

Chairman's Chat

Wetherspoon Hotel Opening

The September Chamber meeting was at the official opening of the Wetherspoon Hotel - their first in Cornwall - for which we thank Simon and his colleagues for providing a great evening and a tour of their splendid hotel. Let's hope that they attract many new visitors to Camborne who will shop, eat and drink in our town.



Photo from left to right: -Camborne Mayor Trevor Chalker, Hotel Manager Simon Dilke-Wing, Chair of Chamber of commerce Glynis Charlesworth

More hidden Rate Relief

One we missed - the government is providing funding for a business rates discount of up to £1000 in 2014 to 2015 and of up to £1500 in 2015 to 2016, to all occupied retail properties with a rateable value of £50,000 or less. To be eligible the property must mainly be used as a shop, restaurant, cafe or drinking establishment.

Thai in Town

"Thai in Town" is a new addition to Camborne's culinary scene. Located at 23 Cross Street in the now completely refurbished building that was once a fish and chip shop.

The new owners John, Lek (mum and dad) and son Sean Brady along with Chef "khun Chai" are open for business and awaiting more of Camborne's residents and visitors to come and sample truly authentic Thai cuisine offered in really nice and quiet surroundings. Takeaway is catered for with quite an extensive choice for those who like to pick and choose. Sean, who manages and runs the business, says that he is really delighted with the amount of people coming through the door considering no advertising has been carried out and hopefully the trend will continue.



Being the first Thai restaurant makes us strive to give excellent quality and service to both those who choose to eat in and those who prefer to take away their food.

Khun Chai the Chef comes with a pedigree from his early days in training to being head chef in the Thai owned five star Dusit Resorts which can now be found around the world. He has also spent more than twenty years in the UK and so understands the quality and taste expectations of the British people.

Sean also added that he is most grateful to Cornwall Council for their help with licensing and registrations required to be able to open the doors. The Local Health Safety, Police and Fire service have also been very helpful with their guidance and advice.

You can call **Thai in Town** on 01209698078 to reserve a table of your choice or to order a take away. Advice is also given on ingredients used in preparation and cooking and we will try to use an alternative Thai ingredient to give the customer a truly delightful experience.

Doors open at 5pm each day Monday through Saturday and **Thai in Town** is fully licensed with an adequate choice of alcoholic beverages and wines.

So it's now up to the people of Camborne and from all of the many beautiful villages to come and support us.

Next Meeting

Thursday October 1st.

6.30pm

at

Tyacks Function Room

A talk by Camborne Mayor Trevor Chalker

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Citizenship for Life(C4L)

Introduction by Terry Waite CBE, President of C4L

'Citizenship' as a word on a school curriculum can be seen to be a terribly dull subject. It has been said that it is one of the subjects that is taught with the least enthusiasm and imagination by teachers across the British Isles. Thank goodness things are different in Cornwall! It has been amply demonstrated that taught properly, citizenship education can and does provide an essential basis for young people about to enter the world from the limited environment of school. Some youngsters are fortunate. They have parents who have the resources to travel widely and give their children access to a extensive variety of civic and cultural activities. My own grandchildren are fortunate in this respect in that they have parents, both of whom are teachers, and as they live in London have been introduced from a very early age to a wide variety of experiences denied to their counterparts in more remote areas. In Cornwall where there are many isolated towns and villages it is both expensive and time consuming to give children a breadth of experience of the world. Television is no substitute. Actually visiting a centre for the homeless (as young people on the programme have done) and listening to a first hand account of what it means to be without shelter brings home the reality of the world in a way that no radio or TV programme can.



As President of the programme I am proud to be associated with a scheme that frankly is streets ahead of activities in other parts of the country. This is due to the imagination and flair of the leaders of the course and also to those business firms who have had the foresight to sponsor the programme.

If you are new to Citizenship may I encourage you to find out more and see if you can play some role in helping the young people of Cornwall have opportunities for the future. Not only is this programme in the best interests of Cornwall, it is vital to the development of the UK as we all move into a new and exciting era.

