



**KAWASAKI AR50**

This is me aged 16 in 1988 on my first bike, a Kawasaki AR50 in Kettering, Northants (MCN's old home town!). **Rik Ferguson**



**CAGIVA BLUES 125**

Me on my Cagiva Blues 125 in 1992! The little lad on the back was autistic and was really won over by the machine. **Phil Bramhall**



**YAMAHA RD200**

My girlfriend on holiday in wales in 1977 on my RD200. Thirty-five years later we met up again and now we're married! **Paul Pickard**



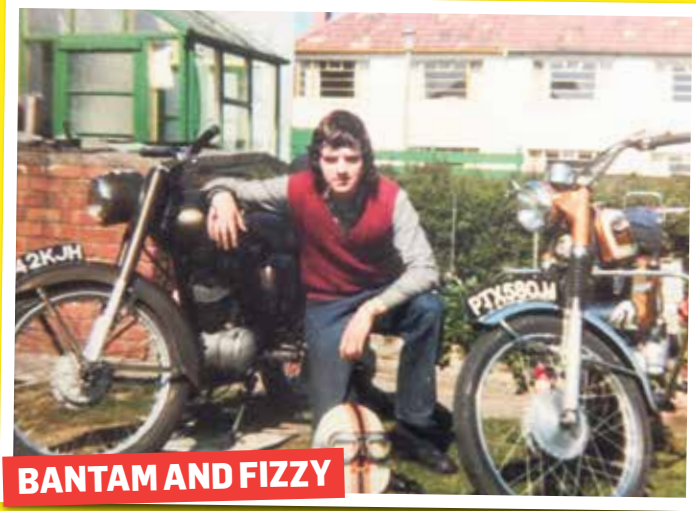
**KAWASAKI KMX125**

On my Kawasaki KMX125, I loved that bike and went everywhere on it. Great fun. **Shay Sullivan**



**TRIUMPH TWENTY ONE**

I'm looking pretty pleased with myself because this was the first time I could reach the controls on my dad's Triumph Twenty One 350. **Simon Cutmore**



**BANTAM AND FIZZY**

With my BSA Bantam D5 which I refurbished and my Fizzy. I now ride a Herald 250 and have a 1969 Triumph Tiger project. **Owen Williams**



**HONDA CD175**

My good old 175cc Honda on the Isle of Man. Nice bike but I'm not sure it would break any records around the Mountain course. **Steve Baker**

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**KAWASAKI ZX-6R**

My beautiful daughter who is now 15 with my second love... the Kawasaki Ninja, which I miss very much. **Stuart Mayne**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'Crash driver denies being on the phone'

I was knocked off my Honda Hornet by a young lady who was using her mobile phone whilst driving rather than concentrating on the road and other people on it. She just swerved into my path without warning and left me with nowhere to go. Fortunately, I was not too badly hurt with just scrapes, cuts and bruises but my leathers and gloves were damaged. I have started a claim against her but she now says that she was not on her phone, which is nonsense. How can I get to the truth?

**James Payne, Cheltenham**

### 'Your solicitor needs to request a log of her phone'

**A** This happens quite a lot, unfortunately, but there is a way to prove your case. You need to get your solicitor to write to the third party insurer alleging that she was on her phone and requesting a log of her phone records. Often the insurer will refuse (or their insured driver refuses). But why would one refuse if there is nothing to hide? If they do not comply, then a court application for disclosure of the documents needs to be made. The court is highly likely to order the disclosure, particularly if a witness can back up what you say. If she was on the phone then she will get points and a fine or could be prosecuted for careless driving. Sometimes it is claimed that there are no phone records because the other party was on a pay-as-you-go phone. Phone companies will keep records of calls made from pay-as-you-go phones but most only keep them for 12 months.

**Andrew Campbell**

Solicitor and author of the MCN Law column for the last ten years

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## 'Secret of going fast? Listening'

