



Steve Brine's CHANDLER'S FORD POST

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FOCUS ON SCHOOL PLACES

Careful attention required says MP and County Councillor as popularity of local schools continues to rise.

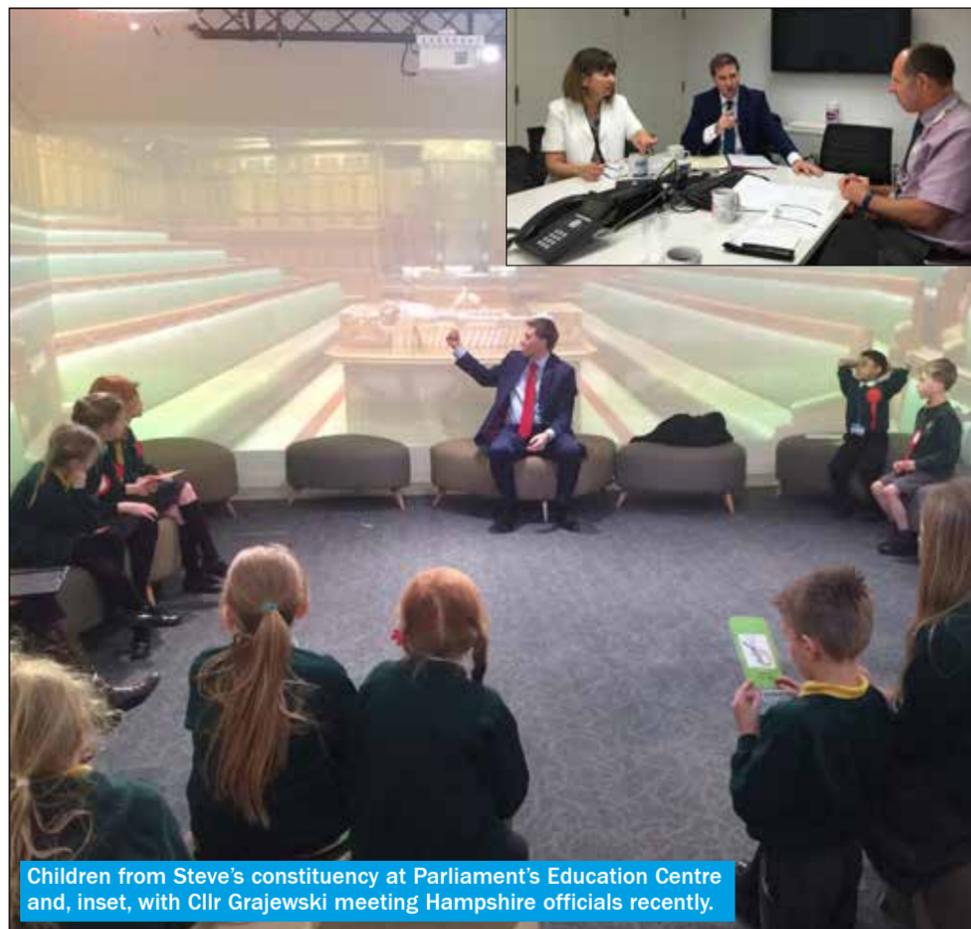
Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine, and County Councillor Judith Grajewski, are working together to secure the long-term success of schools in the area.

They recently met with Hampshire County Council to discuss some of the unique challenges schools across Chandler's Ford and Hiltingbury face as new development comes online and families relocate from nearby Southampton and Eastleigh.

Steve Brine says; "Chandler's Ford operates in a school place planning area that obviously includes those schools right here but also nearby at Otterbourne and, while there is clear capacity from within catchment to Reception Year, the problems appear to come slightly later.

"Families may start their children at school elsewhere but as they get older, and crucially as their careers allow, they make the move out of the city and find local schools are full as the system has filled with kids from outside of catchment. It's a really specific issue and really difficult for heads who often find themselves in an impossible position.

Cllr Judith Grajewski adds; "The other, clearly linked, challenge we face arises because there is a transition between infant and junior in Chandler's Ford requiring by law a new admission round. There are no easy answers but we are working to stay on top of the situation and plan to engage closely with local heads and HCC to see our issues are not overlooked."



