



**Falmouth Events 2023**

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A huge variety of events, activities and award-winning festivals organised for residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

## SCIENCE OF THE SEA AT THE NMMC

SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

**Venue:** NMMC

Head to National Maritime Museum Cornwall this February half term for Science of the Sea – family fun with a BANG! Bristol Explorer Dome are back with more science shows, they're on the hunt for creatures that use bubbles to survive on the Museum Trail and in Make & Take they're using science to create colourful artworks.

**W:** [Science of the Sea at the NMMC](#)

## ST PIRAN'S DAY PARADE

MON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Venue:** The Moor

The St Piran's Day Parade will be taking place on Monday 6th March, leaving The Moor at 10.00am via Webber St, out along Prince of Wales Pier and through the main street to Church Corner from where you will be welcomed by King Charles Church for refreshments and entertainment.

**W:** [St Piran's Day](#)

## RUN FALMOUTH

SUN 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Venue:** Starts at Princess Pavilion

Run Falmouth Half Marathon organised by Cornwall Hospice Care in conjunction with Falmouth Road Runners, is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. The event is part of the Cornwall Grand Prix Race series sponsored by Cornwall Glass. This challenging road run takes you through the beautiful coast and countryside of Falmouth.

**W:** [Run Falmouth](#)

## SPRING FLOWER SHOW

SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> - SUN 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**Venue:** Princess Pavilion

The Falmouth Spring Flower Show is the first big show of the year and has marked the start of Spring in Falmouth for over a 100 years. With stunning displays including daffodils, spring foliage, cacti and artesian flower arrangements filling the theatre with their fragrance, entries come from professionals at some of the big gardens of Cornwall, as well as from passionate gardeners of all ages from the community.

## PIRATES EXHIBITION AT THE NMMC

FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH - DECEMBER

**Venue:** NMMC

Dashing, daring and adventurous or bloodthirsty, immoral and greedy – were pirates of the 18th century heroes of the age or no more than callous cut-throats?

For generations, pirates have been portrayed in film, fiction and fashion as symbols of freedom and adventure. But how and why has this image been created? To find out, immerse yourself in the digital world of the Sea of Thieves game, land on Treasure Island, meet the man behind Long John Silver and dance a hornpipe with Horatio Pugwash before discovering the dark world of the real pirates of the Caribbean.

In this latest major exhibition, explore how popular culture has shaped how we think of pirates today and dive beneath the surface to unearth the harsh and terrifying truth.

**W:** [Pirates Exhibition at the NMMC](#)

### JOIN OUR PIRATE CREW AT THE NMMC

SAT 1<sup>ST</sup> – SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Venue:** NMMC

All aboard to join National Maritime Museum Cornwall's pirate crew! Become a budding buccaneer with Rattlebox Theatre.

**W:** NMMC

### ST. NAZAIRE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE PARADE

SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

**Venue:** Prince of Wales Pier

The annual Service of Remembrance to commemorate the daring St. Nazaire raid of World War II. A memorial service for veterans of the raid is held on the Prince of Wales Pier.

**W:** Falmouth Town Council

### WANDERFAL

FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Venue:** Various

This two-day music festival is produced by The Cornish Bank. Taking place at a variety of venues it will support international and Cornish bands and musicians. For more information and details of how to purchase tickets, visit their website

**W:** Wanderfal

### GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

APRIL TBC

More details to follow

**W:** Falmouth Churches Together

### CORNWALL PRIDE

SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Cornwall Pride are raising funds to deliver support for the LGBTQI+ community across Cornwall. They hope to bring to life the success of the Cornwall Pride bus tour by bringing community prides to Cornwall. The Pride Bus Tour will be in Falmouth on Saturday 7 May 2022.

**W:** Cornwall Pride 2023

### PARKLIVE

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH APRIL - SEPT

**Venue:** Kimberley Park

Parklive 2023 will showcase the range of creative talent living in the Falmouth area and is an open and accessible activity for local families, residents, and visitors to attend. It is held on the last Sunday of every month from April to September. Free event.

Dates are – 30th April / 28th May / 25<sup>th</sup> June / 30<sup>th</sup> July / 27<sup>th</sup> August / 24<sup>th</sup> September

**W:** Parklive Rocks

### RACE FOR LIFE

SUN 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY

**Venue:** Gyllyngvase Beach Car Park

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life returns to Falmouth for 2023. You don't have to be sporty to take part. You don't

need to train or compete against anyone else. All you need to do is sign up below and then have fun raising money in whatever way you like.

