



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

For Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury & North Millers Dale from Prospective Conservative MP, Steve Brine

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SCHOOL PLACES

Cameron Government will oversee positive changes to significantly increase the number of good school places available to Chandler's Ford parents.

Many local parents will have experienced the distress in recent years of failing to get their child into the school of their choice.

A growing population, often driven by more and more housing development, will only add to the pressure on school places meaning a radical new plan is needed. Conservative leader David Cameron and Shadow Schools Secretary Michael Gove, have outlined plans to open up the system to provide all parents with the sort of choice currently only enjoyed by the rich.

The party has looked to Sweden which has introduced a new system that has allowed the creation of many new high quality state schools that are independent from political control. Prospective Chandler's Ford MP, Steve Brine, says the proposals will be very welcome locally. "The education of our children is one of the most important things we do and I am regularly now in contact with parents for whom the current system is just not working. If we win the election we will institute a long-term programme to dramatically increase the number of good school places within the state system in order that we can meet the demand from every parent who lost their appeal for their first choice school."

"We will allow good schools to expand, and we have one of the best here in Thornden School, but we must remember not all local children are able to go there at 11. So we will also allow educational charities, philanthropists, existing school federations,



■ **Cameron Direct – inside: see what the Conservative leader was up to locally with Prospective MP Steve Brine recently!**

not-for-profit trusts, co-operatives and groups of parents to set up new schools in the state sector and access equivalent public funding to existing state schools."

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"LOCAL VOTERS CAN CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT" SAYS STEVE BRINE

In a wide-ranging interview the Prospective Conservative MP Steve Brine talks frankly to award-winning novelist Michael Dobbs about Chandler's Ford (and Westminster), what he really thinks of David Cameron and how family life has changed him.

Dobbs: What do you think are the biggest challenges facing this area at the moment?

Brine: The economy is without doubt right at the top of the list. People are worried about their jobs and although there is great affluence here, lots of people are struggling. Our family is like thousands of others locally; we are definitely feeling the pinch. I think we need a new Government to restore confidence and begin the massive task of returning our economy to a position of balance. That is big picture stuff but if we don't do that, and we carry on as a nation paying more in debt interest than we do in educating our children, the effect will continue to be felt here.



■ Michael Dobbs

general agreement he has acted decisively and in a way befitting a Prime Minister-in-waiting. And he has announced reforms to start to rebuild trust in politics and to take action on expenses. But in my view we won't end the current paralysis in government and in politics just by electing a new Speaker and setting new rules. We've got to give the public their voice and the country the chance of a fresh start. The only way that can happen is through a general election.

Dobbs: What can people expect if they do elect you as their next MP?

Brine: Well for a start they can expect a Conservative Government to replace this failing Labour administration that has been there for too long. It may seem as if the next election is all over for Gordon Brown but he still has the huge advantage of incumbency, it will take every possible Conservative vote to turn him out of Number 10 and I hope local voters will step up to the plate and play their part in doing that.

Of course I want to sit in the House of Commons and help a new Conservative Government deliver on its manifesto pledges - but I am standing to be the MP for this constituency and I see that as an end in itself NOT just a way to become an MP in Westminster. We have some good councillors in this area, of all parties, they do not need their MP to second-guess them all the time but they do need an MP to support them and trust them.

Above all I believe in Winchester & Chandler's Ford and I want to work as part of a team to make it an even better place to live. I utterly reject the negative attitude of my main political opponents who often run down this area for narrow party political gain. The Winchester constituency is a great place to live with a long history but I believe our best days are still to come and that's why you will only ever hear positive messages from me; I don't believe in wasting time or space in my leaflets telling tales on the Liberal Democrats. People here are smart and can make their own mind up about whom they want to represent them.

Dobbs: You know David Cameron well, what is he really like?

Brine: I wouldn't say I know him well but



■ 'In the Community'



■ 'At play'

Locally, I am proud to be working with exciting new initiatives such as the Hampshire Careers Network which is working directly with local job-seekers to help them get back into work. I also think the long-term future of the hospitals - in Winchester and Southampton - remain a top priority as does the huge challenge of new development and the pressure centrally imposed housing targets put on Chandler's Ford and its existing infrastructure.

Dobbs: What did you make of the Telegraph revelations about MPs expenses?

Brine: I remain every bit as furious as the people I seek to represent. I grew up in a modest family and was taught the true value of money. I don't care if the system allowed MPs to claim for trousers presses and taxpayer funded housing for their families, they should have known better and had the good grace to say no. I have run businesses and we would have fired straight away anyone abusing our system.

