



**HONDA CJ125**  
On my first bike in 1976, a Honda CJ125. Still riding my Honda CB750 I bought in 1981 and a Street Triple. **George Munro**



**SUZUKI GT50**  
A proud 16-year-old in 1979 with my new Suzuki GT50. I now ride a Triumph Speed Triple which is white too! **Trevor Gynn**



**KAWASAKI GPZ**  
Nice bike shame about the purple chords and white kickers! **Simon Barton**



**YAMAHA YAS1**  
In 1971 aged 16 I was travelling by bus/train/foot so nagged my parents into letting me have a motorcycle. **Alfonso Lygo**



**BULTACO 350**  
This was dragged out of a hedge on the farm where I was living. It was perfect for going up and down the track to my house. **Kathy Hornblow**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

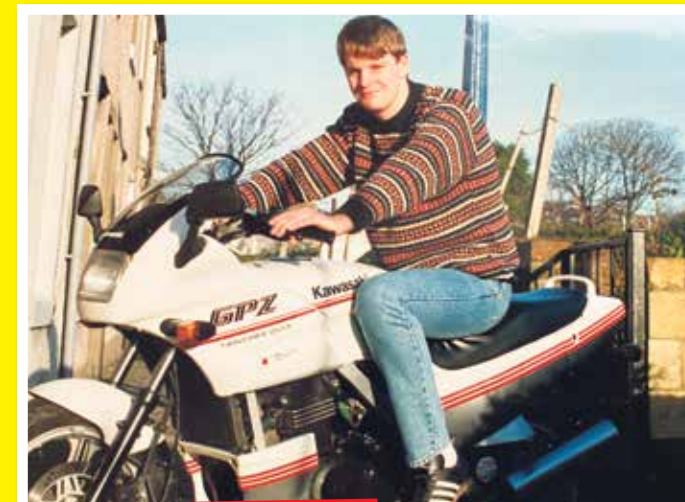
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**BSA**  
My late father Terry and mum Janet on what I think is a BSA. It got an outfit bolted on when I arrived! **Mark Robinson**



**YAMAHA RD350YPVS**  
This beauty was my first big bike after passing my test in 1989. I am still riding but now on a Ducati 1198. **Darren Howell**



**KAWASAKI GPZ500S**  
Me on my first big bike, a GPZ500S in December 1989. **Eric Langstaff**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q 'Help! Cops saw me pulling two wheelies'

I have just received papers telling me I must appear in court for not being in proper control and driving without due care and attention. I was seen by a police officer performing two wheelies on the same stretch of road. I was not stopped and reported at the time and I did I know he was there. The summons refers to two counts of each offence, presumably one for each wheelie. Is there anything I can do to get off this or if not, as I suspect, to reduce the penalty? **Jacob, email**

**A** You are lucky to only be charged with driving without due care and attention, otherwise known as careless driving. Within the Crown Prosecutors' manual a wheelie is a specific example of dangerous driving. This is a more serious offence with which they could have charged you and the consequences could have been severe.

I take it that you agree you

### 'An early guilty plea may help reduce your sentence'

performed the wheelies and if so an early guilty plea may reduce the penalty. You could also try to persuade them that you will plead guilty to just one of the offences as they were so close in time it is arguable they constituted the same act. This is known as a "same occasion offence". This defence can be found at Section 28 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988. The court may or may not agree with you but it is definitely worth a try.

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## 'Racing but not as we know it...'

