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Putting Fishermen First



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Providing a lifeline of welfare and support to fishermen and their families

Never Forgotten



The Cornishman / Greg Martin
Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE and Fishermen's Mission Chief Executive David Dickens at the opening of the Newlyn Memorial room.

A new memorial room dedicated to fishermen who lost their lives at sea has been opened at the Newlyn Fishermen's Mission. Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE, cut the ribbon which followed a service at St Peter's Church where movingly the names of more than 100 fishermen who died at sea were read out. During the dedication service 10 new plaques were added to the 80 already in place, one dating back 75 years. Superintendent Keith Dickson said: "The Memorial room is of huge significance to many fishing families, often providing a graveside for their lost fishermen and a place to quietly remember loved ones."

The outreach programme at Newlyn goes from strength to strength with a sharp rise in welfare work, crew visits and home calls. Keith adds "I have met more fishermen for the first time in the last seven months than ever before." **Never forgetting but always moving forward epitomises the work of the Fishermen's Mission in Newlyn and throughout the UK.**

Floating Bibles

For over 100 years the Gideons International have been placing Bibles in hotel rooms, prisons, hospitals and now fishing boats. The Fishermen's Mission and the Gideons have joined together and produced a unique New Testament and Psalms to be placed on every fishing boat in the UK. There is already a long tradition of Bibles on board fishing boats as proved recently in Bridlington. Our picture shows Superintendent Mike Smith presenting a Fishermen's Mission New Testament to Trevor Broadhead, skipper of the restored FV Challenge. A 'new' New Testament to replace the boats 'old' New testament dating back to 1958!



Huge Hearted Joel

"A great wee boy with a huge heart" is how Fraserburgh Superintendent Miriam Kemp described young Joel Wiseman.

Joel's dad Steven is skipper of Fraserburgh vessel Endeavor FR601. The boat is mostly crewed by Filipino fishermen and Joel knows them well.

He thought how hard it must be for them to work so far away from their families.

When Joel heard that the Fraserburgh Fishermen's Mission was being renovated, giving the crew somewhere to relax whilst ashore, he decided to spring into action.

Joel and his mum Kelly took part in the BRG Coastal challenge and completed the 17.5 mile course in less than five hours, raising an astonishing £1,100.

Miriam Kemp commented, "I think what Joel has done is absolutely wonderful and every penny raised will help our outreach work at Fraserburgh".

Superintendent Miriam Kemp receiving the cheque from Joel Wiseman.

The Chilling North Sea

Imagine yourself on a small fishing boat that is taking on water and sinking fast. You desperately scramble for your life but the reality of the icy North Sea lapping around your feet as your boat goes under is terrifying.



Left to Right - Michael Mitchell, Simon Arries

This was the real life ordeal of Michael Mitchell and Simon Arries as their Amble based Lobster boat the Rising Sun sunk on a wintery morning last November. Thrown into the sea, both men clung to a buoy as the waves engulfed their boat. They knew every minute spent in the freezing sea could be their last.

Meanwhile fishermen father and son, Tom and Jason Lillico, were setting sail for Amble aboard the Boy Liam, to fish their own creel pots. In the distance Tom thought he spotted a seal playing with a buoy but quickly realised it was a man's head popping out of the water. When they reached Simon he'd spent over an hour in the icy water. Hypothermia had set in and he was close to death. Tom & Jason dragged him on board and barely able to speak, Simon told them Michael was still in the water, attempting to swim to Coquet Island. Incredibly Michael's swim succeeded and both men were taken to hospital by the emergency services suffering from severe hypothermia.

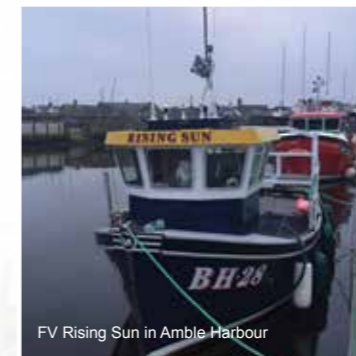
Beyond the trauma of such an incident the holistic care of the Fishermen's Mission kicks in. Northshields Superintendent Peter Dade and Amble Honorary Agent Simon Baxter dealt immediately with the emergency needs of both men and then set about longer term support. Peter explains, "Not only have they been through a terrifying ordeal but have also lost their boat, their business



Left to Right - Simon Arries, Northshields Superintendent Peter Dade, Michael Mitchell, Simon Baxter Fishermen's Mission Honorary Agent for Amble.



Superintendent Peter Dade supplies Simon Arries with Emergency Aid Funding in the form of gift vouchers for Simon's young daughter at Christmas.



FV Rising Sun in Amble Harbour

and their livelihood. Bills still have to be paid and food put on the table and this is where the Fishermen's Mission can help".

