



YAMAHA XJ6

Mandy on her Yamaha XJ6 proving that it's never too late to start riding. **David Pearce**



GILERA 50 TOURING

I got my first motorbike, a 50cc Gilera moped, in 74. Not sure about the mirrors now. I'm still riding today. **Andy**



HONDA XL600

My first brand new bike with the jacket to match, naturally. **Peter Stapleton**



BSA GOLD FLASH

I love this picture of my step-father Pete with his daughter on his BSA Gold Flash outfit. **Gary Stone**



JAMES 500

My grandad Jack Donovan in 1935. It was actually his second bike and the reason for my love of motorcycles. **David Donovan**

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SUZUKI GP100

Me looking pretty chuffed on my GP100 1987. Check out how low those clip-ons are. **Andy Powis**



XWD ROYAL ENFIELD

This is me on my dad's XWD Royal Enfield in 1957. I still love bikes and now ride a Triumph Speed Triple. **Eddie Birks**



YAMAHA PW80

Here is my son Steven on his Yamaha PW80 aged seven in 1990. A few years later he was riding a Triumph Street Triple. **Mike Harris**

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Who's to blame for my icy bike crash?

I've been trying to get two different water leaks, which run across a road at Five Ashes Road, near Mayfield in East Sussex, dealt with. Southern Water say it's not their issue and East Sussex Highways have looked into it and are doing nothing about it even though I told them about it on October 30, 2018. Last week at about 9.15am on my way to work I lost control of my motorcycle on ice at that very spot. I crashed into a hedge and was lucky nothing was coming the other way. I did not hurt myself badly and just dented my petrol tank, bent my mirror and banged my head so a new helmet is a must. I called the

'They didn't care and said they'd send a form'

highways department (again) and they didn't seem to care and said I could try to claim the money for bike repair and helmet but most never get a win but they'd send a form anyway. What can I do to ensure a claim is successful and to get the dreaded leaks stopped before they cause more people to fall off?

Andrew Harris, email

Section 209 of the Water Industry Act 1991 imposes strict liability on the part of a water undertaker for property damage and injuries caused by escapes of water from their pipes. This means that whoever owns the pipe that leaked water which then froze and caused your accident will have to compensate you by law. You therefore need to confirm who owns the pipe. Your local council should be able to tell you who owns it.

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'I'd look a right nob on a Foggy CCM'

Our man is on the hunt for new wheels at next week's London show

I've been thinking about getting a new bike, I've got a good collection of old bikes, but each year when I see the metal come out at the shows I tell myself I'll look at getting something. There are definitely a few on my 'must-check-it-out-at-London-show' list!

I've got a bit of a soft spot for Norton's Atlas Scrambler. I think they've done a good job and it looks pretty cool. It's got a nice seating position, the whole concept behind it is great and you can go anywhere on it. They're affordable for

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an iconic brand too. I also love the 650 Superlight that Norton have just wheeled out. It's a proper sportsbike. There are far too many bikes out there with 200kg and 200bhp so a proper, midrange lightweight sportsbike is a good idea if you ask me.

The new BMW S1000RR is also really interesting. It's shrunk quite a lot so perhaps it's not for me! It's tiny, my immediate thought was that they've taken all the bodywork away and I didn't like it. But some of the tech is interesting and I bet it'll go like stink.

That Ducati V4 with wings is incredible. What a machine? It's



McGuinness likes a bit of V4 action and reckons the Ducati would be mint

absolutely mint, it's nice to look at, great to sit on. I love a good V4; I've been riding the Norton V4 and I love how smooth the power delivery is. Maybe I can get one of each. How cool would a Ducati V4 and a Norton V4 look in the garage together?

I took a look at those CCMs too and I fancy slinging a leg over one next week in London. They've got a bit of everything and they aren't too dear either. I'd go for the Spitfire Bobber or summat. Not the Foggy rep. I'd look a right nob on that and he'd bloody love seeing me ride around on 'his' bike!?



Norton V4 in the garage? Well it would be rude not to really wouldn't it?

ASK McGUINNESS

Who's the best British racer right now?

STEVE MAUGHAN



I think Jonathan Rea is quality, Cal Crutchlow is ballsy, but Peter Hickman is the all-round master-blaster at the moment. To win BSB races and set the TT lap record takes guts, commitment and a lot of bloody skill. Michael Dunlop's not too shabby either!

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