



Falklands Flag Unveiling at Plymouth Hoe, 21st June 2021

The SAMA (82) Annual General Meeting and 40th Anniversary Memorial Service and reunion weekend will take place between Friday 1st—Monday 4th April 2022. Please find attached the booking forms.

The Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd April 2022 at the Derby Mickleover Hotel, Derby.

The SAMA (82) 40th Anniversary Service will take place at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sunday 3rd April 2022. Further information will follow in due course.

All planned events are subject to change due to the ongoing COVID situation.

Please check the SAMA (82) website for event updates.

2021 EVENTS

October 2021

22nd October Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance—Inverness at 11.00am

25th October Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance—Edinburgh at 11.00am

26th October Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance—Glasgow at 11.00am

November 2021

11th November Armistice Day Service at the Garden of Remembrance, Edinburgh at 11.00am

14th November Remembrance Day

27th November Proposed Christmas Lunch in the Midlands Area (see Tim Parrott's report)

28th November Royal British Legion 100 Concert, Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh at 18.00pm

December 2021

8th December Battle Day

Veterans Outreach Support—Groups

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS PLEASE CHECK THE VETERANS OUTREACH WEBSITE IF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS CAN TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO ATTENDING <https://www.vosuk.org/>

MONTHLY - Veterans Outreach Support- Portsmouth

Every first Wednesday of each month at the Royal Maritime Club Times: 1400hrs to 1800hrs

MONTHLY - Veterans Outreach Support – Isle of Wight

Every third Wednesday of each month at the Riverside Centre, Newport, Isle of Wight: 1200hrs to 1700hrs

MONTHLY – Armed Forces Drop in Centre - Aldershot

Every first Monday of each month at the Royal Garrison Church Aldershot 1730 – 2000 hrs

Further details on these support groups can be found by clicking on the link <https://www.vosuk.org/>

5th September 2021 Steven Tinney is raising funds for SAMA (82) by running the Plymouth Half Marathon

Steven's story; I served in the Falkland Islands Conflict of 1982 on HMS Brilliant. In my 70th year I have decided to run in the Plymouth Half Marathon on the 5th September 2021 for the veterans and their dependents of the Falklands Conflict to show my support for this good cause. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

To make a donation and show your support, please click on the Just Giving link below.

[https://justgiving.com/fundraising/Steven-Tinney?
fbclid=IwAR0L5EFUj5q5d7n8VOE1LHVInRFhsCYXq0AWlLqmHCEaA1UMh1WmMN-jQMM](https://justgiving.com/fundraising/Steven-Tinney?fbclid=IwAR0L5EFUj5q5d7n8VOE1LHVInRFhsCYXq0AWlLqmHCEaA1UMh1WmMN-jQMM)

I huge thank you to Steven Tinney who ran the Plymouth Half Marathon on the 5th September 2021 and has already collected £3000 on behalf of SAMA 82. Our appreciation to all that have sponsored Steven.

Tom Herring (Chairman SAMA 82)

2022 EVENTS



Further details on all events listed below and many MORE events being held will be announced over the coming months on our SAMA 82 website.

Please check the SAMA (82) website regularly for updates using the following link

<https://sama82.org.uk/40th-anniversary-events/>

*Indicate SAMA (82) events.

All other events are fully arranged by other organisations, so please check website for details.
Please do not contact the SAMA office, as we do not hold any other information.

April 2022

- 1st—4th April in * **SAMA (82) AGM Weekend / Remembrance Service at the National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire**
5th April Departure of Task Force Service , Marchwood Barracks
5th April 40th Anniversary Service, St Pauls Cathedral, London
29th April—1st May South Yorkshire Air Museum, Doncaster—Falklands Weekend
30th April Army v Navy Charity Rugby Match , Twickenham

May 2022

- 28th May HMS Coventry D118 Association Remembrance & Reunion Weekend in Portsmouth
28th May HMS Fearless Reunion Weekend in Portsmouth
29th May Memorial Service and Freedom Parade in Gosport

June 2022

- 4th -5th June HMS Glamorgan Reunion Weekend in Portsmouth
8th June Sir Galahad, Sir Tristram & LCU Foxtrot 4 Service, Marchwood Barracks
10th June Veterans Regimental Dinner , Marchwood Barracks
11th June Unveiling of Falklands Stone Service, Marchwood Barracks
11th/12th June * **USA Branch Falklands 40 Reunion Dinner (Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Studios Orlando.**
11th June 42 Commando RM 40th Anniversary Dinner, Plymouth
12th June Annual Service at Pangbourne (FIMCT) at 1200hrs
14th June Falklands Wreath Laying Service, Chorley
14th June Liberation Day Service, National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire
14th June Flag Raising Ceremony at Plymouth Hoe , followed by 40th Anniversary Band Concert With The Band Of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Concert Band, St Andrews Minster, Plymouth
17th/19th June 40th Anniversary Falklands Armed Forces Days in Hull
18th June Falklands 40 Gala Ball , RMC, Portsmouth
18th June * **SAMA (82) Christchurch Branch; Falklands 40 Commemoration Day/Gala Dinner**
18th June Parachute Regiment Drumhead Service and parade Aldershot Military Cemetery.
18th/19th June * **PROVISIONAL DATE—Scotland Branch Reunion & AGM**
19th June 40th Anniversary Parade & Service at Portsmouth Cathedral (RBL)
25th June Plymouth Veterans Parade 14hrs coinciding with Armed Forces Day Plymouth.
30th June HMS Queen Elizabeth Reception , Portsmouth
TBC June Veterans Pond Fishing Event Weekend in Hull

November 2022

- 13th November Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph, London, followed by SAMA (82) Remembrance Lunch

Dates and venues to be confirmed : Devon & Cornwall Armed Forces Days (x4) & Air Shows (x2)

40th Anniversary Events/ Services/Commemorations If you are planning to hold any services/events/commemorations etc. for the 40th Anniversary please can you kindly let the SAMA (82) office know of your plans, by email—sama@sama82.org.uk

Standards If you wish to book one of the SAMA 82 Standards for an event in 2022, please let the SAMA office know by 14th February 2022 by email sama@sama82.org.uk .

Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

I hope that all of you and your families are safe and well, hopefully being fully jabbed yourselves and able to adjust, as the restrictions imposed appear to be working and that you are enjoying some further freedom out there. Hopefully some form of staycation is proposed for you to have some late summer getaway and relaxation.

