



Steve Brine's

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CHANDLER'S FORD POST

For Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale from Conservative MP, Steve Brine

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS...

Steve Brine welcomes massive shift in power from Westminster to Hampshire. "This marks a really big change" he tells *The Chandler's Ford Post!*

The coalition Government has been applauded for presiding over an historic transfer of power to local people.

Winchester & Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine says it is great to see years of campaigning come to fruition. He cites the abolition of the South East Plan and central housing targets alongside new rules to make 'garden grabbing' harder as early triumphs for the Government. "Giving local people control over where and how many houses we build was a key election promise for the Conservatives", he says. "It's not about stopping new homes from being built, it's about deciding for ourselves but the shift is about much more than planning."

"This is all tied to David Cameron's BIG SOCIETY agenda and it's about LOCALISM. We want community-led planning to become

the norm, for people to become 'members' of our local hospital and ambulance trust and to have much greater say over the services we use as a result.

"We will let Eastleigh Borough Council keep more of the money it raises through business rates so it can invest as local people see fit and will we strip away a whole raft of remote unelected quangos."

"We finally have a Government that understands the real purpose of gaining power is to give it away. This marks a huge opportunity for Chandler's Ford and our local councillors across the Borough. I hope they can see the potential here and I stand ready to work with them all to make the best of this new localism agenda for local people."

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from Southampton University led some exciting new research. See more: www.stevebrine.com.

Above: Local MP Steve Brine is pictured with Steve Rothwell of the Watercress Alliance near Alresford.

News IN BRIEF**After dark at The Hilt**

Local MP Steve Brine attended a crisis meeting with community leaders and local police chiefs this Summer after a series of incidents at Hiltingbury Rec. He was joined by Borough Councillor, Judith Grajewski and members of the Hiltingbury Community Association. Following complaints about anti-social behaviour in the early hours of the morning, the council has negotiated with police and youth services to switch off lighting at 12:30am.

**MP's surgery in Chandler's Ford**

Residents in Chandler's Ford can make an appointment to see their local MP Steve Brine at his weekly surgery. Mr Brine is based at the Methodist Church on Winchester Road on the first Friday of each month. To make an appointment call 0207 219 7189

or [email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk)

Equitable Life

The new Government has delivered a settlement to victims of Equitable Life JUST six months after coming to power. Despite the financial crisis, Ministers have allocated £1.5bn as part of the Spending Review to support those affected by regulatory failure which led to the collapse of the firm. Winchester MP Steve Brine has supported campaigners and said; "The payments scheme must deliver fairness to taxpayers as well as policyholders - particularly in light of the challenging economic circumstances - so I am delighted we have a settlement that will start making payments from the middle of next year. This sorry saga has gone on long enough."

ID cards consigned to history

The new Government has delivered on its pledge to abolish Labour's ID card scheme. The expensive and intrusive programme has been stopped along with the highly controversial contact database. MPs voted in September to repeal the legislation, including Winchester & Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine.

Charity award for Nightshelter

Winchester Churches Nightshelter picked up a top award recently at the Wessex Charity Awards. The black-tie event, which is held annually in Winchester and was attended this year by new city MP Steve Brine, honours charities and their volunteers. Steve said; "Our very own Nightshelter won the Trustees of the Year award and that

is richly deserved. There were some strong nominees in every category and I think the right people won in every category this year. Amani Amari, herself an Eritrean asylum seeker, from Haslar Visitors Centre inspired everyone when she won the coveted volunteer of the year award."

New late bus service

Bus firm Bluestar has confirmed plans to run a new night service from Southampton to Winchester via Chandler's Ford.

The service, which starts in November 2010, will run from the Hanover Buildings in Southampton to Winchester Bus Station and the last bus will depart at 23:50 each weekday and on Saturday. Late night buses already operate on the same route but do not start until after midnight so councillors were keen to fill the gap. Funding for the route is being provided by Southampton City Council.

A great place to do business

Local MP Steve Brine has officially opened a brand new Basepoint business centre.

Basepoint was developed in partnership with Winchester City Council and has been partly purpose built and partly refurbished; it now boasts 25,000sq ft of managed office space and 35 licensees who use the offices in Winnall to run their businesses

It is open to businesses from across the area, including Chandler's Ford. Each of Basepoint's 26 centres supports a local charity and assists them with fund raising events. Basepoint Winchester's nominated charity is Winchester and District Young Carers.

Speaking after cutting the ribbon, Steve said: "As a former owner of a small business myself, I know full well that you strain every sinew in order to make your business work. Basepoint is fantastic, because it takes a lot of that strain away, and really allows new and dynamic businesses the opportunity to thrive. I am



also delighted that this area of the city has a fantastic new building and local entrepreneurs have this facility to make the most of."

