



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

Another positive publication from local MP Steve Brine and the team produced at no cost to the taxpayer. It is delivered across Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and Millers Dale. A **Green Winchester** publication, printed on paper from sustainable forests.



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EDUCATION FOCUS FOR RISHI SUNAK

From a renewed childcare offer to big changes post-16, education reform is major focus for Government.

Big changes at either end of a young persons' education sit at the heart of Rishi Sunak's pitch for a fifth term and they have been welcomed by local MPs.

To support working parents, the Budget announced 30 hours free childcare for parents of children from 9 months to 3 years. This



Steve Brine on a recent visit to the transformed Kingfishers pre-school at Colden Common

will close the gap between parental leave finishing and the current free hours childcare offer beginning. It means eligible parents can access free childcare support from government all the way until children start school.

Steve Brine MP, who leads the early years group in Parliament says; "To support delivery of this policy the government will provide £204 million this academic year, followed by increases

each year after, to raise the funding rate for the existing childcare offer. We need to go further though - to address the unfairness of business rates charged to early years settings and

develop the workforce - otherwise we will continue to see closures. I am actively pursuing this and reminding Ministers of the big

increase in children from the 'Covid generation', with special educational needs, heading towards primary school in the next few years."

Meanwhile, a new 'Advanced British Standard' will transform A-Levels to put technical and academic education on an equal footing and ensure pupils study a form of English and maths until 18.

See more on page two and stevebrine.com/schools

INTRODUCING SAM JOYNSON



Image: Stuart Allen Photos

Local people have selected Sam Joynson to contest the new Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford constituency which will come into being at the next General Election. Steve Brine, who has represented the existing Winchester & Chandler's Ford seat since 2010, announced in June his decision to leave the Commons next year

and remains our MP until the end of this Parliament. Steve says; "Sam is local to the area so already understands the issues that matter to residents, and has the intellect, pragmatism and ambition to be a fantastic Member of Parliament."

More: samjoynson.uk

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HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

It's been a busy first 12-months for our MP since being elected Chair of the Health and Social Care Select Committee.

In that time, Steve Brine and his colleagues have championed many key issues. They've held inquiries into NHS dentistry, assisted dying, Integrated Care Systems, digital transformation of the NHS, pharmacy, and the future of general practice. He appears regularly on national TV and radio in his role as Chair.

Other work has included 'topical'



A recent visit to The Crick Institute in London to see first-hand some of the cutting-edge cancer research taking place.

sessions on youth vaping, the NHS Workforce Plan, the fallout from the Lucy Letby case and the long-running BMA led strikes.

The Committee's work often involves visits to organisations and companies within the health and social care sector across the country – and abroad – as well as providing detailed scrutiny to decisions taken by Ministers. ■



Pictured from left to right; Steve speaking in the Commons, chairing the cross-party Committee and taking part in a plenary session at 'NHS Confed' in Manchester alongside former Labour Health Secretary Patricia Hewitt.

FUTURE WORK ...



Prevention of ill health – Ten work streams looking at how we reduce demand on the NHS including healthy homes, vaccination, obesity and sexual health.



Future Cancer – A forward looking inquiry to explore what the next 20-30 years might bring when it comes to the detection - and treatment – of cancer.



Men's Health – Lifting the lid on a subject not often talked about in Parliament; this inquiry will seek to understand a wide range of issues relating to male health outcomes.

More: committees.parliament.uk

#PRIORITY NHS

ELECTIVE HUB BOUND FOR WINCHESTER

The business plan for Winchester's new 'elective hub' has now been approved by NHS England moving it a step closer to reality for patients.

The new facility, based at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, will provide new capacity to help reduce the elective backlog across the county.

Steve Brine told *The Chandler's Ford Post*; "This is further significant investment, as I promised, at Winchester hospital. Whatever happens eventually with the new hospital at Junction 7, improvements on the Winchester site for the benefit of my constituents are baked in." ■

stevebrine.com/prioritynhs



A recent visit to the RHCH by Steve Brine included the endoscopy department within Outpatients. This new tiny device - a video capsule endoscopy – is swallowed by the patient to give doctors a less invasive view inside your small bowel!



Steve visited the HC-One Care Home (pictured) behind the Dovetail Centre to meet staff and residents in Care Home Week. He also took time to speak with The Princes Trust about their work to recruit new staff into social care careers.

