



Programme of Events

Commemoration and Celebration of
the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation
of the Falkland Islands

Looking Forward at Forty

March – June 2022

MARCH	
Thursday 3 March	<p>International Women's Day</p> <p>The theme of this year's International Women's Day is 'Breaking the Bias'</p> <p>As the Falklands looks forward at 40, we wish to recognise the contribution women have made to gender equality in the Falklands.</p> <p>What has happened in the past 40 years to break the bias? What continue to be the issues that challenge equality in the Falklands? What can be done in the next 40 years?</p> <p>Exhibition and Reception hosted by FIG</p>
Sat 5 – Tues 8 March	<p>Goose Green Sports</p> <p>An annual event that occurs over what is locally know as Sports Week. The events are a mixture of horse races and foot events, which takes place at Goose Green Settlement. A separate programme will be issued.</p> <p>Organised by Darwin Harbour Sports Association [Lucille McMullen]</p>
Sun 6 – Weds 9 March, Port Howard	<p>West Falkland Islands Sports</p> <p>An annual event that occurs over what is locally known as Sports Week. The events are a mixture of sheep dog trials and fun activities, which takes place at Port Howard. A separate programme will be issued.</p> <p>Organised by West Falkland Sports Association</p>
Saturday 12 March	<p>Multicultural Day</p> <p>The Falkland Islands Multicultural Day 2022 will take place on Saturday 12th March and will be a fun-filled opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the modern Falklands.</p> <p>Activities will run throughout the day and will culminate in a multicultural event at the FIDF Hall where there will be displays of the food, music and culture of the many different nationalities that are found in the Islands.</p> <p>Organised by Stacy Bragger and Members of the Community</p>
Sunday 20 March	<p>SCB Marathon</p> <p>The world's most southerly marathon now in its ninth year and regarded as one of the most challenging marathon courses.</p> <p>Organised by Standard Chartered Bank</p>

Thursday 31 March	FIDF Reception Reception hosted by HE The Governor to commemorate those FIDF Members who served during '82 and celebrate the ongoing support provided by FIDF Volunteers since. Organised by OCFIDF Justin McPhee and Government House
APRIL	
Friday 1 April	FIDF Association Reception for FIDF 1982 veterans A function for the FIDF 1982 Veterans of 01 April 2022 to reflect and remember the events of 01 April 1982. Organised by the FIDF Association
Saturday 16 April	Community Day Community Day is a day where we gather our most talented artists to showcase their skills and encourage the public to try their hand at a variety of crafts. You may discover you're a talented watercolour artists, jewellery maker, felter, weaver or even paper maker. Smoko is also available throughout the day. Organised by FIMNT
Thursday 21 April 10.30am, Victory Green	Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Parade To celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen on Thursday 21 st April 2022, 10.30am, the Falkland Islands and Royal Standard flags will be raised on Victory Green this will include a 21 Gun Salute.
Monday 25 April 7.30am Cross of Sacrifice	Anzac Day Anzac Day is observed on the 25 th April every year. It is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Members of the Australian and New Zealand Community gather at the Cross of Sacrifice for a service of Remembrance. Organised by Steve Dent
Monday 25 April	40th Anniversary of Operation Paraquat – Liberation of South Georgia

