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A STRONG LOCAL TEAM



PICTURED: Cllr Judith Grajewski (Chandler's Ford Division), Cllr Ian Tait (Winchester Westgate), Cllr Fiona Mather (Winchester Eastgate), Cllr James Byrnes (Itchen Valley Division), Cllr Jan Warwick (Downlands Division) with Steve Brine MP (and Popcorn); and, inset, Cllr Rob Humby (Bishops Waltham Division).

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Steve with Jan Warwick at Pitt Vale.

STANDING UP FOR WINCHESTER'S LOCAL PLAN

WINCHESTER (Pitt Vale): Downlands county candidate, Cllr Jan Warwick, says Winchester is rightly proud to have an adopted Local Plan for Housing and Infrastructure across the Winchester District. A Local Plan allows for the development of new homes but in the right area.

She adds: "One of the biggest threats to our communities is unwanted, speculative development. Proposals at Pitt Vale and the Gladman Development in Otterbourne have now appealed the Council's correct decision to refuse permission.

"It is important we stand up for our approved, plan-led approach for the provision of a sufficient number of new homes in Winchester. I am confident your Conservative Team will be a strong voice to speak out at future appeal hearings."

More: www.stevebrine.com/pittvale

RENEWED COMMITMENT TO CITY CENTRE

WINCHESTER: Cllr Ian Tait, who is standing for the Winchester Westgate county seat, makes a renewed commitment to tidy up Silver Hill in this edition of the Winchester & Chandler's Ford Post.

Irrespective of the wider long term plans for the area, Ian says there is a pressing need to give the site a "make over". To this end the old fountain will shortly be removed and the surrounding buildings are being painted and tidied up. The Friarsgate carpark will re-open later in the year with around 70 spaces - and be three storeys lower!

He says: "Equally, the community planning process to inform a new masterplan for the city centre regeneration is a welcome fresh start and a chance to put the arguments of the past few years behind us. The Community Planning Weekend taking place 24-25 March is a golden opportunity for the whole community to get involved."

More: www.centralwinchesterregen.co.uk

GOOD NEWS – AND BAD

CHANDLER'S FORD: County Councillor Judith Grajewski is pleased to report that Hampshire County Council's new Household Waste Recycling Centre at Stoneycroft Rise is now open, replacing the old tip at Woodside Avenue. She says: "Despite the scaremongering last year, all our local tips remain open to take your household waste."

"In further good news, Chandler's Ford Parish Council has approved a freeze of its part of the council tax for 2017/18, which I know will very much please local people.

"I am concerned however, that Eastleigh Borough Council has no Local Plan for development. Developers are seizing this opportunity to submit hostile applications leaving residents both in the borough and across the border in Winchester with little protection."



Jan out with Steve Brine in South Wonston.

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Jan Warwick

Downlands Division – covering a wide area including Littleton, Harestock, Sparsholt & Crawley, Compton, Otterbourne, Shawford & Hursley, Oliver's Battery & Badger Farm plus South Wonston and Worthy Down.

Why Jan? Jan is an enthusiastic, hard-working District and Parish Councillor. A qualified pharmacist, Jan worked for many years at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital before being elected in 2011 and brings a wealth of experience from public service.

Steve Brine says – "Jan's hard work and efficiency are there for all to see. She is very well-known around the area she currently represents, and if given the chance, will bring badly needed professionalism and knowledge to this area of Hampshire County Council."

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR Ian Tait

Winchester Westgate Division – covering the west side of the city from Stanmore through Fullood, Teg Down and Bereweke to Weeke.

Why Ian? A city councillor since 1999, Ian will bring a hard work and a down to earth perspective to the County Council and challenge its leadership from day one. A lifetime resident of Winchester, who attended local schools, Ian spent 23 years with Nat West and now runs his own sustainable energy consultancy.

Steve Brine says – "I have worked with Ian for many years and know we will form a really strong team if he becomes the county councillor. This election is not about personal ambition or whistle blowing protests outside the tent, it's about smart engagement inside the County Council to get things done. Ian will be a formidable councillor if you back him in May."



