



KAWASAKI GPZ550

Here I am on my good old Kawasaki GPZ550 during a visit to the 1985 Isle of Man TT. Those were the days, eh? **Kevin Watts**



HONDA Z50R

My son Alan getting started out as a motorcyclist when he was four. He stuck with Hondas after that. **Colm Crowley**



YAMAHA DT175MX

My brother Nigel complete with the obligatory flat-top haircut on his Yamaha DT175MX. **Adrian Grove**

My friend's son Henry Russell couldn't wait to show me his first machine – nice KTM Henry! Looks like it will be a lot of dirty fun. **Philip Blake**



KTM SX



KTM DUKE125

My first bike March 2019. I've since progressed and passed my full test and bought a new V-Strom. **Simon Boyle**



ELECTRIC QUAD

My grandson Harvey having fun on what will hopefully be the first of many bikes. **John Waller**



KAWASAKI NINJA 650

After a few years away from bikes my dad, 76, decided to come back to two wheels with a Ninja 650. **Roger Stokes**

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YAMAHA PW50

Arlo Kernaghan, age five, wants something faster but the PW50 is enough to be going on with for now. **Gavin Kernaghan**

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**Q 'The hospital messed it up'**

I had an accident a year ago and my right leg had a couple of nasty fractures. The other driver's insurer admitted fault early on and has been paying for treatment. The problem is that I was in for some treatment and the hospital messed up an operation and it looks like my recovery is now going to take longer as a result. The other side's solicitors are saying they are not paying for the impact of the hospital's mistake and say any ongoing loss is not for them to compensate. Can you give me some advice to pass on to my solicitor as he seems at a loss with how to deal with this?  
**Ran, Southwark**

**A** Fairly frequently we have cases where a person has an accident during the course of a claim for a previous accident. It is a quite straightforward situation where the second incident is alleged medical negligence. For medical negligence to count as

**'The hospital would have to be grossly negligent'**

an "intervening act", preventing the person responsible for the first accident from paying for the consequences of a second event, it must be grossly negligent treatment, not merely negligent treatment. An example would be operating on the wrong limb as that is obviously grossly negligent. So the answer in your case will depend on medical expert evidence as to whether or not the treatment received was grossly negligent. If it was not then the driver's insurer will be responsible for the losses arising from it.

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TT Legend John McGuinness MBE in MCN every week  
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**'Heading flat-out into the unknown'**

McGuinness has the utmost respect for the guys racing Dakar

I've been watching Dakar with a lot of interest and it's been brutal. For me the first thing that comes to my mind is the fact that David Knight is racing in it for the first time. He's getting good media coverage and in every interview I'm hanging off every word he says because it's pure gold. He's obviously a big TT fan and has grown up watching it. He's made a lot of comparisons but when he spoke about how being passed by Carlos Sainz in the car was more spectacular than watching the TT – it blew me away. For Knight to be that

**'You know every bump around the TT course'**

impressed it must be special. Knight has won everything: five-time world champion, GNCC, Erzberg, Last Man Standing, the list goes on, but he's currently in 40th place – so how fast are the guys at the front going? As they got to the half way point he was five hours behind the leaders. It's a strange race though, isn't it? It's clearly very important to the manufacturers and millions of pounds goes into all those factory teams so when you see them get lost and going round and round in circles it's a bit comical. You think 'how hard can it be?' Well I'll tell you, it's ridiculously hard. It's also testament to the bikes because they're in deep sand, or

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Knighter has kept McGuinness glued to the Dakar

flat-out and the bikes are on the limiter constantly and you think: how the hell are they going to last two weeks? On some stages they are averaging nearly 70mph! That is insane off-road. The trouble is that are riding so fast for such a big distance and they don't know what's coming next. The TT has its dangers but around there you know every bump, you know every manhole, you know the wind direction. Don't get me wrong, I respect the TT 100% but at the Dakar they are flat-out racing into the unknown.



Knighter is totally hardcore but this is his first time riding the Dakar

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**Who do you think will win Dakar?**

**Craig Peters**  
Honestly you can't call it. There are 20 factory guys all prepared to put it on the line – any one of them could win the thing – it's absolutely crazy.

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