



Steve Brine's

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READY FOR CHANGE

Yes! But Chandler's Ford must vote for it says Steve Brine

The environment, Britain's economic crisis and the NHS were right at the top of the agenda for Chandler's Ford Prospective Conservative MP at this year's Party Conference in Manchester.

Local family man Steve Brine spoke in the main health debate and made a passionate defence of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. "I didn't move here to become the local MP", Steve told *The Chandler's Ford Post*. "This is my home and the place Susie and I want to bring up our family. Emily was born at the RHCH in 2007 and was at the front of my mind as I addressed conference on the importance of maternity services and A&E to the future of District General Hospitals."

You can see more on the back page.

As widely reported, George Osborne outlined specific measures to start tackling the country's damaging debt crisis. Steve says; "As I watched the Shadow Chancellor make clear, we are all in this together and we all have to deal with the legacy of this Government if we are to put Britain back on her feet.

"I was particularly pleased to see the focus on protecting vital public sector jobs locally and Military personnel on active service overseas as well as details of our ambitious programme of apprenticeships to give young people locally real hope of sustainable long-term jobs for the future."



■ Steve Brine attended the Climate Clinic/Stop Climate Chaos reception and signed a pledge ahead of the crucial Copenhagen Summit in December 2009. He says; "This is an extremely important summit, we must ensure that a 'real deal' is done at Copenhagen.

An agreement can only be considered a success if it is capable of keeping warming below 2 degrees Celsius (the threshold for dangerous climate instability). The UK government should not be afraid to blow the whistle if a proposed deal will fall short of securing

2 degrees. Conservatives also want to see a deal done to secure the future of our rainforests at the summit; the issue which originally got me involved in politics as a schoolboy." See much more on this story and Steve Brine www.stevebrine.com

TOO CLOSE TO CALL...

The next General Election in Chandler's Ford looks set to be another close run thing. "People don't want to be taken for granted" says Prospective MP – turn to page 3

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**FOCUS ON
TOYNBEE SCHOOL**

TOYNBEE – A SCHOOL ON THE UP!



In the last edition of The Chandler's Ford Post we focused on the issue of school places – it was a debate that stirred many emotions locally! Prospective MP Steve Brine visited Toynbee School recently and reports on a school that is really going places under the leadership of a new Headteacher.

The Headteacher of any school is vital to its success – and few places is that more true than at The Toynbee School in Chandler's Ford.

Matthew Longden arrived from Applemore College in Dibden Purlieu in January – within no time at all he had the Ofsted inspectors crawling all over the Bodycoats Road school. He needn't have worried; an upbeat assessment graded the school as "satisfactory" with "good" features.

You get the sense from Matthew Longden that he was not going to be satisfied

with... "satisfactory". He says; "The school has been through a period of real change, but has got massive potential. People looking at Toynbee now can see a school that is going places."

■ **Pictured: Head girl Louise Mabley with Matthew Longden, Steve Brine and Head boy Harrison Jones at Toynbee. Louise and Harrison gave Steve a full tour of the school during his visit at the start of October.**



Radio Toynbee!



Radio Toynbee is on the air, run by year 10 pupils, broadcasting every Wednesday and Friday. Prospective MP Steve Brine said; "Students prepare and produce their own programmes which are sent around the school via strangely telly-tubby like speakers. I was really excited to see this part of the school given my background of working in radio and was very impressed with the jingles they played me especially!" Pictured with Steve are budding DJ Harrison Jones and teacher, Lucy Wilkinson.

A Specialist Sports college



Many schools nowadays have specialist status awarded by the Specialist Schools Trust. Toynbee holds Specialist Sports Status and excels in athletics, basketball and football as well as dance which has blossomed since the opening of the new sports hall. This all-weather pitch is a great facility for community and school alike.

Parent voice...



Chandler's Ford resident Rachel Hooker recently contacted Prospective local MP Steve Brine to discuss Toynbee and is a local parent who is backing it in the ultimate way – her daughter Emily begins at the school next September.

Rachel told *The Chandler's Ford Post*; "We went to look around the school very recently with a small group of other parents and loved it. The pupils and staff were all engaged and focused on learning. We came away feeling sure the Headteacher has a very good vision of the future and what is important for each child. Matthew Longden is a very approachable man - particularly from what I have heard from parents of existing pupils."



STAYING AT HOME

Prospective Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine has praised a new service that is helping older people stay on top of their gardens. Hampshire County Council are working with the Shaw Trust to provide the subsidised programme for over 60's, launched in July 2009. Hampshire commissioned this service following consultation which identified garden maintenance support as a key factor that could assist people to stay in their own homes and maintain independence. Steve is pictured above with Mr & Mrs Bogan who are delighted with the help.

You can access the service by calling 0845 6044 643.

Fixing Traffic Problems in North Millers Dale

When local people complained about traffic problems in North Millers Dale the Liberal Democrat Council came up with a plan for a series of Humps, Bumps and Traffic Islands!

Conservatives however, came to the rescue with a common sense solution designed to help stop traffic from speeding through the estate and allow safer road crossings. Cllr Colin Davidovitz

said; "Local people told me they didn't want the 'Lib Dem humps' and I thought the money saved could be used to build safer road crossings in the estate road and a signalled crossing in Hursley Road. This would make it safer for North Millers Dale residents to cross the roads and to get to the schools, post office, recreation facilities and shops in Hiltingbury.

