

## Richmond Business Awards 2016

# Businesses learn to drive into the future

LEXUS Twickenham hosted a Richmond Chamber of Commerce business meeting on July 14 featuring motor writer Gavin Green as a guest speaker.

Chamber chief executive Anne Newton said: "Gavin impressed us with the smart new world awaiting us, just 10 years away and driven by new technology applied by leading companies such as Lexus.

"Cars will be cleaner, lighter in weight and driverless, releasing our energies to apply to business and other aspects of our lives. Technology, will eradicate car parks, traffic jams and pollution... good news for us all."

The businesses in attendance also discussed the economy and Britain's future in a post-Brexit world.

Ms Newton said: "All 45 businesses and the Bank of England agreed that we should encourage confidence in the economy."

An economist from the Bank of England, Arpad Morotz, visited chamber members on Thursday, July 27, at Le Salon Prive in St Margarets.

Mr Morotz stressed that confidence in the economy should be encouraged, while explaining how the bank operates and presenting detailed graphs illustrating developments in the UK's economy.

Ms Newton said: "He asked for feedback from our businesses across the spectrum such as: operating in property and construction; education; professional and business services including technology and creative services, retail B to C; and start-ups."

An extra 10 mentors were accredited last week at the Richmond Business School, including ION chief executive Chris Mansi.

Ms Mansi said: "Mentoring is a vital part of any organisation's toolkit in making good business excellent. I am looking forward to supporting others develop their skills."

Chamber businesses benefit from one-hour monthly free mentoring from business professionals.

If you would like to join the Chamber and be a mentor, mentee or both as many of our business owners are, go to richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk us tab to become a member or call the team at 020 8891 7457.



Motoring ahead: Iain Sommerville, of Lexus Twickenham with Anne Newton, from the Chamber of Commerce, and Gavin Green, UK Motor Writer

The Richmond Business Awards 2016 are open for entries online – 13 categories including Best website, innovation and charity and there is all to play for, so don't miss your chance to be recognised as a leading business in the area.

It could be you holding that trophy or framed certificate at our Richmond Business Awards 2016 gala dinner on November 4. Tickets are selling well, so book today at richmondbusinessawards.com or richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk/events/

## In brief

**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

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**Thursday, September 15** – Chamber Business Lunch at The Crown St Margaret's sponsored by NatWest

**Tuesday, September 20** – Chamber Business Masterclass: Customer Journey Mapping and Identifying Magic Moments

**Thursday, September 22** – Chamber Business Breakfast at The Plough in East Sheen

**Thursday, September 29** – Chamber Business Evening at Twickenham Stadium with Twickenham Experience

**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



Mind matters: Richmond mayor David Linette with business leaders

## Mindful of work and life balance

RICHMOND'S mayor David Linette joined business owners and investors for the business chamber's Mindfulness Day at Organic Mind Richmond.

The event, on Tuesday, August 2, was followed by a business mindfulness seminar at the Richmond Adult Community College (RACC).

Richmond Chamber's chief executive, Anne Newton, said: "Work-life balance and mindfulness are fundamental for us to function effectively in our day to day business lives and Organic Mind and RACC showed us how we can achieve this calm.

"At the last count, 10.4m working days are lost annually in the UK due to stress and so employers and employees should work together to ensure they function more effectively.

"As a consequence, the Chamber intends to repeat this mindfulness experience so that more businesses can benefit."