Objectives of C4L

- Develop and improve social and personal skills
- Inspire participants to go outside of their comfort zone
- Help improve self-esteem and self-confidence by inspiring participants to go outside their comfort zones
- Develop an understanding of the business community and how business works
- Help prepare participants for the world of work and so enhance employability skills
- Provide an inspirational learning environment where they want to succeed and improve future prospects
- Provide a broader understanding of the world around them and greater knowledge of local, regional, national and international issues
- Create an understanding of the impact of educational and lifestyle choices and how they can affect future prospects
- Offer an insight into the work of partner organisations and local businesses and offer work experience and community project opportunities

We need your help to support a young person from Camborne. We have support from Camborne Regeneration Forum who are investing £1000 towards a place for the next programme to enable a young deserving person from Camborne to take place in this inspiring journey of learning.

Camborne Chamber of Commerce has pledged £500 and we are looking for local businesses to match fund this amount to achieve a total of £1000 towards this high impact programme. In return we will keep you fully updated on a regular basis on the progress of the young person and invite businesses to attend the special celebration dinner at the end of the year – a great place to meet like minded business people too!

Benefits in sponsoring C4L include:

- Corporate and social responsibility
- Satisfaction of helping young people
- Professional and personal development of self and of the local community
- Social, personal and academic development of young people in Cornwall
- Positive press and media exposure
- Solid links with the local community
- Solid links with the local business community and other public and private sector organisations
- Recruitment and work experience opportunities for the local community

Mentoring

Mentoring is an extremely effective way of providing guidance and support to young people in need and it is a proven way of aiding social mobility by encouraging and enabling local communities to work together.

The mentoring scheme on the C4L programme was created in order to utilise the skills, experience and knowledge of the local community, to raise the ambitions and attainment of those young people who need it the most. Each participant on the C4L programme is paired with a one-to-one mentor who has been selectively handpicked onto the programme to:

- Be a positive role model for a young person in need
- Be a person that their mentee can trust and confide in
- Assist their mentee by helping to raise their confidence and self-esteem
- Be a pillar of support for their mentee throughout the programme on each of the visits
- Assist their mentee by offering good advice and contacts where necessary
- Offer support in any tasks set on the programme

If you would like to sponsor or help with C4L in any way, please contact Charlotte Caldwell on 07741 304606 or email: - charlotte.caldwell@cornwall.gov.uk

Camborne RFC - more than just a rugby club

Camborne Chamber of Commerce is proud to sponsor Camborne RFC to support our community rugby club.

Over the past few years Camborne RFC has gone from strength to strength putting an emphasis on investing in the club's facilities rather than going down the route of unsustainable rugby.



Massive improvements have been made at the clubhouse including a new roof, central heating, 'Town Bar' refurbishment and new showers in the Crane Park changing rooms.

Added to this are the most recent additions which include refurbishment of the 'Cherry & Whites' Lounge Bar, provision of a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities, and a full HD audio visual system - all in time for the Rugby World Cup!

In order to pay for this the club has been successful in obtaining grant funding, although each amount granted had to be match funded by the club. By using the club's savings and being successful in raising funds through the 'Raising The Bar' project (which will continue this season) the club has managed to

match fund the grants and to have enough left over to carry out further much needed maintenance in and around the club.

A little known fact within the greater community is that the club's main ground 'The Rec' is in fact leased from Cornwall Council. So every year the club has to make sure it has enough funds to cover the cost of the lease, which is substantial, and also the maintenance of the ground which is part of the lease agreement.

The club knows that in the near future big decisions will have to be made with regard to what it does with 'The Rec' as the infrastructure and facilities will be in need of updating. It's a shame that, in the era of the likely building of a new stadium at Truro, more obvious alternatives are being ignored much to the detriment of the community in the County's rugby heartland.

However, the club are looking to the future and are actively researching obtaining grants for the essential maintenance needed and the possibility of purchasing the ground for the benefit of the club and the community it represents.

