

# Talking point

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## It's not all about little and large

Just slipping in a comment on the World Superbike rider weight 'debate' sparked by Scott Redding and Alvaro Bautista (MCN, November 2). If the lighter rider is to reign supreme over his fellow competitors – based solely on his weight with seemingly little regard for talent and previous accomplishments – then surely it follows that Dani Pedrosa (with all due respect) should have won 13 MotoGP championships between 2006 and 2018.

Rick Barnes, Warks



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## Time to scrap Showdown

In the October 19 issue, Bradley Ray is rightly lauded as the new BSB champ while John McGuinness declares the series is in a good place. I disagree. Consider the last few rounds... Oulton was carnage. Last year's winner had his femur broken. Rory Skinner was lucky to escape with fractures from a worrying ride on someone else's rear tyre. Jason O'Halloran was knocked off so many times there (and later at Brands) that he became the third Showdown contender ruled out. And Chrissy Rouse was killed at Donington. We all know racing is dangerous, but this is awful. The authorities must take a proper look at the season. For example, do we need The Showdown? And, as bhp rises, is it reasonable to continue to race without electronic aids?

Andrew Coe, email

## Come on, Charley!

Unbelievable that of all the adventure bikes out there, the one Charley Boorman wishes to have in



Great bike, shame about the fuel light

his Dream Garage is a Harley Pan America when he rose to biking fame using various BMWs in terrains that most wouldn't even contemplate. Come on Charley!

Jim Williams, N Wales

## Just keep it topped up

Whilst acknowledging Emma Franklin's need for an orange fuel warning light (MCN, October 26), why does she allow the level to get that low? I'm old school when carbs

were the order of the day so allowing fuel to get down to sucking levels was a no-no as it would cause particles of debris to block the jets. Whenever I'm out for a ride I try to refill when my CBR650R's gauge gets to its last dot and sometimes, even, before getting that low.

Tom Coomber, Suffolk

## Pressure washer fix

I thought it worth sharing an experience I had after my jet washer stopped working. Don't strip the whole thing down like I did. Unplug, remove the lance and run water through the machine for 10 minutes. Re-assemble, and it works fine. Apparently, there is a sensor in the pump which, if dry due to an air lock, will cause the unit to cut out.

Simon Chambers, Rugby

## Be wary when buying

I have been in the very fortunate position over the last few years to have been able to change my bike fairly regularly but would like to bring to your attention some pitfalls. I

won't name the recent dealer I dealt with to spare their blushes but think buyers should be aware if they don't already know that because the dealer advertises a '100-point check' for example it doesn't tell you that the bike has been sitting in the showroom for months and that the battery is probably spent and hardly any petrol has been put in the tank. Also, dealers are hoping to make a large profit on your trade-in and are seeking the asking price for your new bike without wanting to budge. I can only speak for myself but my next purchase won't be from the last dealer and I will be a lot more hard ball in the future. If you don't get the deal you want, walk away. It's your hard earned money

J Barton, email

## Enfield have got it right

Enjoyed your article in the October 26 edition regarding Royal Enfield's plans. It's no secret we're heading into perilous times and their low-cost, characterful bikes will be an attractive option for riders looking to save costs who don't want a dull small capacity bike.

Tom Burton, email

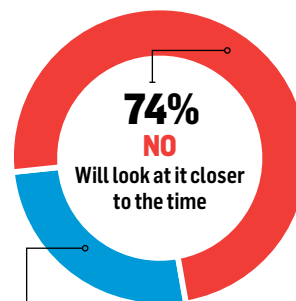
## Get BMW into MotoGP

Further to the letter from Andrew Smithers regarding the demise of the Suzuki MotoGP effort, it appears to me that should BMW fancy an 'in' into the paddock, it could take over the entire Suzuki programme, grafting in its own engine over the forthcoming seasons.

Nick Rymond, Force Motorcycles / Rotax UK

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## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'I just want my claim settled'

I have an ongoing personal injury claim which my solicitors have been dealing with for four years. Court proceedings were started in 2020 but the case keeps getting placed on pause. I understand this is because the main fracture in my left leg has still not healed properly. I am now fed up with the stress and would like it concluded but my solicitors say they cannot do so because of my ongoing problems. Surely I am allowed to settle my own case?

Lee Chesterton, email

A The court can agree to a stay (pause) in proceedings when a case is not ready for settlement. I imagine that your solicitors are concerned about the non-union of the bone in your leg and possible deterioration.

One solution would be to ask your solicitors about Provisional Damages. It is sometimes possible to settle your claim on

### 'In cases like these ask for Provisional Damages'

the basis of your current injuries and return to court later should there be a material deterioration.

As proceedings have been started the Particulars of Claim should have referenced Provisional Damages. If they did not, you will need to apply to the court to amend that document.

Expert medical evidence should be obtained to address the reason for non-union of the bone and to comment on the chance/nature of deterioration.

### Andrew Campbell

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