Thankfully with help from the Shipwrecked Mariners Society essential personal fishing kit is soon replaced. But our work involves more than just replacing lost gear. It's about restoring shattered confidence, rebuilding damaged lives, practically and emotionally. Michael Mitchell will never forget the day he swam a mile through the treacherous North Sea to find safety but he will also always remember the Northshields Fishermen's Mission "I can't thank these guys enough. Their care and compassion has been incredible".

Thank you that your donations mean shipwrecked fishermen can always rely on our help...and turn to the next few pages to see how your support can live on through legacy giving.



Legacy Focus: the gift of love that lives on

Statistics show that people who make a will live longer than those who do not and people who leave a legacy in their will live longer still!

WILL POWER!

It's a myth that only the rich and famous leave money to charity when they die. The truth is that without gifts left in wills by people like you, many charities would really struggle including the Fishermen's Mission.

Our Legacy Officer John Field confirms,

"Charitable legacies are a crucial foundation income for the Fishermen's Mission. Our compassionate Christian care is only made possible through voluntary donations, supported by legacy gifts, making them so vital."

So what does a typical Fishermen's Mission Legacy donor look like? Here are a few examples



Grace Atkinson born and raised in Grimsby in the last century. Grace left a legacy to the Fishermen's Mission in memory of her early life amongst the fishing.

Elsie Wood Aungier, daughter of a fishing boat skipper from Aberdeen. Elsie remembers the help given by the Fishermen's Mission when her father's boat ran aground in the far North of Scotland.

They come from all parts of the country not just coastal regions. Other legators hail from Cardiff, Watford, Cheshire, Shropshire, indeed from all four corners of our island.

John Field comments,

"Legators may or may not have had connections with the fishing industry. They leave varying amounts, but each gift is immensely valuable. The important thing is that in every case, their support for our vital work lives on"

Shipwrecked fishermen, retired fishermen and their families may battle with ill health, injury, loneliness and poverty in many UK fishing communities. They rely on help from the Fishermen's Mission. Your promise of a gift in your will means we can always be there for them.

Henry's Makeover



Like many retired fishermen 80 year old Henry Bailey struggles with ill health and old age. Twenty four gruelling years at sea have taken their toll and Henry's house had fallen into a state of disrepair. Henry lives alone with only a brother living close by. Henry admitted *"I'm getting a bit old now, so I can't get around like I used to."*

After being contacted by a support worker, Hull Fishermen's Mission Superintendent Tracey Stephens became aware of Henry's plight and immediately stepped in to help. Coordinating events Tracey secured funding from the Seafarers Hospital Society and the Rosepark Trust. Homebase supplied the paint and JJ Cleaning prepared the property. A great team effort was completed by volunteers from Yorkshire Water who exchanged turkey and crackers for paint brushes as they gave up



their office Christmas party to brighten up Henry's home.

Tracey commented *"Retired fishermen like Henry can be very vulnerable but are never forgotten and our aim is always to help where we can"*

The last word goes to Henry Bailey himself, when asked what he thought of his fresh surroundings he answered *"The place looks smashing, I didn't expect it at all"*.

It can't be right to allow a retired seafarer like Henry to struggle due to old age and ill health. Henry doesn't want to live out the last years of his life deprived. Your support and crucial Legacy gifts means we have Port staff in place to know of Henry's situation and get stuck in to help, making a real difference to one of Hull's retired fishermen..



Going The Extra Mile

A Day in the Life of Karen Calder in Mallaig



My day starts early at a very busy Mallaig Centre. Local fishermen are escaping the foul weather to pop in for a chat or to use the computers. Next comes my daily tour of the harbour and despite the storms brewing there is always someone to meet around the fish pier.

We've had a very busy winter and today my first call is with a fishing family who are struggling financially. I give them the reassuring news that they will receive further financial assistance allowing them to get back on their feet.

North West Scotland is very beautiful but its remoteness causes huge problems for our elderly folk. Many can feel isolated and simple activities like shopping are

very demanding. I work closely with other local agencies to bring relief and practical help in the face of such difficulties.

Later this week I will visit the Isle of Skye to see a new beneficiary, a recently retired fisherman with chronic health problems. He was relieved that we can travel to see him at home.

I'll then call on one of my fishermen's widows. A simple chat and a cup of tea makes all the difference to her week.

My last visit of the day is to Jim who is looking for help with some forms he has been sent. He has very limited sight and mobility. Jim is greatly reassured by my visit and the forms are soon ready to be posted.

Another varied but rewarding day completed.

Karen is making a real difference in the lives of vulnerable and lonely fishing folk. Leaving a legacy gift in your will means Karen and her colleagues can continue their vital work.



LEGACY GIVING SPECIAL

"YOU CAN BE A LIFELINE OF SUPPORT"



A special appeal from Commodore David Dickens CBE RN Fishermen's Mission Chief Executive.

"We know that providing for your loved ones is important to you. As well as caring for your family, your kindness can live on by giving a percentage or a fixed sum of what you leave to the Fishermen's Mission. Your compassion will stretch around our coastline, providing hope and practical help to all our fishermen and families in need. It's vital to provide for your family, it's a blessing to be able to help others too".

