

2002 - the Fisherman's Friends record a CD for the RNLI



How young they all are ... an early line-up of the Fisherman's Friends ...

left to right: John Brown, Nigel Sherratt, Jeremy Brown, Bill Hawkins, Julian Brown, Chris Scott, Pete Rowe, Jon Cleave, John McDonnell, Trevor Grills and John Lethbridge

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The Sunday morning calm of Port Isaac harbour was broken when the fully crewed Padstow offshore Tyne Class Lifeboat, the James Burrough, swept in through the breakwaters on April 21st.

Boarding parties left the shore and onto the Padstow boat but all was well. It soon became clear that she had been lured to our shores like mariners to the mermaids on the rocks. Well, almost! In this case by the Fishermen's Friends - looking very attractive in their pastel designer smocks, polished up as the say in sailor terms, very 'tidly' indeed!

Time had come for a special photo shoot for the graphics for the new CD the Fishermen's Friends are making for the RNLI Music Division. This was subsequently recorded in St Peter's Church the following weekend - release date to be announced shortly.

The weather came up trumps with a beautiful sunny day - contra to the forecast of rain and wind - which added a sparkle to the proceedings and some fine action shots of the Fishermen's Friends afloat and shipwrecked ashore have been captured for posterity by Colin Shepherd. I understand the new album might be called 'Fishermen's Friends in Distress' and this was clearly demonstrated by certain individuals in the closing shots of the day!

Photos courtesy Colin Shepherd



ON THE PADSTOW LIFEBOAT

... The Fisherman's Friends quickly became popular locally and before they knew it they had started the tradition of singing on the Platt on a summer Friday night. Come the end of May Bank Holiday through to September they could be found entertaining locals and holidaymakers and the Platt was 'the place to be' on a Friday night ...