

## Chairman's Chat

Voting continues for **BID Camborne** so please ensure your **Yes** vote is received at Cornwall Council before 5pm on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will know the result on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parking was identified as a major concern in BID Camborne surveys. Further study was undertaken talking with businesses in Camborne, and this was discussed with Cornwall Councillor Graeme Hicks who is responsible for parking in Cornwall. The result is that from April 2012 the charges in Rosewarne long stay car park will be almost halved. Thank you Graeme for taking on board our concerns – we will be back with more ideas on how to improve parking in our town when BID Camborne is up and running

### Vote Yes to support the power of BID Camborne.

It is very sad to have to say goodbye to **CPR Regeneration** at the end of March when the outstanding projects they started will be taken over by Cornwall Development Company (CDC). Over its lifetime CPRR has created more than £400 million of private sector investment, matched by £126 million from the public sector. This has created new jobs in the new businesses, especially on the industrial and business sites between Camborne and Redruth that most people never see. Many of the people who work in these new businesses live and shop in Camborne and this is helping our town survive this recession far better than in many towns.

Camborne Chamber of Commerce thanks all who have been in CPR Regeneration, especially Nigel Tipple and Mark Smith who have been very supportive of our Chamber and have helped us in many ways



In February we had the first **Camborne Produce Market** of 2012. Like all Markets, this is the quiet time of the year but momentum now grows with many opportunities. If you have read the Mary Portas report on High Streets, markets are a very important part of the town community and economy. If any food producing business wishes to have a stall at the monthly Camborne Produce Market, please contact Joanne Schofield – details below

Camborne Regeneration Forum, that organises Camborne Produce Market, is looking for a volunteer Market Controller – an energetic community-minded person to help run our monthly market. This is a challenging and interesting role to help develop a thriving Camborne Produce Market. For more information contact Joanne on 01326 231146 or email on [jschofield54@aol.com](mailto:jschofield54@aol.com)

## Next Meeting

**Chamber meeting**  
**Thursday March 1st.**  
**Tyacks Hotel, 7.30pm.**

### Talk by David Lucas: -

about the European Union, its institutions, its laws, what it has planned, and how it affects you.

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## NEW MEMBER

Platform Gallery Café  
at Camborne Railway  
Station

### Owner

*Rory White*

&

### Manageress:-

*Julia Prosser*

## Platform Gallery Café



The Platform Gallery Café at Camborne railway station has been taken over by Rory White who is a retired Metropolitan police officer and has lived in Camborne for 40 years. Rory has ventured into this business as he has always been a keen supporter of the Camborne community

The café at the station is now open from 7.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 12 noon on Saturday.

You will be greeted in a warm and friendly atmosphere by Julia Prosser, the manageress, and her colleagues, whether you are a regular traveller or just popping in to shelter from our Cornish weather.

Julia offers a wide range of home cooked food to eat in or take away. Packed lunches are available for those long train journeys. There is a loyalty token for all regular customers and there are always daily specials at excellent prices. Julia welcomes any suggestions on food ideas from her customers. You can also purchase your daily paper at the café.

The Platform Gallery Café is unique as it has an artist's corner and a resident dog.

A special 'thank you' goes to Gary Whittingham who has helped to make the Platform Café look so special.

Visiting the café is a must, whether travelling or not, to enjoy the excellent food, good company, in a great atmosphere

## Writing on the wall for paper VAT returns

### Issued by HM Revenue & Customs Press Office

HMRC is reminding VAT registered businesses that all VAT returns must be submitted online from this spring, meaning paper returns will soon be a thing of the past.

Currently, only newly-registered businesses and those with turnovers of more than £100,000 have to submit their VAT online, as well as pay electronically. Anyone else can send HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) a paper VAT return, if they wish.

That is changing from April, when all 1.9 million VAT registered businesses in the UK will have to submit their VAT returns online, and pay electronically, for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2012.

Every VAT-registered trader not already required to submit online will have received a letter from HMRC advising them of the change, and what steps they need to take.

To submit your VAT return online, you need to be registered and enrolled for HMRC's VAT Online Service. To do this, visit [www.online.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.online.hmrc.gov.uk) and click "Register" under the "New user" section. Then follow the instructions.

Online filing has a number of benefits, compared to paper filing:

- an automatic acknowledgement that your return has been received;
- a handy sum checker; and

an email alert to remind you when your next online return is due (as, after April, HMRC will stop sending out paper returns to customers who are now required to submit online).

For details on the support available to help you move from paper to online VAT returns, visit [www.hmrc.gov.uk/vat/online-return-help.pdf](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/vat/online-return-help.pdf)

Further help and advice is available from HMRC's website at [www.hmrc.gov.uk/vatonline](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/vatonline). If that doesn't answer your question, call the VAT Online Services Helpdesk on 0845 010 8500 (available between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday).