New for this year is a 10k option - 10k is a great step up from our 5k events, that's still achievable for everyone. Whether it's the 5k or 10k, join Race for Life and help raise valuable funds for cancer-beating research.

**W: Falmouth Race for Life 5k**

**W: Falmouth Race for Life 10k**

### **ANNUAL MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY**

**MON 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

**Venue:** The Moor

The Annual Council meeting will take place at the Princess Pavilion for invited guests during which the Mayor for the 2023/24 Municipal Year will be confirmed.

**W: Falmouth Town Council**

### **FALMOUTH FOOD FESTIVAL**

**FRI 26<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

More information to follow.

### **ROCK POOL EXPLORERS AT THE NMMC**

**SAT 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Venue:** NMMC

Discover the curious creatures found along the Cornish shore with the Rock Pool Project and their magical mobile rock pool.

**W: NMMC**

### **THE AZORES AND BACK (AZAB)**

**SAT 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

The AZAB (Azores and Back) is a Category 1 ocean yacht race with each of the two legs being 1,170 nautical miles even if the rhumb line can be sailed! The Azores and Back Race was created in response to the desire for an ocean race which started and finished in the UK, a wish that was taken up by the RCYC's Colin Drummond in 1975 and has been run every four years since. The race is for all comers, from experienced racers sailing high-performance boats to local cruisers in need of a challenge.

**W: Royal Cornwall Yacht Club**

### **RICHARD MILLE CUP**

**SAT 10<sup>TH</sup> – WEDS 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

This first Richard Mille Cup will be followed by further similar annual events.

The driving motivation is to create a challenging sporting event with competition through a range of inshore and offshore races. It is being created by a classic yacht owner for qualifying yacht owners.

**W: Richard Mille Cup**

### **FALMOUTH INTERNATIONAL SEA SHANTY FESTIVAL**

**FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Venue:** The Town

The largest free maritime music festival on the planet! Shanty bands and singers from across the UK and Europe converge on Falmouth, bringing a wonderfully diverse range of shanties performed on stages throughout the town. The festival raises funds for the RNLI.

**W: Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival**

### **FALMOUTH CLASSICS**

**FRI 16<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**Venue:** Offshore

Falmouth Classics is a three-day rally of classic sailing craft and other traditional vessels, including pilot gigs and motorboats. The Classics once again runs concurrently with the very popular Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival, which offers three days of spectacular entertainment at over 26 venues throughout the town.

**W: Falmouth Classics**

### **NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY**

**FRI 23<sup>RD</sup> – SUN 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Armed Forces Day, centred this year on spectacular Falmouth Harbour in Cornwall, is a chance for the whole UK to show support for the men and women of our Armed Forces community – from currently serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets.

**W: Corwall National Armed Forces Day**

### **RIDE THE TRAFALGAR WAY 2022**

**SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

The fourth edition of the audax ride will take place over the weekend 24th - 25th June 2023. The ride is also a Paris Brest Paris qualifier. Entries are now open.

To go to the Audax UK entry page for the 2023 Ride the Trafalgar Way audax, click [here](#). It will be taking place to commemorate the 218th anniversary of a 271 mile journey taken by Lt John Richards Lapenotiere, post chaise, from Falmouth to the Admiralty, London. His journey took 37 hours. This year riders have 40 hours to complete the 600Km/372.8 Mile ride from Falmouth to the Admiralty, London.

### **RNLI CASTLE TO CASTLE SWIM**

**JUNE DATES TBC**

More details to follow.

**W: RNLI**

### **FALMOUTH CRINGE COMEDY FESTIVAL**

**THURS 6<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Venue:** Various

More details to follow.

**MON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SUN 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME AT THE NMMC**

**Venue:** NMMC

A Pirate's Life for Me is Illyria's brand-new interactive theatre show exploring the lives – and possibly deaths – of the most notorious pirates in the Caribbean. And the best thing about it? You, the audience, get to decide what happens!