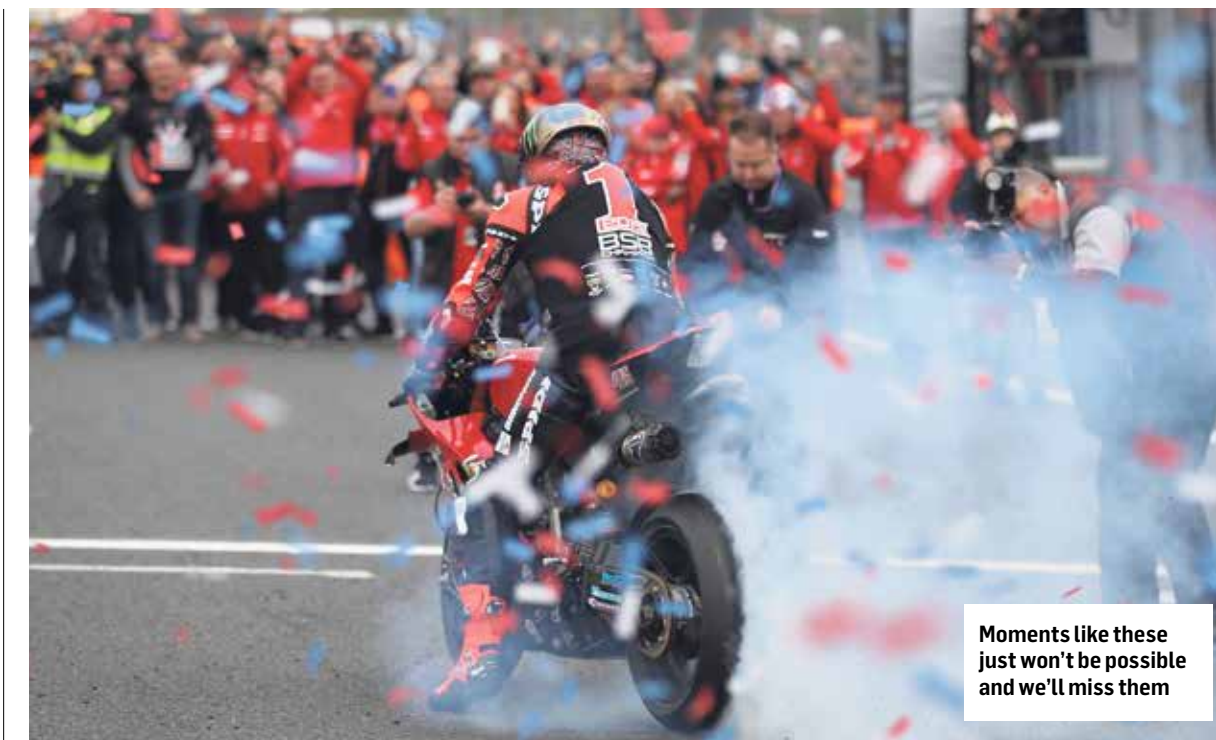
McGuinness says the action won't feel right without the fans

I've been looking at all the racing calendars now that they've been confirmed – and it's going to be busy. Busier than I expected as it looks like once MotoGP starts we'll have racing every weekend into November. It's going to be a blur and it's going to be a bizarre year as to start with at least there will be no fans and even on pitlane there will be a lot less people, so there'll be no atmosphere. Look at the first MotoAmerica race with no fans, it was embarrassing.

People are saying that from a pure racing point of view

### 'I LIKE THE FANS BEING THERE. I LIKE THE BUZZ OF THE CROWD'

it doesn't matter if there are spectators, but I like the fans being there. I like the buzz of riding in front of people who enjoy and appreciate what we're doing. Saying that, I've done it before when I went to Qatar for World Endurance. It's a world championship but there were about four people there watching! I suppose when you're actually riding around it doesn't matter so much, but you need the camaraderie and if you're not allowed to go from garage to garage it's going to be dull. Right now there are still a lot of unanswered questions. Will



Moments like these just won't be possible and we'll miss them

you be able to take a tent or your camper to the race? Will I be able to take my wife and kids? Also, half the paddock stay in hotels, so how is that going to work? We've got the dates which is a good start but logistically it still feels like we're a way off.

I know the number of rounds has been reduced but the British Supercup in the 1990s was only six rounds. This year we'll have 18 races to decide the championship and whoever has the most points at the end of that is champion – end of. And 13 MotoGP races is enough to call it a world championship.



We'll be swapping the podium fizz for hand sanitizer and social distancing

## ASK McGUINNESS

### Could you do the TT all on the left side?



**Simon Jackson**  
Good question. I've done 100mph with a pillion, but I don't think you could do a 100mph lap without using all the road. It would be really hard because of all the laps I've done using all the road.

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