

THE POPPY BALL 2017

BALL PROGRAMME
FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER



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DUBAI & NORTHERN EMIRATES

FALKLANDS WAR ANNIVERSARY
— 1982 - 2017 —

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THIS EVENING'S PROGRAMME

19:00 - DOORS OPEN

SPARKLING RECEPTION / PHOTOGRAPHS

19:45 - CALL TO DINNER

SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

DESC MADRIGAL CHOIR

feat. DESC Chamber Choir, DESC Staff Choir

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

GRACE

DINNER

TOASTS

DANCING

01:00

BUFFET SUPPER (IN FOYER)

02:00

CARRIAGES

WELCOME

FROM CO-CHAIRS OF THE POPPY BALL COMMITTEE
SEAN HECKFORD | ROBERT MUNN | DAVID WALLACE

On behalf of the organising team I would like to welcome you to the 2017 Poppy Ball. We hope that you have an enjoyable evening of remembrance, good food and comradeship.

This is the 35th Anniversary of the Falklands War and we felt it appropriate to recognise this above all of the other anniversaries happening this year given the number of Veterans that we have in the U.A.E. who served during this conflict.

You will note that we have included some interesting facts and figures about this excursion to the South Atlantic courtesy of a veteran, Stephen Munn, who served there at the time with the Royal Marines. Thanks to Stephen who very kindly provided this to us for use tonight.

Once again, I would like to thank Her Majesties' Consul General, Mr Paul Fox for his ongoing support and I hope that both Vicki and he have a great night as this will be their last Dubai Poppy Ball before moving on to pastures new.

The staff at the Habtoor Grand have been particularly helpful in helping us to re-establish the Ball here this year, they like to think that it has 'come home' as prior to 2009 it had been held here regularly. I am sure that this evenings resounding success will result in many more to come.

As always it would be remiss of me not to mention that team that made this happen, 'Nils Martin' who has been the backbone of the bookings operation which is no mean task, David Wallace, Nick Williams,

Rob Munn, Chris Ratcliff and Matt Hebditch have all played valuable rolls in making tonight happen, thank you guys.

Special mention must go to Chris Radcliffe for his continuous organisation of the monthly gatherings known as 'Pop Down the Legion' and for organising the very first get-together for the Army v Navy rugby match. This saw over 120 ex-Army, Royal Navy and Royal Marines (and one Royal Air Force Airman) gather to watch the annual rugby match hosted by McGettigans in JLT.

Dubai English Speaking College has yet again provided an immense amount of support to ensure that this evening runs smoothly, details of individuals are provided later in the program, however,

none of this would happen without the support of the Head teacher Mr Chris Vizard.

Thanks must also go to the partners of the committee who have had their family time disrupted by meetings, phone calls and whose support has been invaluable.

A final thank you must go to you - yes YOU! Our guests...without your continued support and interest there would be no Poppy Ball.

To get involved please drop us a line at rbldubai@gmail.com so that we can invite you to our private Facebook and LinkedIn Groups. Your details are never shared outside of the groups.



PAUL FOX
HM CONSUL GENERAL,
DUBAI

Paul Fox took up his appointment as Her Majesty's Consul General to Dubai and the Northern Emirates in August 2015 after working as Deputy Head of Mission in Abu Dhabi for nearly three years.

Paul joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1987 after completing his post-graduate studies at Oxford University. He has been posted to India, Azerbaijan, Thailand and Poland. During Paul's assignments in London, he was pressspokesperson for two Foreign Secretaries and worked on the Balkans, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Paul is married to Vicki and has three daughters (Olivia, Eleanor and Amelia).

Paul has a keen interest in football and enjoys most forms of sport. He also continues his interests in history, and as a trained historian seeks to understand better the background and culture of the countries in which he lives.



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A POPPY HISTORY

The first donations for artificial poppies were given in Britain on 11th November 1921, inspired by John McCrae's 1915 poem 'In Flanders' Fields'.

Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War 1 took place in the Flanders and Picardy regions of Northern France. In the aftermath of the war's total devastation the only thing which would grow on the land was the poppy. McCrae, a doctor serving there with the Canadian Armed Forces, wrote about what he saw.

Moina Michael, an American War Secretary with the YMCA, was moved by McCrae's work to write: "And now the

torch and Poppy red, wear in honour of our dead."

She bought red poppies and sold them to her friends to raise money for Servicemen in need. Her French colleague, Madame Guerin, proposed the making of artificial poppies and their sale to help ex-Servicemen and their dependants.

In Britain, Major George Howson, a young infantry officer, formed the Disabled Society, to help disabled ex-Servicemen and women from World War I. Howson suggested to the Legion that members of the Disabled Society could make poppies and the Poppy Factory was subsequently founded in 1922.