Recently there was a Facebook reaction to a supposedly recovered SAM by finding, which members diligently followed up to identify and reunite the SAM with its recipient. After digging further the SAM was identified as a replica and the name, number and unit false. Thank you to all who contributed, it was a scam attempt to sell a replica. With the 40th Anniversary coming up, there is likely to be further attempts to dupe people, so please be wary. To this end we will permanently publish the SAM criteria within the Newsletter to aid members, it is good to be reminded of this and please make us aware should you spot something too good to be true.

Next year in 2022 much is planned, mainly between April and June and we will publish events for your attendance and I hope that you can participate, and also add to our list should you be planning something of your own. Large or small, please use the Association as a conduit to get your message out there, someone nearby may well be interested in it. We kick off with our 2022 AGM in Derby with a Sunday Service at our Memorial within the NMA, not to be missed, so please book in as soon as you receive the information. You do not have to attend the AGM to attend the service, please keep alert for arrangements to be published.

As to the Cenotaph parade in 2021, final arrangements from the MOD and the RBL have now been confirmed, all attendees will be informed of the arrangements .

We continue to collaborate with the MOD in advance of the return of Indulgence flights to FI, the decision is not ours to take but the Association is lobbying the MOD and I ask you to please bear with us. Due to the delay the waiting list is getting longer, but we will endeavor to accommodate all requests once conditions allow. The flight programme for 2022 regarding group bookings attaining to significant dates remains unconfirmed, but is a priority. If you applied for 2020 and 2021 you applications, we will try to incorporate in 2023/2024.

As I write this chat in early August 21, the Ride of Respect to our fallen is underway to visit memorials and grave-stones in the UK and NI. The Association thanks Paul Moore and the Riders for their efforts in raising valuable funds for the Association, I hope that many of you will be able to attend a venue and/or follow their progress. Can I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2021.

Tom Herring

SAMA (82) AGM and Reunion Weekend

The SAMA (82) Annual General Meeting and Reunion weekend will take place between Friday 1st—Monday 4th April 2022. at the Derby Mickleover Hotel, Derby. Booking forms have been attached to this newsletter and are available from the SAMA (82) website.

We strongly recommend that you take out adequate travel insurance on booking attendance at the reunion weekend.

The SAMA (82) 40th Anniversary Service will take place at the National Arboretum on Sunday 3rd April 2022.

Further information on the 40th Anniversary Service will be circulated in due course.



FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

PRESS STATEMENT

The Falkland Islands Government is supporting efforts to establish whether or not there are unidentified Argentine military personnel buried at Teal Inlet. This is an extension of the work previously carried out after the 1982 Falkland Islands War.

It is therefore right that we continue in our efforts to determine whether or not these reports are correct, which means engaging with Argentine officials and the International Committee of the Red Cross, to determine the next steps in this process.

As this is an ongoing police investigation, no further comment will be made at this stage.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Royal Falkland Islands Police confidentially on +500 28111 or email OpQuartz@police.gov.fk



Official Flag Raising Of The Falklands Flag at The Belvedere, Plymouth Hoe on 21st June 2021



The "Official Flag Raising Of The Falklands Flag" took place at The Belvedere, Plymouth Hoe. The Flag was presented to the Mayor Of Plymouth by Mr Richard Hyslop (FIGO) Falkland Islands Government Officer to the U.K. and Europe in front of over 100 Falklands Veterans. These veterans stayed until the very end, although the weather was abysmal heavy rain from start to finish, I think the only thing missing was the 80mph horizontal snow and sleet, but it was a massive success.



It was attended by local MPs Johnny Mercer and Sir Gary Streeter, to name some and Pete Robinson "The Yomper" raised the flag with Pete Holgate, Photographer, that took the "The Yomper" image back in 1982 and the service was conducted by the Reverend David Cooper (2) Para.



We did have a fly pass of a Merlin Helo from RNAS Culdrose along but two others that were arranged to fly from the Historical Helicopter Flight Newton Abbot were unfortunately cancelled due of the weather. We thank Tim Parrott for his efforts in organising this. We shall try to recreate this again at next years' service for the 40th Anniversary Flag Raising Ceremony .

We also had 12 Trainees from HMS Raleigh to form a squad by the flagstaff and two of them to assist Pete Robinson. On completion we went to the Falkland Islands Memorial Gardens directly below our Flagpole to have our Memorial Bench unveiled by Capt. Nielsen Commanding Officer HMS Raleigh. The Memorial Bench which is of the same design as the one at Plymouth Railway Station was kindly paid for by Miss D Osborne. We would like to say thank you for the installation by Plymouth Round Table.



I must say that this event was a fantastic day, besides the weather and not even that could stop our proceedings. A huge BZ to all who took part.

Chris Jones (Trustee) SAMA 82 Regional Co-Ordinator Devon and Cornwall

St. Paul's Cathedral Liberation Day Service



On the 14th June 2021, a Liberation Day Service was held at St Paul's Cathedral.





SAMA (82) Chairman, Tom Herring and his wife along side Mr. Richard Hyslop, Falkland Islands Government Representative in the UK and Mark Pollard, Member of the Falklands Islands Legislative Assembly all laid wreaths at the South Atlantic Memorial, to honour and remember the 255 members of the British Task Force and 3 Falkland Island Civilians who lost their lives during the Conflict.

SAMA (82) Trustee Chris Howe MBE and his wife were also in attendance.

Images courtesy of Falkland Island Government Office and Tom Herring

SAMA (82) Office

Devon and Cornwall

Just a quick catch up on what Devon and Cornwall have been up to so far this year. I expect like most, we haven't been able to do much with the pandemic around the country, so many events down here were cancelled; AFDs, Air Shows namely, and general travel around the two counties with the SAMA 82 exhibition stand came to a standstill. We had many venues booked, but with the last wave of restrictions, towns around Devon and Cornwall were not happy to take the risk, even after we came out of Lockdown on the 21st June, which was then extended until the 19th July, people were not willing to go ahead with any official event plans.

However, we were very lucky to be given the go ahead to put on an event on the 21st June. This was the "Official Flag Raising Of The Falklands Flag" which took place at The Belvedere, Plymouth Hoe.

There are lots of events being planned for 2022, full details of which will be announced over the coming months. But for now here is quick snap shot of some that are in the planning stages;

- Army v Navy Charity Rugby Match at Twickenham - 30th April 22
- 40th Anniversary Official Flag Raising - 21st June 2022
- Band Concert at St Andrews Minster Plymouth with Her Majesty's RM Band – 14th June 2022
- GWR Train Naming Service - 21st June 2022
- Armed Forces Days (4) & Air Shows (2) – All dates and venues to be confirmed



Chris Jones (Trustee) SAMA 82 Regional Co-Ordinator Devon and Cornwall

Get in Touch with the SAMA office

- ◆ Have you got a conflict story you would like to tell?
- ◆ Are you planning an event and need some help in spreading the word?
- ◆ Are you considering returning to the Falklands for the 1st time since the conflict and would like some guidance?

