

in the beginning ... *Fisherman's Friends*

Music and singing has always been part of life in Port Isaac; villagers sang in Chapel, they sang in Church, they sang in concerts, they sang in choirs, they sang in the pub - at the drop of a hat they would 'strike up'.

It was the early 90s when the Fisherman's Friends began to sing together as a 'group'. Some of them already sang in the Wadebridge Male Voice Choir, some sang in the Port Isaac Chorale, all of them sang in the pub ...

But what they all had in common was their lifelong friendship and their love of singing the traditional songs of the sea, handed down from their forefathers ...



They 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 it was 'the place to be'. They were asked to sing to help raise money for so many charities but their popularity was far bigger than just Cornwall; they sang in Mystic Seaport in the USA and in France; they were invited to sing with *Show of Hands* in the Albert Hall; they made a couple of CDs; they were filmed for various programmes including the *Lonely Planet* series and a sea shanty programme with TV Choirmaster Gareth Malone ...