The original poppy was designed so that workers with a disability could easily assemble it and that principle remains today.

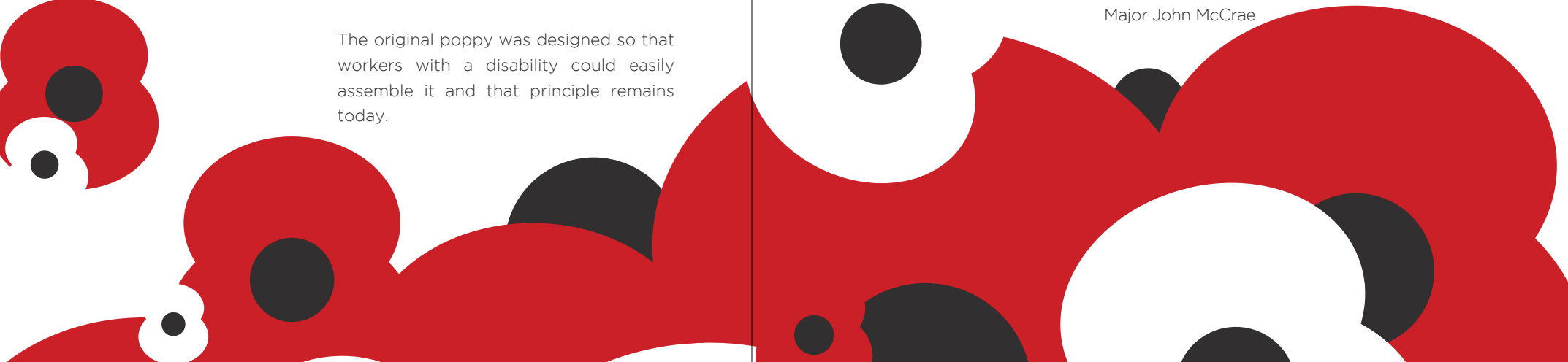
IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Major John McCrae

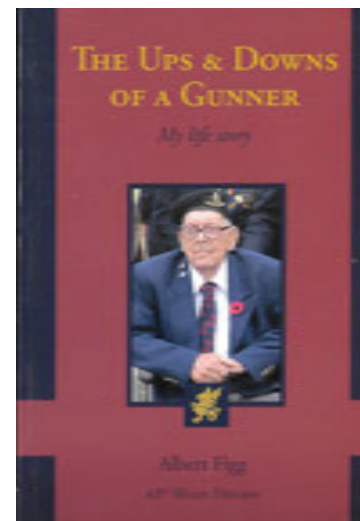


ALBERT FIGG



Unfortunately, our dear friend Albert passed away earlier this year only a week before his last wish to unveil 112 trees planted at Hill 112 was realised. Albert was such an inspiration to all that met him, a true gentleman and a real hero. His legacy does however live on, Hill 112 in Normandy can never be forgotten thanks to Albert's efforts over many years having raised funds and secured donations to install a Churchill Tank, A Bronze Monument of an Infantryman in full Battle Order, his beloved 'Gun' and of course the 112 trees at the site.

Albert you will be missed,
Rest in Peace.



OUT NOW

THE UPS & DOWNS OF A
GUNNER: MY LIFE STORY

ALBERTFIGG.CO.UK

In February 1939, with the prospect of war looming, 18-year-old Albert Figg joined the Royal Artillery TA. He was told that as a field gunner, three miles behind the front line, he stood a slightly better chance of coming out of the war alive.

Fortunately, this was the case. Albert, now 96, presents this book; a personal account of his fascinating life before, during and after the war. Learn how this young, inexperienced boy made sergeant less than two years after joining the army, and how his determination and humour saw him through the trying times that lay ahead. Experience the ever-changing social landscape of post-war Britain and

the efforts of a good man to provide for a growing family.

Perhaps most incredibly, read how Albert shows no sign of slowing down in his later years. He continues to champion the memory of the fallen, including masterminding the efforts, against the odds, to site several monuments at Hill 112.

An ordinary man with an extraordinary tale to tell, Albert Figg has provided us with a gripping, funny, saddening and insightful tale of a life lived to the full, reminding us that some of the biggest events in history are all too recent, and should never be forgotten.

THE FALKLANDS WAR

THE FACTS
AS TOLD BY STEPHEN MUNN



DISPUTED SOVEREIGNTY

WHAT TRIGGERED THE 1982 INVASION?

In 1765, Britain established a settlement on the Falkland Islands and declared ownership in the name of King George III. Since then, the British have maintained control over the Falkland Islands asserting their sovereignty.