MPs, from all political parties, have done things that are unethical and wrong. David Cameron has apologised for the behaviour of some Conservative MPs and I think there is



■ 'At home'

we've met many times now and we've had a chance to chat privately. We first met in 2005 when he came to Eastleigh to launch our General Election manifesto and I thought then, he was pretty special. He just seemed to instil a great deal of confidence in people and he was ice-cool under pressure. I think David is a very consistent person and you need that if you want to be Prime Minister. He is serious, as he should be given the huge responsibility he will shoulder if he wins the election, but he is remarkably normal and makes you feel completely at ease. Family means the world to him which is something we definitely share; he has met my wife Susie on a number of occasions and our daughter Emily when he visited Winchester last year.

Dobbs: You mention the family; Susie and yourself have had a baby since you began doing this job, how has that changed things?

Brine: Emily was born in November 2006 at the Royal County Hospital in Winchester and, like most new parents, after nine months of preparation we thought we were completely ready for parenthood. Clearly we were wrong; Emily has changed our lives forever and it is absolutely brilliant!

At every stage you think it cannot be better than this and then they crawl, walk, talk and it is. I am not at home as much as I would like but I think we've given Emily a safe and stable home and she is a very happy little girl. She is hugely determined and strong-willed and we are both utterly lost as to where she gets it from!

Of course becoming a Dad has changed me but for the better I hope. I know more than ever what's important in life and whatever happens to me at the election, Emily and Susie will be there when I get home and that feels pretty good to be honest.

Dobbs: So, do you think you will win?

Brine: Whilst I take nothing for granted I am quietly confident that we have the right team locally and nationally. Nobody owns this area politically - not the Conservatives and not the Liberal Democrats. People tell me they like the fact I am a local family man, living here and working extremely hard to become the local MP.



■ 'In business'

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This is a great place to live and I remain determined to give this area the MP it deserves and one people can be truly proud of.

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■ Steve discussed Conservative plans with local residents.

ENDING THE GARDEN GRAB

Prospective Conservative MP for Chandler's Ford, Steve Brine, has welcomed a pledge to end so-called 'garden grabbing' if the Conservatives form the next Government.

'The promise from David Cameron comes within a major housing policy paper, entitled Strong Foundations. Steve says; "Housing and the many issues associated with it dominate my postbag, the local press and often the Local Area Committee meetings. I regularly share residents' concerns about proposed new developments, especially when they are out of step with the local area and lack local support. No-one however, should take that to mean I or the modern-day Conservative Party are anti-housing;

people need new homes but they must come from our communities and strengthen them not weaken them.'

"It was John Prescott who decided to classify back gardens as brownfield sites shortly after New Labour came to power in 1997 and the damage that has done across Chandler's Ford and certain parts of Hiltingbury has been huge. I have campaigned very hard alongside my Conservative colleagues locally to get this reversed if we win the election and am delighted to see it now in black and white from the Shadow Cabinet."

More: You see much more detail on the policy behind both of these announcements at www.stevebrine.com

Local voters back Conservatives

**WINNING
HERE!**

Popular County Councillor re-elected with increased majority as country turns blue in elections on 4th June



■ **Winning here!** Cllr Colin Davidovitz with Prospective Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine at the Fryern Arcade

Voters across Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and North Millers Dale went to the polls on 4th June for elections to Hampshire County Council and the European Parliament.

Locally it was Chandler's Ford County Councillor Colin Davidovitz up for election. Defending a majority from 2005 of just over 300 votes he was comfortably re-elected with a majority of 932, achieving more than 50% of the vote!

Cllr Davidovitz told *The Chandler's Ford Post* he was delighted; "I would like to thank all those whose support ensured my re-election and for the encouragement that I received from the many supporters that I met on the doorstep during the election. As the County Councillor for Chandler's Ford it is my duty to represent the wishes of

everyone in our local area irrespective of who they supported during the recent campaign and I will do my best to do this."

Elsewhere it was also good news for David Cameron and the Conservatives who gained hundreds of new councillors and won in every part of the country.

The Tories took councils from Labour and the Liberal Democrats including Derbyshire, run by Labour since 1981.

In the European Parliament elections the Conservatives won as many votes as Labour and the Liberal Democrats put together and are now the only party with an MEP in every region of the UK. Locally the Tories topped the poll, electing four MEPs for the South East region and pushing the Liberal Democrats into a humiliating third place.

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CAMERON DIRECT Tory leader comes to town



Conservative leader David Cameron visited the new Winchester & Chandler's Ford constituency with his popular Cameron Direct event.

More than 350 people packed into the main hall at The Kings School (in central Winchester) just before Christmas to hear Mr Cameron answer questions from members of the public.

During the hour long session, he covered a wide range of subjects from the flagging economy to the NHS, Afghanistan, knife crime, school places and population control. Mr Cameron said; "The point of these meetings is to hear directly from people about their opinions and concerns, I enjoyed

meeting people here and answering their questions."

Steve Brine, the Prospective Conservative MP organised the event. He said; "It was a real honour to have David here; I hope people found it enjoyable and informative. The extended applause at the end of the event was really warm and genuine. I thought it was really refreshing in this modern media age to see someone who wants to be Prime Minister, unscripted just answering questions straight from local people."

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