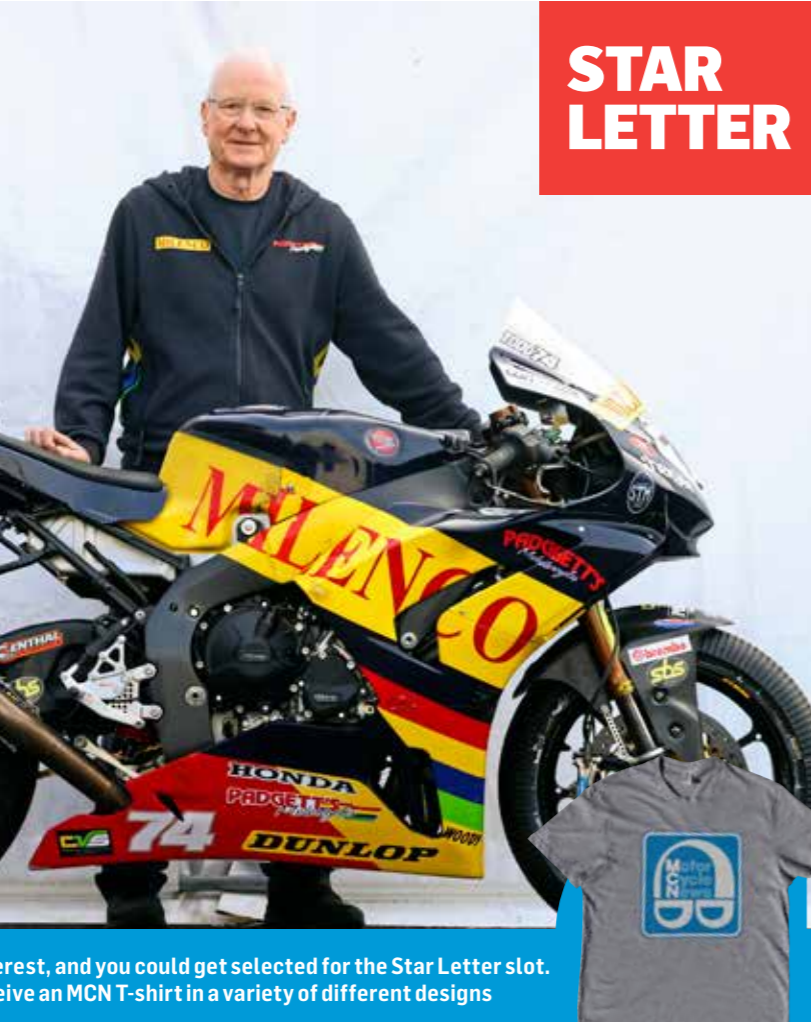


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'Get this man an MBE!'

Just got back from my first Isle of Man TT having bumped into the absolute gentleman that is Clive Padgett at the afterparty. I know people go to watch the riders but with people like Clive and what he and his family have done for the sport over the years, surely it is time for an MBE?
Jon York, Chesterfield



STAR LETTER

Write something that spikes our interest, and you could get selected for the Star Letter slot. Each week one lucky reader will receive an MCN T-shirt in a variety of different designs

It was Tterrific!

As it was such a terrific TT this year with fantastic weather and many solo and sidecar records being broken, it's probably just as well that Michael Dunlop didn't equal Joey's record or there'd be nothing to look forward to next year!
Colin Humphries, Hampshire



It took three plugs to get the tyre fixed so Richard could get home

Give Bautista a break!

On reading 'WSB has blown it' (MCN Letters, June 7) my response would be: come on, Bautista was champion last year and has made what can only be described as an incredible start to the season. It was not that long ago it was the Jonathan Rea show, how many years was that for? Can anyone remember fans complaining? No. Why? Because he's one of ours.
Kevin Carver, email

Get speedway on the radar

There was a time when speedway was the second-biggest sport in the UK. In 1978/79 the Bristol Bulldogs came back to the city at the Bristol

Rovers ground and would get a 10,000-10,000 crowd every Friday night – almost double the crowd they'd have at the football. Let's get speedway back on the radar. And bikers, support your local team.
Andy McCready, East Hants

Biking's good Samaritan

Yesterday I had a puncture 30 miles from my Cardiff home. Foolishly, I had forgotten my mobile. At 74 I am pretty good in the head department but obviously not so good on that day. Then a young

biker passed by but came back to check on me. We used his phone to contact the RAC and my young friend Connor M. Pugh gave the rescue services my geographic co ordinates. Connor then pushed my 1200 Ducati with flat tyre some 300 yards to get away from the massive construction site I'd ended up outside. He then persuaded a van driver to collect me so I could join my bike. The technician had to plug in three inserts to fix my tyre. I rode home slowly. When I got back Connor contacted me to check I was OK. The episode confirmed that bikers care about each other; in a sometimes crazy world we need more Connors.
Richard Pawelko, email

