



**Commemoration and celebration of
the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation
of the Falkland Islands**

“Looking Forward at Forty”

January – June 2022

Events programme: first six months

JANUARY	
Saturday 1 January	<p>New Year's Raft Race and Party</p> <p>An annual race event involving the construction of homemade rafts. The event will take place at Yorke Bay and will be followed by a party.</p> <p>Events to be organised by Marcus Morrison (Falkland Islands Ball Hockey Federation (FIBHF) and Falklands Xtreme Sports (FXS)</p>
Monday 10 January	<p>Margaret Thatcher Day</p> <p>Margaret Thatcher Day was declared in the Falkland Islands after the Prime Minister visited the Islands on 10 January 1983. She made a second visit in 1992. The Museum will be open to the public throughout the day where a collection of photographs of Mrs Thatcher's visits will be on display and there will be a link up with her biographer, Lord Moore of Etchingham, in London, who will give a talk about the former Prime Minister. A reception in the evening will also be open to the public.</p> <p>Reception to be organised by Falkland Islands Association (FIA)</p>
Saturday 29 January	<p>Mini Sports</p> <p>An annual all-day social event for the community that includes horse racing, gymkhana and fun foot events. This is held at the Racecourse, West Stanley. A separate programme of events for the day will be announced.</p> <p>Organised by Stanley Sports Association (SSA)</p>
FEBRUARY	
Saturday 5 February	<p>Opening of 40@40 Photographic Exhibition by Graham Bound (invite only)</p> <p>A photo exhibition by Graham Bound, including 40 photos depicting the invasion, occupation, war and aftermath.</p> <p>Organised by Falkland Islands Museum & National Trust (FIMNT)</p>
Saturday 26 February	<p>YMCA 30th Anniversary – Open Day</p> <p>The YMCA was opened in 1992 to provide accommodation for young Islanders, especially those living in Camp, who need to live in Stanley when starting their working careers.</p> <p>Organised by YMCA Manager, Gary Clement</p>
MARCH	
Saturday 5 – Tuesday 8 March	<p>Goose Green Sports</p>

	<p>An annual event that occurs over what is locally know as Sports Week. Activities are a mixture of horse races and foot events, which take place at the Goose Green Settlement. A separate programme will be available nearer the time.</p> <p>Organised by Darwin Harbour Sports Association</p>
Sunday 6 – Wednesday 9 March	<p>West Falkland Island Sports</p> <p>An annual event that occurs over what is locally known as Sports Week. Activities are a mixture of sheep dog trials and fun activities which take place at Port Howard. A separate programme will be available nearer the time.</p> <p>Organised by West Falkland Sports Association</p>
Sunday 20 March	<p>SCB Marathon and 3k Fun Run</p> <p>The Standard Chartered Bank Stanley Marathon is an annual race, run in Stanley. It is the southernmost AIMS-certified marathon in the world. Run annually since 2005 and internationally accredited since 2006, it is considered one of the more difficult global competitions, due to variable weather conditions and, sometimes, strong prevailing winds.</p> <p>Organised by Standard Chartered Bank</p>
Thursday 31 March	<p>FIDF (Falkland Islands Defence Force) Reception</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Organised by OCFIDF Justin McPhee and Government House</p>
APRIL	
Saturday 16 April	<p>Community Day</p> <p>Community Day is when 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 artist, jewellery maker, felter, weaver or even paper maker. Smoko is available throughout the day.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
Thursday 21 April	<p>Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Parade</p> <p>To celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty The Queen on Thursday 21 April 2022 the Falkland Islands and Royal Standard flags will be raised on Victory Green at 10.30am, followed by a 21-gun salute.</p>

Monday 25 April	<p>Anzac Day</p> <p>Anzac Day is observed on 25 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 communities gather at the Cross of Sacrifice at 7:30am for a service of remembrance.</p> <p>Organised by Steve Dent</p>
Monday 25 April	<p>40th Anniversary of Operation Paraquet – Liberation of South Georgia</p> <p>Colonel Guy Sheridan</p>
MAY	
Wednesday 4 May	<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.</p> <p>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, which is held at Goose Green Racecourse and begins at 2pm.</p> <p>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 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, near the old barrack site.</p> <p>Organised by Marcus Morrison of Falkland Islands Ball Hockey Federation (FIBHF) and Falklands Xtreme Sports (FXS)</p>
Saturday 21 May	<p>Landing Day Memorial Service</p> <p>On 21 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 “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.” The memorial records the names of those who died.</p>

