



Jack Newcombe and his 1930s BSA when he was in the Royal Horse Artillery during the Second World War. **Kevin Jones**



Thought you might like this one of my son Mike on my CJ360T and daughter Jo on my wife's C70 in 1979. **Keith Houston**



My first brand new bike at the age of 17 was this 1965 Triumph T90. I now ride a new Kawasaki Versys 650 at the age 73. **Geoff Ellson**

No need for chain adjustments on my first big bike after I passed my test in 1988 – the machine was a belt-drive Kawasaki GPZ305. **Geoff**



KAWASAKI GPZ305



HONDA DAX

This is me circa 1976 not quite ready for the road yet but rocking those flares and still riding today. **Andy**



YAMAHA AND WK

Me on my YS125 and my son on his TTR 50cc scooter. I have since passed my test and have a Tracer 700. **Stuart Marsh**

YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR **FIRST BIKE**

A blast down memory lane

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YAMAHA TZR125R

Me at 17 on my brand-new Yamaha TZR125R, practising some U-turns in a vacant lot behind what is now P&H Motorcycles. **William Morris**



YAMAHA FAZER

My father Brenig Cook and I on my first bike... a Yamaha Fazer 600, shortly after picking her up. **Nathan Cook**

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Can I settle my own case?'

I have a personal injury claim which my solicitors have been dealing with for three years. Court proceedings were started in 2019 but the case keeps getting placed on pause. I understand it is because the main fracture in my right leg has still not healed properly. I am fed up with the stress and would like it concluded, but my solicitors say they cannot do so because of my ongoing problems. Surely I am allowed to settle my own case?

Adrian Baker, email

A The court can agree to a stay (pause) in proceedings when a case is not ready for settlement. I imagine that your solicitors are concerned about the non-union of the bone and possible deterioration. One solution would be to ask your solicitors about "Provisional Damages". It is sometimes possible to settle a claim on the basis of current injuries and return to court

'You could apply for provisional damages'

later should there be a material deterioration. Such a settlement requires a court order and is quite a complex area so you must discuss this in detail with your solicitors. As proceedings have already been started the Particulars of Claim should have referenced Provisional Damages. If they did not then you need to apply to the court to amend that document. Medical evidence should be obtained to address the reason for non-union of the bone and to comment on the chance/nature of deterioration.

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McPINT



'I'd still stick my cash on Marquez'

Testing has begun but who'll be able to stop a returning MM93?

It's good that MotoGP testing has got underway (see page 60-63) but the biggest thing for me will be the return of Marquez. We never expected his rehab would take so long, it goes to show that when it does go wrong, things can get ugly. People are saying MotoGP has moved on, but there is no chance it's moved on beyond his capabilities. It may be that he needs to get a race or two under his belt, but in terms of lap times and pace it hasn't changed. It's not going to be easy though.

'I can't imagine what it's like to hang on to a MotoGP bike'

I do a bit of riding myself, but can't imagine what it's like to hang on to a MotoGP bike. Normally Marquez would spend the winter motocrossing, mini biking, flattracking... generally kicking about, but he hasn't done any of that. I can remember coming back from my injury and that first time you drop it on your knee. I'm not saying it affects you, but it's definitely on your mind. The other thing now compared to when he won his first titles is the fact that this year there are 20 fast lads so he could be 0.6s off and qualify 15th. And that means you've got to pass 15

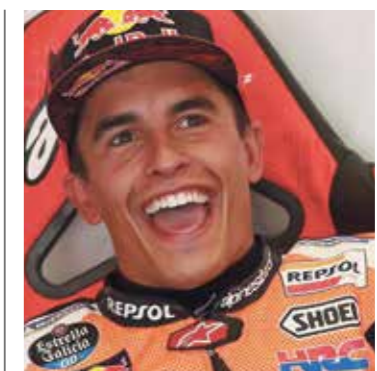


McPint says there's no way Marquez won't be rapid

ASK MCGUINNESS

Do you think Marquez will be ready for round one?

Joel Mardell
It's a complicated injury, but despite what's he's been through he still looks in good shape – he hasn't been on the pies has he?



That Joker-ish grin will no doubt be back on our MotoGP screens soon

@ Send your questions to AskMcPint@motorcyclenews.com. Don't expect a serious answer.

NEXT WEEK MORE WISDOM FROM THE FAST MAN FROM MORECAMBE

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