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Fisherman's Friends perform for the Royal Naval Association's 75th anniversary

The famous Fisherman's Friends shanty singers are staging a charity fundraising concert for the Royal Naval Association (RNA) in Portsmouth on 22 October 2025 to raise funds for the charity. The band, who went stellar with the depiction of their lives on film said they are committed to supporting all those who have lived a life on the seas.

The band will perform alongside the RNA's Community Choir, which comes from across the UK, and also His Majesty's Band of the Royal Marines. Expect sea shanties, sing-a-longs and rousing military anthems.

The Choir members are particularly excited about singing with the famous folk band and have been practicing traditional shanties to perform with both the Fisherman's Friends and the Band of the Royal Marines.

His Majesty's Band of the Royal Marines have seconded three bandmasters to help the Community Choir practice for such a high-profile performance.

Rachel Smallwood, RNA Community Choir Musical Advisor said: *"We are delighted that our Choir is going to be singing with the Fisherman's Friends. The Community Choir was established to help people feel part of a group and focus on community, many of the members are not seasoned singers. There is a large diversity of abilities and that is what makes it such a great success. To sing with such a well-known group is a dream come true for many of our members and it is a treat to work with His Majesty's Band of the Royal Marines."*

The RNA supports all those with a Naval story, Serving, veterans and families. They provide comradeship, welfare support, grants and activities to support members.

One recent attendee of a weekend to support mental health and wellbeing (the RNA Thriving Together Programme) said: *"I really needed this break. I am a carer and work full-time and I haven't had a day away from home for such a long time. It has been wonderful to meet up with people who understand my Naval history as I have been disconnected from it for a long time."*

If you are an RNA member you are entitled to discounted tickets for this charity fundraising concert, which are on sale through the RNA newsletter. You can join now for free through our website and enjoy this offer - email cml@rnassoc.org for your link to discounted tickets.
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The Royal Naval Association is the largest Royal Naval membership Association for serving and former serving members of our Naval Forces, and their families, with over 240 branches in the UK and around the globe. Multigenerational, diverse and inclusive, the RNA's community provides comradeship through the seven Cs: community, connection, companionship, compassion, care, commemoration and celebration. It supports its members through the peaks and troughs of life's voyage. Once Navy Always Navy.

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