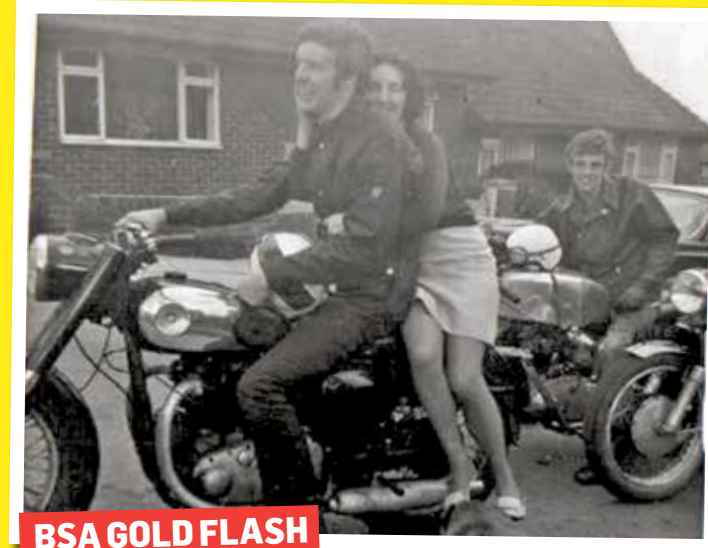
This was my first time riding on my cousin's small-frame Vespa out in Sicily. **Giuseppe Laspisa**



**TRIUMPH STREET TRIPLE**

My nephew Charlie giving it the thumbs-up on his first bike run. It's good to get a new generation into the joys of motorcycling. **Ralph Peters**

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**BSA GOLD FLASH**

Me age 17 on my Gold Flash after taking off the sidecar. It's Eddie on his Triumph and Stan on his Norton just out of shot. **Kevin Corrigan**

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**Q 'Will the MIB help after hit and run smash?'**

I discovered the Motor Insurers' Bureau following some research after an accident in which someone knocked me off my Vespa but then fled the scene. Luckily (although very painfully) I only suffered a couple of cracked ribs but I was off work for two weeks and my leather jacket and boots were damaged and will need to be replaced. Will I be able to seek some compensation from the Bureau to cover it?

**Andrew Parminter, email**

**'The MIB often rejects cases so you'll need advice'**

**A** Well done for doing your research. The MIB is an official Government body and is funded by insured motorists themselves (a small contribution of everyone's bike and car insurance goes to fund the MIB each year). The money is there to compensate victims of untraced and uninsured drivers. A hit and run accident would be an untraced claim. That means you are able to recover compensation for injuries if you can persuade the MIB that your accident arose as a result of the negligence of the untraced or uninsured driver.

I have written before about the availability of compensation for diesel spills but the remit of the MIB is much wider, covering hit and run, shed loads from trucks, vehicle parts in the road, dazzling cases and others.

Use a specialist solicitor familiar with bike accidents and they will pursue the claim on your behalf. The MIB can be a tricky opponent and will often reject cases. I have had to appeal dozens, the vast majority of which succeed.

**Andrew Campbell**  
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**'Nothing to prove but Rossi loves it'**

Nobody is going to repossess his telly, but Vale is still fighting on

**H**ow good is MotoGP at the moment? It's at such a high level and it's great that all the manufacturers are there. In addition to the usual guys, Miller is doing well and Rins has just taken his first win. And what about Rossi? He's riding well. These results mean a lot to him. You can see that and what has he got to prove? Nothing. He's ticked every box. He's done well, no-one is going to repossess his TV are they? People still say he should retire and I know what it's like

**'WE HAVE A BIT OF BANTER, ROSSI IS ONE OF THE LADS'**

when you're the underdog and everyone has written you off. In 2015 people were saying I was done but I went out and won the Senior. I was over the moon.

Rossi is as tough as they come and he's got a team-mate who can put it on pole but can't do it in the race. And Rossi has shown he's still cunning. Look at Argentina he was clever to be able to beat Dovizioso. He out-foxed him by going early. It should be Viñales and the younger guys taking the fight to Marquez and Dov. But they aren't delivering yet, whereas Rossi is. I speak to Rossi on WhatsApp. We have a bit of banter, he always



Rossi out-foxed Dovizioso in the final laps in Argentina

replies, he's one of the lads. He probably doesn't realise quite how big he is. Once he retires 30% of the crowd are gone, so he's in the driving seat. He'll have to give up eventually but the only thing that will stop him is an injury - God forbid.

It's hard to know what Rossi's next move is. He clearly adores racing and will have a massive hole in his life when he does finally pack in. He's got fingers in all sorts of pies with the younger riders and his academy, but it's not going to be the same as getting on a MotoGP bike and standing on the podium.



Time to retire? Not likely. Valentino is still showing the young guns a thing or two

**ASK McGUINNESS**

**How are you feeling about the Lightweight Norton?**

**Phil Morton**  
"I'm excited, we've got Hickman, myself and Todd on it, which isn't a bad trio of jockeys. But Kawasaki and the Paton have been doing the Lightweight for years. The Paton did a 122mph lap, so it won't be easy."

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