

Chairman's Chat



Trevithick Day is on Saturday April 25th - lot's of information inside. Don't forget to decorate your shop window for the **Chamber Trevithick Day Shop Window Competition** that will be judged during the week leading up to Trevithick Day

Compared to the same period last year, the Camborne Chamber **March Business Survey**

shows great results with a good increase in the last 6 months sales and the highest forecast ever for an increase in sales during the next 6 months.

Several businesses reported that customer confidence has improved and the 'feel good' factor is coming back.

New and increased parking charges are the most reported concerns which do detract shoppers from coming into town.

With the success of **Camborne Produce Market** attracting more shoppers into Camborne, from Friday April 10th it is planned to have the Market every Friday in the Town Square. There will not be a Market on Good Friday April 3rd.

Cross Street News win Silver Fairtrade award

Congratulations to Alan and Glynis Charleworth, owners of Cross Street News, who won the Silver Award at the South West Fairtrade Conference in Bristol. This was the only Fairtrade award that was won in our region.



Works on Trelowarren Street

Cormac Solutions Ltd, who look after Cornwall Highways and Environment, have some planned maintenance work to undertake on the 'table tops' (raised parts of the road) and granite setts in Trelowarren Street this coming financial year.

They are conscious that this will cause some disruption to business therefore the works will be undertaken overnight. This will require the overnight closure of Trelowarren Street, between 7pm and 7am, for a period of approximately one week.

They would anticipate the street reopening during the day as normal so this should minimise disruption to business as far as possible.

They are keen to get feedback as to the most appropriate time of year to undertake this work

They also plan to remove the granite slabs, with patchy tarmac, in the Square and replace largely with tarmac leaving a footway width of granite slabs for pedestrians.

Please let us know on cambornechamber@gmail.com when you think is the best time you think is the best time for this work to be undertaken to improve the roads in Camborne?

West Cornwall Orchid Society's 30th Orchid Festival

The 30th Orchid Festival is at Camborne Community Centre on Sunday 5th April, between 11am and 4pm. Admission is £3 (50p discount advert in the West Briton)

There will be displays of many varieties of Orchids (there are over 30,000 species), plant sales, plant surgery, cultural information, growers sundries, tombola, refreshments and many other interesting features. For more information contact Kit Lindsay on 01209 717947 or look on the society's website www.westcornwallorchidsociety.btck.co.uk



Next Meeting

**Thursday April 2nd
6.30pm**

At Tyacks Function Room

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CAMBORNE TREVITHICK DAY



The children's dance starts at 10.15am.
The adults dance starts at 2pm



CAMBORNE TREVITHICK DAY



The steam engine parade starts at 3pm
The steam engines will leave Camborne past Trevithick's statue at 4.15pm



**STEAM ENGINE
ROUTE -UP
CAMBERN HILL**

Sponsors of Trevithick Day 2015

Camborne Town Council is the major sponsor of Trevithick Day and BID Camborne provides and puts up the Spring bunting for Trevithick Day.

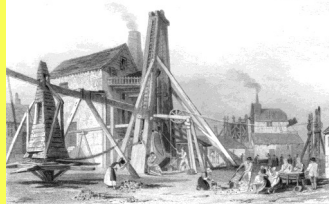
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MINERS & BAL MAIDENS

The Trevithick Day Association is trying to obtain a Guinness World record for the most Bal Maidens and Miners in one place at the same time.

On Trevithick day we will have a gathering at the back of Weatherspoons in Church Lane with the count starting at 11.15am. All Miners and Bal Maidens will be counted by the Security Staff as they go through Weatherspoons back door.

They will have their hands stamped by the Security Staff as they exit Weatherspoons front door into Church Street where they will have to wait whilst the record attempt is being verified.

Verification will be by the Camborne Redruth & District Lions Club.

To qualify for the event Bal Maidens need to wear a mop cap and apron. Miners need to have a hat, waistcoat and have an illuminating device attached to their body.

Everyone is welcome to come along dressed appropriately and help us get a Guinness record.

Thank you for your support.

The Trevithick Day Association.

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Dates for your Diary 2015



Friday April 3rd
Friday April 10th
Friday April 17th
Friday April 24th
Saturday April 25th
Thursday May 7th

Good Friday – No Camborne Produce Market
Camborne Produce Market
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Camborne Produce Market
Trevithick Day
Chamber Meeting



.Camborne Chamber Business Survey March 2015 (40 businesses questioned)

(Figures in brackets are for surveys in October 2014, March 2014, October 2013, August 2013 and October 2012)

Business sales in the last 6 months compared to the same period last year + or - %

45% (40%) (37%) (47.5%) (30%) (33%) saw an increase – **35%** (37.5%) (34%) (27.5%) (40%) (31%) stayed the same – **20%** (22.5%) (29%) (25%) (30%) (36%) saw a drop

Removing the extreme changes, the average increase was **13%** (15.5%) (14.5%) (16%) (10%) (18%) and the average drop was **4.5%** (5%) (12.5%) (7%) (16%) (13%)

Forecast in business sales for the next 6 months, compared to the same period last year

60% (35%) (55%) (57.5%) (38%) (36%) expect an increase – **37.5%** (45%) (40%) (35%) (32%) (49%) expect to stay the same – **2.5%** (20%) (5%) (7.5%) (30%) (15%) expect a drop in sales

Removing the extreme changes, the average forecast increase is **10.5%** (14%) (11%) (10%) (10%) (18%) and the average forecast drop is **2%** (4%) (5%) (5%) (17%) (13%)

Main concerns affecting businesses

Parking - new and increased parking charges - traffic wardens giving instant fines and not 'managing' parking

Lack of footfall

Regulations and red tape meaning more paperwork

Cash flow

Internet competition

The Chamber business survey for the last 6 months sales in Camborne shows a great increase, and the lowest fall in sales, for over 5 years. The next 6 months forecast also shows the highest increase in sales and the lowest drop in sales for over 5 years. Business is definitely improving in Camborne with several saying customer confidence and the 'feel good factor' are returning.

Policing Camborne

Below is a summary of recorded crime and anti social behaviour within the Camborne area taken from the National Police UK portal for January 2015 compared to that for January 2014. The internet site can be accessed via <http://www.police.uk/crime/?q=Camborne.%20Cornwall.%20UK#crimetypes/2012-06> with crime and anti social behaviour data specific to Camborne available, as it is for the rest of the country. Please note that the Anti Social Behaviour category includes personal, environmental and nuisance categories of ASB.

Crime Category	January 2015	January 2014
Anti social behaviour	29	13
Bicycle theft	1	0
Burglary	5	10
Criminal damage and arson	8	8
Drugs	3	9
Other crime	1	1
Other theft	2	9
Possession of weapons	0	1
Public order	1	2
Robbery	0	0
Shoplifting	2	2
Theft from the person	1	0
Vehicle crime	2	0
Violence and sexual offences	14	16
Total	69	71

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with officers from the Camborne Police Neighbourhood Team please use the email address camborne@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or call them 01209 611247