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# Mum down to last three in national working contest



**FINALIST** Lisa Carpenter

## Praise for woman who showed true business mettle despite illness

SHE may be suffering a 'permanent dose of flu'.

But working mum Lisa Carpenter can still compete with the best – despite suffering the effects of disease fibromyalgia.

The 38-year-old self-employed saleswoman from North Road, Horndean, has made it to the final three in a contest aimed specifically at working mothers.

She beat around 100 other contestants to make it to the final shortlist, in the self-employed category of the Mum & Working awards.

She will learn on November 4 if she's got the top spot. She said: 'I was first diagnosed eight years ago. It's like having flu-like symptoms all the time.'

'Whenever I have a flare up, every muscle in my body is aching. It's like you want to take out all your muscles and put in new ones.'

'It's not dissimilar to ME.' Her business Mobile Car Solutions, which she runs alongside 36-year-old husband Paul is based from their home, and sells phone

equipment and tracking devices for cars.

'I just focus on my little boy. It's all for him really,' she said.

'The business is growing every year, and we've just been through a recession.'

'I still get angry sometimes, even though I say I've accepted the condition. But if I just focus on it then I'll feel more ill.'

Sam Willoughby, 38 and from north Hampshire, is managing director of internet business What's On 4, which runs the job search website Mum & Working.

She said: 'We've got five judges and they're looking for a person with a flexible career around a family, and in this case she has an illness as well.'

'The standard of entries has been amazing. I did the short-listing and it was incredibly hard to get it down.'

'But I guess with Lisa it's not just about family, it's about her other challenges as well.'

The event is at Hilton St Anne's Manor, near Reading.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Unite slams 'snub' to its members from ministers

THE Unite trade union has hit out at ministers, after they apparently ignored a letter sent on behalf of thousands of BAE Systems staff.

The letter set out staff concerns, in places including Portsmouth Naval Base, about how quickly the plan to cut defence spending is being drawn up.

It was posted on Septem-

ber 13 to a raft of top politicians, including the Prime Minister himself.

But so far it has not received any acknowledgment.

Joe O'Gorman, Unite convenor in BAE's Portsmouth ship operations, said: 'I'm disappointed.'

'It's a snub, isn't it? We haven't even had a response to it.'

### Matchtech profits plunge

RECRUITMENT giant Matchtech has seen its profits dive, its latest financial statement reveals.

The Whiteley-based Plc's profit was down a quarter from the 2008/09 figure of £11.7m. Revenue was also down two per cent in the preliminary results, which cover the year to July 31, 2010.

The firm hires specialist engineers for big-scale projects like BAE's Omani warships, right.



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BP	437	+2	Lloyds Banking	74	-2
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BT	152	+1	Pall (\$)	43	+1
Cable & W	57	+1	QinetiQ	108	-
Centrica	324	+2	Scot & SE	1128	+8
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Eaton Corp (\$)	82	-			

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