



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

Another 100% positive publication produced at no cost to the taxpayer by your energetic local Conservative MP and the team. It is delivered by volunteers across Chandlers Ford, Hiltingbury and Millers Dale.

BACK PAGE

YOU MIGHT THINK THAT...

STEVE IN CONVERSATION WITH 'HOUSE OF CARDS', MICHAEL DOBBS.



STEVE SECURES MAJOR INVESTMENT FOR OUR AREA



Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine has helped deliver major investment in TWO local road schemes worth hundreds of millions of pounds in the past month.

Junction 9 of the M3 will see a comprehensive package of improvements worth upwards of £200m which needs major work to secure what is a crucial freight link via the A34 from the Midlands to the Ports on the south coast.

Steve says; "The work done there last year as part of the Government's pinch-point scheme was always for me part one of something much bigger so I am really pleased with this new deal. As I said at PMQs last month, it is essential for the country but also to clear the congestion which affects large parts of the city every time things back-up on the motorway.

More: www.stevebrine.com/junction9

"It will take time to deliver but I look forward to examining it, including how National Cycle Route 23 will be included, as detailed plans are worked up."

Meanwhile a new **quieter surface** will be laid on the M3 throughout much of Steve's Winchester & Chandler's Ford constituency.

Steve adds; "Back in the Summer, our long-running campaign to get the M3 motorway resurfaced came good as the Highways Agency brought forward plans to lay a quieter surface between junction 9-14. Now however, I am able to announce that work will be accelerated further, into this financial year with completion due by April 2015."

More: www.stevebrine.com/M3noise



Steve tries out a pair of the novel cufflinks

SUITS YOU SIR

Scouts come up with novel way to raise funds

The 2nd Chandler's Ford Ramalley Scout Group have come up with a novel way to raise funds for their new community hall – and they've enlisted local MP Steve Brine to help.

The scouts are selling their very own Lego cufflinks and Steve dropped in recently to hear all about it from District Commissioner Carolyn Derbyshire MBE.

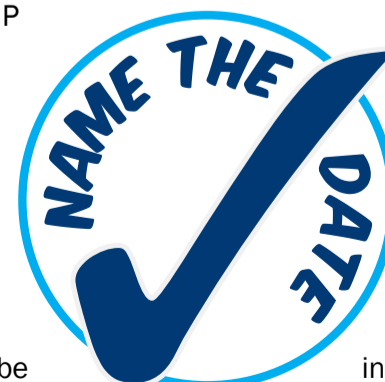
Meanwhile, Chandler's Ford Division Girl Guides have received £3,000 from Lloyds Bank Community Fund. It goes towards replacing their now demolished building in Ramalley Lane with a new Girlguiding Centre for Chandler's Ford which will be for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section use but also by the wider local community.

More and buy yours via: www.stevebrine.com/cufflinks

STEVE SAYS – NAME THE DATE NOW!

Steve Brine says name the date for the IN/OUT EU referendum he is supporting

The Winchester MP went against a three-line whip in the House of Commons back in November 2011 to call for a national poll, and although it is now party policy, he is calling for a proposed date to be published now.



He says; "If the Conservatives are re-elected in May the referendum WILL happen in 2017 after the PM's much trailed renegotiation. However, to underline this even further I want that date fixed now so we can all ink it into our diaries!"

More: www.stevebrine.com/wewantoursay

A Green Winchester publication, printed on paper from sustainable forests

Westminster Reflections

from Steve Brine MP

Since my election in 2010, I have focused on establishing myself as first and foremost a constituency MP. I promised to be the most accessible we've had and I hope I've achieved that.

But I am also a member of the House of Commons and have made the most of my time as first a backbencher and then a member of the Government.

I spent a year with Iain Duncan Smith at the DWP as a PPS (Parliamentary Private Secretary) working on our landmark welfare reforms but in the Summer of 2014 was promoted to be a PPS working across the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. I have also served on many standing committees examining key parts of our legislative programme; including the Green Deal, NHS reform, Offender Rehabilitation and Prisoner Voting.