TOO CLOSE TO CALL

The next General Election in Chandler's Ford looks set to be close. Bookmakers Ladbrokes have local family man Steve Brine and the Liberal Democrats neck and neck, with both parties on odds of 5/6. Steve says; "The local Liberal Democrats seem to think this new constituency is already won but I don't think people here want to be taken for

granted. My message to local voters is – whatever the polls say, the next General Election will be much closer than many people think. Gordon Brown currently has a comfortable majority of seats in the Commons and it will take every possible Conservative vote to remove New Labour from Number 10.

OPEN NIGHT @ THE LOFT

Prospective MP Steve Brine dropped into The Loft Youth Club in Hiltingbury - and found himself hooked on the Wii! Steve is pictured with local parent Judith Grajewski (left), Kat Gale, Amy Stephens and Kat Holland from Solent Youth Action.

SYA have set up two youth nights at The Loft. Young people in the Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford area can drop in between 6.30 – 8.30pm on a Tuesday and get involved in a range of different activities including pool, Guitar Hero and other organised events.

The club can be found at 'The Hilt', the brand new community centre at Hiltingbury Recreation Ground, opened in May 2009. In addition, if you are aged 16-25 and interested in volunteering to boost your CV, get in touch with Kat Gale on 023 8027 1968 or volunteering@solentyouthaction.org.uk



HILTINGBURY EXTRAVAGANZA 09!



Steve Brine and his young family spent a fun afternoon at this year's Hiltingbury Extravaganza in September. "Emily was like a whirling dervish this year and thoroughly enjoyed herself. I always like this event because it shows everything that is good about the community and everyone gets into the spirit of things," says Steve. This year's Extravaganza raised just over £4,000 for the Hiltingbury Community Association which is currently pressing on with Phase Two of The Hilt.

NEWS-IN-BRIEF

ID Cards Update

The man aiming to be our next MP has confirmed his desire to see the back of Government plans for ID cards. Steve Brine said he was pleased to see some movement from Ministers in this regard but added; "I want to see the scrapping of the National Identity Register and ContactPoint database and a complete reversal of the rise of the surveillance state."

Honest Food Campaign

The Conservative Party's 'Honest Food' campaign has achieved a major success in its bid to improve country of origin food labelling by securing the backing of Tesco, the UK's largest retailer.



New Parish Council

Preparation continues at pace for the recently agreed Parish Council covering Chandler's Ford & Hiltingbury. Elections will be held on May 6th 2010 alongside the next Borough elections or one month later if, as assumed, a General Election is held on that date. Interested in putting your name forward? Contact Cllr Godfrey Olson on 023 8027 0074 or godfrey.olson@eastleigh.gov.uk

Speed Cameras

The Shadow Transport Secretary announced radical plans to improve road safety and end the relentless expansion of fixed speed cameras at the recent Conservative Conference. Theresa Villiers MP said that Labour's dependence on fixed speed cameras has "blinded them to the effectiveness of the alternatives".



Need more?

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Local Hospital praised at Conservative Conference

Prospective MP Steve Brine, spoke passionately in support of the local NHS when he addressed the Conservative conference in Manchester.

Speaking in the main health debate (pictured left) he said a strong District General Hospital in Winchester with obstetric-led maternity and consultant-led A&E and a large General Hospital in Southampton offering regional specialisms were the bedrock of the local health service.

He said; "David Cameron has pledged the NHS will be our number one priority in Government and it is my priority in the new Winchester & Chandler's Ford constituency. It's all about services available to local people and their sustainability in the long-term. I told the conference that we have good hospitals locally but I also reminded the Shadow Health team that rising costs, from nationally negotiated pay awards to the impact of the EU's Working Time Directive, were pushing local Trusts into difficult times".

Steve made clear that although he accepts change and reform in the service the focus must always

remain on services – not buildings or dogma – for the benefit of local people.



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■ Sleeves rolled up! Steve Brine on the wards at the RHCH chatting with staff, Chief Executive Martin Wakeley and Shadow Health Minister Anne Milton.

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- I can put up a poster at election time
- I pledge my vote to Steve Brine
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HILTINGBURY ROAD SCHOOL JUNCTION

Campaigners fear that children's lives are being put at risk on the junction of Hiltingbury Road and the road leading to the Hiltingbury Schools and Hiltingbury Recreation Ground.

Local campaigner Judith Grajewski (pictured) told The Chandler's Ford Post; "Children and parents walking to and from the schools using the crossing patrol are being placed in unnecessary danger by a few drivers who persist in turning right into Hiltingbury Road as they leave the school despite a clear 'no right turn' traffic sign advising that they should not do so between 8.30 – 9.00 a.m. and 3.20 – 4.00 p.m."

"Recent improvements at this junction have seen double yellow lines to prevent parking in the side road and traffic



calming measures to slow down drivers yet a few people continue to create a needless hazard to pedestrians."

Prospective local MP Steve Brine added; "The crossing patrol man does a fantastic job on this road,

busy in both directions, but has the added problem of vehicles turning right into his path from behind as they leave the schools. Action is needed now so that drivers get the message - NO RIGHT TURN MEANS NO RIGHT TURN!"

What do you think? Email us: campaigns@stevebrine.com

Meanwhile...

Hiltingbury Road is likely to become busier if outline development plans in Test Valley go ahead. New residents at Abbotswood (800 dwellings proposed) and Great Covert, North Baddesley (1050 dwelling proposed) will be passing through Hiltingbury to get to the M3 motorway unless steps are taken to create the necessary infrastructure to provide an alternative route.