



Supporter: Anne Morrison asks Gary Kendall the questions

# Annual awards launch has touch of the Baftas

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The Richmond Business Awards 2015 officially launched at Strawberry Hill Golf Club this week, with chairwoman of Bafta Anne Morrison leading the proceedings.

Attendees heard from awards partners Anne Newton, CEO of Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Gary Kendall, managing director of the Richmond and Twickenham Times, and all the award sponsors.

The awards will be presented at Twickenham stadium on Friday, November 13, and the deadline for entries is Wednesday, September 23.

Speaking about the paper's sponsorship of the corporate and social responsibility award, Mr Kendall said: "We have been involved with Richmond Business Awards since their inception five



In business: Anne Morrison addresses award supporters

years ago and we have seen the awards grow and businesses that have won awards grow substantially as well.

"It's important for us to be involved with local businesses. It's tough enough to run a business, but running a busi-

ness with corporate and social responsibility in mind is an extra level of challenge that businesses face – it is important that it is recognised."

Back once again is the supremely popular People's

Choice award, this year sponsored by the Lensbury Club.

Head of sales and marketing Maugie Lyons said: "We were absolutely honoured to win an award and we also launched the Richmond



Networking: Time to mingle at the awards launch

Business Awards with Anne and the team and that was the beginning of our opportunity to show the world what we do in terms of hospitality and services.

"The People's Choice is the award when everybody jumps about and you can see that they are so excited, and we will be too. People vote for their favourite business and for the services they offer."

Simon Morden, managing director of training company Prosell, which was best business winner in 2013, said: "It was a cracking night and it was a real honour to win.

"It was very exciting so we might just go for another

one this year."

If you think you can loosen Mr Morden's grip on one of this year's awards, visit [richmondbusinessawards.com](http://richmondbusinessawards.com), and there are also still opportunities to sponsor one of the award categories.

Editor David Rankin said: "We are gearing up for a remarkable summer in this area with the Rugby World Cup on its way, and the awards follow closely after they come to an end. It's going to be a feel-good autumn, and what better way to cap it off than with an award? Have a look at the site and see which award best suits your business.

"There is something in there for everyone."

## College named as one of the sponsors as it looks forward to redevelopment

Richmond upon Thames College is delighted to be involved in this year's Richmond Business Awards and proud to be sponsoring the best professional practice category.

We are one of London's top performing colleges (Department of Education 2015), providing education and training to 16 to 18-year-olds and adults from across Richmond, London, Surrey and Berkshire.

The college offers a wide range of academic and technical vocational qualifications including



A-levels, vocational qualifications, professional qualifications, higher education courses and apprenticeships.

We are currently involved with a number of partners (Richmond

Council, Clarendon School, Haymarket Media Group, Achieving for Children, Waldegrave School and Harlequins) in a redevelopment project of our 22-acre site in Twickenham to create a new

education and enterprise campus that will bring together education, enterprise and the local community and deliver innovative curricula that exploit the latest technologies.

This project will result in a new college of further and higher education, new secondary school, purpose built accommodation for Clarendon School's secondary pupils and Haymarket's new "tech hub" and digital media incubator and will deliver the highest quality education with outstanding opportunities for

developing skills and pursuing employment. Not only learners and businesses will benefit from this collaborative and innovative development – the wider community will also benefit, as members of the public will be able to take advantage of many of the new on-site facilities, including a spa and wellness centre, states of the art gym, theatre, art gallery, silver service training restaurant, all-weather playing fields and a business start-up lounge.

The first phase should be completed in 2017.