Get a grip on TC

I have just finished reading your Adventure-Lite review and once again I see a statement questioning whether a lower power bike needs traction control. What seems to lie behind this mindset is that a relatively modest bike

with decent tyres will not have a problem with losing traction due to an over enthusiastic right hand. This ignores the third component contributing to traction: the road surface. In fact, I would say that this is the most important factor that TC addresses. I well remember an occasion riding a bike with "only 49bhp" and no TC on a road in Spain and experiencing violent fish-tailing when leaving a junction in my usual sedate manner. When I went back to investigate the cause I found a large area of concrete patch in the road surface, worn mirror smooth through use and hidden under a layer of dust.
Frederick Briggs, Loughborough

Catch some real crims

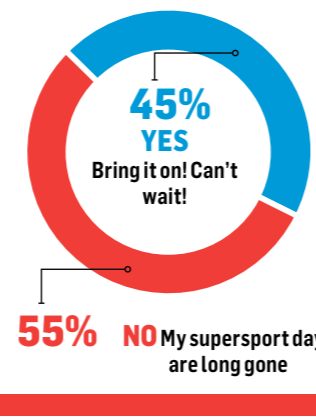
Isn't it great to live in a society that is so low on crime that our police have nothing better to do than check how dark a visor is?
Neil Fraser, email

Just a pipe dream

When viewing the latest new bike offerings, my eyes are always drawn to the exhaust. Shiny new pipes look great, but as we all know, after several hundred miles, that all changes. Imagine my surprise then when I recently viewed the new Suzuki GSX-8S. Super looking machine and gets good reviews, but look at that exhaust! Pictures show an awful dull 'rusty looking' finish. I appreciate that the budget here may indicate why this is, but I've also seen similar discolouration on more expensive machines.
Shaun Page, email

READER POLL

Would you buy the reborn ZX-6R?



MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Can I appeal decision?'

I was in court last week for my bike accident claim where I was claiming against a car driver for injuries caused. I lost my case but have been told it is possible to appeal the decision and receive a retrial. Basically, the accident involved the driver turning in front of me but the judge found fully in favour of the driver and, to be honest, I don't think he really understood the evidence.
Alex 6, email

A There is a time limit of 21 days from the decision in which to lodge an appeal. To succeed you will need to show that the judge was: (a) Plainly wrong in law or fact (and this had a bearing on the result) or (b) Erred seriously in his judgment – in other words that no reasonable judge would have found as he did.
The most sensible approach

'You need an urgent opinion from a lawyer'

would be for the lawyer who represented you to write an urgent short opinion on the prospects of a successful appeal and ask your legal expenses insurer to fund it. They may not due to proportionality (costs versus benefit) if the case is only of modest value. I note you don't say how badly injured you were. If the insurer does not agree to fund it then your other option is to pay privately. Again, you may feel proportionality will rule this option out.

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

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FRANCIS-BARNETT FALCON

My dad and his sister in Edwinstowe, a Notts mining village. I'd say some time in the 60s. Martin Hodgson



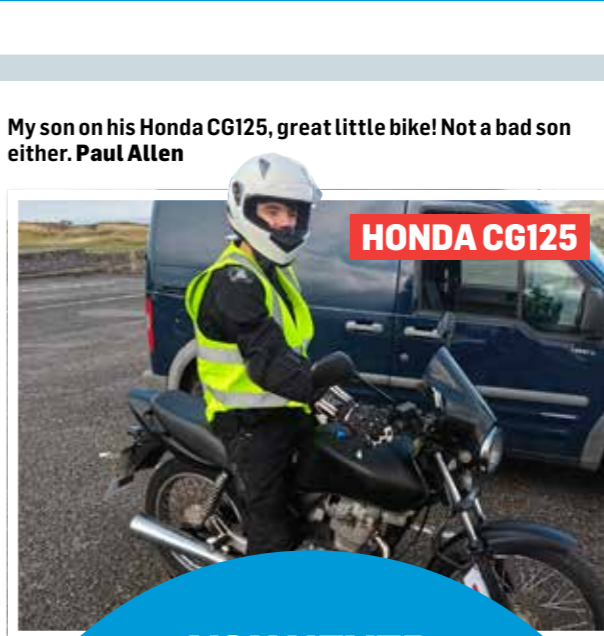
TRIUMPH DAYTONA

Here's my first bike, a 2004 Daytona. It wasn't actually very nice to ride, but I loved it and wish I still had it. Paul Baylis



HONDA CB250N

Hello from New Zealand. Here is me with my first bike in 1987, I was so proud of that Honda. Chris



HONDA CG125



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REVVI 12

Me on my new CB1000R. Not my first bike, but my four-year-old son Callum is on his first bike, a Revvi 12. Paul Whale



HONDA PC50

Where it all started in 1979! I've had numerous bikes over the years and now ride a Triumph Speed Triple. Stuart Wright



HONDA VT250F

My younger brother Conor and I sitting on my Honda VT250F in 1983. Steve Brankin



DUCATI SCRAMBLER ICON

My first bike of any size was this Icon. My dad bought a Sinnis Hoodlum just to get out on a ride with me. Graeme Needham

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