FINAL PMQS BALLOT

I receive three pairs of tickets for PMQs each year. Many MPs give their allocation to friends or family, but I have always held a free and fair ballot for my constituents who are interested in going.

I have one allocation left this Parliament, on Wednesday 4th March, so if you are interested in entering the draw, visit

www.stevebrine.com/PMQs

SPEAKING ON THE ECONOMY

I recently spoke in a key House of Commons debate on the economy. Read/watch what I had to say

www.stevebrine.com/2014economicspeech



Questioning the Lord Chancellor at Justice Committee

JUSTICE SELECT COMMITTEE

I have spent over three years as a member of the influential Justice Select Committee, chaired by my friend Sir Alan Beith MP. It allowed me speak freely on subjects close to my heart such as reducing the prison population and reducing re-offending.

More: www.stevebrine.com/JSC

FAMILY MATTERS

RAISING THE PERSONAL TAX THRESHOLD

We've raised the personal tax allowance to £10,000 and will lift it to £12,500 if we remain in Government. This 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.

RAISING THE HIGHER RATE THRESHOLD

The Conservatives will raise the higher rate threshold at which people pay the 40p tax rate to £50,000. It is currently £41,900. This will be a huge benefit for my constituency.

FUEL DUTY

We've frozen fuel duty since coming into office saving some £570 on petrol costs each year if you fill up your car once a week.

AIR PASSENGER DUTY

From May, APD for under 12s will be abolished and from 2016 it will be abolished for under 16s. This has been a long-running campaign I've supported.

HELP TO BUY

Has already helped thousands purchase a home since its launch in March 2012. Locally 65 families have already been helped.

More: www.help2obuy.co.uk



With my 2 children; Emily (7) and William (4)

HEALTH

My strong constituency interest in health followed me to Westminster where I scrutinized some key parts of coalition health policy and worked closely with successive Health Secretaries.

Breast cancer

I have been co-chair of the All-Party Breast Cancer Group since 2010 producing a number of key reports and regularly briefing the Prime Minister.

Full story at: www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer

Children's Heart Surgery

I have worked a great deal on the major Congenital Heart Disease Review known as 'Safe and Sustainable'.

More: www.stevebrine.com/childrenshearturgery

I am also closely involved with All-Party work on Parkinson's, Ovarian Cancer, Autism, Maternity, Muscular Dystrophy and Speech Therapy.



With my breast cancer group co-chairs, Labour's Sharon Hodgson and Lib Dem Annette Brooke and (left) chairing our major inquiry into older people with the disease in 2013.

BUSINESS

Small businesses are the lifeline of the local economy.

Doubling the Small Business Rate Relief has been important and we will continue to cap the inflation-linked increase in business rates at 2%. The £1,000 discount for shops and cafes on the high street will increase to £1,500 and there will be a full review of the structure of business rates to report before Budget 2016.

We will increase the R&D tax credit for SME firms to 230%, the maximum allowed and extend the Funding for Lending scheme by another year – focusing it entirely on small businesses.



See more of my work in Westminster: www.stevebrine.com/westminster

HOCOMBE ROAD LORRIES



Steve Brine MP and Cllr Judith Grajewski survey the area just before Christmas.

Recent months have seen an upsurge in the number of concerns being raised by residents about traffic and safety along Hocombe Road.

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine says; "I and local Hilingbury councillors have been contacted by a number of residents and we have already opened discussions with Hampshire County Council to call for action to address their concerns."

The once quiet, tranquil country lane is struggling to cope with increased volumes of traffic, and heavy goods vehicles in particular. Since the traffic-calming chicanes were built 15 years ago, the problem has continued to grow; more and more traffic is travelling from the west to reach Junction 12 of the M3 as large developments are built in Test Valley, oncoming HGVs have been causing problems due to their sheer width and now residents have said that enough is enough.

Thanks to pressure from local residents and Steve Brine, Hampshire County Council is currently arranging a new survey of HGV traffic movements along Hocombe Road and may reconsider restricting HGV movements, subject to local support. In addition, Hampshire's Highways Department has met with local residents and agreed to submit the road for a programme of haunching (edge reconstruction) where the road is crumbling under the weight of heavy vehicles."

