

## **NEW PRESIDENT TAKES CHAINS**

Jan Ward has just been elected as the new president for the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce at its 2009 AGM.

Jan is a successful business woman; born and bred in Southampton, who is passionate about the Chamber. She is the founder and CEO of an international company, Corrotherm International Ltd., specialising in the supply of high alloys to the oil, gas and petrochemical industry. The company has offices in UK, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iran, India, South Africa and Libya.

Jan is an engineer by training and has worked at board level for several international steel and specialty metals producers and distributors, in the US, Europe and Middle East. She has extensive contacts throughout the oil producing countries of the Middle East and a comprehensive knowledge of the specialty metals manufacturing industry worldwide.

The new President has had 10 years experience acting in an advisory capacity to various UK government departments on local, national and international business issues.

Jan said that:

"It is a real honour to be elected as President at the Chamber of Commerce. This independent organisation represents large, medium and small businesses and is very active in the region and I expect to have a very busy term in office. I'm certain that we can have a real impact, improving the competitiveness of all businesses in and around the Southampton City region."

David Tipple, the outgoing President said that,

"During my time as President I have promoted Southampton when ever possible locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We've an increasingly strong membership despite the current economic climate who are well looked after by a motivated and dedicated staff. I'm certain that Jan will have a real impact as President and wish her well in this new role".