Basepoint:

www.basepoint.co.uk



■ Steve Brine MP, with the Basepoint team and the Mayor of Winchester at the new centre just off the M3 at junction 9 and (inset); Steve gives the keynote speech to a Summer reception with the new Hampshire Chamber of Commerce.

New career - new skills

Winchester and Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, got to grips with all things green as he visited local training company, New Career Skills.

Mr Brine visited the firm - based on the Chandler's Ford Industrial Estate - to see how it was training people from all walks of life and helping them to find careers in the renewable energy industry.

New Career Skills retrains mature career changers for jobs as plumbers, green engineers and electricians. In the last three years it has offered courses that enable people to get into the lucrative 'green' market and provides training on the likes of solar power and heat pumps.

Steve said: "The green economy is expanding day by day and providing huge opportunities for those who are unemployed



■ NCS student Gavin Bilby shows Steve Brine the art of pipe bending on his recent visit.

or simply looking to change occupation. The Government's Green Deal to radically overhaul the energy efficiency of homes and small businesses could support a quarter of a million jobs over the next 20 years and it is fantastic that a company here in Chandler's Ford is leading the way in training people for these roles."

See: www.newcareerskills.co.uk.

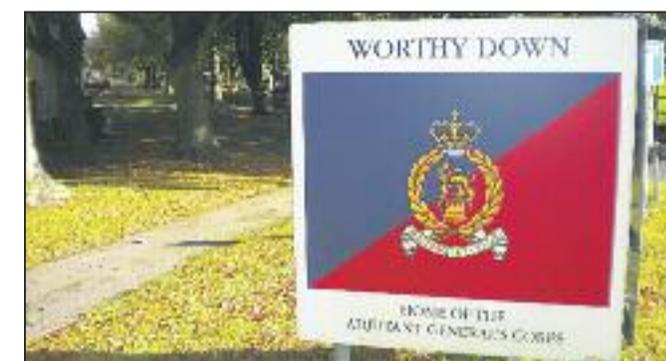
The Defence Review and Worthy Down

Our new MP has secured positive news about the future of Worthy Down following the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR).

Steve Brine met Defence Secretary Liam Fox the morning after the SDSR was published and the defence training facility to the north of Winchester was top of the local MP's agenda. "I wanted to understand directly from Dr Fox what the implications might be for my constituents and Worthy Down in particular", he told The Chandler's Ford Post. "While reductions in military and civilian personnel announced in the review mean we cannot rule out any change in defence presence at some future date, I was reassured to hear that Worthy Down is secure."

In a letter to Mr Brine which followed the meeting, held at the MoD in London, Liam Fox said "We discussed the Defence Food Services School and I am pleased to confirm it will stay

at Worthy Down, which remains a core site for defence. I would like to express my regret at the concern the outcome of the SDSR may cause some of your constituents but appreciate how vigorously you are representing their interests."



A local success story at family firm

Local MP Steve Brine paid a visit to Draper Tools in Chandler's Ford recently.

He met with Managing Director Terry McGowan as well as owner John Draper (*pictured*) and saw for himself the work that takes place on the Hursley Road site.

Steve said; "Drapers are a family business that represent so much of what is good about UK business today. There is much talk at the moment of a private sector recovery from our terrible budget deficit and I think the whole country could do a lot worse than follow the model set by Draper Tools. This is a modern business, as strong in the marketplace today as it ever was but retaining a lovely family ethos. During my short visit I met John Draper and two of his sons, both working in the business.

"We discussed the history of the business, the future challenges it is likely to face from unregulated competition and of course, the proposal to eventually sell the site for development. I was glad to have this opportunity to discuss the future and we agreed I will remain close to the plans as they will have a significant effect on Chandler's Ford at some future point."

www.draper.co.uk



MP meets Parish Council



■ Local MP Steve Brine meets members of the new Chandler's Ford Parish Council, joined by Eastleigh Mayor Cllr John Caldwell.

It was controversial at first but Chandler's Ford now has its own Parish Council and the team were out in force at this year's Hiltingbury Extravaganza.

Chairman Margaret Atkinson and a number of parish councillors were at the event (held on Sunday 19 September) to raise the profile of the new authority which covers Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and Velmor.

Elections to find 18 new parish representatives were held in May (shortly after the General Election) and it was another strong vote of support for the local Conservatives who won 11 of the seats up for grabs. Experienced local councillor Godfrey Olson, was elected to the new parish and is now challenging the Borough Council over future powers it might assume; "We think it is reasonable to ask why we need the Local Area Committee now we have a parish council and will be stepping up our efforts now the parish council is established to take on responsibility for many open spaces, footpaths and bus shelters as well as Hiltingbury Lakes and Hocombe Mead. If we are to have a parish council it needs to be worthwhile and be able to really improve the local area."

