



Programme of Events

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

Looking Forward at Forty

July – December 2022

JULY	
Mon 4 – Fri 8 July	<p>Farmers Week</p> <p>Organised by the Rural Business Association [Samantha Marsh]</p>
AUGUST	
Sat 13 August	<p>Falklands Ball</p> <p>The Falkland Islands Museum & National Trust have hosted the Falkland's Ball for 4 years. The Ball is a family orientated, traditional supper dance which always follows a nautical theme. It is named the 'Falkland's Ball' as it is always held near Falkland's Day (14th August) which commemorates the first sighting of the Islands by John Davis in 1592. With next year being an important one for the Islands, the 2022 theme for the ball will celebrate the beauty of the Falklands.</p> <p>The Falklands Ball is open to the new Year 9 class (those starting Year 9 in September) and above. The night consists of many traditional dances as well as novelty ones such as the paper dance. There is also a sizeable feast laid on which is cooked by many wonderful volunteers.</p> <p>At 11pm Miss and Mr Falkland are crowned, who are chosen by a popular vote. They are then invited to turn on the Christmas Lights at the Dockyard. The four balls that the Museum have thrown have been very successful, thanks to the hard work of all of our helpers but especially our sponsors, the Falkland Islands Company.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
Sunday 14 August	<p>Falklands Day</p> <p><i>Need an event</i></p>
Sat 27 August	<p>West Falklands Running Club Half-Marathon</p> <p>The West Falklands Running Club is a sub-club of the Falklands Running Club. They meet for a group run once a month and is an opportunity for runners on West Falklands to meet and run together.</p> <p>A half-marathon will be taking place on West Falkland on 27th August 2022. The route will be from Harps Farm to Port Howard and will be followed by prize giving and a community dinner in Port Howard club.</p>
SEPTEMBER	
Fri 30 September	<p>MacMillan Coffee Morning</p> <p>Every year the museum hosts a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Many Islanders who have to go away for cancer treatment are supported by Macmillan nurses so this is our way of giving back and saying thank you. It's always an amazing day with cakes galore. We also hold a</p>

	<p>raffle to help raise as much money as we can.</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
OCTOBER	
Monday 3 October	Peat Cutting Monday
Sat 8 October	<p>SSA Hoedown (Family Dance), Town Hall</p> <p>A biannual fundraising event for the Stanley Sports Association. A great social evening of country music and dancing, with hot food also available.</p> <p>Organised by the Stanley Sports Association</p>
Thu 27 – Sat 29 October	<p>Falklands Fringe Festival</p> <p>An ‘Edinburgh Fringe’ style multi-faceted arts event to bring together members of the community and demonstrate the many talents present in the Islands.</p> <p>Organised by Nick Roberts/FIODA</p>
NOVEMBER	
Fri 11 November	<p>RBL Poppy Ball, Town Hall</p> <p>The Falklands Branch of the Royal British Legion holds an annual fundraising ball in November known as the ‘Poppy Ball’ for its members and their guests.</p> <p>The event which traditionally is held in the Town Hall, takes place on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday and signifies the start of the Remembrance weekend.</p> <p>The Ball commences with welcome drinks and canapés followed by the ‘Parade of the Branch Standard’ which is presented to the Honorary Branch President before being placed at the front of the hall. It is an honour for the Branch that in recent years the Commander of the British Forces has fulfilled the position as our Honorary President and we are delighted that Commodore Jonathan Lett is currently fulfilling this position.</p> <p>The event then follows the traditions of the Festival of Remembrance held in Albert Hall in London. In recent years this has included songs from our own choir and the Military Wives Choir. It also includes poems and recitals associated with Remembrance. The Act of Remembrance then follows, which is the most poignant part of the evening, particularly the presentation of the Book of Honour and Eternal Flame. Following prayers, the Exhortation is given by the Branch Chairman followed by the Last Post</p>

