

A Contemporary Taste of the Sea

Recently crowned Britain's Best Coastal Community in the Great British High Street Awards and repeatedly featured as one of the Sunday Times' 'Best Places to Live', there is something distinctive about Falmouth's 'spirit of the sea', a melting pot of creative, cultural energy that is very much reflected in the port's buzzing hospitality retail sector.

Boasting 70 establishments within three square miles, Falmouth is home to a plethora of contemporary dining venues, artisan tea rooms, independent coffee outlets and delicatessens celebrating quality Cornish and international produce.

Buoyed by around 750,000 visitors to Falmouth each year, the success of the hospitality sector in this 'port with a purpose', lies in its year-round trade opportunities, with a thriving business community rubbing shoulders with market-leading marine, digital and university sectors (Falmouth has a unique shared campus facility with Falmouth University and the University of Exeter working in partnership), all of which supports the numerous independent hospitality outlets outside of the main tourist season.

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Image courtesy of The Working Boat.

food-tasting evenings, live bands and laid-back Cornish ambience.

Meanwhile, there's a good steak sizzling at The Ranch, one of a trio of restaurants with the same

unique oyster fishing industry for over 300 years, with the opening of The Working Boat pub, complete with private pontoons, free for customers to use. With over fifteen

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The Chintz Bar, brainchild of family owners Kirran Bruce, Duncan Bruce and Franciska Earle perfectly fits this mould. Situated in an historic loft, within a tucked away courtyard that once housed a brewery, the Alice in Wonderland inspired décor reflects the quirky imaginations and laid-back nature of the founders. It has built a loyal following from creatives and students from the universities, who make a beeline for its cheese and meat charcuterie boards, eclectic

owners, set within the contemporary Events Square, all of which are in close proximity to each other and each offering a different dining experience. A haven for meat lovers, the Ranch is in a prime location for experiencing many of the internationally renowned events in Falmouth, including the Sea Shanty Festival, Folk and Cider Festival and Oyster Festival, all of which extend Falmouth's tourist trade outside of the main holiday season.

Situated on the banks of the River Fal, the Greenbank Hotel has breathed life into an historic building that has had links to Falmouth's

beers and ciders on tap, including its own Working Boat brew, there is much to sample alongside hearty pub food and regular shanty singing evenings, while taking in the superb views across Falmouth harbour. 

Hospitality Retailing outlets mentioned in the article
www.thechintzbar.com
www.theranchfalmouth.co.uk
www.theworkingboat.co.uk

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www.falmouth.co.uk



Below: Falmouth High Street – image credit Greg Dennis Cartel.



Above: The Chintz Bar.