

Talking point

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Here's to a classic year of racing

In the 57 years I have been following motorcycle racing I cannot remember a year when the classes I follow have all given such brilliantly entertaining close racing. Taz Mackenzie taking the British Superbike crown, Fabio Quartararo doing the business in MotoGP and, last but definitely not least, new World Superbike champion Toprak Razgatlioglu. They were deserving victors but also just a part of the phenomenal entertainment we've all had this year. Long may it continue!
Andrew Hayes, email



STAR LETTER



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Motorcycle-not-so-Live...

We have just returned from Motorcycle Live and what a disappointment it was. Yamaha only had a clothing stall and no bikes, Guzzi didn't even bother to turn up and apart from a couple of new bikes, the stands were just the same bikes as last year. We went on the Monday and it was like a ghost town. So very sad.
Gordon Freestone, email

...but it's not all bad news!

Having just returned from the bike show I would like to thank all those exhibitors for a great show. It was so good to be able to visit the stands, meet the people and do all that in as near-as-safe situation as possible.
Rob Creek, email

Feeling festive, MCN style

Fancy a little bit of festive cheer? – MCNs strung up over the fireplace (right) make a nice change from the usual Christmas cards.
Ray Bell, email
Ed: Superb, looks like there is a space for our 2022 calendar in the middle there, too. Happy Christmas!



MCN as Xmas decorations? We love it

Why promote Binder?

I am fairly new to MotoGP, but I love it! I am mystified, however, by the choice to promote Darryn Binder to the big league when his track record on the little bikes is truly shocking. He seems to spend more time shiny side down with a colleague usually swearing at him for taking them along for the fall. I am aware that Toprak didn't want to make the switch this year but did they try hard to get him, really? I am hoping he will join the bunfight next year

as he is a real talent. Can another reader please explain to me what I am missing?
Peter Eblett, email

Don't price out normal folk

New Norton at £30,000... New Dot at £20,000... Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear, who is going to buy them in numbers enough to keep these companies going? Yes, I'm sure Norton at least will sell a few to rich collectors but the ordinary Joe in the street will be looking at Triumph (and congrats on their millionth bike), Enfield and now BSA. Sensible bikes at sensible prices for sensible people. I give Norton no more than six years and Dot I doubt will get off the ground.
Nigel Clark, email
Ed: Don't forget Norton also have the cheaper Atlas models in the wings.

Fight the tampering laws

Everyone should get behind this petition on anti-tampering proposals, this is something that affects all of us in motorcycling. You can find it here: petition.parliament.uk/petitions/600954
Stuart Hull, email

Get Jenny a Blade too!

If Honda can put Mc Pint on a Blade for TT 2022, how about they do the same for Jenny Tinmouth? After all she is still the fastest women around the TT lap! Equality and all that. Come on Honda, over to you.
Tim Wild, email

BSA turns back time

The new BSA looks great (MCN, December 8) but couldn't they get the clocks right? They are backwards, I think that's terrible.
Tom Wilkinson, email

Festive drip tray needed

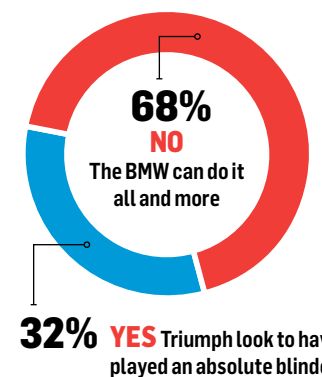
It seemed like a good idea at the time as she was out shopping. The room didn't smell of oil, petrol or exhaust fumes, well, very much, and there's only a small oil and tyre mark on the carpet. She really will be impressed when she returns. Looks like my Christmas is well and truly cracked! Must go, I've just heard the front door slam! Have a good one everybody!
Windy Miller, email



Well, who wants a tree anyway?

READER POLL

Can the Tiger 1200 dethrone the GS?



MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'I'm scared he'll turn up'

Six months ago I sold a 40-year-old Honda 250 trail bike to a fella in the West Country. I live in Kent. Everything was fine, the bike was in really good order and he got a good deal at £2500. I made a loss on what I paid for it. Fast forward six months and the buyer phoned me up ranting and raving that the starter motor had failed and he wanted his money back. When I refused he said he was going to bring it back, ram it through my front door and knock my head off! I told him I'd phone the police if he turned up at my house. He then said he would "take me to court". Obviously I've been on tenterhooks ever since! Does he have a case? Should I give him his money back?
Anonymous, email

A The basic rule in English and Welsh Law is 'caveat emptor' – let the buyer beware. It is the buyer's job to exercise due diligence and ensure that he is getting what he is

'He threatened to come and knock my head off'

paying for. If you were selling in the course of business, (eg as a garage or motorcycle retailer) the Sale of Goods Act 1979 implies into contract various terms to ensure that the goods are of satisfactory quality. However, you were not selling in the course of business. Providing you did not make false statements or give false assurances in relation to the bike you are not guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation and as such caveat emptor applies – you are under no legal obligation to provide a refund.

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