



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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M3 NOISE SUCCESS



Steve Brine celebrates hard-fought success with local councillors Judith Grajewski and Margaret Atkinson

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine has secured major resurfacing work for the M3 motorway which he described as 'absolutely fantastic' news for thousands of his constituents.

New Roads Minister John Hayes has written to Mr Brine to confirm the Highways Agency will bring forward plans to lay a new quieter surface on the M3 between junctions 9 and 14. The work will be done during the period 2015-2017 and will encompass all three lanes and the hard shoulder.

The MP has campaigned to bring forward the resurfacing work since his election in 2010 and last year took local councillors, as well as representatives from Shepherds Down School in Compton, to meet the Minister at the Department for Transport in London. He has met no fewer than three roads ministers in the past four years to lobby on behalf of the area.

Steve Brine said: "We had been told the carriageway passing through Winchester and Chandler's Ford was unlikely to be resurfaced until 2020 at the earliest but I couldn't accept that because noise from the motorway is seriously impacting on people's lives in large parts of my constituency. The current situation is unbearable for residents in parts of Chandler's Ford.

"This work has been carefully agreed with the Highways Agency to build what is required maintenance of the carriageway into the urgent need to address noise pollution. It is absolutely fantastic news for thousands of my constituents and, while we should not be tricked into thinking road surface is the sole cause of motorway noise, the lower noise surfacing material will significantly help."

More: www.stevebrine.com/M3noise

ASKtheNHS

Local MP Steve Brine has held two open meetings this year as part of his ASKtheNHS series.

The first event, in March, focused on a new clinical model being produced across the Hampshire Hospitals Trust and proposals for a new critical care centre. It would work alongside the RHCH in Winchester but treat the sickest 15% of patients.

The second meeting, held in September, was focused exclusively on obstetric care and maternity services. Steve told The Chandler's Ford Post; "As a responsible Member of Parliament I want us to have the fullest possible understanding of

what's being proposed and to give my constituents the chance to question it.

"My major health survey in the Spring showed a willingness on behalf of local people to hear more of these plans but the greatest anxiety remains around changes to maternity services, hence the second meeting. Many questions remain but I will continue to work with the Trust getting the facts in front of the local people; this is far too important for poorly informed scare stories."

See more, including news of the formal consultation on service change at the RHCH; www.stevebrine.com/priorityNHS



Steve opening the September meeting at the United Church on Jewry Street

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NEW GOVERNMENT ROLE FOR MP

Steve Brine has taken up a new role within government.

He was previously Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Mike Penning MP, within the Department of Work & Pensions, and now follows Mr Penning to the Home Office and Ministry of Justice, in a cross-departmental brief.

WHICH? TO EXAMINE NUISANCE CALLS

The campaigning magazine Which? is to examine the increasing problem of nuisance calls. Steve Brine, who has actively worked cross-party on this in Parliament, said: "They will lead a taskforce for Government looking at consent around being contacted and how personal data is used, and I look forward to their report later this year."



SAFETY AT HILTINGBURY REC

Positive progress continues to be made in addressing safety issues around the Hiltingbury Recreation Ground and The Hilt.

Last December Steve Brine chaired a meeting (pictured above) involving local councillors, police and those running the centre after a spate of incidents.

Steve says; "The Police report a quiet Summer but we need to be vigilant as the Winter deepens and the dark nights lengthen. If you have any concerns about safety issues in and around the Rec, I want to hear from you."

FIGHTING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Did you know, local MP Steve Brine is a leading member of the group Christians in Parliament?

He is working alongside other MPs, from across the parties, on how the Common Good applies to modern day political life.

CiP recently launched 'Votewise 2015', a politically-impartial book which uses biblical thinking to analyse societal and structural dilemmas in order to help Christians make an informed decision about how to use their vote in May next year.



More; www.christiansinparliament.org.uk

Westminster Report

England expects...

Following the decisive NO vote in the recent Scottish referendum, Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine is among a growing number of MPs determined to address what is known as the West Lothian Question, where Scottish MPs still vote in Westminster on matters long since devolved to Holyrood.

Steve said: "I've discussed this issue for many years on doorsteps, and this is unfinished business from Tony Blair's botched devolution settlement in

1997. It has bred a resentment in England which my constituents have every right to feel.

"I believe there is a cross-party consensus among MPs to get this done and David Cameron has pledged to drive it through. We must re-balance our fragile constitution and for me that means a cool-headed constitutional convention which seeks to heal our United Kingdom the same way we're fixing our broken economy."

Did you know?
Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine is proudly supporting an 'in-out' referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. He voted, alongside 81 other MPs, against a 3-line whip in the House of Commons shortly after being elected to force a change of Conservative policy. If David Cameron is re-elected next year that referendum will happen in 2017.

IT'S YOUR MONEY AFTER ALL...

Local MP Steve Brine has backed Conservative plans to introduce TWO major tax cuts if the party is re-elected next year.