Please contact the SAMA office via email, sama@sama82.org.uk

39th Anniversary Reunion in Florida

On Saturday 12th June in Kissimmee, Florida, 14 members of the Class of 82 gathered to remember, spin some dits, and catch up on what we're doing these days. They came from as far away as Minneapolis and Naples (Florida, not Italy). The reunion was once again organized by Lin Thomas, and the site was Mulligan's Pub. Our friendly piper played some rousing tunes, to the delight of some locals as well as us veterans and our other halves. Before things got too out of hand we were regaled by Maj Gen Andrew Harrison DSO MBE of 2 Para (Senior British Military Representative to USCENTCOM at MacDill AFB, Tampa) and his stories of how he was in school in 1982 and listened to the news every night, hearing the reports of ships being sunk and battles being fought ashore. He said that he was inspired by the actions of 2 Para at Goose Green to not only join the Army but to earn a maroon beret. He said that we were the legacy he wanted to follow.



There was a toast to lost shipmates and brothers in arms, followed by the Loyal Toast, which was proposed by Lin, along with the reason why the Royal Navy remains seated for it. After the toasts, food was served, and a cake was made by Marsha Gerrard which we all enjoyed. Marsha is one of the volunteers who have been knitting/crocheting scarves for veterans. We wanted to give her something as a way of saying "thank you" so Marsha suggested we make a donation to Liberty Lodge. \$200 was raised and will be transferred to the Lodge this week. Along with the 14 veterans, there were some who were in the UK Forces in 1982 but weren't members of the Task Force, some had served and already retired before 1982, and some who were destined to join.

In the group photo, the names are left to right along with rank and unit in 1982.

Tony Bennett (Pte, 3 Para) Douglas Sneddon (MEM(M), HMS Hecla); Jessie James (LA(SE), 824 NAS B Flt RFA Fort Grange); Steve Ranner (MEM(M), HMS Active); Kev Thompson (WEM(R), NP2010); Barry Grayling MM (Pte, 2 Para); Andy/Scouse Unwin (LRO(T), HMS Illustrious); David Trick (Pte, 2 Para); David/Ginge Gerrard (Cpl, NP8901); Tommo Thomas (LMEM(M), HMS Amazon); Tony Atkinson (CPO(OPS)(R), 826 NAS); Dougie Douglas (AB(R), HMS Coventry); Gerry Price (POMEM(L), HMS Arrow). Missing from the photo is Kim Darke (LWEM(R), HMS Intrepid).



Dougie Douglas , HMS Coventry

Liberation Day Service at Jigsaw Memorial



SAMA (82) Member and former Trustee, Mr. Alan Burgess laid a wreath at a Liberation Day Service on behalf of all veterans of the South Atlantic Conflict of 1982 at the Jigsaw Memorial, Killingworth.



There are 3 members of the Task Force that are honoured on this memorial;

Christopher Dent, 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment.

Simon Lawson, HMS Ardent RN

Colin Davison, Commando Logistics Regt. RM

Images courtesy of Mr. Alan Burgess, Lycaon, MN

Middlesex, Gloucestershire, Oxford and Buckinghamshire Area



Whilst I have just four nominated counties I reckon that anyone in driving distance of the Midlands is included. Lock-down has cancelled or delayed events. I did make the Plymouth Falklands Flag Raising on 21 June, but it rained and a planned flypast by a Wessex 5 from Historic Helicopters in Chard, a veteran of Ascension Island in 1982 was cancelled by a dodgy hydraulic system, however the Merlin from Culdrose arrived to the minute. Next year for the Flag Raising we are hoping to see the Wessex as well.

The Not Forgotten Association brought joy and entertainment to Gatcombe Park in Gloucestershire on 22 July with two performances. They provided music and dance and a very supple dance artist who set some pulses racing. We had two Falklands Veterans, Bob Carr and Tony Sanders with their partners at the evening performance. Both served on HMS Invincible in 1982 as I did so it was good to see them both. I was interviewed by Steve Kitchen from Gloucester Radio with Rosie Thomson from the NFA about the event and managed to plug SAMA 82 as well. There are



five more NFA Parties in September around the country. Check their website <https://thenotforgotten.org> or contact the office or me. They have lots of other events, you just have to put your name forward.

Planning events is a frustrating pastime as very few turn up, so I am failing to meet your exact requirements. I am willing to organise what you want, just send your suggestions. There will be a Christmas Lunch in the Midlands area on the last Saturday in November with partners. Nominally Saturday 27 November. The venue will be announced on the SAMA Facebook page; My agent from the Supply Department is checking out suitable pubs. I will contact all the Midlands members by e-mail when the details are confirmed. Email contact does rely on an accurate mail address being held by SAMA. Thinking aloud, you will not get this reminder if your e-mail is inaccurate as the magazine is to be published electronically as well. For the "Tech Savvy", I am sure that you will be reading it on the web site and will then get your addresses up to date!

I hope sincerely that you have all avoided Covid and got the two jabs that will provide you with a free pass to attend the SAMA 82 events in our 40th anniversary year.

Tim Parrott SAMA 82 Regional Co-Ordinator Middlesex, Gloucestershire, Oxford and Buckinghamshire

Blackpool and Fylde Memorial Arboretum



SAMA82 Camping and Caravanning Branch have installed a memorial to the Falklands Conflict and those still on patrol in the Blackpool and Fylde Memorial Arboretum.

We were hoping to have had the memorial dedicated at a memorial service this year, but, due to Covid this was not possible, we are therefore planning to have it dedicated next year, which will hopefully be on the Friday before Armed Forces Day (Further details to be announced over the coming months).



Thanks must go to Andy Walmsley and his family who undertook the initial groundwork, and then had to redo it after our original site was waterlogged. The manager and volunteer staff of the Arboretum have been very supportive and donated a further bench which they painted in the Medal Ribbon colours.

The Memorial rock was donated to the Arboretum by The Duke of Lancaster Regiment after it had stood for years at their nearby barracks commemorating those members of the Regiment lost in Afghanistan. Andy designed and arranged for the plaque to be engraved, which is an amazing piece of work.



The Branch held their Annual Camp at Highbank Farm and all members attended the Memorial Service in the Arboretum.

For those interested in visiting the Arboretum, which contains many memorials it is situated in Moor Park Avenue, Blackpool FY2 0LZ.