Cllr. Judith Grajewski added; "Speed is also an issue on Hocombe Road and I have asked the Borough Council if they could contact companies whose HGV's are regular users to remind their drivers that the speed limit is 30mph. I have also asked for more speed enforcement by the police."

The local team want to hear from you so we can work together and continue to press the County Council for action.

Email steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk or call 01962 791110.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FLOURIDE WIN

Much-derided plans to infiltrate fluoride into our water supply were finally killed off earlier this winter, to the relief of local residents.

Cllr Judith Grajewski, a trained chemist who campaigned for years against the unpopular proposal, said: "This is a real victory for us here in Chandler's Ford. While I could see the argument in favour, I am delighted that the threat to add fluoride into our water, which may adversely affect bone health, has now been defeated."

CF BOYS BRIGADE

MP Steve Brine visited 1st Chandler's Ford Company Boys' Brigade before Christmas to judge a special 'Great British Bake Off'.

The event, held at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, saw the boys hold a Q&A with the Chandler's Ford MP before the judging took place.



Boys' Brigade leader Ross Playle said; "The Bake Off was a great success with everyone having a great evening cooking and designing some baking that even Mary Berry would be proud of! Both the boys and the girls were very pleased to meet Steve and hear what he had to say."

CHANDLER'S FORD SURGERY

Steve Brine continues to hold a regular surgery in Chandler's Ford, in addition to his Winchester surgeries, which are open to local residents who wish to discuss an issue or concern with their MP.

Steve says; "I've always been pleased to pop down to Chandler's Ford for my surgery, because I know that for many, getting up to Winchester for an appointment may be a problem. Please do get in touch if you want to book an appointment."

ST SWITHUN WELLS

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine carried on with his mission to visit every school in his constituency by dropping into St Swithun Wells School in the Christmas term, on a day with a difference!



The school was taking part in the Children's Commissioner's "Take Over day", which meant that the Year 6 children took on key roles in the school. Steve said: "This was fun. I thought the two young lads who were 'headteacher' for the day did a great job in showing me around their school and hosting the special Question Time event we held."

MORE THAN A COLD GOES TO WESTMINSTER



The roundtable meeting in Westminster, chaired by MP Steve Brine.

November's Winter edition of *The Chandler's Ford Post* featured local mum, Alison Sanson, who is campaigning to raise awareness of a condition known as bronchiolitis.

Local MP Steve Brine is supporting Alison in her campaign and followed up some local publicity by hosting a roundtable of professionals in Westminster before Christmas.

The family, who live in Chandler's Ford, have twin boys and Alison says; "Parents of premature babies are often not told about the risk of winter viruses or given support to prevent them. Michael and Edward however, 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. We're very grateful to Steve for hosting the meeting in Parliament which brought together representatives from the NHS, charities and other parents."

More: www.morethanacold.co.uk

DEVELOPMENT FROM EASTLEIGH CHANDLER'S FORD PARISH CHAIR MARGARET ATKINSON WRITES...

With Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan on hold and in disarray after the Planning Inspector said an extra 10,140 new homes by 2029 will be insufficient to meet anticipated housing needs, residents in Chandler's Ford are understandably concerned.

One thing is certain – new development in the borough, including 1100 homes proposed for land south of Chestnut Avenue, will have a significant impact on our local roads and motorways and on air quality in Chandler's Ford.

While no major development is planned for Chandler's Ford, those of us wishing to travel around the borough and further afield will be gridlocked without the necessary infrastructure and public transport initiatives we so desperately need.

Working with Borough Councillors (of both parties and none) as well as our always engaged MP we will continue to speak up for Chandler's Ford.

Cllr Margaret Atkinson speaking with local MP Steve Brine recently on Hilingbury Road.



BRICKFIELD LANE JUNCTION

MP Steve Brine has been speaking to a number of Chandler's Ford residents who are concerned about safety on the Bournemouth Road junction with Brickfield Lane.

The Chandler's Ford MP has listened to residents who are worried about drivers contravening the no-right-hand turn, and has heard a suggestion that a traffic island is put in place to restrict this.

Steve said: "This is a tricky situation, and I have already been in touch with Hampshire County Council to make initial inquiries.