Returning hot-foot from the party conference in Birmingham (pictured) Steve told The Chandler's Ford Post he was 'thrilled' with a pledge to increase the tax-free personal allowance from £10,000 to £12,500.

He says; "One of the easiest votes I've cast in the House of Commons since 2010 was to raise the level to £10,000 but this further move is brilliant news which will take a million people out of paying income tax, and mean no one working 30 hours a week on the minimum wage would pay any income tax."



More: www.stevebrine.com/conference2014

Steve also highlighted a new pledge to raise the higher rate threshold at which people pay the 40p tax rate to £50,000. It is currently £41,900. He adds; "This tax change will be so well received among my Winchester constituents; I look forward to voting for that one."

VISITING WESTMINSTER

Steve Brine regularly hosts constituents in the Houses of Parliament, and getting in touch with him to arrange a tour couldn't be easier.

Simply call **01962 791110** or email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk

Steve also puts his PMQ ticket allocations into a free and fair ballot, and for the very energetic, there are also tours of Big Ben available.



More: www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster

Tackling ISIL



More: www.stevebrine.com/ISIL

The House of Commons faced an emergency recall at the end of September to discuss the threat posed by ISIL in Syria and Iraq and Steve Brine was there. He met with the Attorney General to discuss the legal basis for air strikes and challenged the Prime Minister during the debate.

MORE THAN A COLD

Steve Brine is supporting a local mum trying to spread the word about winter illnesses in children.

Alison Sanson lives in Chandler's Ford with her husband Graham, daughter Fleur, and they have twin boys. Alison said: "Parents are often not told about the risk of winter viruses or given support to prevent them."

"Michael and Edward were six months old when they were first affected by bronchiolitis and were both admitted to hospital where they tested positive for Respiratory Syncytial Virus."

Alison first went to the doctor because the twins had trouble breathing. She was told that there was nothing that she could do but wait and see whether they could cope on their own, and when the twins were eventually admitted to hospital a few days later, they were very poorly, needing oxygen and feeding tubes.

Alison continues: "The time that they were in hospital was very hard as was the period leading up to that. It was



almost a relief when they were admitted in to hospital as before that it felt like a waiting game."

Steve Brine said; "I want other parents to avoid winter illnesses including bronchiolitis and back 100% the More Than A Cold campaign. I will be hosting an event to raise awareness in Parliament this year as well."

NEWS IN BRIEF



LAKESIDE VISIT FOR STEVE BRINE

Steve Brine dropped into Lakeside School on Winchester Road recently to congratulate School Council members who won a prestigious Princess Diana Award.

Pupils discussed the award gained through their work on anti-bullying and told the tale of their day in London to collect the award.

CHANDLER'S FORD DISTRICT SCOUTS

Steve Brine recently dropped into the AGM of the District Scouts.

He said: "As a former boy scout myself this was a pleasure to attend and meet so many of the leaders who make scouting possible. It was just good to thank them for the work they put in to give so many youngsters the chances afforded to them by the scouting movement."

EXTRAVAGANZA SUCCESS



Steve and the kids had a fantastic time at this year's Hittingbury Extravaganza.

The MP has been a long-standing supporter of the event, and said: "We've had some wet years for this event but today was sunny and warm and it was a classic."

"A big well done to Mike Hughes, David Shute and the team for giving us another great fun event."

WIFI NOW AVAILABLE ON SWT

Passengers travelling with South West Trains can now make use of free on-train WiFi on some of the rail operator's busiest routes.

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine says the service, which he has campaigned for over many years went live in September, will be 'transformative' but added the mission now is to roll it out across all trains on all routes in the new year.

CARERS SURGERY 2014



Steve Brine joined up with One Community in June to mark Carers Week and raise awareness of and celebrate the UK's 6.5 million carers.

The Chandler's Ford MP held a special carers surgery at Wells Place, for the fourth year running, where he was able to chat to a wide variety of people.

Lucy Sams, One Community Carers Centre Manager said; "Steve's presence on the day adds real value as it provides carers with the opportunity to discuss anything from personal matters close to their heart, as well as general and local issues that make life more challenging."

Steve Brine adds; "Once again, I was delighted to be able to come along, meet some constituents, and find out more about the issues carers face. I was able to pick up some important casework, and it was great to see so many faces, new and old, at this fantastic event."

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR STEVE



Steve Brine meeting children this year at John Keble Primary School in Hursley.

SCHOOLS MEET COPPA FEEL

A leading breast cancer campaigner came to the constituency earlier this summer to speak to young people in the city about the importance of the early detection of breast cancer and other cancers.

Local MP Steve Brine organised for 28-year old Kris Hallenga, who has a terminal diagnosis of secondary breast cancer, to bring her charity CoppaFeel to three secondary schools in Winchester, as well as linking up with the city's University to launch their #rethink cancer campaign which aims to see schools routinely teach young people about the signs and symptoms of cancer.