Terry Beddoes

Liberation Day Service in Brisbane, Australia

“There was a magnificent turnout yesterday for the 39th Anniversary of the Liberation of The Falkland Islands. The Service took place at The Shrine of Remembrance at ANZAC Square in Brisbane, followed by drinks in The Grand Central Bar afterwards. Thank you to all who attended. Great time with great people. “



Mick Pound, 22SAS

For SAMA (82) members living in Australia and New Zealand, you can keep up to date with event details and each other through the SAMA82 AUS/NZ Facebook group.

Please click on the link below to register and follow the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SAMA82AUSNZ>

Did you know that SAMA (82) have their own Camping & Caravan Branch?

- ◆ Do you own a Caravan, Campervan or tent? Then why not join the SAMA Caravan & Camping Branch and their Facebook Group (it is FREE).

Hopefully now the pandemic has eased, more meetings and events will be arranged for next season. Full details are posted regularly on the Facebook Group, please answer the questions when applying to join the social media page and tick the button at the bottom to agree to the rules of the group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/500509776698925/>

Ride of Respect 2021

The idea for the Falklands Ride of Respect came about originally due to our involvement in riding to the outlying graves around Arnhem, a task the Airborne Forces Riders have had the honour to perform since 2014. Later, Jimmy O'Connell was researching his book 'Three Days in June' about the battle for Mount Longdon, and he asked me to find a grave in Lanchester in County Durham. I soon found the grave of Pte Stewart Laing of Anti Tank Pln 3 Para but the thought that I had been unaware that he was laying only a short distance from a road I had travelled countless times shocked me, and I reasoned that there must be others who do not know where their friends are buried. The research that followed was the basis for the 2019 3 Para Ride of Respect where we visited all of the 23 graves, raising funds for SAMA and awareness of the Falklands fallen.

More research followed into where all of the other Falklands graves were in the U.K. This was a relatively easy task as the Falklands war was the first time that families had been given the option of 'bringing them home' therefore the funerals were well documented in newspapers and Regimental journals and websites. In 2020, in between lockdowns, we rode to all of the remaining Falklands graves in the U.K. This was a much longer ride than the first purely due to geographic spread but we completed it over eight days, met many more people and families, and raised yet more money for SAMA than the previous year. It should be noted that both of these rides were entirely self-funded by the riders themselves.

Shortly after the 2020 ride we took the decision to put both of these rides together and do one big Falklands Ride of Respect in 2021. Immediately it became apparent that this was a huge undertaking compared to the two previous rides, and that it would have to be done over a much longer period, more so for safety reasons as well as distance and time. Following many months of carefully planning routes from location to location, estimating timings, distance and fuel consumption, as well as rations and accommodation, it was clear that the ride would have to take place over 16 days at the beginning of August and that we would have to raise funds to cover our own costs as well as charitable fundraising.



The charitable fundraising bit was relatively easy as we used a Just Giving page online and the funds donated go direct to SAMA. However, having had two years experience of these rides behind us we knew that we would need to raise around £1500 per rider just to cover costs! To offset the costs we were able to get sponsorships from a number of businesses and friends which helped massively. Stena Line provided our Irish Sea crossings for free which was very much appreciated especially as both Charlie and myself had been on Stena ships in the Falklands 39 years ago. We also hit on friends to provide some overnight accommodation and we even held an online auction from The Last Post veterans bar which raised a good amount. By the time we were about to start the ride we had enough to cover our costs with a bit of spare which would be donated to SAMA once the task was done. The weeks leading up to the ride dragged by. All our battle prep was done, equipment had been checked many times over, the bikes were ready but just like any real operation there was that nervous feeling of apprehension waiting for the off.





In planning, and following lessons learnt from previous rides, we had limited ourselves to around 200 miles a day with time for breaks and no early starts or late finishes. This was important from a safety point of view, but also we knew a 16 day ride is a marathon and not a sprint, and the riders had plenty of tasks to complete along the way and to do that well we had to be able to function properly. One small but significant task was that at the end of every day riding we would raise a dram to the fallen. This was at the specific request of a good friend Bill Nicholson, a fine retired Sapper SNCO who can no longer ride but wanted us to do this as his contribution. Bill provided four bottles of very good single malts, and each rider with an engraved glass. Bill also went above and beyond the call of duty on the ride by meeting us in his camper van at Spean Bridge where he had bacon sarnies on the go and was doing a bit of fundraising for SAMA !

The first day of the ride started with us meeting Chris Lewis (ex 2 Para) and his girlfriend Katy who are walking the U.K. coast raising funds for SSAFA. Chris has been walking for around five years now and by coincidence was passing down the Durham coast that day. The day went well, and ended in Edinburgh hosted by the Airborne Engineers Association Scotland who had arranged to rededicate the headstone of Cpl Scott Wilson who was killed on Mount Longdon. Charlie and I were also presented with AEA President Certificates for our fundraising for SAMA and the Arnhem Flower Children.

I could give a day by day account of the ride but to be honest, it would probably be very boring and tedious, much like the ride itself. However, there were many memorable moments. Shortly before the ride started, a biker - John Savage (ex Light Infantry Bugler) messaged me to say that he would be touring Scotland at the same time as us and could he join us? John eventually stayed with us for three days and played at every grave and monument we visited. This was particularly special for the families who were there and we are also very grateful to John for that. John also later met us in South Wales. We were escorted through Scotland by the Royal Marine Riders and our visit to Northern Ireland went well and we were met by a large contingent of RBL Riders there. We relied heavily on local guides in some cases, and Fraser Phillips, Moore Campbell, Dunky Lang and Geoff Burrows all deserve a mention for keeping us on track and taking us the scenic route to relieve the boredom.

Overall, the weather was pretty good for the full two weeks although when it rained it really chucked it down but we soon dried out. In fact it was so warm I never actually put my waterproofs on once, and found that just a tee shirt under the bike jacket was usually more than enough to wear. Being 'on the road' for two weeks did bring its logistical challenges in terms of doing the dhobi, but we found an innovative way of blow drying the gear each night in the Premier Inn using the handy fan in each room.

We had chosen Premier Inn as the overnight location of choice due to their availability, good standard and cost. We booked the rooms early and got some as low as £25 per head. Of course, we did keep costs down by staying with friends as well, but we found that by using Premier Inn we had our own space, and could have an early night when needed.

We did have a couple of minor mechanical and electrical issues with the bikes but these were quickly fixed without any loss of momentum. It was in the plan that if any rider had a breakdown he would be left behind to catch up later and this worked well as each rider knew the score, had a copy of the full plan and in good Airborne style, were happy to fend for themselves if need be. This did cause a bit of consternation among some other riders with us as the 'biker creed' says that you don't leave anyone behind, but once it was explained that this was all part of the plan and we had to try to keep to our published timings it was fine.

