



KAWASAKI ZZR600

Aged 19 and setting off from Lincoln to Germany where I was posted! Epic journey on a great bike! **Andy Furnidge-Owen**



HONDA SUPERDREAM

Me and my good old Honda Superdream. What a great machine to get started out on. I wish I had it now. **Peter Donovan**



YAMAHA FS1-E

This was my first bike. Photo taken in May 1975 on my first Fizzy. It was definitely the machine to have back then. **Robert Mutch**

Unfortunately I'm not in the photo, I was behind the camera. I printed this in my own darkroom back in the day, hence the B&W. **Perry Pessia**



HONDA CB350

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MINI BIKE

My son Oscar with his first bike. Dressed in Alex Rins Suzuki gear in honour of his race-winning MotoGP hero. **James Muirhead**



NORTON

Here I am on my Norton many years ago. I am 81 now and still riding – on a Honda NC750. **Keith Foster**



HONDA CB125J

Me and my CB125J before me and my brother rode it to Cornwall in the long hot summer of 1976. **Eddie Foreman**



HONDA SUPERDREAM

My kids on the Superdream, the Honda was my first bike for commuting to work 37 years ago. **Jock Graham**

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Q 'Hit by kid on an electric scoot'

In June I was riding my moped to work in Cardiff. It was a single lane road in each direction with kerbs both sides and the speed limit was 30mph. I was probably doing about 25 to 30mph. A kid on an electric scooter was on the kerb coming towards me on my side of the road. He lost control and the scooter went into the road in front of me. I tried to swerve to avoid it but I lost control, hit the kerb and came off. I had some quite nasty injuries and was off work for five weeks recovering. I wish to claim compensation and wonder if there is a body that can pay up like the MIB that you have mentioned before in similar cases?

Andy Richards, email

A The Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB) only compensates victims of negligent untraced or uninsured drivers of motor vehicles, so unfortunately not. The other Government compensating body, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA), is highly unlikely to compensate you, as a "crime of violence" is required to have been committed in order

'You will need to claim against the kid's parents'

to qualify for compensation. I suggest that you see if you can claim against the parents' household contents insurance. These policies often cover negligent acts of members of the household, even away from the home. Therefore I would write to the parents and enquire as to the existence of such insurance, assuming you have the contact details of the boy.

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'2020 hasn't been a total disaster..'

Yes, we've endured lockdown but the racing has been ballistic

This has been a year to forget in many ways, but at least the racing has been amazing. There are now four riders all with their fingertips on the MotoGP title, but nobody has a firm grip. Plenty of people are going on about the fact that Mir is leading the championship and he hasn't won a race, but you have to commend him because he's done a fantastic job on the underdog bike... or at least what we think is the underdog bike! But if he ends up winning the title without

'If Mir takes the title with no wins then he's a very clever boy'

winning a race then he's a clever boy, isn't he? It'll mean he's not been sucked into the pressure – he's understood his strengths and the strengths of his bike and instead of over-thinking it, he's just gone out every weekend and ridden to the best of his ability. With three rounds to go he should carry on doing what he's doing. If he tries to come out of his bubble and win a race, that could be where it goes wrong. Quartararo is choking a bit and because of the depth of talent in MotoGP he's paying the price because a slightly off day means you're fighting to be in the top 10.



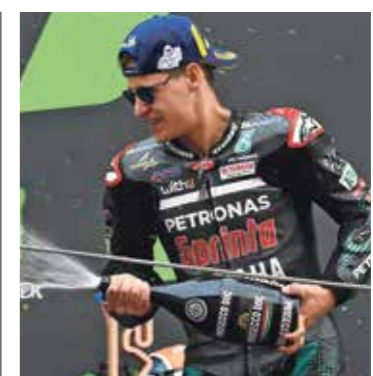
Rins, Morbidelli and Mir have shaken things up in racing

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Morbidelli has me scratching my head because he was sixth in Aragon 1 and then a week later he won Aragon 2 and made it look like an exhibition race. Completely millimetre perfect lap after lap and he destroyed them. So he's still in it.

And then we come to Viñales who's got the talent and got the minerals, but I'm not sure how much he believes in himself; it's like he's looking for an excuse. They've all got a bite of the cherry but who will get to eat the icing on top at the end of the year?



Can Quartararo come good? Turn to p70 for a full MotoGP preview

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How are you feeling after your Brands Hatch crash?

Patrick Johnson



I'm feeling better thanks, but my hip is still sore. The crash reminded me why I don't like falling off motorbikes!

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