

Employers network at conference

Business owners and company starters enjoyed a day of seminars and networking at the Richmond Entrepreneurs Conference.

The event at Richmond Adult Community College on Wednesday, February 25, featured a range of topics including a speech on customer service by Joe Murray, founder of Worldstores.

Anne Newton, chairman of Richmond Chamber of Commerce, said the keynote speakers Barry O'Brien, Stefan Kadlubowski and Adrian Mullins wowed attending entrepreneurs, who

in turn provided positive feedback.

Key business messages included valuing employees, considering strategic financial investment, developing sustainable sales and exporting profitably.

Ms Newton thanked Richmond Entrepreneurs sponsors PayPal, NatWest, RACC and the RTT and mayor Councillor Jane Boulton, her consort Councillor David Marlow and MPs, Business Secretary Vince Cable and Richmond's Zac Goldsmith.

For more information visit richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk/join-us.

Rapist could be in borough

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A Polish rapist who may be hiding in Richmond is being hunted by the Metropolitan Police.

Tomasz Naumowicz, 33, is wanted by Polish authorities having been convicted of a rape which happened more than six years ago.

He is among 17 people being hunted by the Metropolitan Police's extradition unit as part of Operation Sunfire 4 for return to their home countries.

Many of them have links to London, but extensive enquiries are yet to reveal their whereabouts.

Naumowicz is due to serve five

years for the violent rape of a woman in the Zdunska Wola area of Poland.

He restrained the woman, threatened to stab her to death and raped her on the evening of September 20, 2008.

Police said he has previous links to Richmond and Hounslow.

Detective Sergeant Peter Rance, who is leading the operation, said: "We believe these people are dangerous, so taking them out of our communities and putting them before the courts is of paramount importance.

"I urge the public to look closely at this picture. Do you recognise this man? It may be he lives next door to you, or you see him regularly elsewhere in your community. The Met is committed to



At large: Tomasz Naumowicz

arresting dangerous criminals – whether they are British or foreign nationals. We conduct extensive enquiries on a daily basis, however, experience tells us that co-ordinated operations such as Sunfire encourage the public to provide us with the information that often leads to arrests."

Anyone who sees Naumowicz should not approach him.

Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 with information. Sightings should be reported to 999.

View more at crimestoppers-uk.org.

Stepping up to the challenge

A stampede of 120 steppers tackled the 35 floors of London skyscraper Broadgate Tower on February 28 and raised £20,000 for Hampton charity Shooting Star Chase.

The stair climb was the first of its kind for the charity, which cares for young people with life-limiting conditions, and saw participants tackle the 877 steps to take in views of the capital from 541ft.

Visit shootingstarchase.org.uk/stairclimb for more details.

Great feat: The climbers celebrate



Exploring crime

Crime and its consequences were explored at a conference aimed at protecting the safety of Richmond's young people.

The conference was arranged by Achieving for Children, which provides children's services for both Richmond and Kingston councils, and was held at the Stoop on March 5.

To find out more call the Youth Service on 020 8891 7537 or email youth@richmond.gov.uk.

Political pupils

Young people are taking to the polls before March 13 to decide who will represent their views at the UK Youth Parliament and Local Youth Council.

For more information call 020 8288 7511 or email Michael.connor@achievingforchildren.org.uk.

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