



KAWASAKI Z750
Not his first bike but here is my dad Pete on his new Kawasaki Z750 B2 back in 1977. **Andrew Naylor**



HONDA CB500T
This is my dad with his Honda on his way to the Dog Diggers Rally in 1977. At 63, he now rides a VFR750. **Shannon Tyson**



BSA BANTAM 125
This is me aged 14 years on the Bantam I bought for the princely sum of £10. I now ride a slightly faster BMW S1000XR. **Tony Earland**

Here I am at 16 in the good old summer of 1976 trying to master the awesome power of the Fizzy! Can't believe what they go for now. **Rob Birch**



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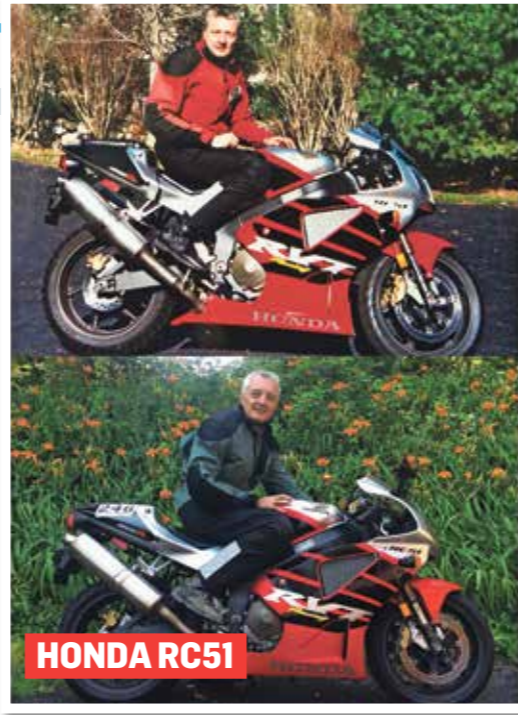
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TRIBO E-BIKE
My sons Loxley (age 8) and Bode (age 6) Marshall got a Tribo for Xmas and are desperate for their pic to appear in MCN. **Richard Marshall**



HONDA RC51
My first big V-twin and I'm still riding it many years later. It currently has 67,000 miles showing. **Cyril Visovksy**



HONDA SS50
More than 40 years after this picture I've just passed Mod 2 and am now looking for my next bike. **Martin North**



MINIBIKE
My son Joshua aged one with his first bike. It was bought by his grandad so they can go riding together. **Graeme Foster**

MCN LAW
Your tricky legal questions answered

Q 'Case keeps dragging on'

I have a question about the delays in my compensation claim resulting from my bike vs car accident 18 months ago. The court has cancelled a hearing twice, not a trial but some administrative hearing to agree a timetable and costs. It is getting really frustrating that no progress is being made and I wondered if I can do anything to speed things up as I would like to put it all behind me. My solicitor says it is to do with the Covid pandemic. Is this just an excuse?

Mark Smith, email

A I suspect that the Covid-19 pandemic is the reason. We are seeing many delays and cancellations to our case load caused by the virus, the most recent of which was a hearing cancelled the day before it was due to be heard and, like in your case, for the second time. It is to do with the courts having to try to cope with reduced staff and trying to implement new procedures.

'We are seeing many case delays due to Covid-19'

While some hearings are going ahead in person, a lot are now being dealt with remotely, by telephone or video hearing. The hearing you are referring to is likely to be a case and costs management conference (CCMC) which lists dates of the various stages to trial and set the parties' costs budgets for the various stages of litigation. I am afraid that you are going to have to be patient and let the court system find its way and clear its backlog.

Andrew Campbell
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'Captain Tom was a hero to bikers'

Just imagine dodging bullets on a bike in the heat of the jungle

I don't know exactly how to feel about Captain Tom, because part of me thinks they've worked him into the ground, but the other part thinks he must have had such a great time over the past year. If you had the choice of one year living the dream or three years having your Sunday roast through a blender, I know which I'd chose. Aged 99 he decided to do his walk which turned into something incredible. He was like the UK's guardian angel. And for all of us, as soon as we found out he was

'Dougie said he came alive the moment he saw their bikes'

a biker, our ears pricked up. So he went up 100% in everybody's estimations in the bike fraternity. What a whirlwind year he had. Can you imagine the requests he'd have been getting? Dougie Lampkin told me Captain Tom had a couple of visits to their place to look at bikes and he absolutely came alive the moment he saw them. Before Christmas I picked up his autobiography and read all about how 10-time TT winner Stanley Woods was his hero, so all of a sudden I felt like Captain Tom was my mate. He broke his hip when he was



Lampkin and Capt Sir Tom struck up a biking friendship

98 and recovered from that. I'm sure he went over the handlebars of his Norton a few times back in the day too! Can you imagine for a minute heading into the jungle in Burma on a reconnaissance mission, it would be red hot, the engine would be on the verge of seizing and then you've also got people trying to kill you. Basically dodging bullets all while hoping that the bike didn't break. At the end of the day he was 100 and he achieved so much. What a legend. RIP Captain Tom.



They truly don't make them like Capt Sir Tom Moore these days

ASK MCGUINNESS

How have you dealing with the current lockdown?

Marc Gabriel
It's like jail, but you haven't done owt wrong! It does make you realise how much we take for granted, but on the plus side WSB guys are testing.

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