	<p>and Two Minute Silence which similar to the Albert Hall, includes poppies falling from the ceiling. The Act of Remembrance is concluded with the Dedication and National Anthem. Dinner is then served. The Poppy Ball then continues with traditional Falklands music and dancing followed by a live band which plays into the early hours.</p> <p>Each year the Falklands Branch of the Royal British Legion raises up to £10,000 for the Poppy Appeal. Up to half of this is raised through the Poppy Ball with the remaining funds from collecting tins and kind acts of generosity from members of the community.</p> <p>Organised by Royal British Legion, Falkland Islands [Chris Locke]</p>
Sat 12 November	<p>Unveiling of Lookout Gallery Plaque</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
Sun 13 November	<p>Remembrance Sunday Parade</p> <p>The following arrangements have been made for Sunday 8 November 2019, Remembrance Sunday. The Annual Service of Remembrance, this year commemorating the 102nd anniversary of the end of the First World War, will be held in Christ Church Cathedral commencing at 9.30 am. His Excellency the Governor, the Commander British Forces, Members of the Legislative Assembly, resident Veterans, Visiting Guests, together with Senior Officers of the Armed Services will be attending this Service. The Service will be led by the Reverend Ian Faulds and other local ministers. During the Service a collection will be made for the Poppy Appeal. The congregation is requested to be seated in the Cathedral by 9.15 am. Seating will be on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>At 10.35 the Parade, consisting of detachments representing the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and Falkland Islands Defence Force will form up on Ross Road East and march into position at the Cross of Sacrifice. Associations and Veterans will march and take up a position at the foot of the steps to the Cross. The flow of traffic will be controlled on Ross Road East in the B Slip and Stanley Cemetery area to facilitate this march.</p> <p>Youth organisations will be present at the Cross of Sacrifice.</p> <p>At 10.48 am HE the Governor, the Honourable Roger Spink and the Commander British Forces will arrive at the Cross of Sacrifice. A short service will then be held and the Roll of Honour read out. There will be two minutes silence at approximately 11.00 am marked by the firing of the saluting guns on Victory Green.</p> <p>The Honourable Ian Hansen to read the Roll of Honour in the Cathedral and The Honourable Roger Spink to read the Roll of Honour and lay the wreath at the Cross of Sacrifice.</p> <p>Parade Orders issued by OCFIDF</p>

<i>Date tbc</i>	<p>Multicultural Food Festival, Goose Green</p> <p>A food festival event with food stands from the variety of nationalities living in the Islands (providing free food samples!).</p> <p>Organised by Multicultural Falklands</p>
DECEMBER	
Thurs 8 December	<p>Battle Day</p> <p>The following programme has been arranged for Thursday 8 December 2022 to commemorate the victory of the Naval engagements of 8th December 1914, on which day 6 British sailors lost their lives and a number of others died later from injuries received during the battle. 2,260 German sailors also lost their lives.</p> <p>At about 10.45 am a detachment of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and the Associations will march to the Battle Memorial. At 10.58am His Excellency the Governor will arrive at the Battle Memorial and will inspect the Parade. Youth Groups will be in attendance. After prayers His Excellency the Governor will lay a wreath, followed by Member of the Legislative Assembly, the Commander British Forces South Atlantic Islands, representatives of the Royal British Legion and Associations and visiting Guests.</p> <p>Members of the public wishing to attend the ceremony are asked to arrive no later than 10.50 am.</p> <p>Parade Orders issued by OCFIDF</p>
Sat 17 December	<p>Christmas Grotto & lighting up of Dockyard, Historic Dockyard Museum</p> <p>One of the most wonderful times of the year is the switching on of the lights at the Dockyard. Every year, Santa takes time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us here and give presents (kindly sponsored by the Chandlery) to the children. He then nips off on his sleigh and leaves us to serve the mulled wine, cook the barbecue and sing carols badly. When it's dark enough (about 10pm) we ask the winners of that year's Falkland's Ball to do the honours and press the Big Red Button and light up the Dockyard!</p> <p>Organised by FIMNT</p>
Fri 23 December	<p>Speed Shear</p> <p>An annual event held outside the Rose Bar. A very popular and sociable evening on the Falklands calendar that brings shearing and a variety of fun games ahead of the Christmas festivities!</p>

	Organised by Falkland Shears
Monday 26 & Tues 27 December	<p>Boxing Day Races</p> <p>A long-standing traditional annual social event that brings the three communities of Stanley, Camp and MPC together over two days to enjoy horse racing, gymkhana and foot events.</p> <p>Organised by Stanley Sports Association</p>
Wed 28 December	<p>Shearing Competition</p> <p>An annual shearing and wool handling competition. This year's competition will determine who can represent the Falklands Islands at the 2023 World Shearing & Wool handling Championships held in Scotland at the Royal Highland Show.</p> <p>Organised by Falkland Shears</p>