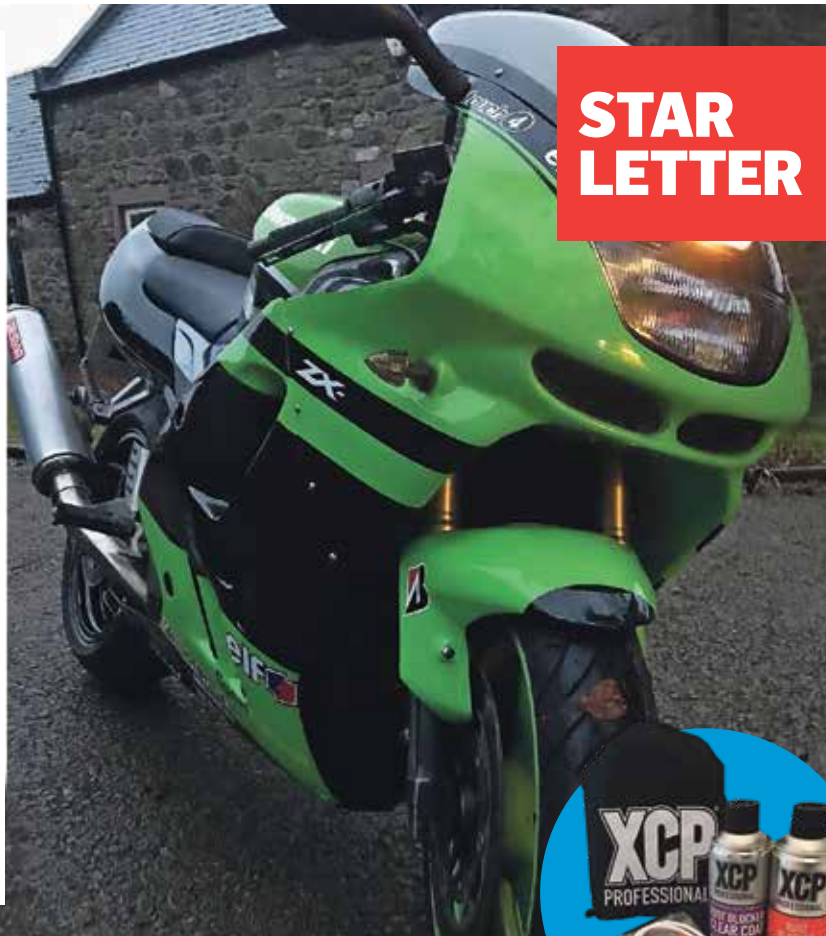


Talking point

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Ninja fights back after lockdown

My old B1 ZX-9R has been in my garage for a while, so lockdown was time to resurrect it. Full service done, all going well until I ran it out of fuel and it began to run a bit rough. I still took it for an MoT since it was booked, but once there it wouldn't start. Took it home (failed on leaking forks). Long story short, by using a separate plug I could see I now had a spark, but it wouldn't catch with the ones that were fitted. After much head scratching, and knowing they were new iridium plugs which I had only recently put in, a £22 set of Champion plugs were stuck in instead. Bingo! We now have that raucous 900 brought back to life... now to change those fucking fork seals. **Ken Davidson, email**



Write something that spikes our interest, and you could get selected for the Star Letter slot and receive this brilliant rust-beating kit from our friends at XCP worth £29

Wrong move by Triumph?

With regard to Triumph's new Speed Triple 1200RS, I can't help but wonder if the company have lost their way a little, like they did with the 765R – a superb motorcycle let down by suspension and comfort. The engine is fantastic, but the rest is hopeless in pothole Britain. I do wonder if perhaps there is not a broad enough range in ages among their road testers. It was quite obvious from your own testers that even they think this machine is flawed in some areas. **Duncan Matthews, email**

Blackbird's flying high

For my 63rd birthday I rode my Super Blackbird over to Maxton for a full suspension upgrade – new fork internals and the suspension guru waved his magic wand over the settings. Best mods I've ever made, my 2005 Honda now feels like a trackday queen! **Dave Clark, email**