LEAVING A RESIDUARY GIFT

A gift of all or a percentage of what's left of your estate after all other payments have been made. It's an effective way of dividing an estate between your loved ones and causes that mean the most to you. This type of gift is very beneficial to charities as it doesn't decrease in value due to inflation.

A gift that goes on living



WHAT ABOUT INHERITANCE TAX?

If your estate exceeds a certain value (currently £325,000) every pound over this figure is taxed at 40% and must be paid before the estate is distributed. However gifts for charitable causes are exempt and can reduce the tax liability.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

We understand that leaving a legacy gift is a really important decision. The Fishermen's Mission strongly recommends seeking professional legal advice when writing a will. For help on leaving a legacy to the Fishermen's Mission please contact our Legacy Officer John Field on 01489 566926 at any time.

WHY MAKE A WILL?

More than half the population of the UK have not made a will. Making a will gives security for you and reassurance for your loved ones at a difficult time. A will means your own wishes are carried out for those you care about the most.

Remembering the Fishermen's Mission in your will means your kindness and compassion lives on and your support makes an even bigger difference.

Seafarers Remembered

Portsmouth Cathedral, which is known as the cathedral of the sea, held its annual Seafarer's Service on Sunday 18th October 2015. This special service remembers all seafarers. For 2015 the Fishermen's Mission was honoured to receive the collection with £365 being raised to support our work. Following the service the congregation gathered at the statue of Admiral Nelson at Old Portsmouth, where wreaths were laid. One wreath was committed to the waves in memory of lost seafarers.

Could your church hold a special service or collection to remember our fishermen?



Above: Chris Hirst, our Trusts and Corporate Fundraising Manager with The Very Reverend David Brindley, Dean of Portsmouth.
Top: The congregation gathering around the statue to Lord Nelson in Old Portsmouth.

CONGRATULATIONS SIMPSONS

Well done to Simpsons Fish & Chips of Cheltenham crowned National Fish & Chip shop of the year 2016. The awards organised by Seafish are the Oscars for the fish & chip trade. The event also proved successful for the Fishermen's Mission with over £6,500 raised at the awards dinner. Thanks to Seafish and the fish & chip industry for your great support!



Simpsons owners Bonny & James Ritchie

Celebrate Fish & Chips

Friday 3rd June is National Fish & Chip Day. Excitingly the Fishermen's Mission is the official charity partner for this Fish & Chip extravaganza. If you run a fish & chip shop visit www.neoda.org.uk/fishandchipday for more information and to register. It's a perfect way to celebrate the best food in the land and to raise funds for the fishermen who provide it.



Fish Friday 2016

Calling all supporters, fishmongers, clubs & churches, Albert the Fisherman has a message for you!

Albert says "I'll be raising funds for the Fishermen's Mission on Fish Friday 2016". You can join Albert on Friday 17th June and have some fabulous Fish Friday fundraising fun! For more information visit our website.



Bagtastic Seasalt!

For the second year running our wonderful friends at Seasalt have produced this years must-have accessory! Coast loving celebrities have each designed a fabulous jute bag and they are being sold to help our UK fishermen. Caroline Quentin, Fern Britton, Julia

Bradbury, Eleanor Tomlinson, and Barbara Hulanicki put their artistic skills to the fore and the results are beautiful.



These super Celebrity Jute bags are available from Seasalt stores and at www.seasaltcornwall.co.uk. They are priced at £5 with a 50p donation from each sale going to the Fishermen's Mission.

Gina Moore of the Fishermen's Mission South West team urges "Last year these bags sold out very quickly so snap one up while you can!"

The 2015 Seasalt jute bag campaign raised a fabulous £6,000! Thank you!



Caroline Quentin with Gina Moore

2015 at the Fishermen's Mission

280: Fishermen helped after an emergency at sea

10,744: Home and hospital visits made

98,795: Miles travelled delivering our services

£1.1m: Emergency grants we helped fishermen to access

4,861: Fishing boats visited

17: Emergency Response to 17 fatalities

752: Widows continued to receive our support

291: Funerals conducted

£1: For every £1 generated we spend 88p on providing our services

How you can help us

Make a donation

We receive no government funding or lottery support so every single donation makes a real difference to us. You can make a donation by calling **FREEPHONE 0800 634 1020** or donate online at www.justgiving.com/rnmdsf or post a cheque to our address shown below. 88p of every £1 generated is spent on providing our services.

Become a volunteer

We are always grateful for the help given to us by our dedicated volunteers. If you can spare a few hours each month do get in touch **FREEPHONE 0800 634 1020** or email enquiries@fishermensmission.org.uk

Remember us in your will

Everyone wants to ensure that friends and family are well provided for if you are writing or updating your will. However, just a small gift to the Fishermen's Mission can make all the difference to our work and ensure that your help continues. If you would like a legacy leaflet call **FREEPHONE 0800 634 1020** or email: legacy@fishermensmission.org.uk

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