



YAMAHA FS1-E

I once rode my FS1-E from Stockton-on-Tees to Keswick and back for a day trip. **Glenn Atterton**



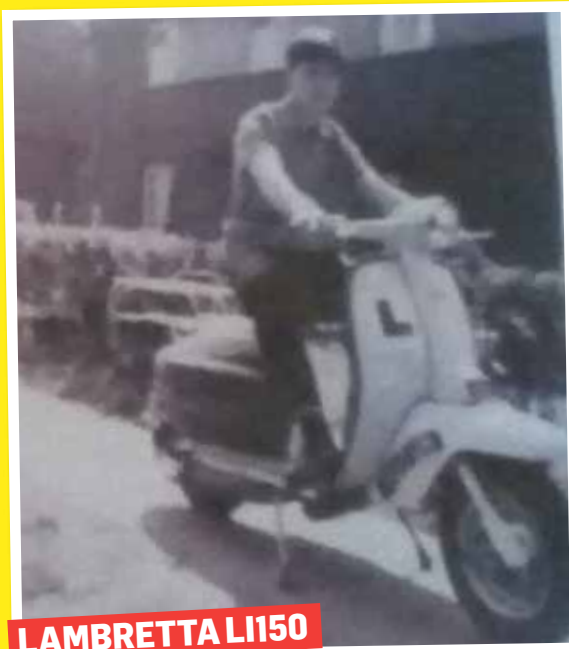
SUZUKI RG250

Me and my first love, a Suzuki RG250, back in 1993. **Josie Watts**



YAMAHA YR5 350

I rode my Yamaha YR5 daily to see my girlfriend-at-the-time, now my wife. Sadly, I no longer have the bike. **Bob Fountain**



LAMBRETTA LI150

On my LI150 summer 1967. I went on to be Police rider in North Wales. **Alan Meyrick**

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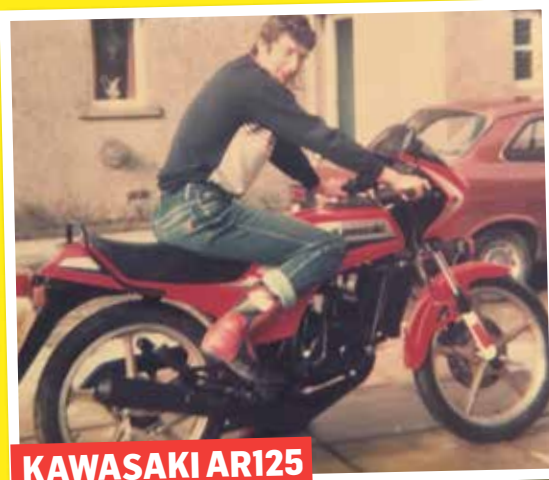
YAMAHA YDS7

This was my first new bike – bought from Padgett's in 1972. Still riding now on a ZZ-R600. My son (perched on tank) rides a Suzuki TL1000S. **John Leaver**



YAMAHA TZR125

Here I am, 18 years old on my G-reg Yamaha TZR125 back in 1990. No CBT, just learned how to ride outside the shop in Wolverhampton. **Chris Gibson**



KAWASAKI AR125

I just missed out on learner-legal 250s but my AR125 was still great fun. **Darren Segger**



HONDA CB750/FOUR

1974 (I was 22), in the Nullarbor desert on my way from Adelaide to Perth, the last leg of my trip around the perimeter of Australia. **Alan Peart**

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Q 'Why is life expectancy relevant to my claim?'

I was knocked off my bike two years ago and my claim has been ongoing without issue until now.

I was in the armed forces for 10 years but due to the accident I was medically discharged and have recently started working in IT. I will now lose out on a fair amount of pension, compared to if I'd remained in the forces, and this is being claimed by my solicitor. The other side is asking for a life expectancy report. Why?

Jason, email

A When we calculate future financial loss, such as a claim for loss of pension, we need to work out how long the Claimant is likely to survive. This is normally done by reference to a book called the Ogden tables. This book uses statistical data to provide what we call a multiplier – how many years we need to multiply the annual loss by. The tables take into account "everyday" health

'The other side is asking for a life expectancy report. Why?'

issues that the general population encounter, so these tables are the starting point and should normally be used.

However, where someone has a pre-existing medical condition unrelated to the injuries sustained in the accident, which could have an impact on life expectancy, the court will allow a life expectancy report. I suggest you discuss this with your solicitor who will have access to your medical records.

Andrew Campbell

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'What's this old bas***d doing?'

JM's back on track - with a grid full of youths in the Ducati T-O Cup

I'm going racing this weekend! First round of the Ducati Tri-Options Cup at Donington. I got the bike through Sheffield Motorcycles and I've been busy prepping it. When I arrived at Silverstone for the test day, there were kids everywhere and I was looking around and I thought how I was old enough to be these lads' dads. I thought how they must be thinking 'what's this silly old bastard doing?'

It was actually OK though, I was out with the other Cup riders as well as the Junior Superstock guys. There were 46 of us on that

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small track. I got duffed up by a few of the kids, but once I settled in I got going OK and I was mid-pack and sixth in the Ducati Cup. Maybe I've underestimated it because there were a few lads out there going OK who I'd never heard of. Some of them were throwing rubber at it to be quickest and the lad that ended up fastest also ended up going on scrap in terms of tyres.

I was thinking 'are these people laughing at me?' But I enjoyed riding the bike and it was actually my first time at the short Silverstone track. It's a hectic lap



The TT may not have happened but John still needs his racing fix

and it was the first time I've worn a knee slider away to nought for a long time – I felt like a kid.

I'm still learning the bike, I just had road gearing which I thought'd be ok, but when I got there one lad told me I needed this and another told me I needed that! I need to steer my own ship and not get roped into what others are doing.

That Silverstone short circuit is a bit of a scratcher's place; I'd like to think I'll be a bit sharper at Brands GP or Oulton where you have to be a more precise. Let's see what happens at Donington. I just want to enjoy it.



McPint is determined to ride his own way and not get drawn into what others do

ASK McGUINNESS

Have you got any riding trips planned?



Lee Tomlinson

Yes, I'm actually heading North for a few days to do some of the North Coast 500 with Mark Webber, the F1 guy who's a big biker and has become a good friend of mine.

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