Each day seemed just like the last and sometimes we got confused as to which day we were on. We had started to do the live Facebook feeds early in the ride and this helped to keep us on track, especially when people complained if we didn't do one! We had not realised how popular these were but we noticed that the 'Just Giving' page donations were increasing, and we were getting more 'likes' as we progressed. We were also starting to pick up small but niggling injuries such as pulled muscles and strains, and towards the end of the first week tiredness was starting to show by some small mistakes being made. This was to be expected and our regular evening de-brief and dram was a much needed source of a bit of ribbing and leg pulling to restore the equilibrium and team harmony, as was piping Charlie on board the Golden Galleon each morning. Media interest in the ride was slightly better than expected, certainly at a local level and this was good for the local awareness aspect. We had fantastic assistance on the media side by the SAMA Office staff Joanne and Marie, as well as help from the SAMA Trustees Tom Herring, Chris Howe and others who were also there to meet us at various places around the U.K.





The ride ended on Day 16 at the graveside of The Governor - Sir Rex Hunt - in North Yorkshire and we were met by many family and friends. This was a great way to end the ride but Phill Damant had a further 300 miles to go the following day back home to Devizes in Wiltshire. While it was over for three of us we could only really relax when we knew Phill was home safe.

So was it worth it? It certainly was. We achieved our aims of Remembrance - Respect - Awareness - Support in many ways, and now many more people know where the Falklands graves are. We also raised a considerable amount of money for SAMA and at the time of writing stands at just over £9000 when the funds of the 'Just Giving' page, funds collected on the ride and what remains in the Admin Fund are taken together. We also met many families of the fallen and veterans of 1982. In every case they thanked us for raising awareness and for remembering the fallen.

In February 2022 Charlie and I hope to travel to the Falklands on a veterans pilgrimage, and while there ride to the last 15 graves on land on a couple of borrowed motorbikes, and hopefully also pay our respects at sea to those still on patrol. We do not intend to mount a big ride around the U.K. next year as there will already be a lot on for the 40th Anniversary. However, we hope that bikers around the U.K. will make their own Falklands Ride of Respect to visit the graves and memorials in their own areas or regions using the location data which we will provide to SAMA to be published on the SAMA website shortly.

It would be impossible to thank and mention everyone who we met and rode with us throughout the ride, but in every case, we encountered nothing but support, friendship and kindness from everyone we met. It was truly humbling and we thank everyone for that. On behalf of the 2021 Falklands Ride of Respect Team - Charlie McColgan, Phill Damant, Tony McKie and myself, thank you to everyone for your support.

Paul Moore

Thank you to Paul Moore, team and all that have supported the Ride of Respect 2021.

We are extremely grateful to all that have donated and help raise over £12,000 on behalf of SAMA 82.

Tom Herring (Chairman SAMA 82)

Visit to the National Arboretum

On Friday the 17th of September 2021, Ninety veterans and the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull visited the National Arboretum.

A small service was held at the SAMA 82 Falklands Memorial in remembrance of the Atlantic Conveyor and the 12 crew members that were lost at sea during the Falkland's conflict.



A raffle was held and £183.38 was donated to the Arboretum. The Lord Mayor matched the donation, so the final donation totalled £367.60.

The Lord Mayor Laid the wreath. The veterans were treated to afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor.

Our next event is a trip to the Eden Camp Museum in East Yorkshire for 60 veterans and will include a Naafi lunch.

Keith Thompson MNM

Charity Row to raise funds for SAMA (82)

A team from the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, consisting of 11 personnel have planned to row the 8250 miles, which the Task Force took in 1982 on rowing machines for 60 days, this equates to 12.5 miles a day!

Their target is to raise £1982 for SAMA 82, however to raise more would be amazing.

To make a donation to their fundraising challenge and show your support to the team, please click on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/corporatecrossing>



**CHARITY
ROW**
8250 MILES OVER 60
DAYS

**RAISING MONEY FOR THE
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*11 MEMBERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION
COLDSTREAM GUARDS WILL ROW
USING A ROWING MACHINE,
REPLICATING THE ROUTE OF THE
1982 FALKLANDS WAR TASK FORCE,
FROM PORTSMOUTH TO PORT SAN
CARLOS*

Upgrade to Old Portsmouth Falklands Memorial site

We are hoping to have the Old Portsmouth Falklands memorial site updated with a second tablet that will list the remaining 128 service men and civilians lost during the war. Whilst not forgetting this is essentially a maritime memorial, it is felt by some we should, as a military city, give ALL who served with such honour and bravery in 1982 due respect and honour them as well.

When we hold the various remembrance parades, uniforms and headgear from across the spectrum are being seen, like wise the Ride of Respect lads pay their respects at Old Portsmouth ...it would be fitting for them to see their brothers in arms remembered here.

I can advise you all that permission for this second tablet has been granted in principle pending formal application paperwork being presented.

In addition, we are hoping to install 2 x memorial benches behind the memorial facing the sea. To do all this, funds need to be raised to the tune of approximately 10,000 pounds. It is respectfully requested that consideration be given to donate via a 'Go Fund Me' account (link below). If we are fortunate enough to exceed our target, then any funds over and above our target will be donated to Liberty lodge charity.

We are aiming for installation by 10th June 2022 in time for 40th anniversary parades with a view to unveiling on 12th or 19th June 2022.

We do hope you can help us reach our goal.

Regards and respects to you all

Barrie Jones

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-benches-falklands-and-lcu-f4?
utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B2300-co-team-welcome](https://www.gofundme.com/f/memorial-benches-falklands-and-lcu-f4?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B2300-co-team-welcome)

Cockleshell Endeavour; 'Falklands War 40th anniversary project.'

I created the Cockleshell Endeavour project <https://www.cockleshellendeavour.com/> to provide a platform of support for my friend, Steve Grenham. Steve, a fellow former Royal Marine and Falklands veteran was struggling, increasingly, with the impact of PTSD. He had approached the largest military charity dealing with mental health issues for support but had effectively received none as he was unable to meet their criteria for formal diagnosis and treatment. I thought a series of kayaking challenges would help Steve get back on track to meet that 'required' criteria. They did. Starting as novice kayakers we would go on to complete several challenging races and epic expeditions.



The Devizes to Westminster International Canoe race was our first competitive race before an expedition to paddle the Caledonian canal in Scotland (both ways). We then successfully competed in the Great Yukon River Quest, where Steve finished 9th in the solo class, before in 2017 successfully circumnavigating East Falklands in a two-man klepper.

