

# Talking point

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## 'You just can't beat the VFR750'

In times of tight budgets the best bang-per-buck in a used bike has to be a late model Honda VFR750. Just £2000 still gets you what MCN rated as one of the best bikes ever. For whatever reason they're not yet fetching big money. But they will. Single-sided swingarm and gear-driven cams are just two of the more eye-catching items fitted. Looks that partly resembled an NR750 help, too. These engines do 150,000+ miles when looked after. If you fancy a top quality bike for 2023, the 750 is my suggestion with 100bhp and fantastic mid-range. Plus the V4 sounds awesome. I've got two. **Ian Neal, email**



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## No drive to electric

Would you buy an electric bike if you had no driveway/garage to charge it in? This is the prospect for millions as the deadline for the sale of fossil fuel bikes is one year nearer. **Terry Hudson, email**



Wedding car? The Honda Shadow will do just nicely, thank you very much

find a compatible charger near your route that is working and not being occupied already. Until you can give me a machine with a range of 130 miles minimum at a sustained speed of 70mph from start to finish with at least a further 20 mile safety range, I shall not be spending £20,000 plus the cost of the Interceptor to stand by the roadside with a dead e-bike wondering why I bothered in the first place. **Chris Devine, Salisbury**

## Happy days!

Thought you might like this one of us on our wedding day last year on my Honda Shadow VT750. **Kyle Bazoni, email**

Ed: Belated congrats from all at MCN

## Open your eyes

This is a late response to a letter from November and Jamie D, who regaled us with his story of pulling out in front of a bike because he thought that from a distance, it looked EXACTLY (in block capitals), like a car, but further away. The old 'Sorry mate, didn't see you' just doesn't cut it. Open your eyes and pay attention because you might not get off so lightly next time. **Dave, Huddersfield**

## Crime, no punishment

I completely disagree with the email from Paul Beacall basically saying it was the Blood Biker's fault his bike was stolen. Not everyone has access to a garage and we should have an expectation that our own property should be safe when left outside. It's

the fault of the police and the CPS that the criminals know they can steal bikes with impunity. **Ben Hogan, email**

## Software trouble

I took my Trident to be serviced. On my return I was told "all good and a number of software updates were applied". But something wasn't right, I've got the My Triumph Connectivity Module enabled but even though my phone was connected, the turn-by-turn navigation wasn't showing. I returned to reception explaining the issue, they suspected the technician hadn't re-enabled the connectivity. About 15 minutes into my journey my hands felt cold, so proceeded to stick my heated grips on. They are genuine Triumph ones so they integrate in to the dash. The light showed, but then immediately turned off and no heat came through. Turns out the updates have broken the heated grips. I had a 2018 KTM 1290 Super Duke for a couple of years and I took that in for a service and a number of software updates were applied, on collecting the bike and getting halfway home I noticed the quickshifter wasn't working. I can't be only one that's experienced such issues. **Nigel Evans, email**

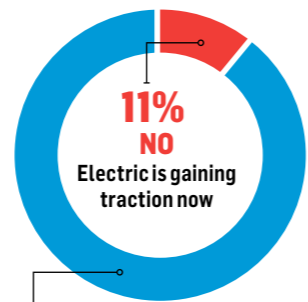
## My mate Marmite

Colin Humphries (MCN Letters, January 4) refers to Henry Cole as a Marmite character – that cannot be right, I like Marmite!

**Tom Lonsdale, Marsden, W. Yorks**

## READER POLL

Should we prioritise synthetic fuels?



89% YES Fast refuelling and a lifeline for existing bikes

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'Can injured driver claim?'

I was following a Mercedes on my Suzuki GSX and as I went to overtake, the driver accelerated hard. This meant that the gap between me and the oncoming car was not as great as I thought. I just managed to get back onto my side of the road but the oncoming car swerved to avoid me and went into a lamp post. I stopped but the Mercedes driver did not. Now I have received a letter from solicitors claiming compensation for their client's injuries in his car accident and telling me to send the letter to my insurer. They claim their client had injuries from his airbags going off/whiplash. Am I liable? **Scott, Pontypridd**

### 'CCTV might help trace the other driver'

**A** You need to notify your insurer about the letter. The actions of the Mercedes driver seem to have contributed to this and could be regarded as dangerous driving if he deliberately accelerated to prevent your overtake. Witnesses or CCTV may be able to identify him. If so, the claimant's solicitors could be redirected to his insurer but they are still likely to go for you, leaving you to bring in the Mercedes driver as another Defendant in the case. The Motor Insurers' Bureau will not compensate the injured driver if you were partly to blame for the accident and will leave your insurer to do so, the MIB being a fund of last resort.

**Andrew Campbell**  
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HONDA C50

My sister Milly on the 'mean green machine'. By the time we'd finished with it there wasn't much green left. **Stewart Taylor**



BALANCE BIKE

My daughter Mabel, two, asked for a red motorbike for Christmas and Santa brought her this! **Will Brentnall**



KAWASAKI KLX125

My son Connor started on a KLX but is 22 now and has a Honda CRF300L (but he's still a Kawasaki fan). **Simon Demetriou**

Beauty and the Beast. The beast was written off after an argument with a manhole cover. **Tony Portess**



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A blast down memory lane

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SUZUKI AP50

My first road bike – my dad got it for me by swapping it for a box of fish after a day out fishing! **Stephen Glover**



BSA BANTAM

My new Bantam in 1966. It cost the princely sum of £154/19s/6d from Len Vale Onslow. **Peter Roberts**



SUZUKI VAN VAN

Me aged 17 having just purchased my first motorbike, this would've been in 2013. **Joseph Fallon**



STOMP ELECTRIC

Lucas was enjoying one of his first bike rides here. But when you've gotta go, you've gotta go. **Robert Waddell**

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