

# A 2009 visit from Gareth Malone



## Fishermen's Friends filmed for documentary

You could be forgiven for thinking that the film crew in the village on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> were something to do with *Doc Martin* – but you would be wrong. They were here filming the Fishermen's Friends for a documentary on music of the sea that the boys are going to be part of.

Presenting the programme will be Gareth Malone who you may have seen on the award winning *The Choir* and *Boys Don't Sing* series. As well as being on TV he also works with the London Symphony Orchestra and runs the LSO St Lukes Community and Youth Choirs.

What he expected when he came to Port Isaac is anyone's guess but he and the director, sound and camera man quickly became friends of our Fishermen and to cement the friendship they all went off on the *Free Spirit* to find out just what fishermen do – apart from sing!

The day's filming culminated with the Fishermen's Friends traditional summer Friday night singing. It was a high tide but the boys sang at the bottom of the Platt and the water stopped inches away from them – so who organised that!? And what a perfect backdrop of the sea and boats – ideal for TV but just everyday life here in Port Isaac! As always the singing was brilliant; the collection on the night of £237 was added to Lesley Grills' sponsorship for the Race for Life Cancer Research appeal.

Details of when the programme is going to be shown will be publicised in *Trio* when available.



Gareth Malone deep in thought; he's probably wishing that he could be singing with the Fishermen's Friends - a wish that was granted as the night went on



Yes, it's a lobster!



What sort of friends laugh when you fall over? And not a thought for the poor lobster that got squashed!



Taking the film crew out to *Free Spirit*

every picture tells a story!

Time for a song?



What a backdrop!



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...then one Friday night in the summer of 2009 they were 'discovered' by visiting record producer, Rupert Christie. Little did they know how their lives would change ... a chance visit to Port Isaac by radio DJ Johnnie Walker resulted in his manager visiting the boys and before they knew it their future was sealed with a handshake over a beer (or two) ... the rollercoaster ride had begun ...