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To all emailable Spokes members

This is a quick email with a few updates to some of the events in our 21 August <u>Action-Update</u> member circular.

Spokes Competition - domestic bike storage

Our external judge is away for a few days, so we have extended the closing date to this Friday 8 September.

Thanks if you've entered already - and do remember that each household is allowed 2 entries!

If you've not yet entered, you still have time to win your choice of the superb prize list (if you come first)!

Full details & Prizes list at www.spokes.org.uk/2023/08/spokescomp-2023-bike-storage-at-home

Remember - your entry can be *anything* about domestic bike storage, so it doesn't have to be about how *you* store *your* bike (though it can be of course, especially if you've a great idea - or a big problem!)

It could be something wider, like the problems for the city if people can't store bikes at home; or families in tenements; or kids not being able to cycle to school because there's no space for a bike at home. Are there solutions? And what about storing cargobikes, or adapted bikes for people with disabilities? Or have you experience of property developers catering (well or badly) for bike storage in new dwellings? Theft from home is another big area for possible entries. Or, if home bike storage is totally impossible, are there any alternatives to bike ownership which the individual or the Council could come up with?

We hope to hear from you!!

Sat 9 Sept - CCWEL Bike Event [not 8 Sept, which was a typo]

The Council's CCWEL event is this coming Saturday, 10am-1.30 (possibly 2pm), at Haymarket Terrace in front of the *4 Points by Sheraton* Hotel.

The Spokes stall (with cargobike) will be there from 11am to 2pm (possibly 1.30). Come and say hello - or, better, contact us to help at the stall.

There's also a free Dr Bike to check your bike and do minor repairs, and police for bike security marking

Finally, the Council has now added a 'spot the bike part' competition, with prizes from local bike shops

More details in our tweet. Retweets also welcome, to publicise the event

Sat 16 Sept - Hippodrome Bike Film Afternoon, joint with Spokes

Featuring *The Freedom Machine*, about the role of the bike in the emancipation of women from 100 years ago to the present.

<u>Kirsty Lewin</u> of <u>Spokes Porty</u> and <u>Infrasisters</u> will also give a 5-mins talk, and there will be a post-film QA with the film's director <u>Jo Reid</u>.

There'll also be a Spokes stall, with our West Lothian map at just £4 and others at £5.

See page 2 in the <u>Action-Update</u> for means of getting to the Hippodrome by bike, bus or rail/bike

Note that the bus *from Edinburgh* does not go through the town centre, so there would be a bit of a walk.

The bus from Linlithgow does go to the centre, close to the Hippodrome.

The Action-Update also includes more about the film and its soundtrack, and the background.

For booking tickets, see the Hippodrome advert here... <u>www.hippodromecinema.co.uk/whats-on/the-freedom-machine</u>

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