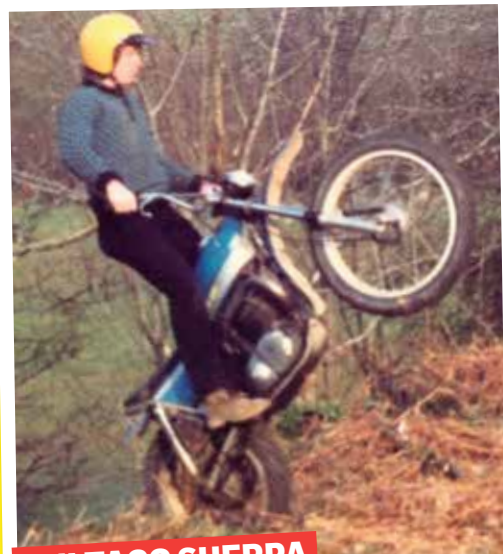




SLAM MXR125

Eloisa and Kristian on their first bikes. It looks like these will certainly not be their last. **Jeremy Keohane**



BULTACO SHERPA

My first trials bike, a 1970s Bultaco Sherpa. 40 years later I have just bought a GasGas! **Andrew Roberts**



YAMAHA DT250

Trying to perfect a wheelie on my Yamaha DT250 circa 1979. Unfortunately, four decades later I still can't get it right. **Nick Coulter**



HUSQVARNA WRE125

This is me with my Husqvarna WRE125. I was still smiling, even though I had just drowned the engine! **Jack Cornick**



YAMAHA RS100

Here's me aged about four on my late grandad's RS100. It's him that's to blame for my love of bikes. **Scott Kelly**

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SUZUKI GT550

My trusty GT550 in 1979. After a few hours your feet felt like they were buzzing with the vibration. **Paul Frolich**



ROYAL ENFIELD TURBO

My dad Bill inspired me to ride 55 years ago. He's the sergeant here taking delivery of three Royal Enfield Turbo Twins in 1964. **Steve Wood**



NORTON 850 COMMANDO

That great hot summer of 1976 is where it all started. Riding pillion with my dad on his Norton 850 Commando. **Jon Trevorrow**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Am I too late to claim for 2015 accident?

I had quite a bad accident in May 2015 caused by a big spill of diesel on a roundabout. I was in and out of hospital for many months and have still not fully recovered. I suffered physical injuries and have been very emotionally affected. I recently found out that I could have claimed compensation for my accident but when I tried to do so I was told that I have missed the deadline for claiming. Is there any way around the deadline? Any assistance you could offer would be gratefully received as I do feel I deserve some sort of compensation?
Stuart Ritchie, email

'I was in and out of hospital for months'

A In England and Wales the usual time limit to bring a claim for injuries and financial losses is three years (Limitation Act 1980). There are some exceptions, for example cases involving children. This time limit also applies to the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB).

Section 33 of the Limitation Act allows a discretion for the court (or MIB) to do away with the three-year limit in certain circumstances.

The test to apply is largely based around prejudice to the parties if a claim is allowed to proceed beyond the three-year time limit. If the Defendant (or the MIB) is not prejudiced as a result of the delay (eg where all the evidence still exists) then the discretion may be applied. The right to a fair trial and proportionality also come into play.

Therefore if I were you I would contact a specialist lawyer and submit your claim.

Andrew Campbell

Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

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'I want to see Rossi taking it to Marc'

MCN's outspoken writer reckons there's one more title in The GOAT

Whatever way you look at it, Valentino Rossi is a legend. He's 40 years old and still competing at the highest level of motorcycle racing. Can he still win the title? I'd like to think he can. Troy Bayliss was 40-odd when he won his last title, Max Biaggi won at that age too. And then there's me!

I mean, look at what Rossi did in Sepang last year before he crashed. He did 12 laps within a tenth of a second of each other and that's the hottest race of

'IT ONLY TAKES A BAD START FROM MARC TO OPEN IT UP'

the year. That's got to be one of the hardest, most physical and humid tracks in the world and it looked like he was going to pull off an incredible win. Okay, so he slid off but that shows he still has the passion and desire to win. That is the definition of digging deep.

He's at his training ranch every day sticking the work in, so I don't think there's any reason he can't fight for the title. He needs a good start to the year to keep that confidence up. And he isn't bothered about bashing handlebars these days, he's changed his style to be quicker in recent years.



Behind you... VR with McGuinness when he visited the TT back in 2009

It's obviously quite difficult to see past Marquez, but it could happen. The Spaniard is starting the year after shoulder surgery and that's a big deal, perhaps bigger than he's making out. It only takes a bad start for Marc to open the championship up a little and for the others to see they have a chance and naturally that includes Rossi.

I guess Yamaha just need to put together the best bike... they've had their issues but they're still one of the best aren't they? I hope so anyway, it'd be awesome to see Rossi taking it to Marquez again.



Rossi showed who was boss at Sepang last year (before crashing out)

ASK McGUINNESS

What was the funniest/stupidest question you got asked at LMS?

PETE YARDLEY

Oh, I got a few! The best one was from a lovely old boy from Norwich who asked me if I thought it was too late to have a crack at MotoGP?!? It was too late 30 years ago mate!

Send your questions to AskMcPint@motorcyclenews.com. Don't expect a serious answer.

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