# Policing Camborne by Sergeant Marc Griffin

## Camborne Neighbourhood Team Leader

01/01/2012 – 31/01/2012

01/01/11 –31/01/11

OIS LOGS initial calls to police	359	387
<b>CRIMES</b> recorded crimes, generally as a result of an investigation / attendance into the above logs	123	94

Below are details relating to a breakdown of reported crime during the report periods

Assault	22	10
Burglary (dwelling)	22	11
Criminal Damage	23	17
Drug offences	4	5
Theft	15	29
Drunk & Disorderly	3	4
Other offences	34	18

### Burglary (Dwelling)

There has been an increase in dwelling burglaries this report period compared to the same period last year. The police are following a number of active lines of enquiry and would request members of the public to report any suspicious activity as soon as possible making use of the 999 system if appropriate.

A number of these offences have occurred as a result of premises being left insecure. The police would like to take this opportunity to encourage people to put in place as a minimum the very basic crime prevention measures such as closing ground floor windows and locking doors at night.

Information that may assist an investigation can also be passed confidentially via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or through their website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org).

### Police Cadets

The Camborne Police Neighbourhood Team have taken on the day to day responsibility of running the Camborne, Pool and Redruth Community Police Cadets scheme. Under the supervision of PCSO Becky Diquirico, the cadets who range in age from thirteen to sixteen will once again assist with a number of key community events this year including Trevithick Day, Murdoch Day and the Remembrance parades. These young people are very much part of our extended police family and during the course of the next year we are keen to provide them with opportunities that will assist with their personal, educational and professional development.

### Safer Camborne Project Update

As part of the Camborne Police Neighbourhood Team's activity in the multi agency project a commitment was given that we would seek to increase the amount of high visibility police foot patrols in and around Camborne's Town Centre. Whilst mindful that there is still more work to be done, and no room for complacency, it is pleasing to be able to report that we have maintained an increase in officer hours spent on patrol. Encouragingly, this is also backed up by feedback received from members of the public we meet commenting that they have witnessed an increase in officer presence in and around the town centre.

The positive response from retailers and off-licences to the campaign to rid Camborne of antisocial behaviour has earned praise. The multi-agency initiative Safer Camborne has welcomed the backing from national and local shops. Cornwall Council licensing officers and police have been visiting businesses to limit access to the very strong drink of offer

Julian Commons, Cornwall's antisocial behaviour manager said; 'We are delighted at the co-operation we have received. Tesco, Aldi and Costcutter are all on board, as are Treswithian Stores, Premier Express and Arkwrights Stores'.

Great progress is being made by the Safer Camborne campaign

**Vote Yes for BID Camborne in February [www.cambornecando.co.uk](http://www.cambornecando.co.uk)**

## Thank You Stanley



We say goodbye to Stanley Andrewartha, who has recently retired from his shop Andrewartha Carpets in Basset Road

Stanley is from Hayle where he first wanted to be an electrician but, there being no work in this profession, he worked for a bakery then for the CoOp in Hayle, St Ives and Penzance

He came to Camborne in 1973 and joined Hugh Rice and Sons, which in 1980/81 was bought by Tyacks to become Tyacks and Rices. Stanley became the head and buyer of the bedding and furniture department.

In January 1993 Tyacks and Rices closed and Stanley opened his own shop S. Andrewartha Carpets in Basset Road on Trevithick Day that year. He immediately joined our Chamber of Commerce.

Stanley was soon being asked for occasional furniture and bedding so he included these in his shop.

Over the years Stanley has had many loyal customers in Camborne and throughout Cornwall – Helston, Mullion, Lizard, Penzance, Lamorna, St Ives, Redruth and up to Tintagel – nearly all being recommended to visit Andrewartha Carpets

Stanley thanks all his loyal customers, suppliers, and all the fitters who have worked with him over the years

Stanley has lived in St. Ives since marrying Barbara in 1995. Barbara retired from Curls, her hairdresser next door to Stanley's shop, at the end of last year so they will now be able to enjoy their retirement together in St. Ives.

We wish them a very happy retirement and thank them both for the great service that they have given to Camborne

## ShopWatch

Due to illness there was no ShopWatch meeting in February so catch up on all the news at the next meeting on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 p.m. at the British Heart Foundation in the Square.

There are new members on ShopWatch so come along to network with them and others to help make your shop and Camborne a safer place

## The West Cornwall Orchid Society

has its Spring show at 'Blaythorne' Holman Sports and Social Club, Pendarves Road, on Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am to 4pm. Trophies will be presented at 3pm

Admission is £2 to see an amazing variety of orchid displays – plant sales – tombola – plant surgery – cultural information – growers sundries – refreshments – and many other interesting features

There is free parking and wheelchair access

If you require more information contact Kit Lindsey on 01209 717947



## Dates for your Diary 2012



**Saturday March 10th.**

**9am to 1pm.** Camborne Produce Market in the Square

**Thursday April 5th.**

Chamber Meeting at Tyacks Hotel Function Suite

**Saturday April 28th.**

Trevithick Day.



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