

Richmond Business Awards 2016

Uni's China partnership looks good

ST Mary's University has partnered with one of the top educational institutions in China to set up staff exchange programmes, academic ventures and research activities.

Twickenham University vice chancellor Francis Campbell signed a memorandum of understanding on a visit to Sichuan University, in Chengdu, on July 6, where he gave a speech on globalisation and diplomacy.

The Chinese university has 60,000 students and is one of the top six per cent of Chinese universities designated "Project 211" by the Ministry of Education.

Plea to grasp Brexit trading opportunities

NEW opportunities arising from the Brexit vote must be grasped, says Richmond Chamber of Commerce chief executive Anne Newton.

She has been reflecting on how the borough's businesses should react to the uncertainty brought about by the June 23 EU referendum vote.

She admitted many companies were concerned about the future of their businesses.

But she insisted the vote could pave the way for new trading opportunities. Ms Newton said: "Businesses both large and small are taking detailed stock of Brexit uncertainty on

their business plans and strategies. Our mentors and specialist professionals are responding daily to questions from concerned businesses.

"Businesses with employees from across the EU are particularly concerned about the impact, not only on current team morale, but also on the future of their people strategy and business.

"Nonetheless, it is true that companies trading internationally are upbeat about the lower value of sterling, but they too are keeping a wary eye on changing business conditions. In short, we all agree that new opportu-

nities should be grasped."

Meanwhile, Harlequins FC has marked its 150th year by bringing out an anniversary shirt, and orders have been flooding in from as far away as Australia.

Online orders since Friday's launch broke previous opening weekend records by 119 per cent, with more than 50 per cent of sales coming from new customers. Harlequins shirts will be seen across Europe, with orders placed from emerging rugby nations such as Spain and the Netherlands.

North American sales increased by 208 per cent.

In brief

Monday July 11 - Chamber Business Workshop: Apprenticeships. Investing in the next generation.

Thursday July 14 - Chamber Business Evening with Leading UK motor Journalist Gavin Green at Lexus Business Centre in Twickenham

Tuesday July 19 - Chamber Business Masterclass: Using behaviours to manage customer or colleague conversations

Thursday July 21 - Chamber Business Breakfast with the Bank of England at Le Salon Privé

Tuesday August 2 - Chamber Coffee Morning at Organic Mind in Richmond

Tuesday August 2 - Chamber Workshop: Mindfulness and Work-Life Balance

Monday August 8 - Chamber Business Workshop: Show me the Money. Raising finance for business

Tuesday August 16 - Chamber Business Masterclass: Develop Winning Strategies and Make them a Reality

Thursday August 18 - Chamber Business Breakfast with golf at Strawberry Hill Golf Club

Thursday August 25 - Chamber Business Evening at Old Deer Park in Richmond

Tuesday September 6 - Chamber Coffee Morning at The Dysart Petersham, TW10 7AA

Thursday September 8 - Chamber Business Masterclass: Make Social Media work for your business

Monday September 12 - Exclusive Members only Chamber Group Mentoring Programme

Monday September 12 - Chamber Business Workshop

Thursday September 15 - Chamber Business Lunch at The Crown St Margaret's sponsored by Nat West

Tuesday September 20 - Chamber Business Masterclass: Customer journey mapping and identifying magic moments

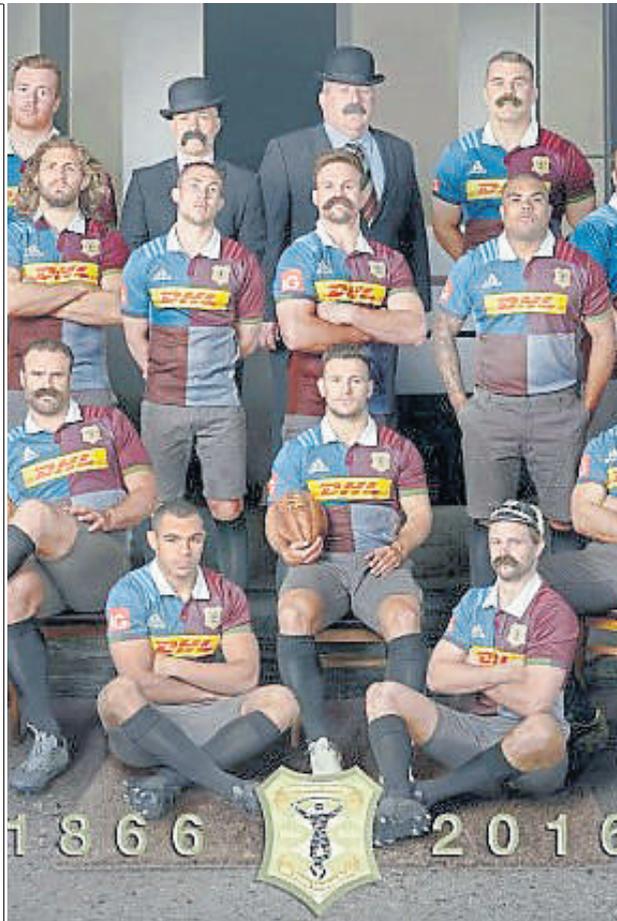
Friday November 4 - Richmond Business Awards 2016 Black tie gala evening and reception

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