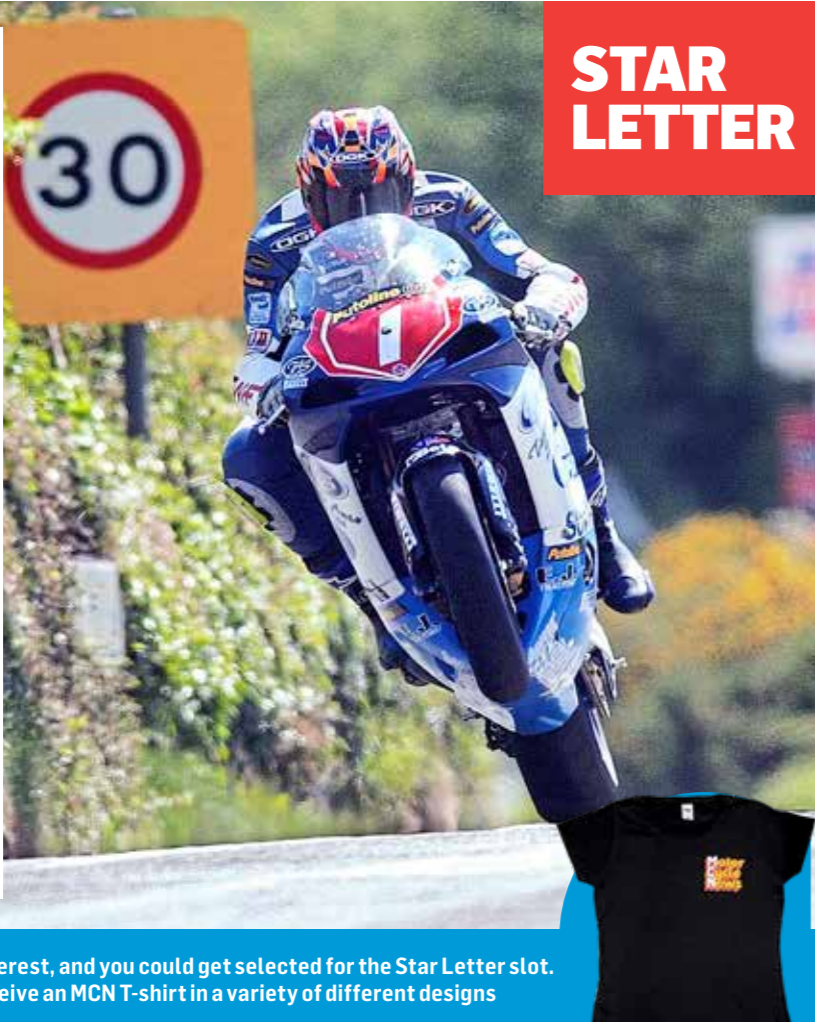


Talking point

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'Two fingers to health and safety'

I had the pleasure of watching David Jefferies (MCN, May 31) race at the TT in 2002. I've watched many sporting events: from football to rugby, Tour de France, circuit racing, ice hockey and boxing but nothing – and I mean nothing – compares to the TT. I positioned myself at Sulby Bridge and watched in awe. The action was super-human. I continue to follow the TT on TV and encourage all my friends to do so. The whole event sticks two fingers up to the sanitised world we exist in now where health and safety and controlling measures have been slowly and constantly forced upon us all. True gladiators in my mind. I'm still as impressed as I was in 2002. Absolutely amazing. **Mike O'Callaghan, email**



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

Amazing TT coverage

Have been watching the coverage of this year's TT and it's been incredible. The aerial shots of a faster racer coming up on a slower rider and then overtake make me ask three questions. 1) Would a very small TV screen showing a view of what's behind each rider make them aware of someone coming up behind them so they could move over? 2) On short circuits, would riders benefit having a TV view of what's behind, saving them turning their head in the heat of battle? 3) Finally, are the road markings on the Isle of Man course useful to riders or off-putting? **Dave Kester, email**



MCN readers Tony and birthday girl Theresa at the Hull DGR event

Distinguished birthday
Flying the flag for DGR in Hull, we are in middle of photo (above). About 250 of us rode from the Zoom Cafe in South Cave to Hull Marina. Thanks to Gordon and the whole team for organising it. It was my wife's birthday, so she asked people to donate to DGR instead of cards and presents, and many did. **Tony and Theresa Bryson, email**

Handy little nugget

Your Workshop War Stories are always interesting, who would have thought that MOT regulations allow the use of an alternative source as a speedo, such as satnav. I will put that little bit of information in my library bank... you never know. **Dominic Tee, Folkestone**

Grassroots heroes

Took a trip to Donington Park last weekend to watch the BMCR Club

Bike Championship – and what an event! For only £17 we were treated to over 20 races from sidecars and singles, to two-strokes and litre bikes. The action was amazing, the racing relentless and the day was incredible value. The only oddity was the lack of spectators. I'd urge anybody to go along to their nearest meeting. Take your family and picnic and you'll have a great day. **Tom Theodom, Lincolnshire**

What about sunglasses?

