



**GILERA 50 SPECIAL**

My son Andy back in 1980. I built the bike from a Gilera 50 and it was a great little thing. His mum and I used it as much as he did around the farm nextdoor. **Hugh McKay**



**SUZUKI GT500**

My first bike was 100cc Suzuki and the brakes were so bad I ran into the back of a van. My GT500 was far more satisfactory. **David Cottom**



**MATCHLESS/TRIUMPH**

I'm guessing this was taken in around 1969, the bike was a Matchless G3LS with Triumph 650 engine that I'd cobbled together. **Colin Waines**



**BSA GOLD STAR**

Our son Craig on my Gold Star. He now rides a Triumph. I bought the Goldy in 1968 and I've still got it! **Brian Hudson**



**BSA A7 STAR TWIN**

My father-in-law Frank Volante was a big character. **Paul Fowler**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane  
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**KAWASAKI ER6F**

Buster wasn't letting me get away for a spin on the ER, I ended up taking him for a walk. **Eammon Adams**



**TRIUMPH OUTFIT**

My 'passenger' Paul and I preparing for a life of biking. **Mark Peart**



**SKYTEAM ACE 50**

Hope you like this shot of me enjoying my first motorcycle. It's a Skyteam Ace and you've got to love the look. **Jack Wooland**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

**Q 'I don't like my new bike. Can I return it?'**

I bought a new bike two or three weeks ago and was going to have a go at #ride5000miles, but the more I ride it the more I realise that I just don't like it. I've now decided that I want to return the bike, but the dealer is playing hardball even though I'm within 30 days. Is there some law I can quote at them?  
**Gethin John, email**

**A** Unfortunately, there is no legal right for you to return a bike just because you have changed your mind. Some dealers operate a short return period (typically, but not always 14 days), but this is up to them and is not required by law. Likewise, some dealers may be willing to allow you to swap the bike, but again this is at their discretion.

Your rights as a consumer when buying a bike from a dealer are under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, which says that goods purchased have to be as described, fit for purpose; and of satisfactory quality. If the bike fell down on any of these issues and you were within 30 days of the purchase then you would be able to return the bike; whereas after

### 'Your rights don't cover changing your mind'

30 days you would have to give the dealer the opportunity to repair or replace the bike. The situation would have been slightly different if you had bought your bike online or over the phone because then you would have had a 14-day cooling off period. However, most dealers seek to avoid this by making any such agreement subject to collecting the bike from their dealership and signing a final contract there.

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## 'We need to save Oliver's Mount'

Losing England's only real road racing venue would be a tragedy

I'm a bit upset with what's gone on with Oliver's Mount. I went there with my dad as a kid to watch Barry Sheene, Mick Grant, Steve Parrish and all the boys. It's been on the calendar for decades, and there are a lot of good riders and proper legends who have come through there.

I did 20 years straight racing around there with David Jefferies and loads of top riders: Hutchy, Harrison, Guy Martin. It's always been a great place, and a part of the racing calendar that everyone looked forward to. I

### 'THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE NEED THIS CIRCUIT TO SURVIVE'

don't know the details, I've heard all sorts of tales about what's gone on up there. I do know the organisers have been working flat-out to get the problems sorted, to try to get over all the safety problems so they can get racing back on. At the moment it's just not happening, but the bottom line is we need this road circuit to survive. It's a great event and part of racing history, it's a heritage thing.

There's always a good crowd and there's not a right lot going on in the North East of England for our sport anyway, so it really needs it. What a setting it is, too. It's proper old school, stick of



Big stars including the late, great William Dunlop have raced the Gold Cup

rock, pubs are full, bit of racing! It's mega, and like nowhere else.

It needs tidying up and a bit of investment so let's get together and get it done. If it needs safety measures then that needs to happen so we can get racing.

Peter Hillaby who has been running it is an old man; his health isn't great but he's a loveable rogue! He has zero people skills, but he was alright and Scarborough is such a great event, a great track and I really want it to continue so we should all get behind it and put the pressure on.

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McGuinness used to go and watch the mighty Barry Sheene at Oliver's Mount

### ASK McGUINESS

**What's your favourite superbike?**  
**Bill Tovey**



I've hardly ridden any of them! I'm just getting used to the Norton V4, but the only other one I've ridden was the Fireblade, and that didn't end brilliantly. I'm gagging to get out and try all the latest stuff, especially the Panigale, R1 and S1000RR.

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