**W: NMMC**

### **FALMOUTH WEEK**

**FRI 4<sup>TH</sup> – SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**Venue:** On the water and various locations around the town. Falmouth Week has grown into one of the most prominent sailing regattas in the Southwest, with yachts from many classes racing over eight days along with a lively programme of shoreside events.

See [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk) for full programme and ticketing details.

**W: Falmouth Week**

### **FALMOUTH SAILING WEEK**

**SAT 5<sup>TH</sup> – SAT 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Falmouth Sailing Week commences with a race briefing on the first Saturday, followed by racing each day from Sunday to the following Saturday, with daily and series prizes, and is complemented by comprehensive shoreside events for everyone. Many of the competitors combine the racing with their annual family holiday.

**W: Falmouth Sailing Week**

### **FALMOUTH TALL SHIPS**

**TUES 15<sup>TH</sup> – FRI 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

The Tall Ships are back in Falmouth! For the first time in nine years, Falmouth will once again host the start of the prestigious Tall Ships Race, Magella Elcano.

**W: Falmouth Tall Ships 2023**

**W: Falmouth Tall Ships Tour Tickets**

### **FALMOUTH TRIATHLON SUNDAY**

**SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Venue:** Starts at Gyllyngvase Beach

Golden sand, turquoise water and panoramic views over the Lizard Peninsula from Henry VIII's Pendennis Castle – Falmouth Triathlon is a treat for all the senses. Enjoy the calm waters of Cornwall's swimming hotspot, the blue flag rated Gyllyngvase Beach – perfect for beginners and those looking for a fast course!

**W: Falmouth Triathlon**

## **FORM ART FESTIVAL**

**FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – SUN 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

**Venue:** The Princess Pavilion

Cornwall has a long legacy as a creative powerhouse, and our artists and craftspeople are second to none, influenced by this dramatic landscape. Form Art Festival will bring together our creative community and introduce you to rising talents as well as renowned artists.

Run by Vicki Glaister of Inspire Makers and Ann Morgan of Morgans, the festival will centre around a large exhibition at Princess Pavilion, with the opportunity to meet artists and purchase work. In Falmouth there will also be a whole host of creative events across various venues, with something for everyone. It'll be a perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in Cornwall's art scene.

**W: Form Art Festival**

## **FIAFest PERFORMANCE POP-UPS**

**THURS 5<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

More details to follow.

**W: Impossible Producing**

## **FALMOUTH OYSTER FESTIVAL**

**THURS 12<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Venue:** The Waterfront, Church Street Car Park

The highlight of Falmouth's Autumn calendar is this nationally recognised, award-winning annual festival which celebrates the start of the oyster dredging season. Including an oyster bar, a wide variety of seafood, wines and champagne, real ales and stouts, arts, crafts, food and drink halls, chef demos and all that is best in Cornish musical entertainment.

**W: Falmouth Oyster Festival**

## **FALMOUTH BOOK FESTIVAL**

**MON 16<sup>TH</sup> – SUN 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

2022's festival was a huge success, brought to you by the team behind Port Eliot Festival's celebrated literary stages and supported by Falmouth University, the Falmouth Bookseller and the Falmouth BID.

2023's line-up is being worked upon but in 2022, award-winning writers like, Raynor Winn, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, George Monibot, Sheila Hancock and Will Self all took part.

**W: Falmouth Book Festival**

## **SILHOUETTES & SHADOWS AT THE NMMC**

**SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> – SUN 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**Venue:** NMMC

The nights are drawing in and the shadows are taking over, join National Maritime Museum Cornwall for a spooky half term this October! See pirate shadow puppet stories and songs magically told using a boat sail.

**W: NMMC**

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**SUN 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Venue:** Kimberley Park

The local Remembrance Day service at Kimberley Park provides the opportunity for Falmouth's citizens to formally pay tribute to all those who have given their lives in the service of this country.

**W: Falmouth Events**

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AND PARADE

THURS 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**Venue:** Starting at Events Square and finishing on The Moor. Join Falmouth's annual Christmas Parade and Lights Switch-on, with live music from local schools, tasty food and great entertainment.

**W:** Falmouth Events

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

SUN 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER – TUES 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

**Venue:** Princess Pavilion

Community groups encompassing all ages and abilities are invited to decorate over 30 Christmas trees with their handmade, sustainable decorations in preparation for the annual Christmas Tree Festival, which sees over 30 trees lit up on the bandstand and around the Edwardian veranda at Gyllyngdune Gardens, Princess Pavilion. The festivities start with the Grand Switch-on event and then carry on every day throughout December.