	<p>A service of remembrance is held on 21 May at 11am 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.</p> <p>MLA Leona Roberts will 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 Ted and Shelia Jones.</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 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 callsign. A certificate will be available to any stations across the world that manage to contact 1/3 or more of the participating VP8s. 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 and Janet McLeod]</p>
Wednesday 25 May	<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. A memorial service is held on 25 May at 12:15pm.</p> <p>MLA Roger Spink will 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 teenaged boys and girls, who have the opportunity to glam up in their ball gowns and evening suits to dance the night away, performing traditional Falkland dances and vying 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>
Saturday 28 May (tbc)	<p>South American Charity Cycle Ride: Colombia – Punta Arenas</p> <p>This event will be undertaken by Major Mark Classick, who will be participating in the South American Charity Cycle Ride from Cartagena, Colombia to Punta Arenas, Chile. He will travel to the Falkland Islands to attend the Goose Green Liberation Day event if LATAM flights permit.</p>

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	Organised by Major Mark Classick [assistance from FIDF]
Sunday 29 May	<p>Goose Green Liberation Day</p> <p>Goose Green was the first and longest battle of the Falklands War. It represented a fourteen-hour struggle waged by the 2nd 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 in Darwin.</p> <p>MLA Teslyn Barkman will 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 (tbc)	<p>UK – Falkland Islands Microlite Flight</p> <p>Microlite flight by Geoff Porter departing UK for Falkland Islands. This project may evolve into an around the world flight, with routing across Russia, Alaska, down the Pacific West Pacific coast to Cape Horn, the Falkland Islands, crossing to the eastern USA, Canada, Nunavut, Greenland, Iceland and ending in the UK. Approximately 40,000 miles and 3 months.</p> <p>Organised by Geoff Porter</p>
JUNE	
Thursday 2 – Friday 3 June	Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Public Holiday
Thursday 2 June	<p>Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting</p> <p>On 2 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 UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, and one in each of the capital cities of Commonwealth countries in recognition of The 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 2-5 June 2022. Beacon lighting to take place along the Camber (<i>tbc</i>) at 9:15pm.</p> <p>Organised by the Falkland Islands Fire & Rescue Service [Gardner Fiddes]</p>

<p>Saturday 4 June (tbc)</p>	<p>Street Party for Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Street Party for all age ranges</p> <p>Evening Family Dance for Her Majesty The 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>
<p>Monday 6 - Thursday 9 June</p>	<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 began on 7 October 2021, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II placing her message to the Commonwealth into the Baton. The Baton is now on its 294-day long journey, connecting communities in every corner of the Commonwealth, embracing unique cultures and sharing stories. 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>
<p>Wednesday 8 June</p>	<p>Fitzroy Memorial Service – Memorials: Welsh Guards, RAMC, RFA and Brigade [in settlement]</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 will lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands at 11am.</p> <p>Organised by Tim and Jan Miller</p>
<p>Friday 10 June (tbc)</p>	<p>Unveiling of plaque for Lookout Gallery & Exhibition Hall at 1 Airport Road</p> <p>6pm plaque unveiling, followed by canapé reception for invited guests to the opening of the new 1982 exhibition at the Dockyard. Elements of the exhibition will include: the Invasion, the Task Force, local involvement, a Wall of Remembrance and a section on post-traumatic stress disorder.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>

<p>Saturday 11 June</p>	<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 Commodore Jamie Miller CBE RN at the Town Hall from 6pm – 7:30pm.</p>
<p>Sunday 12 June</p>	<p>HMS Glamorgan Memorial Service</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 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, at 12:15pm, to commemorate those who served and died on HMS Glamorgan in liberating the Falkland Islands.</p> <p>MLA Mark Pollard will lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>Organised by Tim and Jan Miller</p>
<p>Tuesday 14 June</p>	<p>A public holiday and day of national commemoration and celebration to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands</p> <p>9:00am Liberation Day Link up with Youth Groups from Gosport and the Falkland Islands – Memorial Wood (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>9:45am Liberation Day Christ Church Cathedral Service A thanksgiving service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral at 9.45 am. The Governor and the Commander British Forces will attend. 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 also be in attendance. Veterans from 1982, including local residents and from the UK will also be present</p> <p>11:00am Liberation Monument Ceremony 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 MLA Peter Biggs, 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>11:45am – 2:00pm Civic receptions, hosted by the Falkland Islands Government, will be held in the Town Hall and Malvina House Hotel</p> <p>1:00pm – 3:00pm '82 Exhibition Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust The Falkland Islands Museum and National Trust will be opening their doors for the '82 Exhibition and other activities.</p>
Wednesday 15 June	<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>Invited Guests to attend: Maj Gen Malcolm & Mrs Angela Hunt Lt Col Anthony & Beverley Davis Lt Col Philip & Rachel Neame Lt Gen Christopher & Leigh Brown Commodore Jamie & Mrs Miller</p> <p>Organised by 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>
Saturday 25 June	<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>