



Programme of Events

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

Looking Forward at Forty

May – June 2022

MAY	
<p>Wednesday 4 May, 2pm, Goose Green Racecourse</p>	<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>
<p>Saturday 14 May 9am, Moody Brook</p>	<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>
<p>Wednesday 18th May 6pm, Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Presentation ‘Air War in the Falkland Islands’ by Commander Tim Gedge</p> <p>An opportunity to hear the experiences of Commander Tim Gedge, the officer in command of 809 Squadron Fleet Air Arm during 1982.</p>
<p>Saturday 21 May 11am, San Carlos Cemetery</p>	<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>

<p>Saturday 21 - Sunday 22 May</p>	<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 21st/22nd 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>
<p>Wednesday 25 May 12.15pm, Cape Pembroke</p>	<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>
<p>Friday 27 May, 9pm</p>	<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>
<p>Saturday 28 May, 8:30pm</p>	<p>May Ball Family Dance</p> <p>The second night of the May Ball is a family dance (11yrs+) to celebrate the previous night's winners and dance the night away!</p> <p>Organised by the 1st Falkland Islands Admiral Sturdee's Own Scout Group [Tim and Jan Miller]</p>
<p>Sunday 29 May, 11am Para Memorial, Darwin</p>	<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>
JUNE	
<p>Wednesday 1 June 6:30pm Town Hall</p>	<p>Public Reception for HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</p>
<i>Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Public Holiday Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June</i>	
<p>Thursday 2 June 6:30pm Government House</p>	<p>Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal Presentation In commemoration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, frontline serving members of the Royal Falkland Islands Police, Falklands Fire & Rescue, Falkland Islands Defence Force, and other Falkland Islands emergency services will be awarded special commemorative medals at Government House.</p> <p>Organised by Government House</p>
<p>4:51pm And 8:30pm</p>	<p>Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting 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 at Moody Brook at 4.51pm and Government House at 8.30pm.</p> <p>Organised by the Falkland Islands Fire & Rescue Service</p>
<p>Friday 3 June 10.30am Christ Church Cathedral</p>	<p>HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Church service Celebration and service for HM Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Church Service.</p>

	Organised by Christ Church Cathedral
Saturday 4 June 2-4pm Town Hall	Community Party for HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Party to celebrate HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee - all are welcome to join in for an afternoon of music, fun and games!
8pm - midnight Town Hall	Evening Family Dance for HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Family dance in the Town Hall to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth - her Platinum Jubilee. Open to 11yrs+ (but under 15's must be accompanied by an adult).
	Both events organised by the 1st Falkland Islands Admiral Sturdee's Own Scout Group [Tim and Jan Miller]
Sunday 5 June 2:30pm Town Hall	Cake competition for HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Put your baking and decorating skills to the test and join in with this very Royal celebratory event! Whole decorated cakes to be delivered to the Town Hall between 11am-12pm on Sunday 5 th June. Open to the public from 2:30pm, with cakes and refreshment available from 3pm.
	Organised by Jo Summers, Lisa Pole-Evans & Trish Jamieson
Monday 6 June, 11am, Pleasant Peak	Royal Corps of Signals and Army Air Corps Memorial Service, Pleasant Peak 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. 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. 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. All the crew and Royal Signals personnel were killed in this very unfortunate incident. Every year, on 6th June, the Royal Corps of Signals and Army Air Corp personnel of BFSAI have a short Service of Remembrance followed by the laying of wreaths. MLA John Birmingham to lay a wreath on behalf of the Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly and the People of the Falkland Islands.
	Organised by Phil Ovenden

<p>Mon 6 - Thurs 9 June</p>	<p>Queen's Baton Relay 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. 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>Tuesday 7 June 5:30-7:30pm FICS</p> <p>7pm Government House</p>	<p>FICS Susan Whitley exhibition Annual art exhibition in memory of Susan Whitley (one of three civilians killed in 1982) that displays the artistic talents of pupils at the Falkland Islands Community School.</p> <p>Organised by FICS</p> <p>Her Majesty the Queen's Baton Relay / Commonwealth Games Reception Government House is holding a reception to mark the end of the Queen's Baton Relay in Stanley as well as wishing good luck to Falkland Islands' players participating in the Commonwealth Games in July 2022.</p> <p>Organised by Government House</p>
<p>Wednesday 8 June 11am Fitzroy</p>	<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 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 Tim & Jan Miller</p>
<p>Thursday 9 June 4:30-6:30pm IJS</p>	<p>IJS&CE Susan Whitley exhibition Annual art exhibition in memory of Susan Whitley (one of the civilians killed in 1982) that displays the artistic talents of pupils at the Infant & Junior School and Camp Education.</p>

	Organised by IJS/CE
Friday 10 June 6pm, Historic Dockyard Museum	<p>Opening Reception for 1982 Exhibition 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. The visiting Royal Marine Band will also be in attendance.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
Saturday 11 June <i>time tbc</i> , Historic Dockyard Museum 6-9pm, Town Hall	<p>1982 Exhibition Open Day Free entry all day with smoko provided.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p> <p>Public Reception for the Presentation of the Freedom of the Falklands Islands to all South Atlantic Medal Holders 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> <p>The visiting Royal Marine Band will also be in attendance.</p>
Sunday 12 June 12.15pm Surf Bay 6-6:45pm Christ Church Cathedral	<p>HMS Glamorgan Memorial Service A memorial service to remember the 14 sailors who died on HMS Glamorgan when she was hit by an Exocet missile on 12th Jun 1982.</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>Royal Marine Band Concert All are welcome to come along and enjoy the musical talent of the visiting Royal Marine Band.</p>
Tuesday 14 June 9.30am Christ Church Cathedral	<p>Liberation Day Service and Receptions <i>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:</i></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>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>