

SPOKES JOKES COMPETITION - RESULTS

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Our thanks to all who gave Spokes Resources Group some light relief from addressing envelopes, by entering our summer competition. Entries were judged anonymously by a panel of 6 members, each judge scoring independently, with scores for each entry then totalled. While the judges did have a few groans at the riddles, we were so distressed at the quality of non-riddle entries that only the prizewinning non-riddle is shown here.

Joke prizewinners: Non-riddle- Dave Sorensen Riddle - (O) Mark James (B&C) Katharine Wake (J) Ed Mackay

And here's the full set of riddle entries...

- 1st O What's the difference between a bike tyre and Gordon Brown?
C Why can't you get a flat tyre on a penny farthing?
- 2nd J What's faster - walking, running or cycling?
B Where do the best dressed cyclists get their kit?
- 3rd H Why didn't the cyclist vote Green?
N How do cycle mechanics relax?
T What is a ghost-proof bicycle?
- 4th W Who represents a cyclists best interests?
- 5th F What's the technical term for a wet-weather bike ride?
- 6th A Why couldn't the bicycle stand up on its own?
D What do novices find difficult about cycling?
E How did the whiskery gent ride without the handlebars?
G Why is it nice to get a bike for christmas?
P What does a bicycle and my son have in common at bedtime?
V Why did the policeman have to let the bicycle go?
- 7th K What did the goldfish say when he was given a bicycle?
Q Why are men's bikes grumpy after they've been for a drink?

- R Why did the bike with a broken chain smell so bad?
U I went on a long bicycle ride yesterday...
- 8th I What did the car driver say to the Moebius strip?
L Why did the small paper boy fall off his bike?
M How many cyclists does it take to change a lightbulb?
S Why couldn't the bicycle stand up?

Now the unjudged example entries by your editor [unwind after writing to your councillor by slotting these riddles into the above order of merit!]

- i Why are cyclists good at finding pubs that play classical music?
iii Why did the novice repairman fix trainers to the rusty bike's wheels instead of oiling it?
iv Why do novice cyclists like to start practising on a 3-wheeled bike?
ii How did the magic cyclist make a hungry cow happy?
v Why wouldn't you build a primary school near a chicken farm? - Not to expose the children to fowl language of course! - but, more to the point, why *would* you build a primary school near a chicken farm?

And the winning non-riddle (we trust the author is an engineer!)

Two engineering students were walking across campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The other replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman cycled up. She threw her bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take whatever you want!'"

The first student nodded approvingly, "Good choice - the clothes probably wouldn't have fitted."

Finally, the answers to the riddles...

- A Because it was two tired
B From a bespoke tailor
C Because they were made in the days before inflation.
D It's two tyreing.
E He went to the barber for a shave
F A wash cycle.
G Because it's a wheely good present.
H Greens believe in a silent revolution but he had a squeaky wheel
I We'd better start over.
J It depends if you're going upstairs or downstairs.
K Nothing - (a) he didn't want a bike anyway (b) goldfish hardly ever speak (c) in fact they never speak
L Someone threw a fridge at him.
M None- they all have dynamos.
N They take a V-break.

- O A tyre is happy with high inflation.
P They're both better if they are tyred.
Q Because they have a cross bar.
R Because it was off.
S Because it was tired.
T One with no spooks in it.
U Farcical?
V Because it was squeaky clean.
W A Spokesperson [this should have come first - ed!]
i Because they're so in touch with the Handel bars.
ii By pedalling down the road and turning into a field.
iii Because the customer asked him to get it running.
iv Because it's try-cycling.
v To minimise the use of motorised transport when you wanted to organise a school trip to a chicken farm.