LIFE ON BIKES



My first new bike, back in 1960 in Luton. It was bought for cash as there was no PCP then. These days I have a DL 650. Kevin Charles



My mate Bernard in 1961 on his 197 Francis Barnett with clip-on bars, and that's me behind him on my Itom 65cc Tabor. Raymond Squires



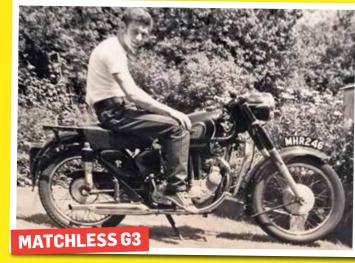
This was my first Japanese bike, a Honda CB250 K3, I was in my early 20s back then and I am still riding at 72. Graham Hunt



My son, Joe, collecting his new Yamaha YZF-R3 after passing his test. I'm so proud of him. Peter Spiers

YAMAHA FIZZY

This is me on the left, aged about seven, sitting on my brothers FS1-E, and my sister on the right sitting on hers. Circa 1975, Thurlaston, Leicester. Chris Phillips



My lovely dad Godfrey Pankhurst on his Matchless. He rode it around Hortor Kirby in Kent, and to pick my mum up on dates. Sally Goodman-Giles



A blast down memory lane

Like father, like son. Young Riley, three, on his first bike - the little Revvi – and his 'old' daddy on his 27th... Adrian Powell



Five-year-old Archie Relph has finally grown tall enough to go for his very first bike ride, it's all he wants to do now. Simon Relph

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Your tricky legal questions answered

What's the best way to fund my claim?

I have been looking into ways that legal claims are funded. but am a little confused. What is the difference between conditional fee agreements and contingency fee agreements? Gary Balfrey, email

When a solicitor acts for a client there needs to be a funding agreement between the solicitor and the client. Both the agreements you mention are no-win, no-fee agreements, meaning if the claim fails you pay nothing. Contingency fee agreements are based on a contingency being met; the contingency being winning the case whereupon a percentage of compensation is paid to the solicitor in costs. These agreements tend to be used in claims against the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority or the Motor Insurers Bureau where those bodies only pay limited legal costs. Conditional Fee Agreements

'Claimants now have to pay part of the costs'

are the norm for standard road traffic accidents where the other side's insurer will pay some costs and the client pays a success fee to the solicitors.

It used to be the case that the other side had to pay the legal costs and the success fee but the Government changed this in 2013 to make claimants partly responsible for legal costs to try to clamp down on compensation culture. When they passed the onus of paying a success fee to claimants they also increased the amount of compensation an accident victim receives, which went some way to mitigating the impact of the change.

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'It was the best thing on telly'

MCN's man reveals how he lapped up the original Long Way Round

the Long Way Round religiously. My wife ecky is a big Ewan McGregor fan and he's the reason my son is called Ewan. I thought the whole series was really good.

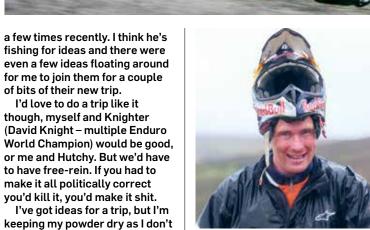
McGregor might be a big name in Hollywood, but this was the real deal and the pair of them definitely ended up in a few tricky situations! But that's what makes it such good TV. I loved it when they welded

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that tyre lever across the sub frame. They completely drowned the bikes submarine style and then had to take the plugs out so they could get it going again. BMW must have sold an

obscene amount of bikes off the back of the series and manufacturers should be lining up to offer them bikes next time.

I've met Charley a few times and I like him. He is just a genuine, jolly enthusiastic chap, but he's a bit of a wobbler on a bike and has had a few shunts. That said, he's always picked nimself up and got back on.



McGuinness reckons that off-road hero

McGregor and Boorman's trip made a big impression in the McPint household

ASK McGUINNESS

What is the one race you'd loveto won?

Kevin Furness

That's difficult. I always wanted to be British Champion and a TT winner and I managed to do both!

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McGUINNESS ON RACING AT THE SUZUKA 8-HOUR

want anyone to nick them!

Charley Boorman, p34

of bits of their new trip.

I'd love to do a trip like it

though, myself and Knighter

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