Having read about the boys in blue in Cheshire getting gizmos to check the amount of light going through tinted visors (MCN, May 31), I am currently sitting at the beach in Cornwall in bright sunshine with shades on and wonder if they are also checking car drivers' sunglasses. Because if they're not, then they bloom in well should be. **Roy Harrison, email**

No EV infrastructure

Well, I must admit, Alison Silcox has hit the nail on the head with

her article on charging issues (MCN, May 31). We have put the cart before the horse and inevitably the infrastructure is not with us to support EV expectations. **Jim Williams, N Wales**

WSB has blown it

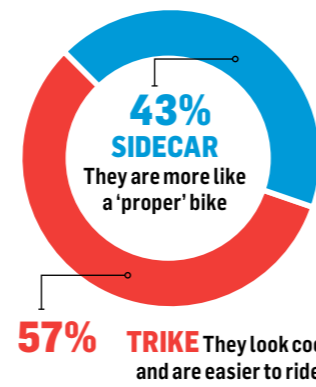
I've been watching World Superbikes since the beginning, and I am losing interest in seeing Bautista being so dominant as he only weighs about 3/4 of a carrot. BSB and MotoGP have both given us close racing, so come on WSB give us the races that we used to enjoy so much and not just Bautista winning by country mile again and again. **Neil Chapman, email**

Shocking overtake

I was travelling on a busy A-road close to Gainsborough in Lincolnshire when I became aware of another motorcyclist closing in fast. The road in question consists of blind crests, blind bends and solid double white lines and the section in front of me was occupied by two cars, so it was totally unsafe to overtake. To my horror, the motorcyclist decided to overtake me and a car on these bends and there was no way that he could see what was approaching! The scariest thing about what he did was he had a child on the pillion. I hope the 22-plate Husqvarna 901 Norden rider reads this letter and seriously thinks about his riding. **Mark Wardle, email**

READER POLL

If you could no longer ride a two-wheeler would you opt for a trike or a sidecar?



MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Can I be done for dark visor?'

I am part of a riding group near Reading. One of the group told me I need to be careful riding with my tinted visor as he says I could be prosecuted if the police notice and stop me. Is this correct? I bought it at a well-known shop so I would be surprised if it is illegal. **Mohammed, Berkshire**

A Your visor must either: meet the British Standard and display a BSI Kitemark or meet the European standard and carry a mark equivalent to the BSI Kitemark (UNECE Regulation 22.05). During daylight hours a tint of up to 50% is OK according to official Government guidance. Legal tinted visors will be marked 'For daylight use only'. Before setting off, make sure your visor is clean and free of smudges, scratches or marks which could affect your vision in strong sunlight.

'In daylight you are allowed to use a 50% tint'

It is largely down to different police forces' and officers' discretion as to whether or not to pull over and speak to someone riding in worsening light with a dark visor. If an accident happens investigations into the visor are often commenced by the investigating officer or by insurance companies, the latter with the aim of reducing the value of any claim. The police use a device called a 'Tintman' to work out how much light the rider's visor lets through.

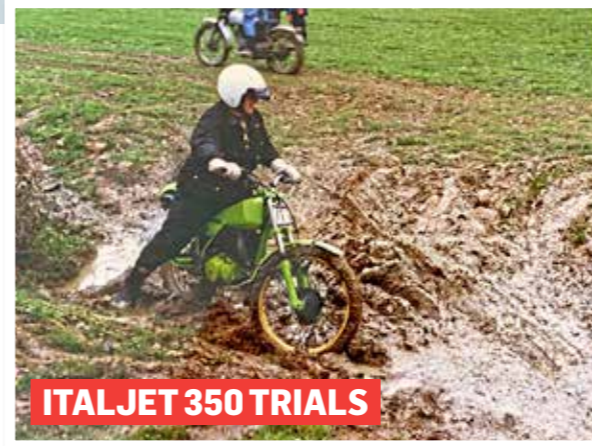
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ITALJET 350 TRIALS

This is me on my first trials bike, just about to put it through some very muddy paces! **Brian Relph**



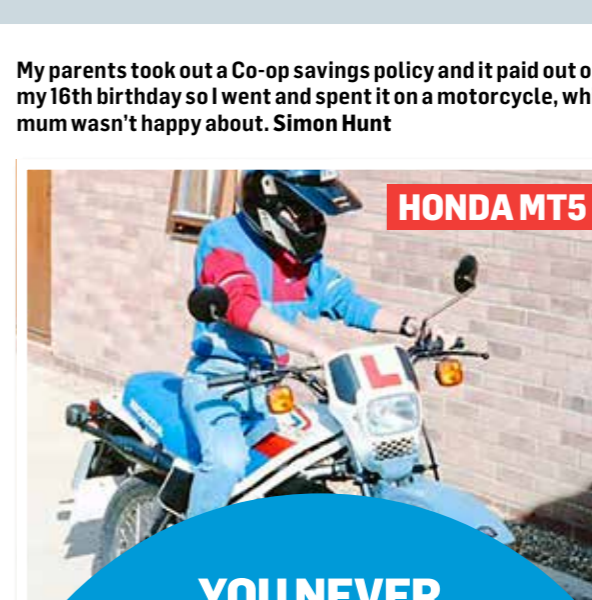
YAMAHA FS1-E

Here is me on my Fizzy back in 1978. They were the bikes to have back then. **Andrew Bentley**



FANTIC SUPER T

This is me at 16 back in 1974 with my first bike – a Fantic Super T complete with a handy topbox. **Kim**



HONDA MT5

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HONDA CB500

This is my first 'big' bike, my trusty CB500. This picture is me riding in the 2019 Cromer Carnival. **Anthony Southwood**



YAMAHA XT500

Rebuilt after it was written off in the first week, it was fixed up with my own personal colourscheme! **Chung Man**



YAMAHA SRX600

I bought this Yamaha SRX600 from an ad in Motorcycle News back in 1989 and still have the bike today! **Simon Relph**



HONDA MT50

May 1991 and my 16th birthday present. I loved my little MT50 – my first taste of freedom on the road. **Rebecca Leppard**

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