

Up and coming Richmond Chamber events

□ Tuesday, November 3; Chamber Coffee Morning at St Mary's University Twickenham London.

□ Monday, November 9; digital marketing seminar
□ Be ahead of the curve and take advantage of these local seminars from our marketing and IT forum experts.

□ Tuesday, November 10; Exclusive Members only – Chamber Group Mentoring Programme (six sessions) at Richmond upon Thames College.



□ Friday, November 13; RICHMOND BUSINESS AWARDS 2015 BLACK TIE GALA EVENING THE AWARDS – see richmondbusinessawards.com for more details.

□ Monday, November 16; Exclusive members only - Chamber group mentoring programme (1 session) at the Richmond Business School.

□ Tuesday, November 17; Digital marketing seminar

□ Wednesday, November 25; Chamber Business Breakfast at Twickenham Stoop Stadium with CEO David Ellis and rugby director Conor O'Shea.

□ Thursday, December 10; Chamber Breakfast at Whole Foods Market Richmond.

□ Tuesday, December 15; Digital marketing seminar.



Back in the day: Newsquest's Gary Kendall and television presenter John Stapleton at the awards two years ago

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People's choice category still open to those wanting to enter

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The November 13 Business Award are fast approaching, but there is one category still open, the prestigious people's choice award.

It is the only category open to the public vote allowing residents and business supporters the chance to choose their favourite business or organisation in Richmond borough.

Businesses have been encouraged to take to social media to help spread the word and tally up votes.

Chamber of Commerce chief executive Anne Newton said: "Local business owners do not stop learning and developing themselves and their teams and continually seek to strengthen and grow their businesses; nothing dents their drive and this is what we will be celebrating."

Ms Newton highlighted how it is an exciting period for business in the borough with ten Rugby World Cup matches held in Twickenham over the duration of the tournament.

She said: "The Rugby World Cup will undoubtedly

bring Richmond and the UK new inward investment benefits. While there is some evidence of economic slowdown being recorded in China and now here in the steel industry at home our local businesses continue to focus on what they do best; this is how economies bolster themselves in difficult times."

Small business and first year rookie to the event BlitzFitness will be in the running for People's Choice. Part founder and personal trainer Karen Crump said: "Someone advised us to take a shot."

BlitzFitness leads outdoor fitness training at six parks and open spaces in the borough.

The invite by the Chamber of Commerce also came as a great surprise to Swinging 60's Shuttle Bus Music Tour. Sounding managing director Paul Endacott dubbed the event the "Oscars of the business world."

When asked about how they have helped spread the word, Mr Endacott said: "I put it to our fan base."

"It's a privilege to be nominated and if the public think we are worthy of such an award then we should

support that.

"They are our advocates. We are only as good as our passengers think we are."

MPs for Richmond Park and Twickenham respectively, Zac Goldsmith and Tania Mathias, will be there to congratulate the winners, accompanying special guest, television presenter Paddy O'Connell. The people's choice award is still open for voting. To support your business of choice visit richmondbusinessawards.com/poples-choice-award/

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