However, Argentina contests Britain's rights to the islands and contends that their rights to the islands are defined in the Spanish Papal Grants of 1493 and 1494, which claimed all of South America (except for regions maintained by Portugal) as territory of Spain

THE REAL ISSUES

AND KEY PLAYERS FROM ARGENTINA



GENERAL LEOPOLDO GALTIERI

President and Head of the ruling Military Junta needed a diversion from the Internal issues causing major unrest in Argentina:

- Spiraling Inflation
- Poor Standards of Living
- Unemployment
- Human rights abuses (EMAS)



BRIGADIER GENERAL AUGUSTO HUGHES

- Head of Argentinean Air Force
- Greater number of aircraft – Air Superiority
- Capability of moving Fighter Sqns from North to Terra Del Fuego in the South to engage the Task Force
- Faster aircraft than British Harriers



Brigadier General Mario Menendez

Admiral Anaya - convinced the British would not respond and had full confidence in his fleet especially the Aircraft carrier *vientecinco Mayo*

- Member of inner circle Military Committee
- Initially against the invasion
- When convinced - declared himself as Governor of the Malvinas
- Incompetent Military strategist and junior to two other Generals on the island



ADMIRAL JORJE ANAYA

Anaya driving force for Invasion based on UK's apparent unwillingness and inability to defend the islands, based on decisions made by MOD:

- Withdrawal of the only RN Ship in the region
- Retiring major warships and 2 commando carriers
- Limited military presence on Islands
- Large Argentinean fleet available
- The distances involved in support logistics, 8,000Km from UK, only 300Km from Argentina

KEY PLAYERS

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM



ADMIRAL LEWIN CHIEF DEFENCE STAFF



ADMIRAL FIELDHOUSE CINC FLEET



ADMIRAL LEACH FIRST SEA LORD



MAJ GENERAL MOORE - BRIGADE CDR.

PREPARATION FOR WAR



There was a requirement for the United Kingdom to respond quickly to the Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands and it was obvious from the outset that Op CORPORATE was going to be an amphibious operation. Nearly 50 Royal Navy vessels of varying sizes, including 6 submarines and ships that were in the process of being decommissioned, had to be prepared for war but the capacity of these ships was insufficient to transport the men and materiel the 8,000 miles from UK to the Falklands.

ORIGINAL TASK FORCE GROUND FORCES

The Royal Marine Commandos
The Special Air Service

The Parachute Regiment
The Special Boat Service



PREPARATION FOR WAR

OPERATION CORPORATE

ROYAL NAVY SHIPS

TOTAL: 43

- 6 SSN Hunter Killer Nuclear Submarines
- 2 Aircraft Carriers, Hermes, Invincible
- 2 Landing Dock Platform Ships
- 8 Destroyers
- 15 Frigates
- 10 Various Patrol ships

SHIPS TAKEN UP FROM TRADE

TOTAL: 44

- 3 Liners
RMS QE2, SS Canberra, SS Uganda
- 7 RoRo Ferries
- 7 Freighters
- 15 Tankers
- 8 Tugs/Repair and Support Ships
- 4 Container / Cargo Ships
Atlantic Conveyor, Astronomer,
Atlantic Causeway, Contender Bezant

ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY

TOTAL: 22

- 10 Tankers
- 6 Supply ships
- 6 Landing Ship Logistics

Landing Ships Logistics

- Sir Bedivere
- Sir Galahad
- Sir Geraint
- Sir Lancelot
- Sir Percival
- Sir Tristram

These ships were loaded immediately with Fuel and ammunition at Marchwood in Southampton and sailed ahead of the main fleet on 5th April with RM Commando Logistic personnel on board.



SS UGANDA



SS CANBERRA



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

RETAKING OF SOUTH GEORGIA

Aborted landing after helicopter carrying 21 SAS troopers crashes on Fortuna Glazier

RETAKING OF SOUTH GEORGIA

Second attack on South Georgia by SBS, SAS and M Company 42 CDO.

Argentinean forces on South Georgia surrendered. Capt Alfredo Astiz, 1976 Angel of Death, French Nuns and many trainees from EMAS, Navy Engineering College. Arrested after surrendering and flown to Britain, France waited too long to extradite and only last year, in Argentina was he tried and is awaiting conviction.



21 APRIL 1982
OPERATION PARAQUET

25 APRIL 1982
OPERATION PARAQUET

19 APRIL 1982
ASCENSION ISLAND

24 APRIL 1982
OPERATION PARAQUET

26 APRIL 1982
OPERATION BLACK BUCK ONE

- Task Force Fleet arrives 19th April
- Re-store ships
- Troops Live Fire weapons and rehearse amphibious landings
- Last chance for diplomatic solution
- Task force sails 30th April

RETAKING OF SOUTH GEORGIA
Submarine Santa Fe sighted, entering South Georgia Waters, attacked and neutralized

SSB Splendid, Conquerer and Spartan track General Belgrano and Aircraft Carrier Veintecinco De Mayo



SSB Conquerer sinks General Belgrano (USS Phoenix)

02 MAY 1982
OPERATION BLACK BUCK ONE

03 MAY 1982
OPERATION BLACK BUCK ONE



3rd May HMS Sheffield sunk by Exocet missiles



This day and the following few days proved to be the turning point in the war. They attacked the land based force at Ajax Bay and the ships in San Carlos.

