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In the news: The chamber's Anne Newton with Dermot Murnaghan and Ian Coxon at the European Union debate

Business news brief

RENT in Twickenham is among the highest rents in greater London, according to SpareRoom.co.uk.

Rents are rising across the UK faster than in London, by about 5 per cent compared to 1.6 per cent in the capital from 2015-16.

The most expensive rates outside of London are Twickenham, with an average of £647, Esher on £629 and Barnet with £625.

THE National Physical Laboratory (NPL) celebrated a huge turnout of more than 3,000 visitors to its Open House event which took place on May 11.

The event boasted 50 open laboratories and numerous activities for visitors, including short talks, a liquid nitrogen show and educational outreach demonstrations.

RICHMOND Cricket Club, one of the largest recreational clubs in south-west London, has announced London estate agent Chestertons is its new club sponsor for the 2016 season.

Richmond plays home fixtures at Old Deer Park, which is also where London Welsh Rugby Club, another of Chestertons' community partners, is based. This year Richmond hosts a Middlesex T20 Blast match vs Glamorgan at Old Deer Park, and will for the first time also play fixtures at Christ's School.

EU decide whether it is better to stay or go

MORE than 100 businesses gathered on Friday, May 20, to debate whether Britain should remain in the European Union.

Richmond's Chamber of Commerce hosted the debate, which was chaired by Dermot Murnaghan of Sky News and featured a prominent panel including Ian Coxon of the Sunday Times, former transport minister Baroness Susan Kramer, Gerard Batten MEP and Labour's candidate for Twickenham in last year's general election, Nick Grant.

Richmond Chamber's chief executive, Anne Newton, opened the discussion at Richmond Adult Community College and asked for the business case to put forward on either side of the debate.

Ms Newton said: "In fact the audience very much reflected local business' requirement for facts to help inform their vote.

"The conclusion all reached was to have confidence in your personal judgement and vote accordingly, as there is no cast iron viewing glass."

The Richmond Business Awards programme continues with an exclusive group mentoring programme led by experienced Chamber mentor Stefan Kadlubowski, which will provide

business owners with a confidential forum to discuss business issues and take on board new perspectives.

There are still opportunities to sponsor the 2016 awards; categories still available for sponsorship include Innovation, International Trade, Small Business and People's Choice.

Benefits include a table for 10 at the awards ceremony on November 4 at Twickenham Stadium.

The awards are sponsored by the organisation which owns this newspaper, Newsquest, and managing director for south London, Tony Portelli, said he was delighted to continue supporting the event.

He said: "The Awards are the perfect way to celebrate our vibrant business community for businesses of all sizes.

"The business world is constantly evolving with the advent of new ideas and technology and the RTT is proud to play its part both in print and online to support and generate awareness for this tremendous event that does so much to recognise local business achievements."

For more information about sponsorship email email@richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk.



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Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 – Chamber Coffee Morning at Hampton Hill Theatre 10am – 11.30am
"All the world's a stage..." Discover the gem that is Hampton Hill Theatre and do business locally.

MONDAY, JUNE 13 – Chamber Business Workshop: The key steps to DEFINE and REACH your bullseye target audience. 2pm – 3.30pm

A practical workshop designed to provide you with the tools to identify your bullseye target audience and build your marketing plan around that audience.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 – Chamber Business Masterclass: How "mobile" is your business? 2pm – 5pm.

An invaluable masterclass covering current mobile marketing best practice including: selecting the right mobile opportunities, measuring their impact; and then refining the best "mobile" strategy for your business.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 – Chamber Business Breakfast with guest speaker Ian Coxon at Gaucho Richmond Riverside: 7.30am – 9.30am

We are thrilled to welcome back Ian Coxon, Editor of the Sunday Times Rich List who will be discussing the Media Revolution in the 21st century and the Sunday Times rich list.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 – Chamber Business Evening sponsored by Sit-Stand.Com® in the Pitch View Suite, Marriott Hotel Twickenham: 6.30pm – 8pm

Join us for another entertaining evening in the iconic Pitch View Suite and discover how you can improve your wellness and performance with active working from Sit-Stand.Com™.