As a result of those kayaking challenges Steve got his life back on track and the Cockleshell Endeavour project was born. Subsequently the Cockleshell Endeavour has helped other recovering veterans take part in water-based events; from repeat entries in the Devizes to Westminster race and the Yukon great river quest to our most recent project earlier this year; a hugely successful row across the Atlantic Ocean (3000 miles from Gran Canaria to Barbados) by a team of four Royal Marines (two serving Royal Marines and two Afghan vets) <https://www.cockleshellendeavour.com/>

Prior to that in 2018 I personally had the huge honour of rowing the Pacific Ocean from California to Hawaii with my friend former Royal Marine Steve Sparkes, another Falklands veteran. Steve lost his sight in a service and became the first blind person to row the Pacific when he stepped ashore in Waikiki, Hawaii.

With such a significant anniversary approaching for the Falklands campaign I wanted to create another 'Cockleshell Endeavour' to do justice to this hugely significant date for all of us. To that end I've created a project for 2022 which will see me travel 'South' from the Commando monument in Scotland to the 'Yomper' statue in Southsea. A journey which, like the war, will begin on April 2nd and end on June 14th. Largely but not exclusively completed by kayak, coastal and inland waterways will provide a route which will take in Glasgow, Sheffield, Coventry, Bristol, Southampton and Portsmouth, the relevance of those cities needing no explanation.

The project will become a vehicle for the Royal Marines Charity to raise funding (a donation will also be made to SAMA82 in recognition of support for this venture) and awareness for the incredible work which they continue to do, with events planned for each of those 'city' locations to maximise that fundraising and awareness raising capacity. The primary goal of the project will go beyond this though, as I aim to create, as the project progresses, a filmed record of first-hand accounts of people's experiences during the war. Ultimately producing a comprehensive film archive of individual stories and experiences from as diverse a range of people connected with and affected by the events in '82' as possible. Not just the soldiers and sailors who took part in the liberation but also the Falkland Islanders who were subject to invasion and incarceration, family members; brothers, sisters, mums and dads, sons and daughters and wives and husbands of those who took part. The civilians who volunteered to stay onboard to crew the requisitioned troop ships, the dockyard workers and technicians who worked around the clock to get the ships and equipment ready for the task force.



I was one of the youngsters who took part in 82 and it appears I'm getting on a bit these days, so this hugely significant anniversary could provide the final opportunity to produce this record and create an accurate and powerful legacy for future generations to look back on.

If you were connected in any way with the Falklands war in 1982 and you'd be potentially willing to share your experience with me to help create this archive. You can contact me; Mick Dawson at: cefi40@outlook.com I would love to hear from you, and I'll happily answer any questions you may have. Some of the interviews will be filmed as the project takes place next year (if you fancy paddling a leg of the trip or meeting up at one of the 'city events' planned on route). Others are being recorded in advance of the project so as many people can be put on record as possible. The only agenda here is to create an accurate record of events in 82 and the impact, good and bad, it has had on individuals who took part or were affected by it. Providing a unique and invaluable resource for future generations to look back on and a lasting memorial to those that sadly didn't come back.

Mick Dawson, RM Email: cefi40@outlook.com

SAMA (82) website undergoes transformation Over the past few months the SAMA (82) office staff, along with IT Volunteer, Daniel Skyrme have been extremely busy upgrading and transforming the SAMA (82) website in preparation for the 40th Anniversary. Although work is still ongoing we do sincerely hope that on completion members and the public will find the new and improved site much easier to access and navigate.

Appeal for Information— In our effort to improve the website leading up to the 40th anniversary, we would like to add some more images from the conflict and include individual accounts and stories. **If you have any conflict images that you are willing to share with us or would like to write a ‘story from 82’** for featuring in the SAMA (82) website please let the office know.

Don’t forget that you will need to register for an account on the website to access the ‘Members Only Area’. We encourage all members to sign up to this section on the website by answering the set questions. The website administrators will then validate your account. Validation can take a few days. For security reasons DO NOT set a password that you use anywhere else. Please remember to logout on leaving the website.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Daniel Skyrme who has worked hard on this project and has been very supportive and generous to the Association by giving up his free time to improve our website on a voluntary basis.

Virtual Garden of Remembrance Family and friends are encouraged to contribute to the Virtual Garden of Remembrance. If you have a photo, an anecdote, or simply would like to say you remember those sadly lost we will add this information to their memorial web page in the Garden of Remembrance. Please email the SAMA office at sama@sama82.org.uk with your contribution.



Standard Bearers for 40th Anniversary events If you wish to volunteer as a Standard Bearer and have previously received the training, please contact the office for further details.

Standard for 40th Anniversary Events If you wish to book one of the SAMA 82 Standards for an event in 2022, please let the SAMA office know by 14th February 2022 by email sama@sama82.org.uk.

SAMA (82) Baseball Caps



More stocks of the Grey and Navy Blue Baseball Caps have been added to the online shop. Please click on the link to place your order. Stocks are limited.

[Shop – South Atlantic Medal Association \(82\) \(sama82.org.uk\)](http://sama82.org.uk)

Please note that stocks of SAMA (82) Beanie Hats will be available to purchase

later in the year.

July 2021; NFA Event held at Newby Hall

My Wife also an RAF Veteran ex PMRAFNS and I attended a Concert hosted by The Not Forgotten Association (NFA) as SAMA82 Guests, at Newby Hall, Ripon on Tuesday 13th July. We were made most welcome with drinks on arrival, a BBQ Lunch and a varied entertainment programme, and all socially distanced.



If our SAMA Members get the chance to attend a NFA Event, we highly recommend they do.

Tim Lewis, SAMA (82) Trustee

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THE NOT FORGOTTEN

Not Forgotten Events

Details on NFA events that SAMA (82) receives invitations for, are posted on the "Members Only" section on the SAMA (82) website and the SAMA (82) Facebook page. On each event notice, will be details on how to apply> Please send correspondence to the dedicated email address for these events which is: - nfaevents@sama82.org.uk.

Some events are for veterans only and others a guest/escort is permitted. Where this applies it will be stated in the event details. The criteria is set by the NFA and not SAMA (82). The SAMA (82) office does not have control on the overall invite numbers. Where an event is over subscribed an independent draw will take place to allocate surplus tickets.

HMS Coventry D118 Reunion 2022 – 28th/29th May, Portsmouth

As the D118 Association Chairman it once again gives me great pleasure to announce that the 2022 HMS Coventry D118 40th Anniversary reunion will take place over the weekend of 28/29 May 2022 and will be in Portsmouth/Gosport area. The 5 yearly FI Veterans Anniversary Parade in Gosport will be on the same weekend, hence makes good sense to be back in Portsmouth for 2022.



