



John Webster with students Martin Baker, Matthew Cross, Tom Crossman, Matthew Jones, Sam Bartlett and Charlotte Franklin.

# Tin boom predicted by Crofty mine chief

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MINING and geology students have been learning more about South Crofty mine.

It was standing room only when the mine's chief operations officer was guest lecturer at the University of Exeter's Camborne School of Mines' Tremough campus.

More than 150 CSM students and staff turned up to hear John Webster talk about what was happening at the mine and future plans.

He told them about the planned introduction of exploratory surface drilling equipment and about current and future working practices.

"South Crofty is known for its tin but the truth is, it is rich in other deposits as well, including copper, zinc and silver.

"Our exploration and research is revealing a range of very different ore types - many of which were never looked at, or have not been touched, since



John Webster's presentation to CSM students.

the 1920s." He explained that the wealth of minerals available meant that South Crofty, which is owned by Western United Mines, would be in a position to take advantage of a range of mineral commodities rather than being at the mercy of tin prices. "If the tin price goes down we will focus on an alternative deposit from the

mine's abundant range.

"Not that I believe it will go down. On the contrary, I believe a tin boom is coming, especially given the increasingly prominent role it plays in technology and the fact that the quantity of tin used in solders is set to change dramatically from 40% tin, 60% lead to 98% tin, 2% silver."