



Back in 2010, over 30 local women met up on a cold and wet January evening to sing a few songs together. It was all a bit chaotic but ex-music teacher, Mary Vallender took control and played her keyboard and got them singing in three-part harmony. However, the enthusiasm dwindled and about six months later just eleven women were singing along to Mary's accompaniment. They called themselves Gulls Allowed and began to sing at local events supporting local charities. Fast forward to 2014 and Mary and her keyboard left along with two of the singers. It was time for change and change came about in the form of two new members and as none of group played an instrument they decided to sing accappella. And they changed their name to *Gulls*. Since then they have gone from strength to strength and have formed a group friendship that goes way beyond the singing.



In 2015 Gulls were invited to sing in Slovenia



Gulls are ten local women who meet up every week to talk, eat cake, drink wine and sing a bit. They love singing together and this is reflected in their songs. They sing acapella and usually their songs are an eclectic mix – it could be no other with ten strong-minded women with ten different musical tastes, from the 1940s to grunge garage!

They also sing a few shanties and in a very strong male genre they like to say a word (or two!) for the gals in the "days of yore", left behind whilst their men sailed the high seas, who they like to think used to get together to talk, eat cake, drink wine and sing a bit!



Gulls love to dress up ... above they relive their younger days at the 2018 Carnival and below look forward to the future at the 2019 Carnival



gull. noun
a seabird that has a shrill shriek (aka beautiful voice) likes to pinch your chips or your ice-cream



of course Gulls/ gals can sing shanties - at the 2019 Shanty Festival



Port Isaac Gulls singing on the Platt, Summer 2019