

INAUGURAL PRESIDENT'S BALL RAISES THOUSANDS FOR CHARITY

Jan Ward, the new President of Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce, has wasted no time in her new role by meeting members at her Inaugural President's Ball held at the Botley Park Hotel and Country Club.

The event, sponsored by Tenon, was a resounding success and raised £2,405 for charity through a raffle and auction for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF). Two items that proved popular were the Hampshire Cricket Shirt and Southampton Football Shirt both signed by their respective teams. On the night, Chamber member Chris Ashbolt, of Chameleon Web Design stood up and offered to take the shirts away and have them framed at his expense to add value to the items being auctioned.

Approximately 150 people including Chamber of Commerce members, their guests and councillors attended the event which started with a champagne reception in the atrium.

Guests dined to music provided by singer Lucien whilst a caricaturist helped to entertain guests during the meal. Following their dinner, guests danced into the early hours to the sounds of live band Mid-Life Crisis who performed for free to support the fund raising efforts. The band was organised by Board Director Peter Whalley of Buchanans who is also a singer in the band.

The Chamber of Commerce is well known for hosting popular, successful and well organised events. To find out more or to book online visit www.soton-chamber.co.uk or contact the events department on 023 80206165.

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There are many pictures available should you require any.