"As it stands, traffic officers tell me that the road is just not wide enough to install an island, and this would also create access and exit problems for residents opposite the junction. While I would encourage residents witnessing anyone breaking the law to report the matter to the police, I would be interested to hear from local people with their thoughts on this."

Contact:
steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk
or call 01962 791110.



Steve Brine with concerned local resident Maureen Mew who contacted him about the junction.

Even more
NEWS
IN BRIEF

NUISANCE CALLS UPDATE

Steve has had a huge response from local people following his work on nuisance calls which continue to pester – and worry – people across Winchester. He continues to work on a cross-party basis in Parliament and has welcomed Which? magazine joining the campaign, as well as tough new fines which can be imposed on companies who break existing rules.

CAPACITY ON THE TRAINS

Steve Brine has worked tirelessly during the course of this Parliament to improve services for the thousands of commuters he represents. He spoke recently in a Commons debate about the 'Wessex Route Plan' which is the best opportunity in a generation to address the big issues around capacity on routes into Waterloo.

More: www.stevebrine.com/trains

MUM'S IN THE KNOW

Fulford resident Lindsey Holland met Steve recently (pictured) to discuss Mums In The Know, a group created to help local parents keep in touch with local events and activities.

Lindsey explained how they are keen to become the first point of contact for parents looking for daily inspiration for entertainment for their children, and they enable busy parents to receive regular updates as to what's on and where, as well as lots of fun advice and hot topic discussions. Steve said: "Lindsey and the audience she caters for is very much the same age and stage as Susie and I so we had much to discuss. The site is growing fast and is really useful so check it out."

www.mumsintheknow.co.uk/winchester



WAYS TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MP

EMAIL
steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk
PHONE 01962 791110
WRITE Steve Brine MP,
House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA
WEBSITE www.stevebrine.com
TWITTER twitter.com/sbrine
FACEBOOK facebook.com/SteveBrineMP

STILL PRIORITY NHS

Steve Brine continues to work responsibly – and calmly – to keep constituents informed as proposals for a new critical care hospital locally are discussed. Last year he carried out a constituency-wide Health Check Survey and chaired two open meetings in Winchester – one focused solely on maternity services and obstetric care.

Steve says; "We are some way yet from the commissioners of local health services even agreeing to put these ideas out to public consultation but, 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 every chance to question it.

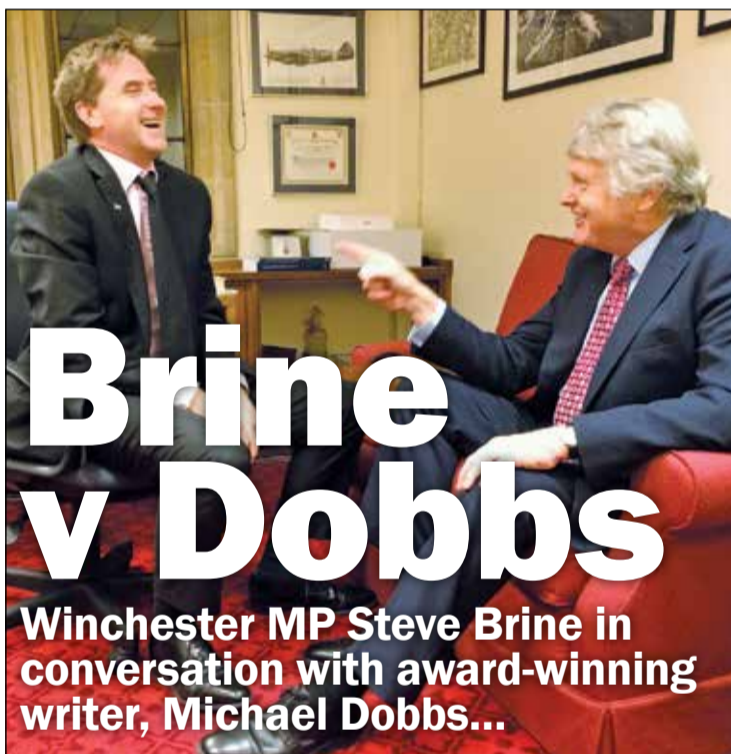
"I remain committed to keeping the best services in Winchester but to do so in a way that is sustainable and above all, safe. Some of the things being put about locally are the height of irresponsibility but I will continue to focus on the facts. After almost five years as the MP here, and someone



