

Talking point

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Speedshop is real biking inspiration

I'm writing this email whilst suffering with from cold. No, I'm not looking for sympathy and it's not sympathy that clients of former Special Forces man Titch Cormack and team on BBC2's *Speedshop* series are after either. They just want to be able to ride motorbikes despite horrific injuries suffered through service in the Armed Forces. They display amazing determination and will to succeed, making this a great feelgood programme to watch on a Sunday evening. I wouldn't have got much sympathy from them for my cold either but they give me plenty of inspiration.
Graeme Martin, Kent
Ed: Turn to p36 for the inside story on *Speedshop*

STAR LETTER

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Bruce has given so much

Just read in last week's MCN that Bruce Anstey will not line up for the 2022 TT. May I, on behalf of all racing fans, thank Bruce for all that he has given to the TT over so many years? A phenomenal performance by any standards. Bruce, you will never be far from our thoughts and your contribution will go down in Isle of Man TT history.
Bill Woolnough, Norfolk

Marquez has zero luck

Is it the end for Marc Marquez and his amazing career in MotoGP now he has another case of double vision? Seems such a shame, he just has no luck at all right now.
Phil Hadley, Warwickshire

That passion never goes

We've just visited Drew Harley, an old neighbour in Edinburgh – he is ex-army, a former champion body builder and owner of many bikes over the years. Unfortunately Drew is now suffering from dementia but his face lit up when my nephew Ben Loughton and I popped by on our bikes. Nothing exotic, a wee James



Former rider Drew loved the visit

125 two-stroke and a Varadero 125, but boy did it make his day. Just the sound of the two-stroke stirred his imagination. Sadly, he can't recall the bikes he owned, but I remember a tidy Ariel and a Velocette. There must be hundreds of former bikers in a similar position – amazing how a visit can reignite the passion.
Crawford Henty, email

There are still emissions

Regarding electric bikes and their green credentials, the percentage of the National Grid supply still

produced by fossil fuels generally runs at 49%. Until this is almost zero, any transition to electric is still creating emissions.
Nick Rymond, email

Non-DCT NC is my winner

The MCN 250 test (MCN, March 23) pitted the Tiger Sport 660 against the Yamaha Tracer 7 and Honda NC750X. At first glance a good like-for-like comparison. However, while the Tiger and Tracer are manual, the NC750X was DCT. I have a manual NC750X and the negative comments simply don't apply. My mpg is hugely better than what you reported, mixed riding sees a consistent 75-80mpg. And my switches are not over-populated. You also didn't mention any of the practical features, such as the huge storage space where the fuel tank normally sits. The Tiger and Tracer look good but will always come out more favourably compared with an auto NC750X.
Peter Highcock, email

Fuel costs do matter

I find it in incredibly poor taste the

amount of online posts I'm seeing from people not caring about fuel economy/running costs. The fact is that a lot of us DO have to keep an eye on finances and fuel increases DO hurt. People should wind their necks in and consider that a lot of people are suffering. We enjoy our bikes as much as the next person but need to consider these costs!
Dan White, email

More petrol profiteering

Wednesday, the Chancellor cuts 5p a litre. Thursday my local garages are "waiting for someone to alter the price". Friday price reduced at last, by 3p. We are being used by fuel companies to top up their vast profits. This is NOT good enough.
Roger Holden, email

Gardening with MCN...

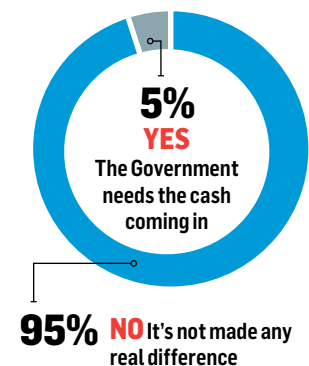
Just used up a load of old MCNs as 'newspaper lasagne' where you lay around 10 sheets on flowerbeds, give them a soaking and cover with mulch. Keeps the plants happy and stops weeds. Thanks MCN!
Andrew Smithers, email



It's all coming up roses for Miller...

READER POLL

Is the 5p cut in fuel duty enough?



MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'What about future costs?'

I had an accident in 2020 which I am getting towards settling, and my solicitors sent a statement of financial loss to the other side's team with a list of the money I am claiming. I was advised to claim the costs of private surgery for a hip replacement and revision surgery which the surgeon acting for me has said will be required over the next few decades. The other side's solicitors have sent us a "counter schedule" not offering to pay anything for this surgery as they say that due to likely medical advances the hip revisions will not be required and anyway I could have the surgery on the NHS. What is the position please?
Ned, Salisbury

A It is speculation to suggest what might happen in terms of medical advances over coming decades. Cases are settled on the basis of medical thinking and skills, practice and procedure of the day. I recommend that you ask

'You are entitled to the private cost of surgery'

your solicitor to write to the orthopaedic surgeon instructed in your case setting out what the defendant is arguing and asking for their opinion. The surgeon will confirm that the current body of medical opinion is that the surgery is required and that the revisions will be required at the intervals (10 to 15 years is commonly stated). Regarding the NHS point, you are entitled to the private costs of surgery and this is law set in statute. A Defendant often argues this point without success in a bid to save money.

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