

Richmond Business Awards 2016



Fantastic winners: Richmond's movers and shakers show off their certificates

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Chamber highlights importance

RICHMOND'S Chamber of Commerce is offering both businesses and non-profits access to a network of 5,000 organisations, mentoring from experienced commercial professionals and advertising for their product and service.

The chamber, which runs the Richmond Business Awards including a ceremony and prize-giving event in November, also offers weekly business events and networking across the borough from Barnes through to Hampton Wick.

The Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organisation independent of politics, also provides corporate social responsibility services to large businesses and corporates.

Chamber chief executive Anne Newton said organisations that join the chamber have a unique opportunity to reach into the business community and understand the diverse network of businesses Richmond boasts.

Tickets to the Richmond Business Awards, held at Twickenham Stadium on Friday, November 4, are selling

fast. It is possible to book seats for the event, which will involve a VIP reception with Richmond's mayor, MPs and business leaders, a professionally presented awards ceremony, a live band, magician and the unique atmosphere offered by the home of English rugby.

There are 13 categories in which to enter your business to be reviewed by the awards' independent judges.

These include Best Business with over £1m turnover, sponsored by Veolia, Best Training and Development, sponsored by St Mary's University,

Best Retailer, sponsored by the Richmond and Twickenham Times and Best New Start up, also sponsored by the university.

The opportunity to sponsor the awards alongside headline sponsors St Mary's University and Veolia, NatWest, Bluebird Care, Minesoft, Butterworth Laboratories, the Lensbury Club and RCVS is still available.

To find out more visit richmond-businessawards.com, call 020 8891 7457 or email richmondchamberofcommerce.co.uk.

A slice of the business action for new pizza restaurant

A WEST Country-themed pizza restaurant that also boasts selling up to different 80 ciders opened its doors in Kew Bridge.

The Stable celebrated its opening with music, Morris dancing and a wide selection of handmade pizzas at a launch on July 29 and is the 15th venue for the Stables brand since it

was founded in Dorset in 2009.

Owners Nikki and Richard Cooper both stressed how their philosophy, based around seasonal ingredients for the handmade pizzas, would remain the same at the new venue.

Nikki Cooper said: "We are proud to be opening our second London restaurant in such a beautiful Thames-side

location, where our customers can eat al fresco on our huge riverside piazza."

Vegetarian reporter Rebecca Taylor tried the pizza and cider first hand upon the restaurant's July 29 launch.

She said: "I was really impressed by the range and creativity of pizzas.

"It's not like any other pizzeria I've

been to so it really fills a niche because it had a huge amount of variety.

"You rarely see something as inventive as roast dinner on a pizza, but it really worked, according to my meat-eating colleagues."

The menu also features nods to local landmarks with pizzas such as the Kew Palace Pecker.

In brief

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 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

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