Ian Tait with MP Steve Brine.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION Judith Grajewski

Chandler's Ford Division – covering Hiltlingbury, North Millers Dale and the Chandler's Ford East ward of Eastleigh Borough Council.

Why Judith? A borough councillor since 2010, Judith was elected to the County Council in 2015 where she's a member of the Children & Young People Select Committee and Regulatory Committee. She has lived here for 24 years. Judith's been getting things done for local people including working to ensure local schools can meet future demand for places, new signs to discourage HGV's on some of our arterial roads and measures to improve road safety at busy junctions.

Steve Brine says – "An existing County, Borough and Parish Councillor, Judith needs no introduction to residents across Chandler's Ford and Hiltlingbury. Her positive energy and can-do approach stand out, and if she is re-elected we can continue to work together for local people."



Steve Brine out with Judith Grajewski in Chandler's Ford.

...for Winchester and Chandler's Ford!



Steve and Fiona work closely together.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION Fiona Mather

Winchester Eastgate Division – covering the east side of the city from St Cross through Highcliffe, St Giles Hill, Winnall to Hyde and Abbots Barton.

Why Fiona? A city councillor since 2002 and county councillor for this part of the city these past four years, Fiona is respected across the political spectrum. During this time she has been a very strong supporter of community initiatives, and has taken on a very considerable workload at the County Council alongside her dedicated work with residents.

Steve Brine says – "Fiona has demonstrated for many years now that she gets things done and will work with anyone to deliver on her promises. She has established herself as a formidable figure at HCC and is now an experienced county representative which is really useful for Eastgate residents."

PROSPECTIVE COUNTY COUNCILLOR James Byrnes

Itchen Valley Division – covering The Alresfords, Kings Worthy, Micheldever and surrounding villages including Easton, Martyr Worthy and Itchen Abbas.

Why James? James began as a Parish Councillor and was elected to the City Council in 2012 where he already represents part of the Division. He brings a new and dynamic element to local politics and would inject a new energy and fresh thinking to the role that is badly needed.

Steve Brine says – "James was born and bred in Winchester and is a former prison officer. He would be a breath of fresh air if he's elected in May. Above all, as a Conservative he would put party politics aside and use his ability to engage with County leaders to actually get things done for residents."



James discussing parking at Micheldever Station with Steve Brine.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR STANDING FOR RE-ELECTION Rob Humby

Bishops Waltham Division – covering Owslebury & Durley, Bishops Waltham and Colden Common & Twyford.

Why Rob? Rob is a truly local candidate having been born and brought up in Bishop's Waltham Division. After running his own business for more than 25 years, Rob became a local councillor in 2007 to help residents and tackle local problems. He is currently responsible for Transport on the county Cabinet. Rob has a strong track record of delivering on his promises.

Steve Brine says – "Hampshire's economy depends on a robust road network which is efficient and fit for purpose in the 21st Century. The work which Rob has done to improve the network and invest in new technology such as 'the Roadmaster' puts Hampshire in a really good position for the years ahead."



Cllr Rob Humby, Cabinet Member at Winchester City and Hampshire County Councils.

Prospective County Councillor **Simon Payne** is also standing in the elections on May 4th 2017, in the Eastleigh South Division which includes the Chandler's Ford West ward of Eastleigh Borough Council. More about Simon on the website.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

GOOD NEWS FOR PEDESTRIANS

WINCHESTER: County Councillor, Fiona Mather, has worked hard with Steve Brine MP for important pedestrian improvements in Wales Street, Romsey Road and Worthy Road.

Fiona says: "In Wales Street a pedestrian crossing will be delivered in 2017, while in Romsey Road Steve and I have convinced the County Council that crossing facilities must be provided between St James Terrace and Clifton Terrace. Digs early in 2017 to explore underground services will establish what sort of crossing is deliverable.

"And in Worthy Road, substantial physical traffic calming measures and a controlled pelican crossing will be funded by Cala Homes. I will apply pressure to bring the delivery of these forward."



Worthy Road crossing.