Stay updated on the facts: www.stevebrine.com/prioritynhs

who has actually had two children born at the RHCH, I hope my constituents know my commitment to the local NHS. "As I said to the BBC recently, I and many others welcome a £125 million investment in a new critical treatment hospital in the area providing the 24/7

world class consultant-led cover we don't have right now. There are of course questions that need to be answered if this were to move to a consultation including access by public transport to the new facility and the impact on services at Basingstoke and Winchester hospitals."



Brine v Dobbs
Winchester MP Steve Brine in conversation with award-winning writer, Michael Dobbs...

Brine – You are the writer and co-producer on the global hit series House of Cards, and thousands of my constituents have been watching Frank Underwood take up the mantle left by Francis Urquhart all those years ago in Westminster. Did you really think back in the 90s when you conceived the idea that it would get this big?

Dobbs – I had no idea I was going to finish the book, let alone get it published. The suggestion that it would change my life so completely would have seemed ridiculous. I'm not sure what I have done to deserve the role of FU being taken by two such outstanding actors as Ian Richardson and Kevin Spacey, but I have embraced every moment.

Brine – It's a great show, and Kevin Spacey is superb in the lead role, but honestly, how close (or not) is his character to reality?

Dobbs – It's fiction! Drama, not documentary. Although a huge

amount of the plot is lifted from real life, it doesn't pretend to be a balanced view of politics. The Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi was recently photographed in a Rome bookshop buying a copy of House of Cards. I wrote to remind him it was a work of entertainment, not instruction.

Dobbs – After five years in the House of Commons what do you know now that you wish you knew then?

Brine – I thought it would be hard work but nothing prepares you for the 24/7 nature of the job so I wish I'd got some sleep before arriving in Westminster! The truth is, whatever the media may say about Parliament and MPs, I don't see scallywags taking the public for a ride here. I see a group of people dedicated to improving our country and serving their constituents – and that's true of every party and none.

Dobbs – So you're standing again in May?

Brine – Yes, most definitely! It's been an incredible experience to join the House of Commons and to work within Government but it's the steepest learning curve I've ever experienced. Truth is, I'm a much better MP at the end of my first term than I was at the start and I want to take that valuable experience, for the benefit of my constituents, into a second-term.

Brine – You are a member of the House of Lords now, what's your focus there?

Dobbs – Well, the early part of this year was taken up with trying to push through the EU Referendum Bill, which was eventually destroyed by the Lib Dem and Labour parties. There's only one party that's going to give voters their say on Europe – us! The role in the Lords is also very helpful in raising money for charities. I have a 150-mile sponsored walk coming up in March which I treat as training for the general election!

Dobbs – I think it's well accepted that you work hard in your role as an MP. Do you ever get to relax and if so, how?

Brine – Music and my kids. I've got tickets to see Fleetwood Mac (with Christine McVie) this Summer at the O2 and can't wait. I dare say Glastonbury will beckon again come June. Having two young children has its moments as readers will know but they have a way of relaxing me and I just live for our family holidays on the beach (with Popcorn of course) in Devon each August.

JOIN OUR #Team Chandler's Ford

Would you like to join Steve Brine's winning team for Chandler's Ford as we head into one of the most exciting General Election's in years?

To get involved please return this form as below or email team2015@stevebrine.com

- I can deliver a few leaflets I will put up a poster
- I would like to join the canvass team
- I would like to donate to the fighting fund (Cheques payable to Winchester Conservative Association)

Name:

Address:

Email:

PLEASE RETURN TO:
Steve Brine MP, WCA, Manor Farm, Itchen Stoke, S024 0QT

Promoted by B. Carpenter on behalf of Steve Brine, both of Manor Farm, Itchen Stoke, S024 0QT and printed by Mortons Print Ltd, Media Centre, Morton Way, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, LN9 6JR.