21 MAY 1982
D DAY (BOMB ALLEY)

21 MAY 1982
OPERATION BLACK BUCK ONE



3 Commando Brigade landed at San Carlos Water using RM Operational Landing Craft Squadrons



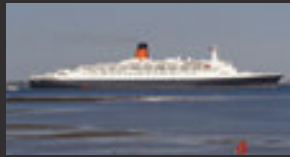
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23 MAY 1982
HMS ANELOPE IS SUNK

25 MAY 1982
ATLANTIC CONVEYOR IS SUNK



Etendard jets sink Atlantic Conveyor with 2 Exocet missiles. The additional Harriers and all our Chinook helicopters were on Atlantic Conveyor.



RMS QE2 arrives with 5th Infantry Brigade:

- 2nd Battalion Scots Guards
- 1st Battalion Welsh Guards
- The 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles
- 1 troop Blues and Royals

45 Commando Royal Marines make the historic 90km yomp from San Carlos Water to Port Stanley.

27 MAY 1982
THE HISTORIC YOMP

06 JUNE 1982
5TH INFANTRY BRIGADE

13 JUNE 1982
THE MOUNTAINS

29 MAY 1982
GOOSE GREEN

11 JUNE 1982
THE MOUNTAINS



- 2 Para attack Argentinean Marine Regt
- Col. H. Jones Posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross



- 7th June, Mount Kent - 42 commando
- 11th June, Mount Harriet - 42 Commando
- 11th June, Two Sisters - 45 Commando
- 11th June, Mount Longdon - 3 Para

Sgt. Ian McKay 3 Para awarded Victoria Cross posthumously at Mt. Longdon.

- 13th June, Wireless Ridge - 2 Para
- 13th June, Mount Tumbledown - Scots Guards

The mountains were defended by seasoned Troops and what was left of the Marine units.



At 9PM local time, 14th June, the Argentine commander, General Menendez, surrendered to Major General Jeremy Moore, the British commander, and 9800 Argentine troops put down their arms. In the following days the British removed the Argentine forces from the islands and

on 17 June 1982, the Argentine dictator, General Galtieri, resigned from office.

On 20 June, British forces landed on South Thule in The South Sandwich Islands and the Argentines there surrendered without a fight.



Like all liberated towns, the defeated units leave it in a total mess, unfortunately, they had nowhere to run, so their first task whilst waiting transportation back to Argentina was to clean the place up.

8,500 Argentinean Prisoners were then returned to Argentina by the SS Norland and QE 2

THE COST OF WAR



255 British Forces Killed
777 Wounded



907 Argentinean forces Killed
1600 wounded

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



**POP DOWN THE LEGION,
THERE'S A GOOD CHAP.**

'Pop Down the Legion' on the first
Tuesday of every month.

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your **space**
go to **waste**



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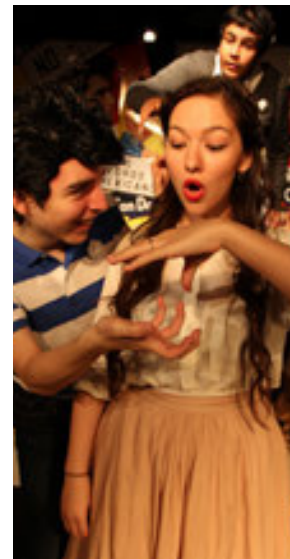
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Dance



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Music, Drama and Dance are very much at the heart of DESC life, with all students from Year 7 to Year 9 studying Music and Drama as discreet subjects. In addition, we offer Music, Drama and Dance to those students wishing to study them at GCSE level and beyond. This year, we have introduced Music Technology as a new subject at A level.

Here at DESC we provide first class facilities including Drama Studios, a Dance Studio, a Mac Suite, a Recording Studio and in-house Instrumental Tuition, leading to Grade examinations.

Each year, our Performing Arts faculty work collaboratively on a large scale production, each one receiving wide ranging acclaim within the College community and beyond. Recent productions have included Les Miserables, Grease and this year The Sound of Music.

Today's performers were the DESC Chamber Choir and the DESC Staff Choir. Our soloist was Ophelie Dumont-Smith (Trumpet).

To find out more about what DESC can offer your child, please contact us.



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