PROTECTING ALRESFORD

During his tenure as Portfolio Holder for Transport, Cllr James Byrnes was responsible for freezing parking charges in Alresford as well as in the other market towns. James says: "The economic vitality of market towns like Alresford is key to making our District a great place. I worked very hard to ensure on-street and car park charges in Alresford did not rise as a consequence of this review, as any measures we can take to support local residents and businesses should be welcomed."

"I will continue to build on my track record of fighting for investment in our market towns and rural villages by supporting local businesses, lobbying for improvements to transport infrastructure and resisting inappropriate planning applications. I work closely with Steve Brine on all kinds of issues and it is only with this strong local team that we can continue to be successful."

BETTER ROADS ROB'S PRIORITY

GOLDEN COMMON & TWYFORD: Operation Resilience, the long-term strategy to maintain Hampshire's roads, continues to be a priority for Hampshire County Councillor Rob Humby.

Cllr Humby and Steve Brine are encouraging all residents to report road problems as soon as they see them. This can be done online and includes everything from potholes and pavement problems to broken traffic lights and missing road signs. It is easy to do so, via <http://bit.ly/2ivZJUB>

Rob Humby says: "I work closely with Steve to ensure that any road problems raised with him are picked up by our team and dealt with as quickly as possible."

ASKtheNHS RETURNS

MP holds latest health focused meeting

Steve Brine opening the meeting on 12th January.



The turn of the year saw Steve Brine's third **ASKtheNHS** public meeting held in Winchester.

The event heard from a top panel of key local clinicians, with the focus on the recently published Service & Transformation Plan (STP) which charts future health and social care services across Hampshire.

The meeting included a detailed discussion with members of the public who raised issues including the link between the NHS and social care, the management of long-term conditions, future NHS funding and local GP services. There was also more detail about a proposal from our local Trust to build a new £350m Critical Treatment Hospital between Winchester and Basingstoke.

Steve told the *Winchester & Chandler's Ford Post*; "Health policy is complicated, it cannot

be shrunk into a tweet and nor should it be. Our Trust is experiencing unprecedented demand on its services but this is not simply about an increase in numbers of those attending A&E. The issue is far more complex in that those who attend are sicker, often elderly and frail with complex and multiple long-term conditions meaning they need to be admitted.

"This complexity continues when they are medically fit to be discharged but not able to safely enter the social care system. Getting the right packages of care in place takes time and compounds the challenge for our hospitals. That is why a strong Hampshire County Council is so important and they are right to levy the 2% social care precept this year to ease the financial pressure."

You can read more via Steve's dedicated mini-site www.stevebrine.com/priorityNHS

Steve Brine's Brexit mini-site now live!

www.stevebrine.com/brexit



Steve handed over a cheque for £2600 at the Chamber Breakfast from the 'Spare Change for Real Change' scheme to help homeless people in the city. Here with Catherine Turness and Jane Bastock from BiD as well as Sue McKenna from Trinity and Michele Price from the Nightshelter.

MP PULLS NO PUNCHES AT BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Steve Brine pulled no punches when he addressed business leaders at the annual Chamber Breakfast.

The event is an opportunity for businesses to hear an update from their MP on the national, international and local business scene.

After providing a detailed report on the current buoyant labour market and an update on the Government's approach to Brexit, Steve took questions from the floor including the ongoing business rates revaluation, immigration, planned works at J9 of the M3 Junction and how the UK should work responsibly with President Trump.

He said; "Big ticket items such as the leisure centre and station approach have to move forward now and I am clear the new city leadership need to assert its authority because Winchester is not a great bet for investors right now. It is time for all our sakes to face down the sneering cynicism, often politically driven, which is threatening any attempt to improve the city."

More: www.stevebrine.com/businessbreakfast

HELP FOR COUNCIL TENANTS

Well known councillors, **Ian Tait** and **Fiona Mather**, are urging Winchester City Council to look at re-introducing a discretionary payment made to Council tenants.

The sum of £500 used to be available every five years to allow tenants to make improvements to their home but was cut when finances were under severe pressure a number of years ago. The councillors say thanks to careful management by the Housing Department it seems possible the programme can be brought back.

Cllr Tait said; "So many times when talking to Council tenants they have expressed concerns about internal decoration, doors and general wear and tear. I am hopeful we can help and will be working with Fiona to deliver on this."



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