MAY	
Wednesday 4 May, 2pm Goose Green Racecourse	<p>Lt Nick Taylor Memorial Service</p> <p>Lt Nick Taylor of 800 Naval Air Squadron, HMS Hermes, died on 4 May 1982 when his aircraft was shot down over Goose Green. Every year residents of Goose Green and the Falkland Islands Community gather to pay their respects in the time honoured Act of Remembrance.</p> <p>For the 40th Anniversary, Lt Taylor's family will be in attendance at the service. MLA John Birmingham to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by June McMullen</p>
Saturday 7 May 8pm - 1am, Town Hall	<p>SSA Hoedown – Family Dance</p> <p>A biannual fundraising event for the Stanley Sports Association. A great evening of country music and dancing and fun for all ages!</p> <p>Organised by the Stanley Sports Association</p>
Saturday 14 May	<p>3 Peaks Challenge</p> <p>An annual event, the 3 Peaks Challenge is a yomping/running route that involves tackling Tumbledown Mountain, Two Sisters and Mount Longdon before finishing at Moody Brook.</p> <p>Organised by Marcus Morrison (Falkland Islands Ball Hockey Federation (FIBHF) and Falklands Xtreme Sports (FXS))</p>
Saturday 21 May 11am San Carlos Cemetery	<p>Landing Day Memorial Service</p> <p>On 21st May 1982 British troops were landed at San Carlos. Overlooking the now tranquil inlet of San Carlos Water, the Cemetery is constructed in the form of a corral and is dedicated to <i>“the South Atlantic Task Force and to the abiding memory of the sailors, soldiers and airmen who gave their lives and who have no grave but the sea here beside the graves of their comrades”</i>. The memorial records the names of those who died.</p> <p>A service of remembrance is held on 21 May to honour the fallen British Soldiers who lost their lives at the landing in San Carlos. 13 of the 255 fallen are buried at the San Carlos cemetery.</p> <p>For the 40th Anniversary, Commander Tim Gedge will be in attendance. MLA Leona Roberts to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by Ailsa Heathman, Keith Alazia, Toni Stevens and Carol Phillips</p>

Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 May	<p>Worldwide Amateur Radio Link-Up</p> <p>The Falklands Amateur Radio Club will be commemorating the 40th anniversary by setting up and operating on the amateur bands from as many locations as possible across the islands over the weekend of 21/22 May 2022. Falklands' stations registering for the event will use /40 as a suffix to their own call sign. Further information can be obtained from Janet McLeod, Secretary, Falklands Amateur Radio Club on mobile 53566.</p> <p>Organised by the Amateur Radio Club [Bob & Janet McLeod]</p>
Wednesday 25 May 12.15pm, Cape Pembroke	<p>Atlantic Conveyor Memorial Service</p> <p>A memorial to those lost on the Atlantic Conveyor during the Falklands War at Cape Pembroke, featuring a propeller and shaft aligned on a magnetic bearing of 62 degrees to indicate the point, 90 miles out to sea, where the ship sank.</p> <p>A memorial service is held on 25 May.</p> <p>MLA Roger Spink to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by Teena Ormond</p>
Friday 27 May	<p>May Ball</p> <p>An annual event held in the Town Hall, the May Ball is a 'rite of passage' for teenage boys and girls who have the opportunity to dress up in their ball gowns and evening suits and dance the night away. Traditional Falkland dances will be performed in a bid to be crowned May Queen or Prince Charming.</p> <p>Organised by the 1st Falkland Islands Admiral Sturdee's Own Scout Group [Tim and Jan Miller]</p>
Sunday 29 May Para Memorial, Darwin	<p>Goose Green Liberation Day</p> <p>Goose Green was the first and the longest battle of the Falklands War. It represented a fourteen-hour struggle waged by the Second Battalion the Parachute Regiment (2 Para), against various sub-units of the Argentine army and air force.</p> <p>Falkland Islanders who were held prisoner in the Goose Green Community Hall for almost seven weeks by the invading Argentine Forces (an estimated 100 residents) come together on the 29 May each year to commemorate those who died during the battle to liberate the settlement.</p> <p>A service of Remembrance is held at the Para Memorial, Darwin.</p>

	<p>MLA Teslyn Barkman to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by June McMullen</p>
May/June	<p>UK – F.I Microlite Flight</p> <p>Microlite flight by Geoff Porter departing UK for Falkland Islands. This project may involve into an Around the World flight, with routing across Russia, Alaska, down the Pacific West Pacific coast to Cape Horn, Falklands, North along West coast again crossing to East US, Canada, Nunavut, Greenland, Iceland, UK. Approximately 40,000 miles and 3 months.</p> <p>Organised by Geoff Porter</p>
JUNE	
Wednesday 1 June 6:30pm (venue tbc)	Public Reception for HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee
	<i>Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Public Holiday 2-3 June</i>
Thursday 2 June 9.15pm	<p>Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting</p> <p>On 2nd June 2022 we will celebrate another unique milestone in our history; Her Majesty The Queen’s 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved. More than 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of HM Queen’s long and selfless service. The beacons will enable local communities, individuals and organisations to pay tribute to her as part of the official Platinum Jubilee Weekend of celebrations from 2nd to 5th June 2022.</p> <p>Beacon lighting to take place along the Camber [TBC] at 9.15pm.</p> <p>Organised by the Falkland Islands Fire & Rescue Service</p>
Saturday 4 June	<p>Street Party for HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Street Party for all age ranges</p> <p>Evening Family Dance for HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Family dance [11yrs +] in the Town Hall to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen’s 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Organised by the 1st Falkland Islands Admiral Sturdee’s Own Scout Group [Tim and Jan Miller]</p>

