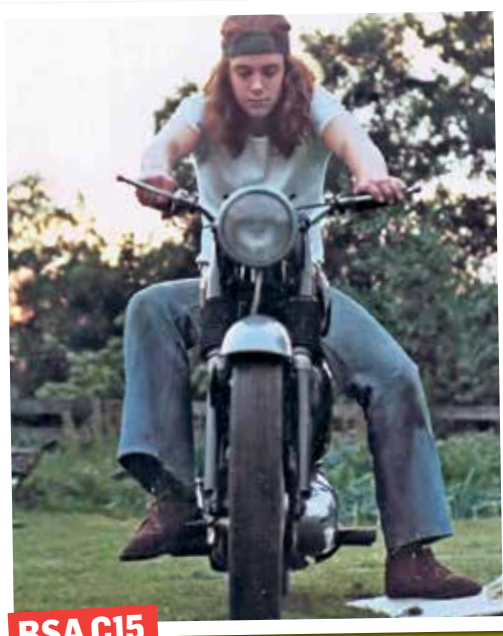




YAMAHA LS2
Me in 1976 touring western Norway aboard my Yamaha LS2. Note my sub-standard 'safety equipment'. **Terje Haaverstad**



BSA C15
This is me at 17 (40 years ago) and I'd just built my first bike from parts. **Neville Cartwright**



AJS 650
My father bought a BSA Bantam new in 1949. I passed my test on it in 1963 and promptly bought myself this AJS 650 31CSR Sport. **John Dean**



YAMAHA TZR125
This Yamaha TZR 125 was one of my first bikes. The picture was taken 24 years ago but feels like yesterday. **Westley Lowndes**

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BSA A10
How cool does my dad Colin (left) look on that BSA? He went on to passenger for the chap on the right. **Boyd Hutchinson (TT winner)**



BSA C15
Me on my C15 in 1968. I'm 67 now and ride a Triumph bobber I built myself from a Speedmaster and a ZX-6R. **Steve Whitworth**



YAMAHA TY125
Me (and no, I'm definitely not one of the Ramones despite that hair) on my Yamaha TY125. **Chris Bayliss**



KAWASAKI KH250
My first 'big bike' in 1976 was this gleaming red Kawasaki KH250. I loved that bike! **Anthony Job**

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Can I make a claim for the trauma?'
Two years ago a minibus sideswiped me, causing me to sustain multiple fractures and psychological issues. I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder but luckily the symptoms are now only minor. My injuries have healed but I had to buy a car as I am too afraid to get back on a bike. This is costing me a lot more to run and as I've only just turned 30 this is going to be a huge amount of money over my lifetime. Can I claim this and what should my next move be?
Craig Miller, Stamford

'Your solicitor should arrange a psychologist'
I assume you have an ongoing personal injury claim against the minibus driver/his insurer. If so, your solicitors should send you to a clinical psychologist. The psychologist will be able to determine whether or not you are suffering from a phobic anxiety disorder relating to the fear of returning to motorcycling. The expert will also be able to provide an opinion as to whether Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) would be of assistance in curing the fear. If CBT is recommended then to comply with your duty to mitigate your loss (keep to a reasonable minimum) you should try the suggested treatment. If the expert feels therapy will not help, or you try it and it does not help, then you should claim for the increased costs of having to run a car rather than a motorcycle. Considering your age this could amount to a very significant sum of money.

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'That was a kick in the knackers'

Why Cal didn't deserve that ride-through penalty in Argentina

I've watched the start of the Argentine MotoGP a few times and Cal Crutchlow was moving, but he didn't gain anything. I don't know exactly what the rule book says; it used to be that your front spindle couldn't cross the line, and if that's the case he did nothing wrong. He made a lovely start and anticipated the lights well, but was creeping a little. I have to stand in Cal's court, not only because he is a Brit but because his ride-through penalty makes a mockery of it all. He lost over 25 seconds going through

'SPENCER IS A GOD BUT CAL DID NOTHING WRONG'



pit lane and that just isn't fair. People have different start techniques, I hold my front brake on and release the clutch a little and drive into it, but I don't know if a MotoGP bike would get all confused and throw a wobbly if you did that. They should have just given him a warning, that's all it needed, a bit of common sense. They could have sent him round the penalty lane. Cal has served his time in MotoGP, he's riding well, been on it all weekend, but ends up getting a kick in the knackers. I've always thought chief steward Freddie Spencer was a

god; well he is a god with what he did on a 500, and he knows what it's like to be on the grid and creep a little or move and he knows the penalty he gave didn't fit the crime. I bet Freddie is regretting it. There were requests to speak to him, which he declined and I bet he's thinking 'oh dear'. I've done loads of functions with Freddie, I can listen to him all day long, hanging off his every word. I don't want to kick him in the b*****ks, but while it won't change my view of him the decision he made is disappointing.



ASK McGUINNESS
Do you ride on the road much these days?
COLIN JEWSON

It goes in fits and starts really. I like to ride on the road, but it's just having the time to do it. I'm getting a Norton Commando so will defo be going out on that quite a bit.

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