SMOKING POLICY RIGHT THING TO DO

The Prime Minister's announcement that he will create a smoke-free generation in England by changing the law so children turning 14 or younger this year can never buy cigarettes in their lifetime, is the very embodiment of a long-term decision says Steve Brine.

Our MP, who had been working with No.10 to develop the policy, said it will "save tens of thousands of lives given smoking remains the biggest preventable killer in our country today." ■
Read Steve's article:

More: stevebrine.com/smokefree

GHANA VISIT FOR MP

Last month Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, spent a week representing the UK at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Ghana.

As a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Steve connected with Parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth on joint campaigns including combating climate change, health and social care and equal representation in Parliament. The event took place in Accra from 30 September to 6 October. ■



More: cpahq.org

ADVANCED BRITISH STANDARD

The Government's new Advanced British Standard will transform A-Levels as part of world-class education system says PM Rishi Sunak.

The new standard will put technical and academic education on an equal footing, ensure pupils study a form of English and maths until 18, increase teaching hours and broaden options for young people. The policy was announced alongside a new tax-free bonus of up to £30,000 over the first five years for teachers in key shortage subjects. ■

SCHOOLS IN CHANDLER'S FORD

A group of Chandler's Ford primary school headteachers have met with their MP to raise key issues in the area.

Steve Brine MP convened the meeting between headteachers of local primary schools and officials at Hampshire County Council to discuss concerns conveyed to him around the perceived lack of strategic view of the impact of a falling roll in the area. The meeting, which included heads from SIX different schools, also covered Steve's ongoing campaign around universal infant free school meals and the issue of home educated



Steve Brine meeting with heads and senior officers from Hampshire County Council.

children. Headteachers represented included Chandler's Ford Infants, Fryern Federation and Merton Junior School. ■

More: stevebrine.com/schools

GOOGLING SAFELY ONLINE



Steve Brine meeting with heads and senior officers from Hampshire County Council.

Steve Brine MP visited Merton Junior School in Chandler's Ford recently to discuss online safety with the children in a special assembly. The event was hosted by Google as part of their Be Internet Legends programme, supporting children, families and schools across the country to stay safer on the web. The programme – delivered in partnership with Parent Zone - has already trained over 5 million children across the UK! Using his experience from sitting on the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, the Winchester and Chandler's Ford MP had the opportunity to speak to the children about the importance of being safe online and the dangers of misinformation. ■

More: beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com

WHO'S GONNA DRIVE YOU HOME?



Local taxi drivers have raised concerns following recent changes at Winchester Railway Station.

South Western Railway now have an exclusive partnership with a city taxi firm which means the rank directly outside the main entrance is ONLY available with its' drivers IF pre-booked. All council-licensed taxis – known as Hackney cabs - have been moved to the other side of Station Hill and Steve says; "There's a lot of confusion right now but the fact remains if you want a walk-up ride, and you haven't booked, you should cross over the road and follow the large 'Taxis' sign. If you are offered anything else it's contrary to licence and legislation." ■

More: stevebrine.com/news

The Winchester Faith Series is a new project from Steve Brine MP to gain a deeper understanding of the many different local faith communities across Winchester and Chandler's Ford.



Want to be involved?

stevebrine.com/winchesterfaithseries



WFS began with a special Friday night dinner at the home of Jake Wallis-Simons and his family. Steve (and his son William) joined for Shabbat to mark Rosh Hashanah Jewish New Year in September. In line with tradition, prayers were said and sweet breads as well as homemade chicken soup were served.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PASTURES NEW FOR MP



Steve Brine MP has announced he will leave the House of Commons at the next General Election.

The MP for Winchester & Chandler's Ford, who was first elected in 2010, said it was time to start a "new chapter" in his life. Steve's letter to his local association can be read in full at:

More: stevebrine.com/news

FUNTASIA LIVES UP TO NAME!

The sun shone for another successful Fryern Funtasia in May with thousands flocking to the Fryern Recreation Ground for a day of games, food and entertainment. Steve Brine, who joined local campaigners



Shelagh Lee and Albie Slawson at the event, said: "I've never missed Funtasia in my 13 years as MP for Chandler's Ford and this year was no exception."

