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A charitable affair

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) along with partners Lloyds TSB hosted two rugby lunches this year and have raised a staggering £16,000 for two charities Wooden Spoon and Cancer Research UK.

For the first time, SWCC hosted a rugby lunch in Swansea at the impressive Liberty Stadium, ahead of the final 2010 RBS Six Nations game for Wales. The first of the two events was held at the prestigious Celtic Manor Resort in Newport - an annual tradition of the SWCC and Lloyds TSB.

Guest speaker, former Welsh rugby player, Colin Charvis was in attendance at the Liberty Stadium and helped raise the vital funds for Cancer Research UK. Another former Welsh rugby player Garin Jenkins was the guest speaker at the Newport rugby lunch and helped raise funds for Wooden Spoon.

Each ticket sold by SWCC included a donation to both Wooden Spoon and Cancer Research UK which was then kindly matched by partners of the event Lloyds TSB.

Graham Morgan, Director of the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, said:
“Traditionally the rugby lunch has been held in Newport and these have become more and more successful each year.

“As we are now merged with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, it was a natural step to introduce an event of this caliber in West Wales and this has proven to be successful.

“Both events were sold out well before the closing date for bookings and both have managed to raise an incredible amount of money for two worthy charities.”

Craig Baldwin, Senior Manager of Commercial for Newport, said: “This is the sixth event of its kind for Newport and it has grown year-on-year. We raised an incredible £4,500 on the day at the Celtic Manor Resort which was then matched by us and donated to charity Wooden Spoon. We are already planning for next year.”

Stuart Griffith, Senior Manager of Commercial for West Wales, said: “We are thrilled an event of this prestige has been held in Swansea and hope to see this event become a part of the annual Swansea Business Calendar. We managed to raise an unbelievable £3,500 on the day which we then matched and donated £7,000 to Cancer Research UK.”

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Notes for editors

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce is the ultimate business network in South Wales and now incorporates the West Wales Chamber of Commerce. The chamber exists to provide a regional voice and offer support to businesses pan South Wales.

Since merging with the West Wales Chamber of Commerce, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce now represents over 1000 businesses and 100,000 employees.

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