Sarah's got it spot on

I just want to publicly congratulate my better half Sarah Gray for



Congratulations to MCN reader Sarah

passing her advanced test. Sarah is a passionate motorcyclist with two years and 36,000 miles on her current Street Triple 765R. A big well done, Sarah you've done so well, and your riding is perfect. **Tim Harvey, email**

Riders need to get smart

If bikers are going to head to popular areas and ride fast (especially with noisy pipes), there will be complaints and plod will arrive in the form of speed vans, unmarked vehicles and marked

vehicles, and then the dreaded average speed zones. Soon the roads will be ruined. Imagine if we were all on quieter bikes – most people wouldn't even know we were there, so no complaints, no attention and no plod. Think about it! **Mark Westmoreland, email**

Biking life is returning

Thankfully at long last MCN are printing the What's On pages again – meaning some normality is back as now when I open my paper every Wednesday I can decide what to do or go to at the weekend. Keep up the great work – you've kept me sane for the last 12 months of the Covid-19 pandemic. **Allen Linkorn, email**

Keep that cap on...

I recently found my Ducati SuperSport rear brake reservoir cap missing and brake fluid all over my back wheel. Looking at the forums, it seems this has happened on more than one bike. My dealer advised it is particularly bad on Scramblers due to contact between the boot and cap. Question is, why is this

considered 'just one of those things'? If this was a Volkswagen there would be a major recall and lawsuits flying around. I have had to spend £30 on a Motech cap retaining bracket. Just needs a couple of screws or a clip on the cap. **Richard Lewis, North Wales**

Help for keen youngsters

I'm an ex-racer, I learned my trade in the late 90s but I'd been riding since the age of eight. My sons, both novices (MX bike riders), want to have a go at club racing. Now Ron Haslam's school has ceased running is there anyone out there that caters for novice racers who have never ridden on an asphalt track or have a motorcycle licence? Bike and kit hire would also be an advantage. The first track I ever rode was with the Yamaha race school with my instructor an unknown racer called Steve Plater (a top bloke, I'd like to add). Any information would be much appreciated.

Stuart Brookes, email

Plug for a great plug

I recently bought a couple of Dynaplug repair kits and was amazed when I deployed one on my neighbour's rear wheel puncture. The plug tool was so easy to use, it took seconds. Pumped the tyre up and it lost no air overnight. Highly recommended.

Chas Slight, Newport

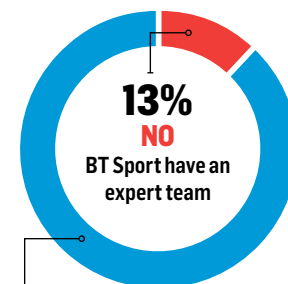
Separated at birth?

Has anyone noticed how much Ducati's MotoGP star Jack Miller looks like all-time motorcycling legend Mike Hailwood?

Julie and Terry Turton, email

READER POLL

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Q 'Caught out by voucher'

I bought a tankbag from a shop near me. The sales assistant said I could take it home and try it on my bike and return it for a refund if necessary. It was too tall, so I went back. But the person I'd spoken to before was off and their colleague refused to refund me. He said that because there was nothing inherently wrong with the product it was their policy to offer me a voucher instead. After much arguing I reluctantly accepted a voucher for £107.99. However,

'Threaten small claims court if they don't agree'

this all took place in February 2020 just before lockdown and the voucher is valid for one year. This month I telephoned them to ask if they would be prepared to still honour the voucher, but they refused. I pointed out that they were closed for much of the lockdown and I was following guidelines by not calling in.

Paul Backhouse, email

A In terms of the voucher which was valid for one year, I am afraid you are contractually bound by that and cannot use it beyond the offered and accepted period. In relation to the original purchase, the first sales assistant was acting on behalf of the company when he/she said you could return the tankbag. It is irrelevant that the company policy was not to offer this – the fact is the sales assistant did do so and bound the company to that. Therefore, I would suggest that you contact the owner of the company and alert him/her to the breach of contract and threaten small claims court proceedings.

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