



HONDA CB250RS

This one is me as a teenager back in 1982 on my first proper bike with some classic cars from the era too. **William Gibb**



HONDA SS50

My brother Guy taking a first sit on Dad's SS50. Today Dad's got a Triumph, Guy has a BMW and I'm on a Thundercat. **Mark Harrison**



YAMAHA RD250LC

Me on my RD250LC aged 19 in 1984 complete with Allspeeds, proddy bars and rearsets. What's not to love about it? **John Chinnery**



SINNIS TERRAIN 125

Me and my first proper bike. I did have a 'bogseat' Honda C90 about 25 years ago but only rode that once before having to sell it. **Dominic Risk**



HONDA CG125

Caroline on her CG125. We have been married for 40 years and still delight in our biking. **Gerry Cobbe**



HONDA SUPER DREAM

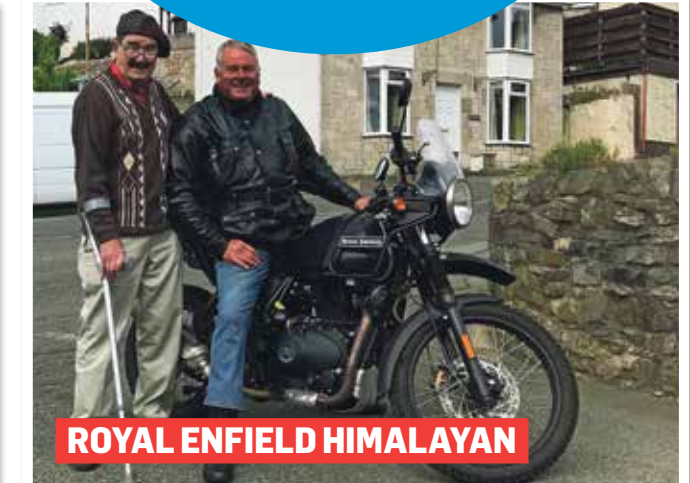
A Super Dream? Maybe a nightmare. Look at the flares, I was 17 and made from rubber and magic. **Stuart Trotter**



TRIUMPH SPEED TWIN

Test passed and it's straight in at deep end with a Speed Twin. One very happy man as you can see! **Simon Blyth**

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ROYAL ENFIELD HIMALAYAN

Not exactly my first bike but here are my dad and me. I have a shot of him on his Bantam in the self-same spot 61 years ago. **Gary Davies**

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Should I appeal speeding fine?'

First of all, I'm a big fan of your column in MCN. It's very insightful and always useful for future reference. My question is this... I received a speeding fine on August 23. However, I'm aware of a Law (though I don't know the ins and outs) that states if an intent to prosecute isn't received within 14 days, the fine is nullified. I received mine on the September 25. Are there any caveats to this before I appeal and bite off more than I can chew? I recently moved properties and also put on a private licence plate, so I reckon this is the reason for the delay. However, I don't know whether this is reason enough for them to forego the above law?
Jamie Garbutt, email

A There is a time limit of 14 days for them to send out a notice of intended prosecution (NIP) if you are caught by a camera. If the date on the NIP is after 14 days then they are too late. If it is dated within 14 days

'The key here is the date on the notification'

of the alleged offence then it is still valid. If you were reported for speeding on the roadside the 14 day time limit does not apply. If the delay was because you did not update the address on your driving licence then I imagine (but would have to look into it to confirm) that the penalty will stick and there is also a potential fine for not providing DVLA with your new address. So the key here is the date on the NIP – if it is within 14 days of the alleged offence then I think you would be sensible to pay the fine.

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'Can you learn to crash? Not really'

Nobody likes crashing but having the best kit takes the edge off

I'm still feeling sore from my crash at Brands Hatch. I didn't break anything, I've just given myself a bit of a battering. Apart from my NW200 crash when the throttle stuck, I can't remember the last time I had a big one. I blame myself though, I know Brands inside out and had been having ground clearance problems all weekend. If you could pick one place not to crash at Brands, two thirds of the way round Paddock is probably that place. I raced again on the Sunday but I was sitting on the bike like Mike

'Crashing is horrible; nobody wants to do it'

Haitwood. I was like a policeman and couldn't hang off at all. I don't wear an airbag suit. I've got one but it doesn't quite fit right so I need to get one fitted. 100% it's the way to go. I don't think you can learn to crash. Crashing is horrible, nobody wants to do it. And even though we see people get up from crashes all the time in MotoGP, I think if you're injured, you're injured – whether you're a super human MotoGP rider or not. That has shown with Marquez at the start of the year, Luca Marini at Le Mans and Aaron Canet who smashed his finger up. Of course the MotoGP guys get all the best equipment. They are



GP stars get good kit and even better drugs... probably

also some of the fittest people in the world and while this may open up a can of worms... I'm sure they have different painkillers from the rest of us. There's no way they're on paracetamol is there? There are a million ways to hurt yourself. You can end-over-end at 120mph and get up with no injuries or you can topple off at 20mph, hit your head and give yourself concussion. Maybe the MotoGP guys get access to the football 'magic sponge'. Just a guy with a bucket who makes them feel fine with a quick wipe.



Time to send for the man with the magic sponge from football

ASK MCGUINNESS

Are you still getting to drive the Rally Cross car?

Elliot Webb
Yeah the race I was supposed to do was postponed due to Covid, but now the plan is to get out on November 7-8 at Lydden.



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