

English & Mining Course at The Devon School of English.



The Devon School of English is a long-established family business (founded in 1972) with a global reputation for excellence in and focussed language training for special purposes. We have put together a range of English training options for people working in the mining sector. These are available on demand and on an individual basis.

The historic mining landscape of West Devon and Cornwall was recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2006. For a time, the region was the world's leading producer of tin and copper and provided most of the raw materials for the early stages of the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain and Europe.

The mining tradition continues today with international mining companies extracting or looking for tin, tungsten, and various clays. The internationally famous Camborne School of Mines is located 140 km to the west of the Devon School and visits can be arranged on request.

For more information and prices on this course, please click on the following link:

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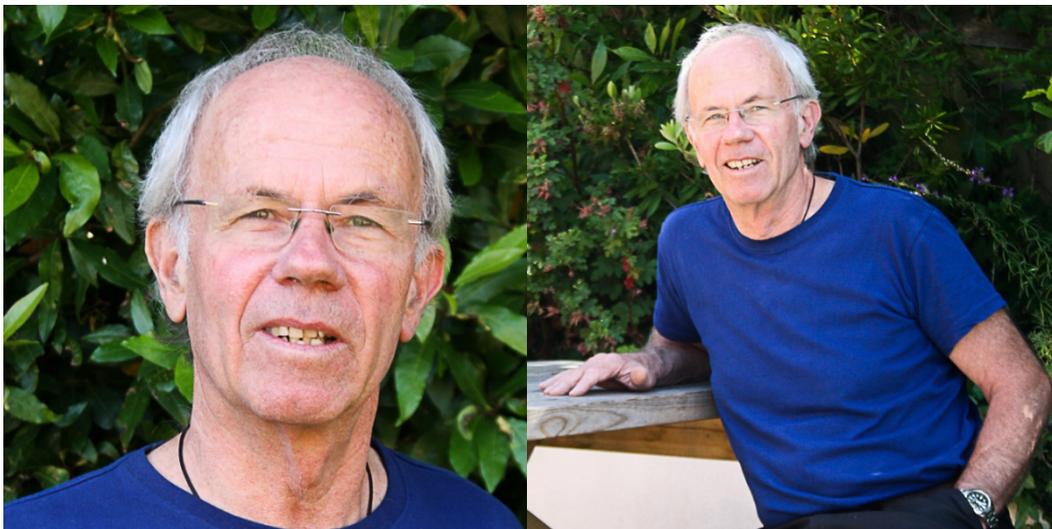
The Devon School of English launched their English and Mining course this year, at the British Embassy in Chile. The key to the success of the programme is the input from mining professional Bob le Marchant.

Bob le Marchant C.Eng,ACSM

Mining Consultant

A graduate of the Camborne School of Mines, Bob le Marchant is a European Engineer, a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and a Member of the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He holds a Government of South Africa Mine Managers Certificate of Competency. He has held the legal title of Mine Manager both in Britain and abroad. He is the Chairman of the Cornish Mining Development Association.

Bob is working closely with the Devon School to ensure an effective and stimulating programme for each engineer. He will also provide direct teaching input as required.



In beautiful August sunshine at the Old Vicarage, we recently had the great pleasure of sitting down with Bob to find out a little more about him. All of which I thought we would share with you, one of our valued agents.

How long have you lived in Paignton?

I was born and raised in Paignton, It was the perfect place to grow up as a little boy. However, I have moved around the world due to my work within the mining industry. But I have now settled back here in Paignton, with my partner who is a Swedish potter.

How did you get into mining?

With living in such a wonderful part of the country, and with several caves near by, I fell in love with caving as a teenager. This then developed into visiting old mines in the county of Cornwall, which has now become very popular with tourists due to the recent BBC drama [Poldark](#). I found the [South Crofty Mine](#) in Camborne, Cornwall especially exciting and interesting. I decided to follow my passion and applied to study at [The Camborne School of Mines](#). I was advised to gain some work experience, which is what I did and I was fortunate enough to spend a year gaining valuable experience in my favourite mine of all time, South Crofty.

So did you study at Camborne School of Mines?

Yes, I gained a place on the course I wanted. I was also was able to gain a bursary from Gold Fields of South Africa, but this then meant that at the end of my course I would have to move to South Africa and work with Gold Fields. I ended up staying in South Africa for 3 years, working 6 days a week, 11,000 feet under ground with a work force of 10,000 people. It was certainly an experience.

What was your most enjoyable mining job?

I have worked in both copper and nickel mines in Canada. But I came back from South Africa to drive a new tunnel for the Ffestiniog Railway in North wales. This work was completed as a direct contractor to the railway, for a price of one third of cost of the cost of construction carried out in the normal way. This Preserved narrow gauge steam railway has now become the biggest tourist attraction in Wales. Other independent tunnelling contracts have followed on from this job.

And finally, what are your hobbies outside of mining?

I'm very lucky to have done something that I have a real love and passion for as a career. I am now retired, but I seem to be busier than ever. I do some engineering work for The Heritage Industries and The National Trust, mill wrighting, creating and repairing water mills, horse engines and deepening wells. I now have the great pleasure of leading a course with the Devon School of English and very much look forward to meeting lots of other mining minds from around the globe.



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