



**KAWASAKI KH250**

This was in the summer of '76 outside my parents' home in Cleveland. Note the parched grass. **Peter Edwards**



**SUZUKI GT185**

My first bike was this Suzuki GT185 in 1976. I did ride it in a Belstaff jacket though! **Ian Swanborough**



**SUZUKI RGV250**

Here is my son Martyn who is now 30 years old on my Suzuki RGV250M. The photo was taken in 1991. I now ride an R6 and a CBR600RR. **Liam Keiller**



**YAMAHA AS3 125**

Back in the long hot summer of 1976 and that Yamaha twin was a great bike. **Paul Nuttall**



**SUZUKI AP50**

This is my AP50. I'd just finished putting back together with my dad in time for my 16th in 1983. Still riding today with a Yamaha FZ6. **Andy Cabby**

# YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR FIRST BIKE

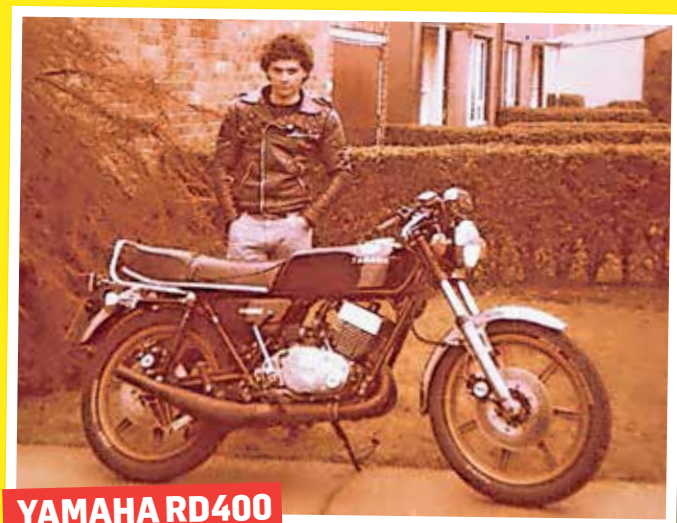
A blast down memory lane

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**YAMAHA RD200**

My first new bike in 1977 – an RD200 from Jim Gateleys in Omagh. Those Doc Martins are still trendy! **Jim McMaster**



**YAMAHA RD400**

This was me cool and broody after finishing my custom job of this bike... bought another one last week, happy days! **Keith Vernon**



**HONDA SS50**

This is me at 16 back in 1974 on my Honda SS50 complete with a mudguard-mounted numberplate – you don't see those anymore! **Richard Coombs**

## MCN LAW

Your tricky legal questions answered

### Q Electronic Scooter

I'm tempted to buy an electric scooter for commuting to work. Are these legal to use on roads and is there a speed limit?  
**Tony, Leeds**

**A** Electric scooters have become a familiar sight on our roads, but they have been technically illegal to ride in the UK – until now.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government brought their review of e-scooters forward and as of 4th July 2020 launched a trial scheme legalising e-scooters, but with very strict limitations.

You are able to ride e-scooters on roads and cycle lanes (not pavements) and only as part of a hire scheme in pre-approved trial locations. You will need at least a provisional licence and be 16 or over. The e-scooters are currently limited to 15.5mph, and although you don't have to wear a helmet, it's recommended.

This trial scheme is due to last 12 months and for the time being it will still be illegal to ride your own e-scooter anywhere except on private

### 'You are able to ride them on roads and cycle lanes in trial locations'

land (subject to the permission of the landowner). If you're stopped by police riding a non-rental scooter you could receive a £300 fixed penalty notice, plus six penalty points on your driving licence.

Realistically, it seems it will only be a matter of time before e-scooters are fully legalised in the UK. That said, expect them to be subject to stringent requirements covering: useage, helmets, licensing, construction and speed.

#### Andrew Campbell

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# McPINT



## 'Rossi's doing it for the oldies...'

John says Vale's podium is richly deserved, especially in that heat

**I** think on behalf of everybody that is half way to going into the ground we're all delighted! I don't care who your favourite rider is, it's good to see Rossi on the podium – absolutely no doubt about it.

I was on Twitter on Monday morning and there were people saying he held Viñales up and this and that. That's bollocks.

He deserves it and has got every right to be stood on that podium. Had Marquez been in the same position as Viñales, he would have smashed past Valentino – no doubt. Marc is the champion and he would have kept on

### 'HE DESERVES IT AND HAS EVERY RIGHT TO STAND ON THE PODIUM'

lunging at him and worn Rossi down. Viñales didn't, is that because he's too nice? For me Viñales is a bit like Steve Hislop. On his day no one will catch him, but if he gets something in his head he's beatable.

In 25 laps Rossi made one mistake, which was when Viñales got past. It was also 40 degrees and 60 degrees track temperature and that is when experience shows.

I don't think people sat on the sofa appreciate what it's like to race in that heat. Those riders were in a world of hell sat in a group of 300bhp bikes spitting



20 years since his first MotoGP podium Rossi is up there again

flames at you.

Imagine it's the hottest day in history and you go outside in leathers, lid etc in the sun for 40 minutes. Just standing there would be hell, never mind wrestling a MotoGP bike around. These are the best riders in the world and the physical side of what they do is unreal.

It's also not often that you see a MotoGP bike go pop, but then we had something similar in F1 where things were going bang.

And while I never like to see anyone injured it has made it interesting hasn't it? Next up is Brno and I can't wait.



Wrestling one of these beasts for 25 laps in 40 degree is no fun at all, says McPint

### ASK McGUINNESS

Can Marc Marquez still win the title in 2020?  
**Marc Gabriel**



Yes, 100% I think he can still win the title. There are 11 races left and he's 50 points behind so it's definitely still possible for him to claw his way back to the front and take the title.

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