### FALMOUTH'S FESTIVE WEEKEND

DECEMBER TBC

**Venue:** throughout Falmouth Town Centre  
More information to follow

### LANTERNS & LIGHTS AT THE NMMC

WEDS 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – WEDS 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY

This Christmas enjoy magically lit boats, merry Make & Takes and a Museum Trail – Christmas at NMMC takes on the theme of Lanterns & Lights with a magical nautical twist.

Decked in festive lights and sparkly stars, traditional wooden boats carry Christmas cheer. Using the Flying Flotilla, hung high from the Museum's ceiling, the boats are lit with subtle ocean-coloured hues and set amongst glistening star bursts.

**W:** NMMC

### HARMONY CHOIR

SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER

**Venue:** throughout Falmouth Town Centre

This community event is like no other and has taken place for over 100 years. Commencing at The Mariners (previously the Cutty Sark) and proceeding through the Town, stopping Custom House Quay then on to Church Corner, Market Street/ Market Strand and finishing on The Moor. Groups of singers will sing traditional carols and seasonal songs.

**W:** The Cornish Christmas Harmony Choir

## KEY VENUE EVENTS

### EVENTS AT THE POLY

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Poly is a historic institution in Falmouth which runs a fantastic and varied programme of creative events, talks, theatrical productions, musical concerts, exhibitions and films throughout the year.

For a comprehensive listing visit their website – [The Poly](#)

### EVENTS AT PRINCESS PAVILION

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Princess Pavilion is Falmouth's biggest year-round live music venue and theatre complex offering a wide programme of excellent entertainment, with big names and visiting professional artists and local productions.

For a comprehensive listing visit their website - [Events at Princess Pavilion](#)

### EVENTS AT PENDENNIS CASTLE

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

From great family days out to events of interest for the real history buff, Pendennis Castle is a great place to visit at any time of the year. Run by English Heritage, the castle has a regular events calendar. For a comprehensive listing visit their website - [English Heritage](#)

### EVENTS AT FALMOUTH ART GALLERY

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Falmouth Art Gallery is family friendly and free. One of the leading art galleries in the south west, it has won or been nominated for 16 national awards. Falmouth Art Gallery has an innovative and popular community education programme. For more information, visit their website - [Falmouth Art Gallery](#)

### EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM CORNWALL

### THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The National Maritime Museum Cornwall has a range of exciting exhibitions and events planned throughout the year. They also host a Lecture Series with an array of speakers. The subjects covered are varied but all have a maritime or Cornish connection. In 2023 speakers include the illustrator Matt Johnson who will talk about his new book Red Sails & Pilchards, Plymouth University's Dr Elaine Murphy who explores female pirates and the experience of women at sea, Dr Jo Esra from the University of Exeter who discusses a group of 17<sup>th</sup> century pirates who became notorious for taking people rather than goods and Dr Richard Blakeman from the University of Reading who uncovers the myths and realities in the history of pirates.

**W:** [NMMC](#)

### FALMOUTH FARMERS' MARKET

### TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The Falmouth Farmers' Market has been trading on The Moor for over 10 years, and showcases the fantastic local produce available in Cornwall, including meat, fish, cheese, honey, bread, cakes, and craft. You can find the market on The Moor every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm.

### FALMOUTH WEEKLY MARKET

### THURS & SAT, MARCH - DECEMBER

The Moor has been a market space for hundreds of years, and the Weekly Market keeps this tradition alive in Falmouth. Come along on Thursdays and Saturdays for a range of goods from vintage clothing and homeware to plants and veg.

### FALMOUTH AND PENRYN REPAIR CAFE

### FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

**Venue:** Falmouth Methodist Church

Repair cafes are free meeting places and they're all about repairing things together. You'll find tools and materials to help you make the repairs you need on clothes, Furniture, electrical appliances, and more. 1.30pm - 4.30pm

**W:** [Facebook Page](#)



## **DRACAENA CENTRE**

## **THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

A community-based hub in Falmouth offering a variety of activities and support for all members of the community including fitness and well-being, young people support and older people's services.

**W: Dracaena Centre**