

## FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS ANNOUNCE UK TOUR DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

The original sole men, Cornwall's tightest band of brothers and its best-known musical export, the **Fisherman's Friends** will be heading back on the road for a run of UK tour dates in November 2018.

In a show that's guaranteed to warm the cockles, the group's eight good men brew up a heady mix of hearty song, salty banter and tall tales from the high seas that involves the audience at every turn.

As well as meeting up with old friends, the Fisherman's Friends are sure to make plenty of new ones as they play eleven dates, starting at Cheltenham Town Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> November and ending at The Octagon Theatre in Yeovil on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

"We can't wait to get back to performing live – it's the reason we started the Fisherman's Friends in the first place," says MC and bass man Jon Cleave, he of the flamboyant moustaches.

Bound by lifelong friendship and a love of Cornwall's stirring songs of the sea, this most convivial choral collective will showcase a fresh haul of old favourites as well as new songs from their latest album 'Sole Mates' - their seventh since they were 'discovered' singing on the Platt on the harbour at Port Isaac on Cornwall's rugged Atlantic coast.

After signing with Island Records their album '*Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends*' went Gold, becoming the first traditional folk act to land a UK top ten album in the process. They've since been the subject of an ITV documentary, released the hit albums *One and All* (2013) and *Proper Job* (2015) and played to tens of thousands of fans at home and abroad, as well as the famous Pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

The Fisherman's Friends are: fisher brothers John and Jeremy Brown; writer/shopkeeper Jon Cleave; potter Billy Hawkins; smallholder and engineer John 'Lefty' Lethbridge; builder John McDonnell (a Yorkshireman who visited Port Isaac more than 30 years ago and never left); Padstow fisherman Jason Nicholas and film maker Toby Lobb.

The Fisherman's Friends UK tour dates are as follows:

### November

Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cheltenham	Town Hall
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	London	Union Chapel
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Birmingham	Town Hall
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Phoenix	Exeter
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cambridge	Corn Exchange
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Norwich	Open Club Room
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oxford	Playhouse
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	Salisbury	City Hall
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bath	The Forum
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Basingstoke	The Anvil
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yeovil	Octagon Theatre



Tickets are on sale now from [www.thefishermansfriends.com](http://www.thefishermansfriends.com)

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*"Deserving winners of the BBC radio folk award"* - Kate Rusby  
*"Simply wonderful"* - BBC Radio 2 (Mark Radcliffe)  
*"What folk music's all about"* - Steve Knightley (Show of Hands)  
*"A musical powerhouse"* – The Cornish Guardian

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**Fisherman's Friends will be available for interview. For more information please contact Dave Clarke at:**