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■ Steve Brine with the CF Street Pastors at this Summer's Hiltingbury Extravaganza.

At your service!

Chandler's Ford now has its very own band of Street Pastors working with young people in the area.

Constituency MP Steve Brine recently met with local coordinator Paul Smith to see how it's going and how the service might develop in the future.

Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to society's problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue. It was pioneered in London in January 2003 by the Ascension Trust, and has seen some remarkable results, including drops in crime in areas where teams have been working. There are now over 100 teams around the United Kingdom and ours is one of the newest.

Steve said: "It was excellent to get an update from Paul and hear how it's going four months in. Feedback I receive on Street Pastors in Chandler's Ford is excellent, and having met them I can see why. What they do is never a replacement for parental control or good neighbourhood policing but it's fast becoming an invaluable part of the big society the new Government is keen to build."

www.streetpastors.co.uk

More... NEWS IN BRIEF

Fill that hole!

Cyclists have a new weapon in the war against potholes after the launch of a new iPhone app. Aggregate Industries and CTC – the UK's national cyclists' organisation – have launched the app which can be downloaded via www.fillthathole.org.uk. The technology combines a photograph of a pothole with GPS technology to pinpoint the location of the hazard.

Diamond Jubilee - 2012

In just two years time Her Majesty the Queen celebrates 60 years on the throne and local MP Steve Brine has thrown down the gauntlet to local people. Steve explains; "Whatever you think of the concept of Monarchy you cannot fail to be impressed at the 60 years of amazing service we have had from Queen Elizabeth II. I think it is an incredible achievement and I hope we in Chandler's Ford will mark the occasion with street parties and community celebrations". Do you have plan for Jubilee 2012? Let Steve Brine know via 01962 791110 or steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk. See more www.jubilee2012.com

Steve supports 'Lighter Later'

MP Steve Brine has announced his support for the 'Lighter Later' campaign, which will lead to lighter, safer evenings. On 3rd December, The Daylight Saving Bill will be going to the House of Commons where MPs will debate whether or not the UK should make the shift. Steve said: "Lighter evenings would mean safer roads, more jobs and a better quality of life for the constituents of Winchester & Chandler's Ford. It will also aid our drive to reduce Winchester's carbon footprint." See www.lighterlater.org

Tributes to Bishop Michael

The 96th Bishop of Winchester, The Right Reverend Michael Scott-Joynt, is to retire in May 2011. Steve Brine MP said: "When Bishop Michael told me his plan to step down next year I was really disappointed but I said right away I wasn't even going to try and dissuade him as I know how much he and Lou deserve their retirement. They have both served the Christian and wider community with generosity and compassion every day they've been with us. I wish them the happiest of retirements and will personally miss their counsel a great deal."

Transition Chandler's Ford

Transition CF is for local people who want to lean and share ideas about living sustainably, reducing carbon emissions and decreasing our dependency on oil.

Campaigners from the organisation were on-hand at this year's Hiltingbury Extravaganza and signed-up new MP Steve Brine who commented; "Transition is a community-led response to the pressures of climate change and as a member of Parliament it is good to know there are people passionate about this agenda among those I represent. I look forward to seeing Transition CF grow over coming years."

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Steve Brine goes back to college

Winchester and Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine got a taste of student life Barton Peveril style when he dropped in to the Eastleigh sixth form college recently.

Steve enjoyed a lively discussion with students, including former pupils of Toynbee and Westgate schools, both of which are in the Winchester & Chandler's Ford constituency.

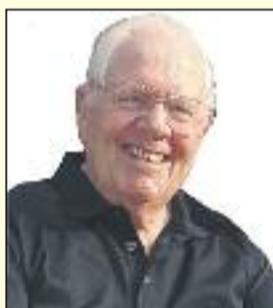
He said: "We talked about everything from university applications to career choices, college life to hobbies and interests. It was a real pleasure to meet such a mature, enthusiastic group of young people who are clearly making the very most of all the educational and other opportunities a thriving college like Barton Peveril has to offer."

www.barton-peveril.ac.uk



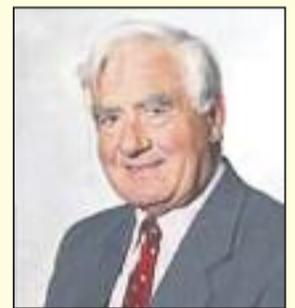
■ Steve joins Hannah Duggan, Lawrence Houldsworth, Lana-Marie Sharp and Ashley Mould

A strong team of local councillors



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