Monday 6 June, 11am, Pleasant Peak	<p>Royal Corps of Signals and Army Air Corps Memorial Service, Pleasant Peak</p> <p>Maj Mike Forge - 205 Signal Sqn, Royal Signals. SSgt Joe Baker - 205 Signal Sqn, Royal Signals. SSgt Chris Griffin - 656 Air Sqn, Army Air Corps. LCpl Simon Cockton - 656 Air Sqn, Army Air Corps.</p> <p>At about 0200 on the morning of 6 June 1982, HMS Cardiff, to the south of the Falkland Islands, near Bluff Cove, picked up a radar contact just short of Pleasant Peak.</p> <p>Unbeknownst to the crew onboard Cardiff this was Gazelle XX377 of 656 Sqn Army Air Corps, flown by SSgt Christopher Griffin and LCpl Simon Cockton. However, her 'identification friend or foe' had been turned off as a subterfuge against Argentine forces. Because the helicopter was heading east, towards Stanley, it was assumed to be an enemy transport, possibly a Hercules C-130, or a Pucara, bound for either Fitzroy or Cardiff herself.</p> <p>All the crew and Royal Signals personnel were killed in this very unfortunate incident.</p> <p>Every year, on 6th June, the Royal Corps of Signals and Army Air Corp personnel of BFAI have a short Service of Remembrance followed by the laying of wreaths.</p> <p>Organised by Phil Ovenden</p>
Mon 6 - Thurs 9 June	<p>Queen's Baton Relay</p> <p>Birmingham 2022 will stage the 16th official Queen's Baton Relay – an epic journey across the Commonwealth, with The Queen's Baton visiting all 72 nations and territories, reaching Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, the Caribbean and the Americas.</p> <p>The Relay will begin in October 2021, once Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has placed her message to the Commonwealth into the Baton.</p> <p>The Baton will then travel for 294 days, connecting communities in every corner of the Commonwealth, embracing unique cultures and sharing stories.</p> <p>This collective journey will ignite hope, solidarity and collaboration for the next generation, with these stories leaving us all inspired to take on the challenges that matter most to us.</p> <p>Organised by Andrew Brownlee</p>
Wednesday 8 June 11am, Fitzroy	<p>Fitzroy Memorial Service – Memorials: Welsh Guards, RAMC, RFA and Brigade</p>

	<p>Fitzroy settlement, on East Falkland, is home to six memorials associated with the 1982 war. Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels, Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram, were bombed in the waters on 8th June whilst the Welsh Guards were waiting to disembark, with serious loss of life.</p> <p>MLA Gavin Short and Teslyn Barkman to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by Tim & Jan Miller</p>
Friday 10 June 6pm, Historic Dockyard Museum	<p>Opening Reception for 1982 Exhibition</p> <p>Canapé reception for invited guests to the opening of the new 1982 exhibition. Elements of the exhibition will include: The Invasion, The Task Force, the local involvement, a Wall of Remembrance and a section on PTSD.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
Saturday 11 June Historic Dockyard Museum	<p>1982 Exhibition Open Day</p> <p>Free entry all day with smoko provided. Organised by FIMNT</p>
6-9pm, Town Hall	<p>Reception and Presentation of the Freedom of the Falklands Islands to all South Atlantic Medal Holders</p> <p>Cross Community representation including veterans, BFSAI etc for the presentation of the Freedom of the Falkland Islands to all South Atlantic Medal Holders by Members of the Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>The Freedom is to be presented to the President of the South Atlantic Medal Association.</p>
Sat 11 – Tues 14 June	<p>Royal Marines Commando 80 Challenge 2022</p> <p>To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Royal Marines taking the Commando role the Corps will mark the occasion with this Challenge, which will also encompass the Falklands 40 celebrations and commemorations.</p> <p>For more information please go to: https://rma-trmc.org/rmcommando80/</p>
Sunday 12 June 12.15pm	<p>HMS Glamorgan Memorial Service Hookers Point, Stanley</p> <p>In 1982 HMS Glamorgan was involved in the Falklands War during which she engaged Argentine land forces and protected shipping. In the last days of the war, Argentine navy technicians fired a land-based MM-38 Exocet</p>

