



BETA 50
Cameron Breedon looking pretty pleased with himself on his first bike when he was four years old in 2010. **Carl Breedon**



TRIUMPH 3TA
Me back in 1977. Had to change the ape hangers for 'Z' bars, hence the overly long clutch and brake cables. **John McKee**



HONDA SUPER BLACKBIRD
Saw this Honda before I'd even passed my test so had to ask a mate to ride it home for me. Just love that thing. **Bob Burton**

This was my first big bike, a CB900FA. I loved it and it had a wicked noisy pipe too which was a definite bonus. Happy days. **Gaz Hindson**



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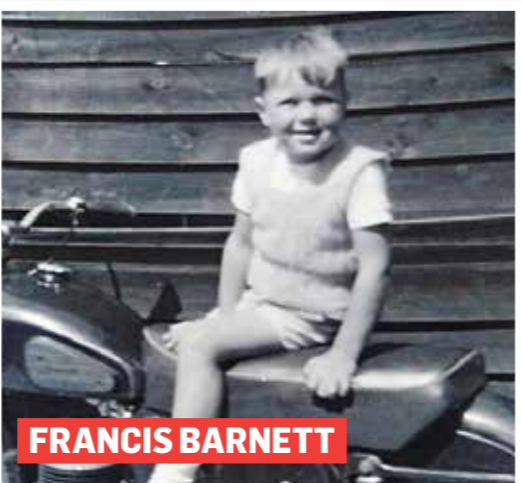
HONDA CBX1000
Not my first bike, but an engineering marvel... Thanks Mr Honda! 40 years later I'm still riding bikes, imprinted in my DNA. **Geoff Hughes**



TRIUMPH TIGER 800
I got my first road bike at 56 and was absolutely hooked. This was on rideout at Ribbleshead Viaduct. **Allan Rogers**



HONDA CBR500R
My first big bike after passing my A2 bike test at the first attempt. Meet my Honda CBR500R. **Becca Risebrow**



FRANCIS BARNETT
Here is my brother Steve getting a taste for biking on our late father's Francis Barnett 1957. **Dave Boucher**

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Am I to blame for this crash?'

I was riding my Suzuki Hayabusa in May when I was involved in an accident. The police report finally arrived a month ago and my solicitors have said that the likely liability bracket is between 0% and 100%. This does not fill me with confidence that they know what they are doing. The circumstances were that I was following two cars for some time, then the road straightened so I went to overtake them both but just as I set off, the car in front of me also went for the overtake and I went into the back of it. How can this be my fault as I was already committed to the overtake?
Dave G, email

A Fault for this accident, or whether you were both partly at fault, will depend on a number of factors. Was the driver in front aware of your presence behind him and for how long was he aware? This could lead to a finding that it was reasonably foreseeable that you

'Was the driver aware that you were behind him?'

were likely to overtake. Did the other car driver indicate or use his mirrors before his manoeuvre? Did you go for it at the same time, but with your acceleration much greater than the car's? Was it simply just an unfortunate 'accident'? Could you be criticised for not realising that the car was likely to want to overtake also and for trying to overtake two vehicles at a time?

These are all questions that may be cleared up using witness evidence but this is likely to be a case of shared blame.

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'This has knocked me off my feet...'

McGuinness is devastated that the TT has fallen victim to Covid

I'm shocked. Right up until the announcement I was expecting the TT would be postponed until August, not cancelled. It's knocked me off my feet to be honest. My phone has been flat out with people wanting me to say I'm going to retire, but I don't want to retire. The way I'm looking at it, is there are 541 days until the TT - it's like being in prison counting down the days! For riders just starting their journey it doesn't matter so much, but I'm 48. Me, Rutter and Anstey

'It's like being in prison counting down the 541 days until the TT'

are at the end. There has to be a cut-off point where you can no longer be competitive, but I had a good chat to Pete Exta (Bournemouth Kawasaki) and while he and his team are gutted he's still so positive about me riding his bike. I pointed out the fact that things change in racing and we don't know where we're all going to be in January 2022. I said to Pete that if there is a top rider available at that time I won't be offended if he talks to them and does a deal because that's life, that's business, that's racing. If a top guy is available he should grab them. He appreciated



It's going to be a long winter with no TT to look forward to

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that, but he also said there will be a bike there for me. So as long as my arse points to the ground and I'm able to do it, I will go down Bray Hill again. The last TT I did I didn't cross the finish line and there is no way I'm ending my TT career like that. It's going to be tough though, I missed 2017 and 2018, then 2019 was disastrous, I missed 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic so to not get to race in 2021... I'm not one for looking at stats but I've done 99 TT starts - I've just got to make it to 100.



If the Classic TT happens you can be sure McGuinness will be in action

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Will you still race the Classic TT

John Shayler
Well if it happens I'll be there. I love the classic, you get to ride great bikes and there's a lot less pressure.



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