Rugby at Camborne is indeed a true community game bringing people together and giving aspiring players the opportunity to play at the highest level that they can. The recent article in the Observer Newspaper about the 'Towns' very own Josh Matavesi makes this point and makes interesting reading. A few words from that article:

Think of rugby in Cornwall and grizzled front-row forwards such as Brian 'Stack' Stevens, Phil Vickery and Trevor Woodman spring to mind. Fijian fly-halves? Not so much. But marshalling the islanders backline in the World Cup is Josh Matavesi - born and raised near Camborne rather than on Suva's sand.

His father, Sireli, was a coconut farmer from the remote Vanus Balavu island but made such an impression on a Fiji Barbarians tour in the 1980s that Camborne RFC wanted him back. They found him a job in the nearby tin mines and it was with Camborne that his son Josh began a career that has included spells at Exeter, Racing 92, Worcester and now the Ospreys.

'There's a real pride to play for your home club in Cornwall', says Josh. 'A pride to put on the first-team colours and then represent my county, it's up there with my International honours. It's such a rich place to play. I loved every minute of Cornish rugby, it's something that my dad's done, all my uncles have done, You grow up aspiring to be your favourite Camborne player. I pop down every time I get the chance for a pasty and a pint.'

We will always remember the charity match that Josh, and his brothers Sam and Joel, put on at Camborne this year - the greatest number of spectators seen at 'The Rec' for many years and very entertaining rugby was enjoyed by them all.

Joel also plays for the Ospreys but Sam is back in Camborne playing for 'The Town' where his family started their rugby.

The club truly is proud to represent the Town and its people. If you would like to support Camborne RFC, in any way, then contact Colin Stevenson, manager of the Sponsorship & Community Team, on stevocrfc@aol.com



Trevithick Market traders vow to reopen after war scene greets them on a Monday morning

The scene greeting the first traders in on Monday September 7th, following a robbery to their units at Trevithick Market on Sunday night, resembled a scene from a war film.

Seeing display cabinets and shop windows smashed, and doors forced off their hinges, came as a shock to all. It was clear that a serious robbery had taken place with thousands of pounds worth of stock having been stolen,

The Police were called and all other traders affected were called in. The Police and Scenes of Crime officers attended and did a thorough check hoping for a lead to the persons responsible. When they had completed their investigations, the traders got busy with brushes and dust pans to start the big clean up. Within a couple of hours the worst of the devastation was cleaned up but nobody felt like opening up that day.

The next day traders held meetings and vowed not to be beaten and started to get trading again. Solidarity, and the will not to be put down by these mindless individuals who carried out the robbery is evident amongst the traders

The Market is clean, tidy and fully trading again. They are arranging a **RELAUNCH and special Halloween event on Saturday October 31st** - make sure you come along to support Trevithick Market

West Cornwall Orchid Society Autumn Show at Camborne Community Centre Annexe, on Sunday Oct 11, from 11am to 3,30pm, entrance £2.50. Competition Plants (entry open to all) - Plant Sales - Cultural information - Grower sundries - Tombola - Light refreshments - free parking - wheelchair access

For further information contact Kit Lindsay on 01209717947, or at r.lindsay672@btinternet.com



Policing Camborne

Below is a summary of recorded crime and anti social behaviour within the immediate Camborne area taken from the National Police UK portal for July 2015 compared to that for July 2014. Please note that the anti social behaviour category includes personal, environmental and nuisance categories of ASB.

Crime Category	July 2015	July 2014
Anti social behaviour	47	38
Bicycle theft	0	1
Burglary	2	4
Criminal damage and arson	11	10
Drugs	0	2
Other theft	1	1
Possession of weapons	5	4
Public order	1	0
Robbery	5	3
Shoplifting	0	0
Theft from the person	5	1
Vehicle crime	0	0
Violence and sexual offences	1	0
Other crime	17	17
Total	95	81

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

Dates for your Diary 2015



Friday October 2nd

Friday October 9th

Friday October 16th

Friday October 23rd

Friday October 30th

Thursday November 5th

Camborne Produce Market

Chamber meeting