	<p>missile which struck the ship causing damage and killing 14 of the ship's company.</p> <p>A memorial service is held at the HMS Glamorgan Memorial situated at Hookers Point to commemorate those who had served and died on HMS Glamorgan in liberating the Falkland Islands.</p> <p>MLA Mark Pollard to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by Tim & Jan Miller</p>
<p>Tuesday 14 June 09.30am Cathedral</p> <p>11am Liberation Monument</p> <p>1-3pm</p>	<p>Liberation Day Service and Receptions</p> <p>To mark the Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands from Argentinian occupation in 1982, the following programme has been arranged for Tuesday 14 June 2022</p> <p>A thanksgiving service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral commencing at 9.30 am. The Governor together with the Commander British Forces will attend the service. Members of the Legislative Assembly and representatives of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the Falkland Islands Defence Force and members of the Merchant Navy and Youth Groups will be in attendance. Veterans from 1982, including local residents and from the United Kingdom will also be present</p> <p>At 11.00 am a ceremony will be held at the Liberation Monument in front of the Secretariat building. After prayers the Governor will lay a wreath. Wreaths will also be laid by a Hon Peter Biggs, Member of Legislative Assembly, the Commander British Forces, official FIG guests, by representatives of the Armed Services, Veteran associations, and by relatives and others wishing to do so.</p> <p>Members of the community wishing to attend are asked to arrive no later than 10.45 a.m. Members of the community wishing to attend are asked to arrive no later than 10.45 a.m.</p> <p>Parade Orders issued by OCFIDF</p> <p>Civic receptions, hosted by the Falkland Islands Government, will be held in the Town Hall and Malvina House Hotel, 11.45 – 14.00.</p> <p>'82 Exhibition Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust</p> <p>The Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust will be opening their doors for the '82 and other Exhibition.</p>
<p>Wednesday 15 June 11am, Fox Bay</p>	<p>Fox Bay Liberation Day</p>

	<p>A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Fox Bay Memorial Cross on Quarry Point at 11am followed by a reception at the Southern Cross Social Club hosted by Fox Bay residents who were liberated on the 15 June 1982.</p> <p>MLA Ian Hansen to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by Keith, Nuala Knight and Samantha Marsh</p>
Friday 17 June	<p>The Museum At Night</p> <p>The one night of the year we give the public the chance to come and explore the museum in a different light – torchlight! Either take in the exhibits at your leisure or take part in our treasure hunt, fun for both children and adults.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
<p>Saturday 18th June 11am, Surf Bay</p> <p>6-9pm, Town Hall</p>	<p>Mid-Winter Swim</p> <p>An annual event for the community raising funds this year for 3 charities - the Lighthouse Seafarers Mission, South Atlantic Medal Association & the Falklands Veterans Foundation</p> <p>Organised by Zachary & Katrina Stephenson</p> <p>An Evening of Reflection – 40 Years On</p> <p>A reunion for Stanley residents who were in Stanley on the 14th June 1982, their families and invited guests</p> <p>Organised by Rosemarie King & Katrina Stephenson</p>
Saturday 25 June 2022	<p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday each June. The celebrations begin on Monday 20 June when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on buildings and famous landmarks around the country.</p> <p>Armed Force Day provides the opportunity to show support for the Armed Forces providing a much valued morale boost for the troops and their families.</p> <p>Reception organised by FIG</p>