

# Dieppe Raid Weekend - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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**General:** Please help by carefully reading and following the instructions below as there are some changes this year. To date, no one has come forward to take over the event for 2023. After 20 years, this is my last event as organiser.

Please be aware that the DFDS Seaways ferry terminal rarely deal with such a large number of cyclists so please comply with their boarding instructions and arrive promptly in accordance with their instructions. Ensure your passport meets all requirements for non-EU visitors. Bring your booking confirmation and proof of Covid vaccinations. It is your responsibility to ensure you have organised travel, accommodation and travel insurance, and meet all travelling requirements.

**Changes for 2022:** The reduced number of Dieppe CDC members may impact the event but this should not lessen everyone's enjoyment. For the regulars, please ensure you are prepared for possible changes: some of the usual bars may no longer be available; provision of refreshments may be more limited; last minute route changes and refunds cannot be accommodated; the location of Sunday's Refreshment Control has altered; the Sunday meal is at the Casino this year.

**Car Parking at Newhaven:** A Pay and Display Car Park is available next to the ferry terminal. You can either pay at the machine or inside the Passenger Terminal. If you are staying overnight at the Premier Inn, they may allow you to leave your vehicle in their car park, please check with staff.

**Newhaven Group Travel:** Please read your travel agreement to check your travel and arrival times. All passengers will board from the terminal situated west of the railway crossing. When check-in opens, proceed through the check-in area to allow space for other cyclists. Foot passengers will need to wait at the terminal for transportation onto the ferry by bus. If you booked to travel with a bike but are now travelling as a foot passenger, you should advise the booking office.

Remember to bring your confirmation of travel. Arrive in plenty of time for your chosen sailing as there will be many cyclists on each crossing.

**Passport:** Be aware of new travel restrictions. Some useful links are included on the News page of the website. If in any doubt, contact DFDS for advice.

**Cycle Lights:** Required for anyone intending to cycle early morning or late evening.

**Insurance:** You are responsible for organising your own travel insurance. Also recommend you obtain a Global Health Insurance card for basic health cover. Refer to [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) site for details. Check that your card is in date.

**Cancellation:** If the event is cancelled for any reason, monies cannot be refunded as everything has been paid in advance this year. This includes both the Sunday meal and entry fee.

**Town Map:** A Dieppe Map is available for download from the website showing locations of the port, HQ and Casino.

**Arrival at Dieppe:** Stay clear of vehicles when disembarking! Take special care on the metal bridge between the ferry terminal and town centre – it is extremely *slippery and dangerous* when wet.

**Spares:** Bring at least one spare inner tube and a good cycle lock. You need to be self-sufficient as there is no support vehicle.

**Changes** Any additional information for the weekend will be published on the website. Arising changes may also be advised at the welcome meeting and presentation.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Group travel commences and cyclists start arriving.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Reception:** 5pm at the Salle Paul Eluard near the Town Hall (see map). Please make every effort to attend this reception where you will be welcomed by City representatives and members of CDC Dieppe; a good attendance demonstrates our appreciation of their organisation. As Dieppe dignitaries are in attendance, there may be a short delay to proceedings. Light refreshments are available so it is a good opportunity to socialise with other riders.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Breakfast:** Make arrangements with your hotel if you require an early breakfast.

**Event HQ** is at Salle Paul Eluard by the Town Hall (see map). Your entry fee is paid. You may be given a tombola number and a refreshment ticket for the control. Make sure you keep these safe.

**Registration:** Registration opens at 7am; all riders should start between 7am and 8.30am. Glen and I are helping at Registration this year and we intend to leave soon after 8.30. After all the work over the last 3 years, it will be good for us to participate too. At the Registration you will be directed to tables to collect your personalised route sheet; thus, you do **not** need to print it out before coming.

Registration becomes busier after 8am so you may wish to register early; your registration time is not recorded as this is a touring event. It's up to you to arrive at the start and ride with those of your choice. If you are looking for companionship on the ride, we recommend you arrive early so that you can find someone suitable to ride with. There's no need for anyone to be left on their own.