Don't just rely on biking mates, find yourself a proper riding expert

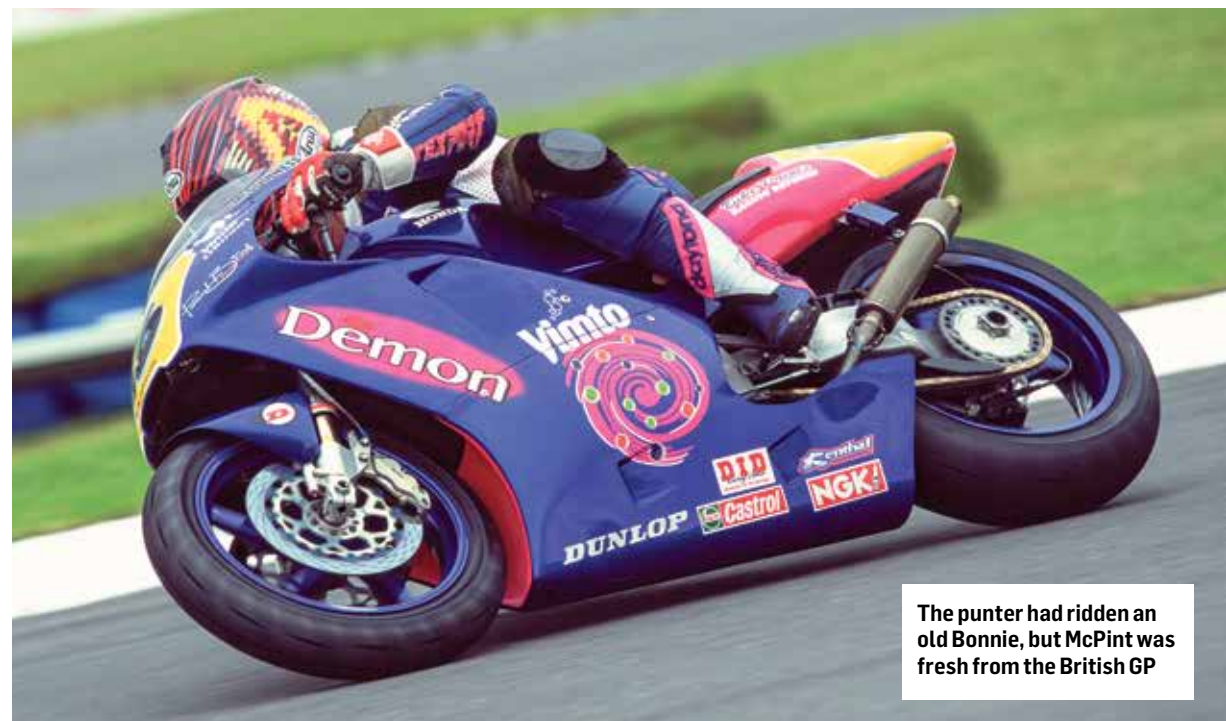
**T**here are plenty of people out there who reckon they know the secret of going fast on the track but a lot of them are talking rubbish. My advice is to build up trust with someone who really knows what they are talking about rather than someone who just tells you what you want to hear. The best people will tell you when you are doing it all wrong and warn you that if you keep making the same mistakes you'll end up sliding

### 'I'D JUST RACED ROSSI BUT THIS OLD GUY SAID HE KNEW BETTER'

down the road. But some people don't like listening to sound advice, do they?

Back in 2000 I was an instructor at the Ron Haslam race school just after I'd finished 13th in the 500 British Grand Prix racing against Valentino Rossi and that lot the day before.

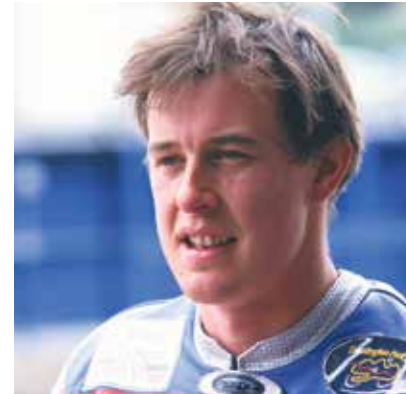
I had some guy who I was supposed to be instructing, but all he was doing was trying to tell me how to do it. I was only about 26, so he saw me as a young kid. Even though I'd ridden a 500GP bike the day before, he'd had a Triumph Bonneville in 1976 and he didn't quite get it.



The punter had ridden an old Bonnie, but McPint was fresh from the British GP

He was going faster and faster and I kept telling him it would end in tears, but he wouldn't listen. Back then on the Haslam schools if one of the riders you were teaching crashed they used to dock £10 from your wages, but he was such an arrogant old bastard that I just dragged him into a crash. For me it was worth losing a tenner and he went up the road at Goddards.

I can remember doing a U-turn and riding back to him. He was moaning a bit as he was pretty winded and I just said: "You went too fast and you didn't listen."



Would you have taken advice from this young whipper-snapper back in 2000?

## ASK McGUINNESS

Will you be riding at the Classic TT?

**Charlie Harris**

Yes, I'll be riding the Roger Winfield Paton and doing some Hizzy tribute laps as well. See you there.

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