

Talking point

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'One of the best I have been to'

I was very surprised to read Gordon Freestone's letter regarding Motorcycle Live and his negative view of the show (MCN, December 15). I also went on the Monday and while it perhaps wasn't as full as previous years, this gave a great opportunity to see up close the bikes on display, as well as the opportunity to demo a bike (in my case the surprisingly good Honda Rebel 1100) and have a go on the Triumph/RE off-road experience, which was terrific. I'd say it was one of the best shows I've been to!
Phil Hesmondhalgh, Hartford, Cheshire



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Offer more at the NEC

This year I had the pleasure of visiting the NEC show. It never fails to be a good day out but maybe it's time to move the show along a bit and offer a little more. I would like to see a few more engineers from the companies to talk to about things like moving footpegs and why can't we have more bikes with backlit switchgear etc. Plus, a lot of riders would like to have the opportunity to wheel a machine around to see if they can manage the weight in and out of their garage.
Gaz, email

Bring back the Tiger Cub

I recently started reading MCN again and look forward to my weekly fix. I must say that Triumph are missing a golden opportunity to capture a market being exploited by Royal Enfield. Stop building BMW copies. Let's innovate, I just want a small economical bike that I can tinker with and take a pride in. I would love to buy another Triumph but don't want to ride round the world or zoom round a race track bum in the air and wrists on fire!



Anyone know where this RXS is?

Come on Triumph, resurrect the Tiger Cub with a hybrid option and I am 'in', before the 'Big Yellow Taxi' takes me away!
Jeff Featherstone, Clonakilty, Co Cork

Can anyone help out

I'm asking for everyone's help to find my husband's first motorbike. He has been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour and the number one item on his bucket list is to be reunited with his first bike after passing his test in 1985. This is a Yamaha RXS100 reg number A932

WHL. It is still taxed and MoT'd as per the DVLA website. Various rumours over the years indicate that it's still in the Barnsley area.
Joanne Younger, via #Ride5000 Facebook group

Brass Monkey business

Dawn? Most sensible people are still in bed. Dusk? We should be in the pub. Shortest day of the year? We shouldn't even go outdoors. Despite this, four riders challenged themselves to cover the 450 miles between Britain's most easterly and westerly points in daylight on December 21 to raise money for the MAGPAS Air Ambulance. We must be nuts. We've even made a cheesy youtube video: youtu.be/BirJNRHqrwU If anybody has a bit of spare change and wants to donate we have a Just Giving page all set up: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/brass-monkey
Terrence Jones, email
Ed: We hope you have warmed up now...

Not so secret army...

The front page (MCN, December 8) promised a story on a 'Secret Army'

bike. But, imagine my shock, when I turned to page 48 to find you had been invited to have a look at the bike and take pictures.

Chris Myers, Army Intelligence Corps 1975-1984

Think Bike, think squirt

Riding along, happy as Larry because Larry is always happy, apparently. But driving in front is another Larry, in their over-sized cage, who decides to clean their windscreen without looking behind at me. Now screen wash on my bike, not great. Screen wash on my visor, worse. Visor open, screen wash in my mouth? Worse. So, this is a friendly reminder to all car drivers to just 'Think Bike' before yanking at the squirt lever and check behind for a not-so-thirsty-for-sipping-soapy-water biker.
Darryl Frost, email

Top marks for new Goldie

The new BSA/Mahindra Gold Star looks interesting. Just looking at the numbers - 45bhp, 216kg, 100mph, £6000+ reminds me a bit of my old Sachs 650 Roadster which was around £3500 in 2003. I was stopped twice by the local bike police just to ask what it was - it looked retro but went quick and was very quiet. First impressions of the Gold Star? Looks good, should handle well, good brakes and tyres and one plus point based on experience of the original Goldie owned by a friend (no advance/retard, shut off Amal carb, 11:1 compression ratio and RRT2 gearbox) it should be a lot easier to start - just push the button!
Tim Guy, Bishop Auckland

MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Who's to blame for the muck?'

When travelling through a village near Cardiff Airport I came to a bend and there was horse manure in lumps and spread over the road where the cars had driven through it. After about another 200 yards the traffic was all stopped. There was a group of horses and riders on the road which we had to wait for until they peeled off down another lane. If I had come off my bike through sliding in horse manure would I be able to claim against the horse owners for any damage to me/bike/kit?
James Pepper, Barry

A You would need to establish: 1. That the horse rider responsible owed you a duty of care; 2. That by failing to clean up the mess, the rider breached that duty; 3. That breach caused you loss (i.e. injury, and/or damage to your vehicle); and, 4. That the loss caused was not too remote.

I think it is foreseeable that manure on a bend would cause a

'You would have to identify the horse rider responsible'

hazard to road-users, particularly motorcyclists. However, I would expect the rider to contest any claim on the basis that you couldn't prove whose horse was responsible and that this is a peril of countryside riding.

Unlike with dogs, there is no legal requirement for horse owners to clean up. However, section 161 of the Highways Act 1980, makes it an offence to deposit anything which injures/endangers other road users. You still face the problem of not being able to identify the rider.

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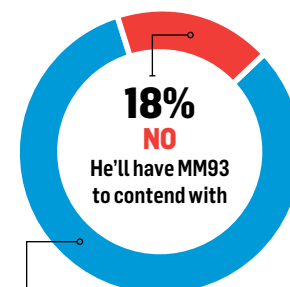


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