



Star of the show: Arminster Dhillon with his Boot Buddy WA91373

# Boy inventor soaking up the applause

## RTT Reporter

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An International Trade delegation from the Far East, including a representative of the Australian Government, was welcomed by local business directors, including a young inventor who launched his product at the tender age of nine.

The delegation was greeted by mayor of Richmond Councillor Martin Seymour and entertained at the Park Hotel, Park Road, Teddington on October 22.

Fred Squire, director of FT Technologies of Teddington, which exports just under 100 per cent of their wind turbine sensors, gave a presentation on how to break into overseas markets, but the star of the night was 14-year-old inventor Arminster Dhillon.

Arminster first dreamed up the idea of Boot Buddy aged just nine and with the backing of his family launched the product earlier this summer.

His portable creation promises to clean boots with just 300ml of water, leaving them looking like new in less than five minutes.

Looking ahead he said: "After university I hope to really push the Boot Buddy as my own business and I would look to expand just like my mum and dad did

setting up their own business."

Richmond Chamber of Commerce is just one week away from holding the Richmond Business Awards, with the BBC's Paddy O'Connell announced as the compere.

One of the sponsors of this year's awards, the Lensbury, had cause for celebration last week.

Its general manager Ivor Turner was invited to Buckingham Palace as part of the royal celebration of Rugby World Cup 2015.

The Queen and her family have been seen at numerous matches and the 89-year-old monarch is patron of the RFU, while her grandsons, Princes William and Harry, are vice-patrons of the Welsh Rugby Union and RFU respectively.

Princess Anne is patron of the Scottish Rugby Union.

Mr Turner said: "It was a fantastic honour to be invited to this sparkling event. It demonstrates just how close a part the Lensbury has played in the hosting of the whole tournament."

The venue has been the base for tournament favourites New Zealand, with the All Blacks now through to tomorrow's final.

Their opponents Australia have also spent time at the Teddington hotel and leisure club, as did defeated semi-finalists South Africa.

## 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



□ Monday, November 16; Exclusive members only - Chamber group mentoring programme (one 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 in Richmond.

□ Tuesday, December 15; Digital marketing seminar

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