'SMART' MOTORWAYS NO-MORE

Ministers have said any plans for new 'smart' motorways will be cancelled.



The promise delivers on the Prime Minister's leadership campaign pledge and includes the M3 between Winchester & Chandler's Ford. Steve Brine says; "This is the right decision and one we have been arguing for. The review into smart motorways has, to some extent, complicated matters around Junction 9 which can now proceed without this in play at least." ■

CLAIMANT COUNT STILL BELOW AVERAGE

While the number of local claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance has risen by 110 in the past 12 months, Winchester's claimant count remains low by national standards.

The city is 1.8% below the equivalent UK rate for 16-64-year-olds and 3% lower for 18-24-year-olds.

Westminster Report

More at stevebrine.com/westminster



STEVE & SAM AT THE SHOPS!



Steve Brine's Summer Tour 2023 concluded with a street surgery outside Waitrose in Chandler's Ford. He was joined by the Prospective MP for the new Eastleigh & Chandler's Ford seat, Sam Joynson, as well as former County and Borough Councillor, Judith Grajewski, and local campaigner Albie Slawson.

WESTMINSTER SHORTS

■ **End of the Yellow Brick Road** – Steve Brine continues to co-chair the all-party group on HIV/AIDS and the group will welcome musical legend Elton John to Parliament at the end of November for a special event to mark his work on the issue.

■ **New medical schools** – Ministers are making ADDITIONAL medical school places available at universities for next September. Most will be at new schools in Worcester, Chester and Brunel.

■ **Minimum service levels** – University students are being let down by relentless strikes so the Government will consult to introduce MSL in universities so students (and their parents) get the teaching they paid for.

■ **PM's stand against anti-semitism** - Rishi Sunak has made clear the UK will not tolerate anti-semitism in the wake of Hamas terrorism in Israel. "We will not tolerate this hatred in our country," he told MPs.



Our MP often appears on national TV and radio programmes; here on ITV's Peston! Follow Steve on Facebook for alerts when he's next on [fb.com/SteveBrineMP](https://www.facebook.com/SteveBrineMP)

OWEN'S LAW MAKES A NOISE

Owen Carey was celebrating his 18th birthday in London with his family and girlfriend when he suffered a fatal anaphylactic reaction. He had eaten a chicken burger, which was stated on the menu as being plain grilled, at a restaurant near the O2. It had been marinated in buttermilk to which Owen was highly allergic.

After meeting Owen's sister, until recently a constituent, Steve Brine has been backing the family's campaign for a change in the law to prevent other families suffering their agony. The latest milestone in the campaign came as the MP brought Owen's family (pictured) to see the Minister for Food, Mark Spencer MP.

Steve, who also raised Owen's case at PMQs with Rishi Sunak, says; "Food allergies can be just annoying but for some they can be



something awful. Owen had his whole life ahead of him so we are determined to realise Owen's Law in his honour."

Support: owens-law.co.uk

CHURCH LEADERS VISIT WESTMINSTER



Steve Brine with Revd Marcus Dickinson (Winchester Baptist Church), Rev Steve Chick (Hope Church), Rev Simon Cansdale (Christ Church), Revd Marianne Foster (St Lukes and St Marks Church) and Debbie Sellin (The Bishop of Southampton) at Parliament's annual National Prayer Breakfast in June.

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GREEN Winchester

Over the last decade, the UK has delivered the fastest reduction in emissions in the G7 - down almost 50 per cent compared to 1990 levels - while the economy has grown 75%.

Economic growth and climate action can go hand in hand.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak believes the debate about climate change is stuck between two



NET ZERO - WITH A PLAN!

extremes: those who want to deny climate change or abandon Net Zero altogether and those who want to go further and faster with no regard to the cost to people's lives or how much our country has already achieved.

He says; "We need to change this debate – and forge a credible path to reach Net Zero by 2050 that brings people with us and is properly transparent about the choices involved." Steve Brine adds; "I agree with the revised 2035

date to halt the sale of new petrol cars which is just realpolitik, understanding where we are, and giving local families more time to transition to heat pumps while significantly increasing grants to upgrade boilers.

"I disagree with new oil and gas licences in the North Sea – or indeed in Avington – and will go on saying so."

You can read much more on this subject, including Steve's September column for *the Hampshire Chronicle*, at stevebrine.com/greenwinchester