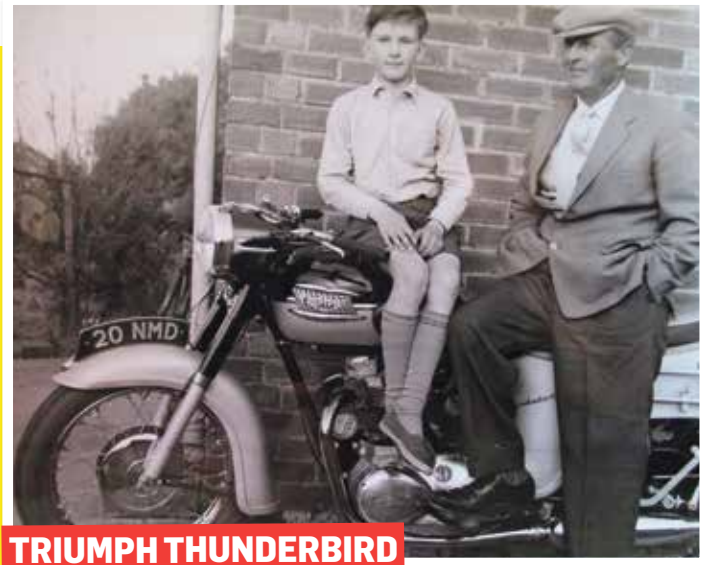




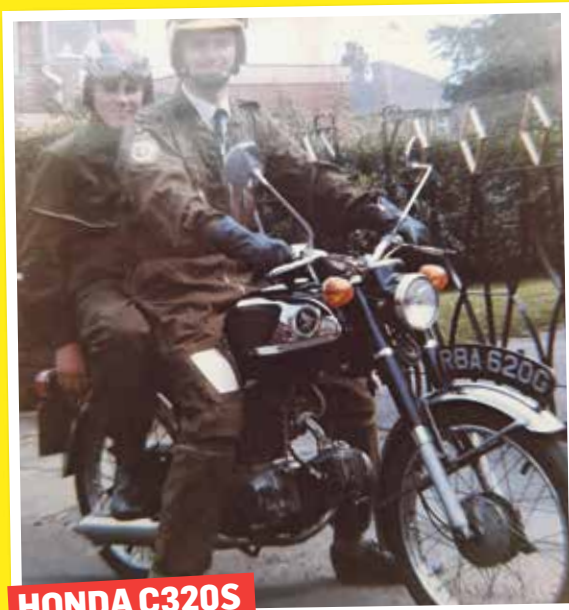
SUZUKI TS50ER
This is me in 1985 going flat-out on my Suzuki. Great days, every teenager had a bike back then. Phil Simpson



YAMAHA PW50
Here is my nephew, Austin, on his sixth birthday with his first bike: a PW50. Looks a total natural there doesn't he? Gary Lott



TRIUMPH THUNDERBIRD
Me aged 11 and Uncle Fred on my brother Ivor's Thunderbird. Ivor has had a bike since 1957 and at the age of 82 has just sold his last one. Edwin Webb



HONDA C320S
My brother and I going to an Air Cadets meeting on the Honda I bought in 1971 at age 16. Leslie Hart



MINIBIKE
Our daughter Rose asked for a bike on her sixth birthday. As you can see it was a proud moment for the family! Martin Lloyd Foster

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HONDA CB 400-4
Here I am aged 17 in 1977. 43 years later, I am now riding Triumph Tiger Sport 1050. John Marshall



SUZUKI RG250
Here is a pic of a be-mulleled me on my C-reg Suzuki RG250 Mk2 Gamma... I'm now on my lovely new (to me!) 2019 Suzuki Katana. Andy Price



EXCELSIOR
My mum, Jill, on her way to winning the ladies' class on the ninth Banbury Run. She is riding her Excelsior, which she still owns. Jon Urry

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'She just ran out straight in front of my scooter'

I was riding my scooter to work when traffic came to a stop ahead. There was nothing coming so I was filtering past the queue at about 20mph when a lady ran into my path and knocked me off. I was a bit bruised and shaken and my bike needed repairs. I have a witness confirming that I could not have done anything and that it was her fault but she has told my solicitors that if I carry on with my claim she will counter-claim for her injuries. She says she was waved across by the car driver at the front of the queue.

Rob, Exeter

A Filtering is perfectly legal despite what defendant solicitors and third party insurers claim. Each case is fact-specific, so there are no absolute rules, but case law suggests if a line of traffic is stationary then a speed of 15mph would be appropriate whereas 20mph may not be. Other factors come into play

'The pedestrian cannot rely on a driver waving her out into the road'

such as the proximity of a junction and this can affect a finding of shared blame. The pedestrian cannot rely on another road user waving her out. She must satisfy herself that it was safe to cross and had she looked properly she would have realised you were there and it was not safe for her to dash across the road. I'd not be threatened about a counter-claim although be aware there may well be some shared responsibility.

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'Jeez, just how fast is that thing going?'

McGuinness finally rides his Kawasaki and he can't wait for more

I finally got to ride the Bournemouth Kawasaki I was due to ride on the roads when I did some parade laps at the Scarborough Gold Cup. When you haven't been on a Superbike for a bit, you forget how fast they are. I rode a Superstock Honda round there in 2016, but this was another stratosphere. The team put super-short gearing on it and I had the shift light flashing in top gear and I was thinking: 'Jeez, how fast is this thing going?' People seemed pleased to see me throw my leg over it. All weekend the bike was sitting

'IT'S LIT MY FIRE. SURE I AM THAT BIT OLDER, BUT BRING ON 2021'

there in the paddock looking a million dollars, everyone was looking at it, everyone loved it. The Norton I rode for the last two years was sophisticated, but no-one knew what to do with it. It had so much scope, but we never got to explore it properly. In contrast, I was speaking to Phil Biggs (my new crew chief at Bournemouth Kawasaki) and I'm saying that it was running on a bit in third gear and he's saying he can fix that. And then he's asking me if I could feel it dropping cylinders at full lean, which is something that is new to me. I can understand what a bike



At last! McGuinness on the Bournemouth Kawasaki machine

is doing, but I always have to rely on the crew to sort it for me. You'd think that after racing for 30 years I'd know how to fix things, but hand-on-heart I don't. And that is why having the right people around you, as I've always said, is so important. Riding the Kawasaki has re-lit my fire. I've got to work around the aches and pains I get from being older, but the drive is still there, my eyesight is still there and I'm probably not any worse than before I had my crash in 2016. Yeah, my stubble is a bit grey now but apart from that I'm good to go. Bring on 2021.



Something tells us McGuinness loved getting out on the Scarborough laps

ASK McGUINNESS

Will you be getting out on the Kawasaki again?



Chris Webb
There weren't any plans but after riding it at Scarborough me and the team are itching to do something so we're making a plan to do a trackday on it at some point in October.

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