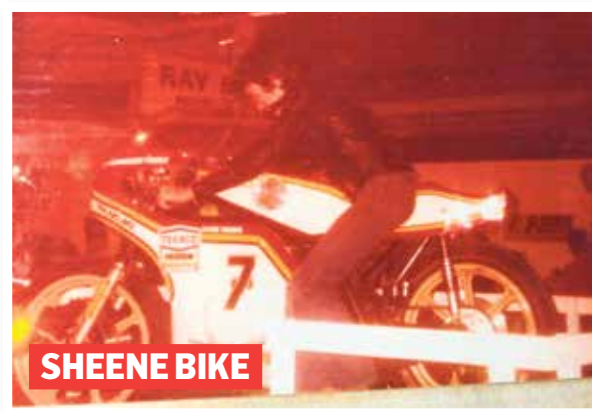


SUZUKI GP100

Me on my first bike... a 1982 Suzuki GP100. Oh yes. David Sansoni



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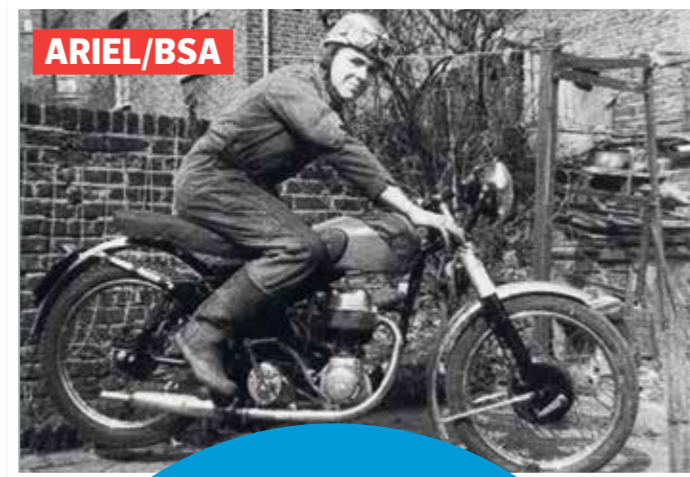
Wish it had been my first bike! Here's me aged 17 on Barry Sheene's Suzuki at the Belfast bike show in 1978. Fred Maxwell



TRIUMPH CAFÉ RACER

This was my first interest in bikes with my dad on his Triumph 650 in 1974. I now ride a Triumph Street Triple Jared Harper

I had a Ariel Colt which I wrote off after a couple of weeks so salvaged what I could and fitted the engine into this BSA C12 frame. Peter Grover



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KEEWAY 125 SUPERLIGHT

This is me with my 125cc Keeway. I have been riding since 2017 and hope to upgrade soon. Rachel Sullivan



CBR400RR

It was a common choice in the early/mid 90s for the 400s. ZXR, VFR, CBR. The RVF was out of my price range. So the Baby Blade won! Andy 'DUTCHY' Holland



DUCATI 200

Here I am aged 17 and clearly full of hope that the little Ducati wouldn't break down! Billy Thomson

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FIRST BIKE

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SUZUKI GN125

I started riding in 2016 on the silver 1999 Suzuki GN125 you see here. She's my wife's bike, but also my show bike as well. Steve Robinson-King

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Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'They won't pay because I was on my way to work'

I was riding to work when I had an accident with a small van on a roundabout. I agreed with my lawyer that I would be happy to take 50% of the blame as I agreed we were both equally at fault / it was just an accident. But a problem has come up: my insurer is refusing to pay the other driver for the damage to his van. Apparently, my policy was third party and social only so it did not cover commuting. My insurer is saying I have to pay the other driver's compensation as I misled them. Is this right? Simon Parker, email

A Motor insurance policies are policies of good faith meaning both parties in the contract have to disclose the correct required information needed to create a policy. If it is the case that you were commuting on a non-commuting policy then your insurer is likely to deal with your opponent's claim rather than cancelling your policy as if it never existed at all (which

'In very serious cases they can cancel a policy'

in very serious cases it can – for example non-disclosure of a drug drive offence which would have led to declining to offer terms). In your case the difference would likely have been a higher premium had you said you intended to commute as opposed to the insurer not offering a policy. Your insurer should compensate the driver but is within its rights to make you repay your share (50%) of the losses of your opponent.

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'I'd wager my last tenner on Josh...'

But it's a brave man who can predict the winner of BSB 2020

I can't wait for the BSB decider this weekend. With 75 points up for grabs this weekend it's wide open and we've seen lots of things happen at the final round. I think Glenn Irwin will be kicking himself for the mistake he made at Donington Park when he threw it up the road in the first race. It was bit of a rookie error. And look at Josh Brookes, he understood the conditions, knew they hadn't had much dry track time and didn't take risks – he's a wily old fox! If it was your last

'Other riders will hate me saying it, but the cream rises to the top'

tenner, you'd have it on Brookes. Other riders that are fighting for No1 might hate me saying it, but the cream rises to the top. But saying all that, who knows what Brands will bring? It's October and it could be wet in one race, damp in the other and dry in the third. We've seen lots of things happen there. Kiyonari crashed in practice one year and that was it – title gone. They've all done a fantastic job given the circumstances this year. Honda had an all-new bike and a lot of the teams had problems getting the new tyres to work. Iddon has thrown a curve ball



Who will grab the BSB crown? Turn to p64 for more

into the side of Brookes – he's definitely a fly in the ointment in that team. It's going to be a great weekend of racing. This year has also shown that both ways of running the championship work: with a Showdown or without. It's going down to the wire, so maybe it's better this way. It's also a bit easier to understand for the riders as well as the spectators. I understand why we have the Showdown but the guy that scraped his way in to the top six never wins the title does he?



Brookes is still the man to beat but anything could happen

ASK MCGUINNESS

What do you think of Johnny Rea about to win title No.6?

Matt Peacock
I was on the edge of my seat waiting for the celebrations at Magny-Cours but I actually think it's good that Estoril.

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