SPOKES CORRECTION CIRCULAR, 18 MARCH 2016

... This is a circular to emailable Spokes members. If you recently sent us a change of email address it may not yet be in our database, so this message may go to your old address or possibly to both.

1. MARCH 21 - SPOKES HOLYROOD HUSTINGS - CORRECTION

Unfortunately our printed bulletin and poster have a mistake in the address. The meeting is at St Brides Centre, *10 Orwell Terrace*, not Orwell *Place*. The article and poster on our website have now been corrected ... www.spokes.org.uk/2015/12/spokes-holyrood-hustings-2016

All other details are correct – the meeting starts at 7.30, and doors are open at 6.45 for coffee, stalls and chat.

We've also a wider article about the election here ... <u>www.spokes.org.uk/2016/03/holyrood-election-5-may-2016</u>

We are taking the opportunity of this email to mention a couple of other immediate issues...

2. EDINBURGH CYCLE CHALLENGE - ends Monday 21st

Already 1300 people have entered the challenge and there's still time for you and your friends to take part – whether experienced, novice or even non-cycling (so far). All you or they have to do is to cycle – anywhere – for **just 10 minutes** (or more) by Monday 21st, then log the details on the Love to Ride website.

There are loads of prizes, from cinema vouchers right up to a new Gazelle Esprit bike from Hart's Cyclery or a Revolution Courier from Edinburgh Bicycle Coop.

Full details at www.lovetoride.net/edinburgh.

3. BIKE/RAIL CUTS IN NEW AND REFURBISHED TRAINS - please support

Our article and tweet have really captured public interest – with the <u>original tweet</u> already retweeted more than 120 times, far more than our previous record of 82 retweets.

There is a new article here... http://www.spokes.org.uk/2016/03/bikerail-cuts-opposition-mounts/

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- If the cutbacks concern you, please <u>ask MSPs</u> to take it up urgently with the Transport Minister, and ask Holyrood candidates who contact you, or at <u>hustings</u>, what they will do *now* (not just if elected!) We don't know when work begins on the internal layout of the new & refurbished trains but it is likely to be soon.
- Strangely, the press has not picked up our story, despite our efforts and its popularity, so if you have contacts please use them!! Our Bike-Rail liaison person, Ewan, is happy to speak to them email BikeRail[AT]spokes.org.uk, phone 0131 225 6460.
- If you use twitter, please add to our retweets if you support us.