Steve Brine, who is co-chair of the All Party Breast Cancer Group in Parliament, said; "This day was more than any of us could have hoped for, especially the response from Joy Carter at the University. I hope the young people we met found it interesting and useful and if just one person, or a member of their family, is helped by what we are doing it will be worth it."



Kris and her 'boobettes' (plus Steve!) at Westgate School.

More: www.coppafeel.org

Steve Brine continued on his mission to visit every school in his constituency as he met with staff and pupils at John Keble Church of England Primary School in the Summer.

The visit followed a recent Year 6 trip to the Houses of Parliament, and in addition to being given a guided tour of the school, Steve was able to present the children who visited Westminster with a special certificate commemorating the trip.

Steve said: "This is a lovely school in a beautiful setting, and as well as engaging in a lively Q&A session with Year 6, I was really pleased to be able to stop and chat to children in every class."

The school is run by Marcus Roe, Executive Head, and Rob Sanders, Head of School who arranged the Parliament trip.

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FLIPP-FLOPP

Steve recently discovered Flipp Flopps, a new learning aid produced by his constituent Karen Sprunt designed to help young people learn their tables.

He said: "Proof of the pudding for me was taking them home and watching young Emily use them all afternoon. Absolutely fantastic, and great they are a Winchester creation!"

More: www.flippflopps.co.uk

CHANDLER'S FORD SURGERIES

Steve Brine continues to hold his Chandler's Ford surgeries.

He said: "I am very aware that it is not easy for some people to get over to Winchester, so if you want to see me right here in Chandler's Ford, please do get in touch."

THORNDEN TENNIS



Steve Brine took part in the special LTA 'Great British Tennis Weekend' event this summer, held at Thornden Tennis Club.

Over 150 people participated in the event, which offered completely free family, junior and mini tennis sessions, as well as coaching and Cardio tennis. On court activities were conducted by head coach, and current Team GB Seniors player Paul Scullard.

MYOSYTIS FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

Steve Brine recently met with a constituent at his Chandler's Ford surgery to discuss Myosytis, a neuromuscular disorder related to Muscular Dystrophy.

Steve said: "I heard all about the Myosytis Friends Support Group, and how they support each other, both offline and online."

More: www.myosytisfriendssupportgroup.org.uk

HAPPY DIWALI!

Steve Brine joined MPs from both main parties at the 15th Diwali celebration to be held in the House of Commons in October.

Steve was part of a massive turnout, which heard speeches from various MPs including Chair of the All-Party Hindu Group (Bob Blackman) and Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls.

More: www.facebook.com/BritishHinduAPPG

FRYERN POST OFFICE OPEN!



Mayor of Eastleigh Cllr Tony Noyce and local MP Steve Brine joined forces recently to officially open the new Fryern Hill Post Office. The service has relocated and is housed in a new WHSmith Local branch.

Steve Brine said; "It is great news that we have a modern Post Office with retail as they complement each other. This is an exciting new business venture that Daljinder Briaah has taken on. The new open plan counters make it far easier for staff and customers to talk to each other."

As part of Post Office plans to modernise the network and extend opening hours, the new Fryern Hill Post Office will have four counters, with different styles of serving positions.

There are three main counters – two open plan and one a modern screened position, which offer the full range of Post Office products and services Monday to Saturday: 9am – 5.30pm.

SUSTRANS HITS FRYERN SCHOOL FOR THE BIG PEDAL

Fryern Infant and Junior Schools got together with Sustrans earlier this year for The Big Pedal and there was a special 'superhero' theme!

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine even dressed up as Clark Kent/Superman, joining characters such as Batman, Wolverine, and Super Mario as the school celebrated cycling and scooting. The event marked the end of Sustrans' 2 week inter schools competition, and 'Bike It' champions led the superheroes in parading around the playground on their wheels.

Steve said; "It was so good to see so many youngsters enthusiastic about cycling. While it was great fun, and this all links strongly back to the All-Party Cycling Group report we published last September, this is about children actually wanting to cycle, and having the training and the confidence to do so safely."

More: www.stevebrine.com/cycling



BUSIEST SUMMER TOUR TO DATE



Steve and the team at the Fryern Arcade at the end of July

Steve's Summer Tour, now in its fourth year, was his busiest yet. Taking place while Parliament is in recess during August, it consisted of a Fryern street surgery, knocking on hundreds of doors across the constituency and even a supermarket surgery, held again this year at Sainsbury's Badger Farm.

Steve says; "Despite the implication from parts of the media that MPs spend the summer recess on the beach, the truth is many of us work hard in August and take our family holiday over a fortnight before the schools go back like everyone else. This year's Summer Tour was hard going because we did more dates than ever before but it's always great fun to meet so many different people and pick up a great deal of new casework along the way."

More: www.stevebrine.com/summertour14

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