



**SUZUKI GT 50**

This is me on my lovely first bike in 1979... a Suzuki GT 50. Sadly, I sold it to learn to drive a car. **Marina Pascoe**



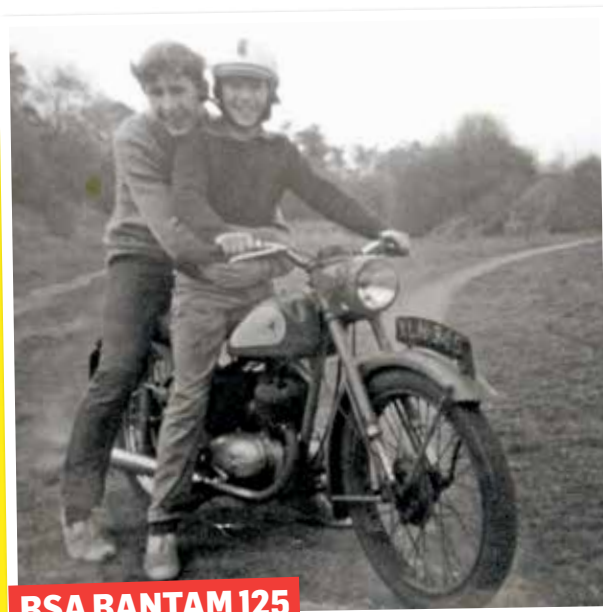
**SUZUKI SPORT K11P**

This was 58 years ago with my nephew on the tank. I have been a reader of MCN since the first issue. **Alec McFetridge**



**HONDA CB250N SUPERDREAM**

My first big (ish) bike when I was 17 back in 1988. It got robbed about two weeks later but I got it back and did it up again. **Stu Gopsill**



**BSA BANTAM 125**

My father's bike that me and my brother learnt on. We both rode in the 1970s and 80s and are back riding now. **David and Ian Howe**



**TRIUMPH TIGER 90**

My first big bike at 18 was this ex-police Tiger 90 (before this was a D7 Bantam and C90!). Note the hand painted helmet, flying jacket & DMs. **Malcolm Grant**



**HONDA CR80**

This was my first bike – a 1986 CR80 and I loved it! I now ride an Aprilia Tuono. **Nik Plant**



**YAMAHA TY175**

My pride and joy in 1982, which my late father Robert helped transport round the Yorkshire Moors for me. **Steve Akroyd**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

A blast down memory lane

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**TRIUMPH STREET TRIPLE**

Me and my first bike. Loved every minute of it. This was just before loading up to head to the loM for my first TT. **Jim Burke**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'My son got hurt but we can't find him a solicitor'

I had an accident a week ago. I was carrying my 16-year old son on the back when a driver pulled out of a side road without looking. Fortunately I swerved out of the way and there was nothing coming in the opposite direction. But I did hit the ground and we were both slightly injured. My son sprained his wrist and hurt his shoulder. I have found a solicitor to represent me but no-one will take my son's case on. Why is this?

**James Matthews, email**

**A** Acting for children in personal injury claims that involve minor injuries has become pretty much economically unviable in most cases because of the low fixed fees that these cases attract and because the court insists on "an infant settlement approval hearing" further reducing any fees a law firm could hope to make.

This is made worse as courts have been going against the

### 'He could be better waiting until he is 18 and getting representation'

costs rules by refusing to make a success fee payable by a child despite there being no such exclusion in the rules.

The net result is children involved in road traffic accidents who are not badly injured are finding it very hard to find a solicitor to take on the case and as such access to justice has been hampered.

In your son's case he could wait until he is 18 then he will be more likely to be able to find legal representation.

#### Andrew Campbell

Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

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## 'Even Marc can't keep on crashing'

It's a sad day but it seems that Marquez has finally run out of luck

**J**erez was chaotic race that's for sure. And there were plenty of reasons why it turned out like it did. All that testosterone, all that power, the fact that they haven't raced for so long, track temperature in the 50s, plus it being such a short season. These guys have been sitting around chomping at the bit for months and then they go out on the fastest motorbikes in the world – that's not easy. It's easy to say that everyone should have had a bit more riding, but I don't think the organisers had many options.

### 'HE'D GOT BACK TO THE FRONT BUT JUST WENT OVER THE TOP'

The fact that we have so many injuries to deal with puts a dampener on it. Especially Marquez, the humerus is not a common injury and with the potential for nerve damage that can go either way. His crash looked horrendous.

You just wonder what goes through his head, I know you can't keep a good man down, but even a pig knows when it's had enough. It was a fantastic to see him come through the pack – absolutely magic. The way he was battering past Espargaro, Rossi, Dovizioso etc. And the save he made before all that was super



The moment Marquez's world came crashing down at Jerez

human. He's out of this world, but now it looks like his year is going in the wrong direction.

It was a bit amateurish. He had the pace and he'd got to the front, but he went over the top. It's easy to sit here and criticise, but ultimately his luck ran out. I guess it proves that you can't keep winning and winning and crashing and crashing. Marquez just doesn't know any other way.

Fabio Quartararo's maiden win was ultimately over-shadowed by Marquez's crash. Did he get it handed to him on a plate? No way. Saying that Marquez crashing knocked the edge off it.



Quartararo didn't put a foot wrong, the win wasn't handed to him by the crash

## ASK McGUINNESS

What do you expect will happen at Jerez this weekend?



#### Matt Peacock

Because they've already raced there they will pick up where they left off and the times will probably be a bit faster. In terms of results, we can expect more of the same with the Yamahas.

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