**The annual Southwark Cyclists Boat Race ride on Saturday 25th March 2023.**

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-southwark-cyclists-boat-race-ride-tickets-588572214337>

**Mission**
To cycle the iconic 4.25 mile course of the 168th Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race up the south bank of the Thames from the start at Putney embankment to the finish at Richmond Bridge, Mortlake and down again using the north side of the river.

**Route**
This is a relaxed and social event that involves some enjoyable cycling in stages for about 25 miles in all. **80%** of our route is on **quieter roads** and some unsurfaced **river paths**.This circularroute is predominantly flat and thus suitable for **all types** of bicycles and most rider abilities. There will be loo stops along the way.
From Waterloo Station the ride will cross Thames at **Westminster Bridge** and passing **Parliament Square** and continuing west along **Millbank** crossing the Thames back to the north side over **Chelsea Bridge** and into **Battersea Park** and along the tow path to the Boat Race start at **Putney embankment**. From Putney we will stay on the south side of the river and head to **Mortlake** then **Barnes Bridge** before crossing the river by the finish post at **Chiswick Bridge**. We will then follow the river back down the north side of the river passing **Chiswick Eyot**, under **Hammersmith Bridge** and on to the **Fulham Palace**. We will cross the Thames at **Battersea Bridge** and cut through the **Power Station** on our return to **Waterloo Station** which should be approximately 4.00pm.

**Coordinating Instructions and Timings**Riders will meet at 10.00am on Saturday 25th March at the bottom of the steps outside and under the **Waterloo Station Victory Arch** that is 50 yards up on the right from where **York Road** meets **Mepham Street** and **Cab Road** just before the road bridge.
A **Riders safety briefing** will be given at 10.00am.

**Rations and Water**
Our coffee stop will be at Putney embankment around 11.00 am where we will stop to watch the Crews prepare for their race the following day. Lunch will be around 12.30 at **The Ship Inn** at Chiswick Bridge overlooking the finish. Riders are also welcome to bring their own **picnic lunch/snack** should they so wish.
Time permitting we may stop for a cup of tea at the historic Fulham Palace before returning to Waterloo Station.

**Checks and Equipment**
Riders are urged to **pre-check** general **ABC** **bike serviceability** before the event. A = Air in tyres, B = Brakes, C= Chain & gears etc.
Riders are further **advised to bring:**
a warm fleece, waterproof top, waterproof trousers, spare pair of dry socks, puncture tube canister, bike lock, bike pump, water bottle and cycle lights.

**Communication**s
It is important that all Riders have Jamie mobile phone number **07976 803741** in their phones in case of any issues on the day. Please feel free to contact me with any queries regarding this event by phone or email on **jamie.pedrick@outlook.com**