Please visit our website (link below) for the itinerary. As always, you can join in as much or as little as you would like. It would of course be great to get as many of us together as possible for the planned activities on this very special 40th year anniversary Remembrance, Reunion, and Parade.

<https://www.hmscoventry.co.uk/d118/reunion/>

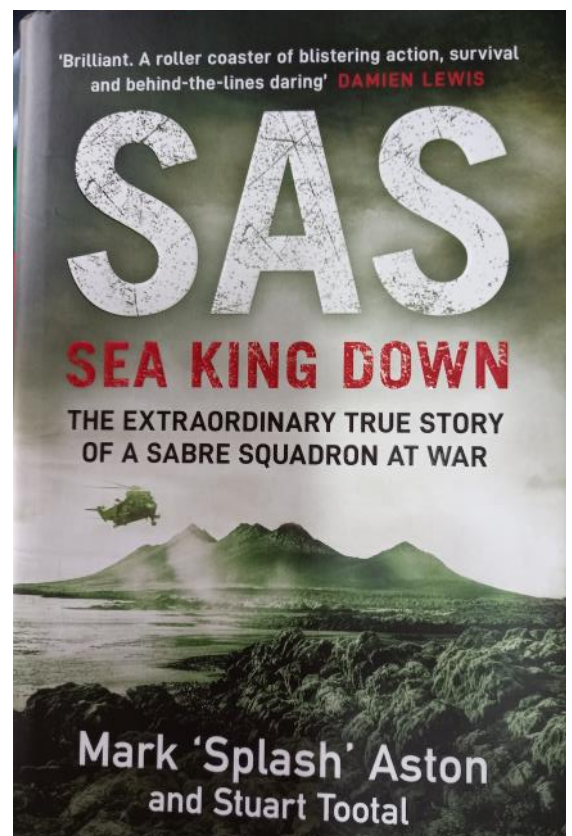
Chris Howe

Book—SAS Sea King Down by Mark ‘Splash’ Aston and Stuart Tootal

A very interesting read of survival, and behind the lines operations by Special Forces.

Shop in Amazon:-

https://www.amazon.co.uk/SAS-Sea-King-Down/dp/B08WX91H2G/ref=sr_1_1?crid=29MM7EMR74SF6&dchild=1&keywords=sas+sea+king+down&qid=1631615834&qsid=261-8190965-1093848&sprefix=SAS+Sea+Kind+Dow%2Caps%2C170&sr=8-1&sres=0241400988%2CB07NF1P682%2C1529018587%2C0241356717%2C0751580279%2C1471180522%2C0552177164%2C1529004241%2C178747528X%2C0552176354%2CB08KXTP51%2C0473419947%2CB08DHL36N8%2C1787475255%2CB07DMQY8X1%2C1409181634&srpt=ABIS_BOOK



Book Launch this Autumn



Next year will be the 40th anniversary of the Falklands conflict (Operation Corporate) and I was privileged to have commanded No 63 Sqn RAF Regt at that time. It was a unique and challenging deployment for any Rapier squadron. With the help of several other squadron members and other veterans I have produced an historical record covering the four months from mid-May to mid-September 1982. It is planned to print the book this Autumn and it will be published on a not for profit basis.

Ian Loughborough

It will be published as a hardback, A4 size with 100+ pages. There will be five maps and some 26 colour pictures. It covers the voyage south on RMS QE II and SS Atlantic Causeway, the defence of the Harrier FOB at San Carlos, the redeployment to Stanley Airfield and the defence of the newly formed RAF Stanley. The book includes:

An overview

Chronology of events & Maps

Several personal recollections

Engineering support

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packaging**

*Estimated price

**If you are interested in purchasing a copy then please
register by sending an email to
falklandsblackeagle@gmail.com**

South Atlantic Medal Criteria for award

The South Atlantic Medal was awarded for service in the Falklands Islands, the dependencies, or in the South Atlantic between 2 April 1982 and 14 June 1982.



To apply for the South Atlantic Medal and rosette , you must have either:

1 day of service in the Falkland Islands or their dependencies, or in the South Atlantic, south of 35 south and north of 60 south before 14 June 1982

1 operational sortie south of Ascension Island before 14 June 1982

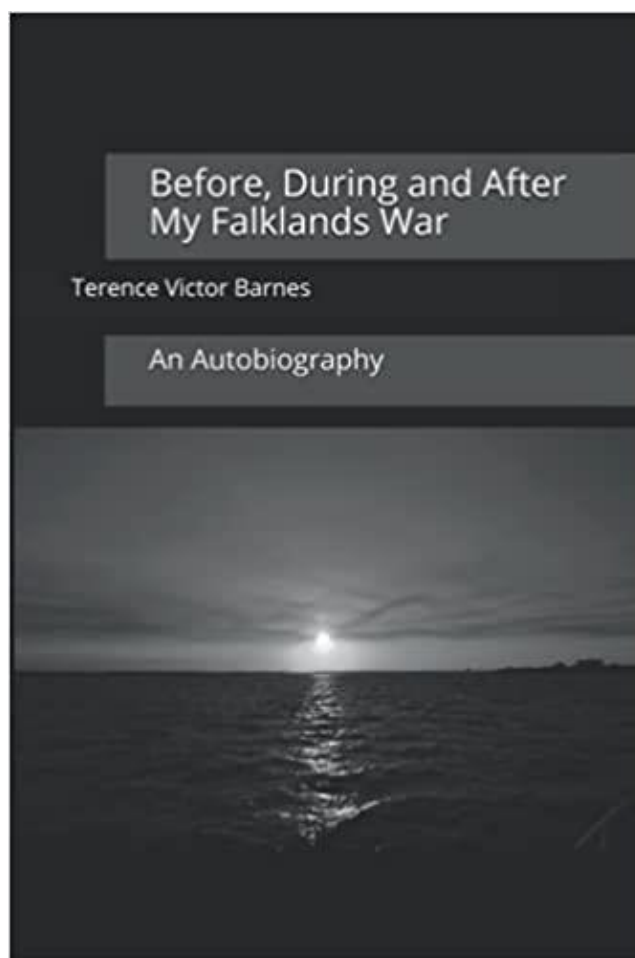
To apply for the South Atlantic Medal without the rosette, you must have:

30 days service or more in the South Atlantic, south of 7 south and north of 60 south completed service no later than 21 October 1982.

The colours of the ribbon symbolise the Atlantic Ocean.

