

MATCHLESS 350

My dad with my mum astride his Matchless 350 before I was born. I now ride a Fireblade thanks to him. **Richie Young**



TRIUMPH TIGER CUB

My sister Cherrill had come home on leave from the WRAC and I took her for a spin around the block to show off my Tiger Cub. **Nigel Maplethorpe**



SUZUKI GSX-R600

My girlfriend booked me a trackday session on my first bike. "You aren't going to go fast are you?" **Steven Proctor**



SUZUKI TS125X AND YAMAHA DT125

Me and my pal Craig in 1985 (we'd just left school). I'm riding the yellow TS125X. Great times! **Joe Bleach**



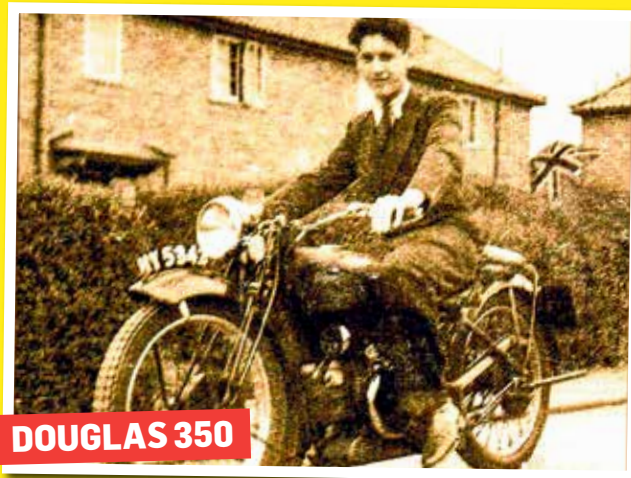
YAMAHA RD250

My first bike and first girlfriend. It was 1977 and the RD had air horns, a useful safety feature. **Tony van der Helstraete**



NORTON ES2

My dad Percy on his Norton in the early 50s. **Rob Keeble**



DOUGLAS 350

This is my Douglas in 1945. **John Dury**



DUCATI MONSTER 821

I passed my test two years ago and this is my first bike. I love it and I get a buzz out of talking to new riders. **Linda Hinton**

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MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

Q Is a life expectancy report fair?

I was taken out on my Ducati 1098 a few years ago, and the claim for my injuries and financial loss was, until recently, plodding along nicely. I was in the RAF for 15 years, rising through the ranks steadily. But after the accident I was medically discharged, and I now work as an IT specialist. I will now lose out on a fair amount of pension compared with if I remained in the air force, according to my solicitor. The other side are asking for a life-expectancy report to carve away some of my pension loss. Why should I agree to this?
Jim Mansfield, email

A When we calculate future financial loss, such as a claim for loss of pension, we must work out how long the claimant is likely to survive. This is normally done by reference to the 'Ogden tables'. This is a book that 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 issues that the general population will encounter.

'We work out how long a claimant is likely to survive'

However, where someone has a pre-existing medical condition unrelated to injuries sustained in the accident and which could have a material impact on life expectancy, and the claim is of significant value, the court will often allow a life-expectancy report. I don't know your medical history, so cannot tell if the request is fair. I suggest you discuss this further with your solicitor.

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'I've been on the pies so my leathers were tight'

MCN man reflects on an incredible comeback after horrific injuries

Winning the Classic Senior TT was an unbelievable feeling. Really, really special after all the ups and downs I've had since the big crash at the North West in 2017. I thoroughly enjoyed those four laps on the Paton and it never missed a beat. It is probably the best bike on the grid, but we had to stop for fuel and you have to hit all your marks and get it to the finish. I didn't rev the bike over 10,000rpm, just short-shifted it everywhere. But you have to be careful not to make a mistake when you are doing that. I was pretty tired because

'I NEARLY CRIED COMING OVER THE MOUNTAIN AT THE END'

these bikes don't half take it out of you. They are really small and cramped.

I've been back on the pies and these leathers are fitting like a condom! I was trying to keep it all tucked in and keep under the screen. It was bloody tough. I want to thank all the people out on the track who gave me their support. I wanted to give them a bit of a wave back but I always think if I do that I will be tempting fate and I'll then break down. So I just kept it all tucked in and kept plugging away.

And I want to thank all my family, my friends and all my sponsors who have been right there with me through the rough times. I hope they have enjoyed this victory as much as I have. I thought I would cry coming over the Mountain as I was getting a bit emotional, but I had to keep concentrating, hitting all my apexes and get it to the finish. It was just the perfect race.

I can't wait for next year's TT now and getting to grips with the Norton. I feel like I've turned a massive corner by doing so well at the Classic and I want to build on that now and start getting in good shape for next season.



John hugs his wife and kids after an emotional win at the Classic TT

McGuinness tries to keep it all tucked in as he fires his Paton towards the top step



McGuinness tries to keep it all tucked in as he fires his Paton towards the top step

ASK McGUINNESS

What's it like racing again after a long lay-off?



DEAN WRAGLEY
It's a mix of nerves and excitement to be honest. When it's been a long, slow process like it has with my broken leg it's a relief to just get going again. But if you rush back too soon, you can get a horrible feeling in the pit of your stomach.

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