Light refreshments are generally available for a small charge.

**Walkers:** The walk is approximately 15km. Wear appropriate footwear - preferably walking shoes or boots. Take a small backpack as you will be given a lunch pack at the start which you need to carry. Ensure you have clothing

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suitable for the conditions. Walkers should meet at HQ by 8.45am for a 9am start.

**Routes:** Route details are available on our website with detailed information regarding road numbers and a summary map for each distance. Everyone will receive a personalised route sheet at the registration so you don't need to bring it with you. It is **strongly** recommended that you utilise the issued route sheet as following the route is your responsibility.

We understand that Dieppe CDC will provide painted markings on the road.

We recommend you carry a map with you or have an App on your phone. It is your responsibility to get yourself back to the start safely. Some riders have kindly generated gpx files for some of the distances; these are available through the website/Facebook but accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

Should you wish to ride a different distance then just go ahead and ride it; there is no need to contact me or try to change your details at Registration. As all the regulars know, the event is very informal. That's partly what makes the weekend so special!

**Refreshments:** This year the refreshment control is at a different location. The control is on the Avenue Verte at the junction with the D149 at St Aubin le Cauf where some light refreshments are provided. It is advisable to carry some snacks with you for the ride.

Shops are generally open until midday.

**Presentation:** Please return to the Event HQ at 5pm for the prize presentation at 5.30pm. We request that you don't arrange evening meals too early as it is important to attend the presentation to show our appreciation for all the hard work that goes into this event by CDC Dieppe. Several prizes generally come our way, plus some complementary refreshments after the formalities. A selection of drinks may also be available for purchase prior to and during the presentation.

**Sunday Evening Meal at the Casino:** We have a large number of people booked for the celebratory meal at the Casino on the seafront. Thanks to Brian Greenwood and his team from the Sou'Westers for volunteering to liaise with the Casino and organise the seating. Everything possible has been done to meet your requested seating requirements.

Seating and table allocation has been planned around individual requests. Please be aware that if you haven't stated your seating requirements, or given an incorrect club name, you may need to be seated with other riders. Please be mindful that all helpers are giving their time on a voluntary basis.

The meal is booked for 8pm so we need to be seated by then. A check-in desk will be situated just outside the restaurant from 7.15pm. Please arrive promptly and ensure

you book in with Brian's team before entering the restaurant as they will advise you of your table number.

Larger clubs will be spread over several tables as there is a maximum of 9 diners per table.

The table numbering will identify where the vegetarians and special diets are seated, so please don't move tables as this could delay the meal.

Meal bookings are now closed and the Casino has been paid so no refunds are possible.

## Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June

**Monday Activities:** There is a wonderful swimming pool complex on the seafront so remember your swimwear if this may be of interest. Please note that Bermuda style shorts are not permitted.

Another popular option is to travel by train to Rouen

**Baggage / Bikes:** Most Hotels allow guests to store their luggage in the Hotel until departure; enquire at Reception.

**Return ferry:** Check-in for the ferry according to your booking information.

**Non-cyclists:** Non-cyclists will need to check in separately inside the passenger terminal.

## Additional Information

**Euros:** Please bring enough plus extra for emergencies in case you have difficulties.

**Organisers:** Finally, thanks again to the meal organisers: Brian Greenwood and the Sou'Westers team. Without their support, the group meal would not be possible.

If you have enjoyed the weekend and are interested in taking over from me then please find me for a chat.

**Tour des Trois Vallees 2023:** If no one comes forward to organise next year's event, Dieppe CDC will send details of how to register for the Tour des Trois Vallees in 2023. This information will be published on the Facebook group and the Dieppe Raid website. Please note that the website [www.dieppetour.com](http://www.dieppetour.com) will be discontinued when the current licences have expired (Spring 2023).

After 50 years, we know that many riders still wish to return next year.

**Finally:** Check your details on the sheet are correct and read the instructions again so you know exactly what to expect - then enjoy the trip. Let me know if you spot any issues.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. See you there.