

# Richmond Business Awards 2016



Discussions: Anne Newton and Zac Goldsmith at the meeting with other business leaders

## In brief

**Monday, October 31** – exclusive members-only Chamber Group Mentoring Programme – group mentoring programme designed to give local businesses peer-to-peer support.

**Friday, November 4** – Richmond Business Awards 2016 – black tie gala evening and reception.

**Tuesday, November 8** – Chamber Coffee Morning at Shambles Italian Bar and Restaurant, Teddington.

**Thursday, November 17** – Chamber Pamper Evening at The House of Fraser, Richmond.

**Monday, November 21** – exclusive members-only Chamber Group Mentoring Programme.

**Tuesday, November 22** – Chamber Business Breakfast at Richmond Upon Thames College.

**Tuesday, November 22** – Chamber Business Masterclass: Build your Social Enterprise.

**Thursday, December 8** – Chamber Festive Business Breakfast at Whole Foods Market, Richmond.

**Monday, December 12** – Chamber Business Masterclass: Develop your Business Online, Richmond Borough Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Adult and Community College, 2pm to 5pm.

**Tuesday, December 13** – Chamber Business Masterclass: Richmond Borough Chamber of Commerce, 2pm to 5pm, Morrisons Solicitors Offices, Teddington.

## Economy was top of agenda

Last Friday, following the recent Richmond Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting with a Bank of England economist and local businesses at Le Salon Prive, the Chamber once again played host to a lively meal and discussion.

This time Richmond Business Award Sponsor NatWest was co-host and together they invited Zac Goldsmith MP to join them and a dozen other local businesses to discuss the economy at Cote Bistro on Hill street.

Following a lively reception, NatWest's head of European economics Ross Walker summarised his expectations of a protracted dampening of the economy, whilst businesses await more certainty of their respective

trading conditions.

Zac Goldsmith followed on with his reading of the political landscape both locally under the new PM and internationally with his view of upcoming elections and other events in the EU, Middle East, Russia and the US and their potential impact on the UK.

The Richmond businesses added their perspective on the impact Brexit it has had and is likely to have on their business both in the U.K. and across Europe.

With most commenting that there was still so much uncertainty, lively discussions continued throughout the meal regarding the current economic, political and social outlook.

## Business wins software prize

A Teddington business has been awarded a prize by the Institute of Physics for the development of software that more accurately models underground oil reservoirs.

Ikon Science was the recipient of one of just five of Innovation Awards from the Institute of Physics, with representatives from the company receiving their award at a parliamentary reception on October 18.

The award was presented to the company at a parliamentary reception at Westminster, attended by MPs, peers, business leaders and leading physicists.

Tania Mathias, the Twickenham MP, also attended the prize-giving ceremony.

The Innovation Awards are presented to businesses for bringing new physics-based products to market.

The award is in recognition of their Joint Impedance and Facies Inversion (Ji-Fi) software, which allows users to predict and model underground rock and fluid properties to locate reservoirs of oil. The software is able to model thinner rock beds whilst also providing more data for use in deciding where to focus efforts in drilling and extracting oil.

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