Talking point LAW

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Bus didn't get a ticket

Couldn't agree more with Rob Chesman about the muddled thinking of the boys in blue (MCN Letters, March 22). Liust received a notice of 'intent to prosecute' after I strayed to 50mph on my \$1000RR in a four-lane dual carriageway leaving Edinburgh, where the limit was 40. I had just been overtaken by a bus. Pretty sure the bus company didn't get the same letter... Neil Fraser, email

Pump it up

I have been riding since the 1970s and up until a few weeks ago have put up with tight fitting helmets, then this bright idea just popped up I got a football and deflated it, put it inside my helmet, then inflated it just enough to fill it, left it for about three weeks and now it fits perfectly. What a result John Ashcroft, Oldbury,

West Midlands

Ed: Alternatively many dealers can help adjust the fit and help most riders get the perfect fit for their head shape.



Well that is one way of getting a helmet to fit perfectly

MVs are too pricey

Gene Plews, Lincolnshire

The real reason MV Agusta have terminated all of their dealers in the UK has very little to do with showrooms measuring up to socalled Milan levels of sophistication or the new link up with KTM, but is very much more to do with the unaffordable range of bikes that are simply not selling here with sky high prices that frankly Evel Knievel could not jump over.

Thanks for the rescue

My husband would like to say a big thank you to the three men who stopped to help when he broke down on the A14 on Sunday, March 19. They were returning home from Snetterton and helped push the bike to the nearest layby where they got out their tools and tried to fix it Mrs C Bysouth, email

Hidden cost of Chinese

Do we ever stop to consider the wider picture when we rub our hands at the savings we make buying Chinese bikes? As they are the only major supporter of Russia, are we happy to subsidise China as it bankrolls a despot who is now indicted as a war criminal? Mark Rowlands, email

Don't charge in the house

I read with interest about the motorcycle battery that spontaneously combusted while it was on charge in someone's living room (MCN, March 15). From previous experience I have found these batteries are lacking in quality, especially some of the dubious DIY attempts at creating a pack. If you are going to meddle, please charge in an outbuilding so it doesn't endanger lives. Something to think about when you watch

your Tesla sit there discharging...

Scooter hazards

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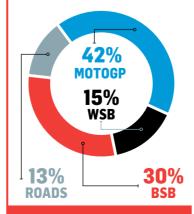
Has anybody seen the scooterists riding around with L-plates and their feet hanging over the side of the footboards? I had one in front of me the other day on a 40mph road, feet dangling near the tarmac pretending he was going through a slalom course. Very dangerous. Andrew Smithers, email

Nostalgia sure ain't what it used to be

Regarding the Great British Bike-off test (MCN, March 15). I'm a 63-yearold Brit and I just don't get it, having been brought up riding Japanese bikes and now riding Italian and I've a similar had conversations with my even-older biker mates. The Norton 961 SP (and the CR) looks great (especially in silver), with quality suspension and brakes. But then you notice that it has an ancient pushrod twin wheezing out a pathetic amount of power and torque, expected to push along something weighing as much as a house. To cap it off, they want you to fork out £16,500 for the privilege! That's a lot to pay for the merest whiff of nostalgia, methinks. Steve Thomas, South Wales

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Your tricky legal questions answered

'Can I a claim on an e-scoot?'

Can I still claim compensation if I was riding an e-scooter on the road? For example, if I hit a pothole in the road? Or if a pedestrian stepped out? Can I claim for head injuries even if I was not wearing a helmet? Sudhir, email

You can claim compensation if someone else's negligence causes you injuries and financial loss. This applies to potholes should certain criteria he met for example if the local authority failed to deal with an actionable pothole within a reasonable time frame. Accidents caused by negligent pedestrians, for example stepping into your path, can also lead to compensation claims but you should look into whether the pedestrian has the means to meet a claim or insurance that would cover it.

'Check if the pedestrian has means to pav'

Someone who sustains a head injury in an accident while riding an e-scooter can claim compensation if someone else was responsible for the accident. Whilst it is recommended that e-sconter riders wear a helmet there is currently no law requiring this. This is different to the case of motorcycle riders who are legally obliged to wear a helmet.

Motorcyclists can claim even if they were not wearing a helmet although the compensation will be reduced.

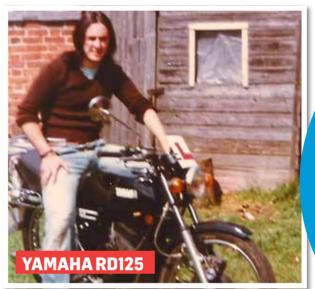
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This was my first bike back in 1974. Steve Newing



My only bike at 18, an RD125. Sadly never passed my test. Now at 62 I'm looking to do a Direct Access course, Rob McNally



The year was 1971, the Yamaha YL1 was a 1966 model and I was 16 years old. Jim Thomas

I was a late rider, not taking it up until my 40s and am the proud owner of this beautiful yellow MT-07. Dymphna Fox



FORGET YOUR

My first big bikes in the late 60s /early 70s were an ex-John Cowie Triton race bike and Norton 650SS. Ted Ayling **YOU NEVER**



I've loved TZRs from the age of 16, passed my test on a TZR125 in 1990 then hought a T7R250 the next day, Paul Fowler



A blast down memory lane

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Me on my brother's 50 from a Polaroid camera! Mum wrote on the back: "Dymphna on the bike 26.6.82". Dymphna Fox



My first bike looking cool in a bit of an industrial landscape. Chris Softlev

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