Book Release — Before, During and After My Falklands War; An Autobiography by Terry Barnes.

A grandfather who drunk alcohol from a bicycle inner tube, my father having episodes on par with Inspector Clouseau, as a teenager running riot around the streets of Ipswich, having teachers bordering on the psychotic that gave out physical punishment at will (including a nun) and football thugs as mentors, all prepared me well for a life in the military. I joined the Royal Marines at the age of sixteen, earning my coveted Green Beret as a naïve virgin (in many ways), all before I was legally allowed to vote and drink beer! In 40 Commando Royal Marines I had unique experiences I could have never dreamt of as a child. I was to be in the first landings and the last firefight during the Falklands War, served in Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Belize to name but a few. After leaving the Royal Marines Commandos' I had a career in teaching for twenty three years and have included a small section on this. Some stories are humorous, some sad and others thought provoking; I hope you enjoy!



Before, During and After My Falklands War.: An Autobiography https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B09BY7XFMH/ref=cm_sw_r_awdo_navT_g_MQQMKMSQ4CS28K5BRHGJ

SAMA (82) 40th Anniversary Merchandise

Over the coming months SAMA (82) will be launching some new lines in the online shop to commemorate the 40th Anniversary. We advise you to check the online shop and Facebook group for updates as to when these items will go on sale.

Regional Coordinator Voluntary Vacancies

The following voluntary roles are available;



Midlands Comprises of the areas of Staffordshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and West Midlands

Somerset & Dorset Comprises off the counties of Somerset and Dorset

North East England Comprises of the areas of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

Welfare & Support Links

Details of Welfare and Support Links can be found by clicking on the link below through the SAMA (82) website

<https://sama82.org.uk/welfare-and-support/>

SAMA (82) March 2022 Newsletter – Edition No.27

The deadline for submission of articles to be included in the March 2022 Newsletter is **31st December 2021**

Please send your reports/articles to Marie Hurcum at the SAMA (82) Office sama@sama82.org.uk

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Standing Orders/Bank Mandates: - Forms can be printed from the website to set up regular donations or can be requested directly from the office. Donations should be made to:-

Bank - HSBC

Account Name - SAMA 82

Account Number 81118358

Sort Code 40-34-10

IBAN Number:-GB41MIDL403410/81118358

Cheques/Postal Orders: - You can send cheques/postal orders to the office address. Please make them payable to SAMA (82).

Gift Aid :- Please remember to also complete and return a gift aid form

SAMA (82) Fundraising/Sponsorship forms are available on the website or on request from the Association office

Why not bequeath to SAMA (82) in your will. Please contact the SAMA (82) office for details.

[Shop with Amazon Smile](#)

Remember when shopping with Amazon to always start at smile.amazon.co.uk and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to the eligible charitable organisation of your choice. Follow this link or search for The South Atlantic Medal association in smile.amazon.co.uk **<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1118842>**

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3. Select The South Atlantic Medal Association (1982) (Sama 82) as your charity
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[Poppy Wreaths](#)

To order a Type C wreath (pictured) please call the Poppy Appeal Team on 01622 717172 or alternately order through their website

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk>

If you require an Association centrepiece, please make sure that you request this at the order point. Please place your order at least 10-15 working days before you require your wreath especially during October and November. Unfortunately, orders received after the third week of October cannot be guaranteed. Orders for funeral wreaths can be accepted at shorter notice however an express delivery charge would be added. Wreaths can be delivered to overseas addresses however additional delivery charges may be applied. They do ask that the payment of £18.50 is made at the same time using a credit or debit card.

SAMA (82) will not take any responsibility for wreaths not arriving on time with recipients.



[Gift Aid](#)

Donating through Gift Aid means charities can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. You only need to be a UK taxpayer, this is relevant for all who pay income tax through their pension or in employment.



We appreciate the many donations that our members make yearly to SAMA (82), but if appropriate, we would also be very grateful if you would complete the attached gift aid form and return to the SAMA office, so we can then collect the extra 25% from the Government at no cost to yourselves.

Please let the SAMA office know if you would like a gift aid form posted to you, if you are unable to print off the attached form.

[ABS Embroidery](#)



Brian Bilverstone of ABS Embroidery will supply logos, bespoke or otherwise on caps, polo shirts, fleeces etc. Brian donates £1.00 to SAMA (82) for each related SAMA (82) order. Please visit his website for further details and to place your orders: <https://www.absembroidery.co.uk>

Brian has also created a 40th Anniversary Commemorative Embroidery Range. To view the items, please visit the site below.



<http://www.absembroidery.co.uk/Falklands/F40/F40.htm>

Obituaries



Robert Todd	Contender Bezant RN	2020
John Kelly	HMS Glamorgan	June 2020
Graham Overson	HMS Hermes	May 2021
John Butt	NP1960/ MV Baltic Ferry	May 2021
Philip Dickinson	826 NAS	June 2021
Roy "Wendy" Gibson	MV Norland	June 2021
Martin Donnelly	RFA Tidespring	June 2021
Brian Mitchell	HMS Brilliant	June 2021
Wesley Nicholson	29 Commando Regt RA	July 2021
Harold Sutherland	MV Norland	August 2021
Jim Edwards	HMS Yarmouth	August 2021
Reginald Cornall	HMS Exeter	August 2021
James Witheridge	HMS Andromeda	August 2021
Ted Meechan	RN Type 21	August 2021
Dr Martyn Ward	45 Cdo RM	August 2021
Mark Hare	RAF GR3 Harrier	August 2021
Lucene Hughes	NOK of James Hughes Atlantic Conveyor	September 2021
Carl Bromiley	HMS Antelope	September 2021

Death of John "Spider" Kelly (AEMN(L)1

We were deeply saddened to learn that John "Spider" Kelly had died last June (2020). Spider was an extremely popular member of the ship's company and Fight in 1982 and you may recall the serious injuries he sustained when our ship was hit on 12th June 1982. However, he tackled that challenge with customary fortitude and fought his way back. It was therefore tough to hear that Spider then developed Parkinson's and finally died amidst the restrictions imposed at the height of the pandemic. We have written to his wife Diana to express our deepest condolences to her and their family. We appreciate that it is now over a year since John crossed the bar but we will honour his passing when we next meet. May he now rest in peace.



Alan Watt, Chairman, HMS GLAMORGAN Falklands Association

We would like to thank the families and friends of the recently deceased SAMA (82) members and Falkland Veterans who have chosen to support SAMA (82) in their memory.

Donating or fundraising in memory of a loved one is a special way to honour their life.

If you would like to find out more on how you can do this, please email the SAMA (82) office for details.

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