

Cheers: CEO Anne Newton, Marriott general manager Simeon Ventrice and his team Tracy Wood and Patricia Herlin, and Katherine Maxwell of dinner sponsor Moore Blatch, with Councillor Geoff Acton the Liberal Democrat's member for business, back; Anne Newton with England Rugby's head of tournament services Mick Wright, bottom picture



## World Cup all set to be the business

With just 35 days to go, the Chamber of Commerce and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) will host a celebratory black tie rugby World Cup gala dinner.

Guests will be greeted with a drinks reception, then enjoy a banquet with half a bottle of wine, a magician, after-dinner speaker, dancing to live music in the exclusive members' lounge and president's suite next Friday.

The event will also mark a month until the deadline,

September 23, for entry to the Richmond Business Awards.

Again those who make the shortlist will be invited to a black tie awards gala dinner, attended by the mayor, MPs and the BBC's Paddy O'Connell on November 13 at the RFU, and is bookable at [richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk](http://richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk).

The two dinners are just part of a series of events leading up to the kick off of the World Cup on September

18, and proceeding throughout.

Members or non-members can attend chamber events and by doing so join the largest business group covering the area of the borough of Richmond upon Thames, – connected to more than 5,000 local businesses of all types from corporates such as PayPal to small and medium-sized enterprises, and non profits, sole traders, start-ups and retired business professionals.



## Calendar of events

**August 18: Chamber Business Workshop:** Gain deeper insights and understanding into behavioural styles and achieve better relationships with your team, customers and suppliers.

**August 20: Chamber business breakfast with golf at Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club:** Enjoy breakfast and networking.

**August 21: Exclusive Pre-Rugby World Cup celebration gala dinner.** Taking place in the newly refurbished RFU president's suite and RFU members' lounge, this gala dinner will be the very first event of its type in these new facilities. The ticket price includes a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, three-course dinner with half a bottle of wine, speaker and live entertainment.

**September 14: Chamber coffee morning at Cambridge Cottage, Kew Gardens.**

**September 16: Chamber theatre evening at the Orange Tree Theatre – When We Were Women.** A revival of a poignant, and poetic drama, about the evocative portrayal of family life in WWII Glasgow.

**September 21: Digital marketing seminar with IT experts**

**Exclusive members only – Chamber group mentoring programme (two sessions) at the Richmond Business School.** Led by our experienced chamber mentor Norman Jackson, participants will enjoy: business problem resolution with your chamber peers, an opportunity to acquire increased skills in a safe environment and a chance to revisit and strengthen your business strategy.

**September 24: Chamber business breakfast at Gaucho – Richmond Riverside**

**October 6: Chamber business evening with wine tasting at the good wine shop.**

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