

Motherwell Speedway when promoter Ian Hoskins advertised for riders to come and I turned up on my Tiger Cub! **Bert Harkins** 



This is my girlfriend Michelle on my GPX600R in 1994, she is now my wife and I now ride a Street Triple. Eric Langstaff



Here I am on my Triumph America after passing my test ten years ago. Great bike and the jacket matched the paintwork, Rachel Jewson

Not actually my first bike but my first Ducati. I have had five of them since then, this one was the coolest though. **Neil Fraser** 



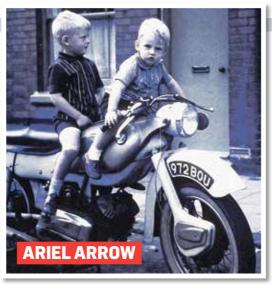
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A blast down memory lane

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My first bike was this Honda TL125. This is me aged 14 in 1978 and clearly dressed in all the correct riding gear. Paul Fearon



Going for a ride on my uncle Barry's Ariel Arrow with my brother Mark riding pillion in 1965. John Whale



This is my brother David, circa 1982 on his first big bike. As you can see the girls had no chance! Jan Clegg



Bought to pass my test as I promised grandson Charlie that we would go riding when he is old enough. Peter Eblett

Your tricky legal questions answered

# French driver

friends in France in September 2019 when I was involved in an accident. I was riding at the rear of the group. A car was waiting to come out onto the road to my right. My friends all went past but he obviously didn't see me and pulled out in front of me. I had no time to avoid the crash and went flying over his bonnet before landing on the road. I spent four weeks in hospital in France and have been concentrating on my recovery since. Can I claim against the French driver?

Luke James, email

Yes, you will be able to claim compensation but you will need advice on the correct jurisdiction for claiming compensation (be it France or in the UK) which will be fact specific and too detailed to be dealt with here. Different countries on the continent have different rules and different time periods in which to bring a

## 'Cases like this are complicated and

claim. For example, in England

**Andrew Campbell** 

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had anything handed to him' the bosses just want new blood. You do wonder if given how outspoken Cal can be - do the had anything handed to him. powers that be want him in the He won the World Supersport championship and when he got championship? Will he toe the line... will he f\*\*k. You just wonder to MotoGP he tried and fought so if MotoGP bosses are wondering it hard and he ended up a top-flight he fits the right image. MotoGP race winner, so all you It's a sad way to end his career can do is doff your hat to him. I with injuries because he's still just think it's a crying shame he's

TT legend John McGuinness in MCN every week

'Retire? Cal could

go on for years...'

McPint reckons it's a crying shame Crutchlow is calling it a day

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Let's just hope he can get a few

We'll just have to wait and see.

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such a good rider and it only finished his career because he seems like yesterday that he was has more to give. coming up from Superteens. But Cal looks happy with his vildcards plus you've got four decision and he's got his new gig Yamaha riders on the grid that with Yamaha, so fair play to him. could go up the road and break a I wish him all the luck in the wrist at any time and he'd be in.

world. He had it tough, he never

m full of admiration for Cal Crutchlow and his 'take no

sh\*t' attitude. He can be

feisty little f\*\*ker with a

mm fuse, but forgetting

all that, it just seems too early

for him to retire. To me he's still

that young lad. He should still be

that I understand why it's difficult

because the game has changed.

I hate to say it, but there is a new

I still struggle to get my head round all the new signings coming

into MotoGP from Moto2. Maybe

'Cal had it tough,

he has never

breed of rider in MotoGP now.

getting a good ride, but saying

For McGuinness Cal is still that

## What do you think of Dovi's sabbatical?

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# I think Dovi is done.

He's not skint and he could have a year doina motocross and driving rally cars. But then again, he might miss it

really bad and want to go back.

in his Rizla Suzuki

BSB days in 2006

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## 'Knocked off by

I was on a riding holiday with

# need an expert'

and Wales it is three years from the date of the accident, but in France it is 10 years from the date when recovery from the injuries has plateaued. Compensation in France is fairly generous, compared to for example Switzerland where you need a devastating injury to receive a payout for injuries. It is likely your solicitor will instruct an agent law firm in France to assist with valuing the claim. These are complicated cases so make sure you instruct an expert.

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