



LOOE LIVE!

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Organisers of this year's Looe Live! festival have confirmed that Cornwall's best-known musical export, the Fisherman's Friends will be playing on Sunday. September 22nd.

The original 'buoy band', currently the subject of the hit feel good movie of the year, first met on the Platt on the harbour in their native Port Isaac 30 years ago to sing the songs of the sea.

Ten years ago they were persuaded to sign the record deal that saw their album *Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends* go Gold as they became the first ever traditional folk act to land a UK top ten album. Since then they have been the subject of an ITV documentary, sung for HM The Queen at her Diamond Jubilee celebrations, played Glastonbury festival and received the Good Tradition Award at the prestigious BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, as well as releasing hit albums *One and All* (2013), *Proper Job* (2015) and *Sole Mates* (2018),

The Fisherman's Friends are: fisher brothers John and Jeremy Brown; writer/shopkeeper Jon Cleave; 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; film maker Toby Lobb and the new boy, former ambulance driver Pete Hicks.

The band will be joining a fantastic mix of acts at **Looe Live! 2019**, which is taking place between Thursday, 19 September and Sunday, 22 September.

With three stages, including one on the beach, a comedy stage and a range of different genres of music on offer, including classical, jazz and country and western, dancing on the sea front and performances by local choirs, and a new community zone, there will be even more on offer for local people and visitors to enjoy.

There will be a full programme of events from 12 noon to 10.30 pm on all three stages on each of the three main days (Friday to Sunday) as well as acts performing in local venues and on the streets of the town. Thursday evening will be used as a warm up session and will be free of charge.

British country duo The Shires have already been confirmed as one of the festival's headline acts, with details of the remaining headliners, and other performers due to be confirmed within the next few weeks.

There are still a few early bird weekend tickets available to buy on the new Looe Live! website at just £55 for three days of amazing original music from the South West together with some of the UK's best loved artists so make sure you don't miss out.

Visit the Looe Live! website - Looelive.co.uk or follow us on Twitter @LooeLive and Facebook for the latest information on the festival as more details are confirmed.

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