Children from Steve's constituency at Parliament's Education Centre and, inset, with Cllr Grajewski meeting Hampshire officials recently.

At secondary level, Thornden will be hoping for another successful year as new Headteacher Su Whelan takes charge while over at Toynbee, the impressive transformation under Matthew Longden's leadership continues.

More: www.stevebrine.com/CFschoolplaces

■ In recent months Steve Brine has welcomed the following schools to Westminster: Hiltingbury Juniors, Harestock Primary, Perins, Twyford School, Stanmore Primary and St Bede. You can find out more about schools visiting Parliament on Page 2.

GOOD NEWS FOR LOCAL COMMUTERS

Big wins as the government publishes details of the new South Western rail franchise.



Steve joins the opening of the new Cycle Hub at Winchester this September

The Invitation to Tender has emerged for the company who will run future local train services.

Specified improvements include at least 95 additional services per day Monday to Friday from December 2018, earlier and later trains on many routes from December 2018, an increase of 20% in capacity at peak time from December 2020 and faster journey times on at least 70% of all services from December 2020.

Also included are an improved fares and ticketing experience that includes introducing smart ticketing to cater for part-time commuters, swifter compensation arrangements, improved punctuality and fewer cancellations.

Steve Brine says; "These are a very welcome list of demands from government, and it has been made clear to bidders that these are the bare minimum expected. Smart ticketing was a manifesto commitment I won so it's pleasing we're now seeing progress."

Network Rail invested over £3.6 million in recent years to deliver improvements at Winchester Station including the new footbridge and car park. The Department for Transport expects to announce the preferred bidder in February 2017 with the new franchise planned to start next June.

More: www.stevebrine.com/trains

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from the House

IN BRIEF

UoW PRAISED IN PARLIAMENT

The success of the University of Winchester's degree apprenticeship program was raised in the House of Commons in June. Responding to a question from Steve Brine, the Universities Minister said the Sparkford Road facility was "exceptionally strong", performing consistently well with regards to both student satisfaction surveys and graduate prospects.

Jo Johnson MP confirmed Winchester was "leading the way" in degree apprenticeships, and noted that 95% of its students go on to employment or further study.

CHURCH LEADERS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

Church leaders from across the constituency joined Steve in Westminster this Summer for a very special breakfast event.

The National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, which is organised by *Christians in Parliament*, is an annual opportunity for Parliamentarians and their guests to gather for a variety of speeches, music and prayer. Joining Mr Brine this year were Revd Phil Collins from Alresford, Nigel Hemming of the Winchester Vineyard Church and Revd David Rowe from Christ Church.



More: www.christiansinparliament.org.uk

CHILD SAFETY ONLINE

Chandler's Ford MP Steve Brine showed his support for Stand Up to Bullying day in July, ahead of a House of Commons debate on keeping children safe online.

Hosted by Eastleigh MP Mims Davies, the Parliamentary drop-in showed how industry is tackling this important issue. Steve met with Carolyn Bunting of Internet Matters at the event.

More: www.internetmatters.org

MP STRIKES MEASURED TONE ON IP BILL

Steve Brine spoke in measured but firm tones as he addressed the House on the Investigatory Powers Bill earlier this year.

Steve Brine told the Commons that the world will continue to be a dangerous place and warned we cannot stop the world because we want to get off as the terrorists continue to adapt to using new technology. The MP also spoke of his concerns over new powers being used inappropriately but added that many of his constituents will take the view that, if someone has nothing to hide, they have nothing to fear. "The truth is probably somewhere in between", he said. Read in full; www.stevebrine.com/IPBill

Westminster Report

Steve Brine writes; This year's referendum turned Westminster upside down, ended the career of one Prime Minister, made that of another and did who knows what to the Labour Party.

Brexit of course continues to be the big story as the Government respects the result and works to take Britain out of the political structures of the European Union. However, we're not leaving Europe so let me reassure constituents non-membership of the EU does not equal isolationism – in fact it's the very opposite.

I will be keeping a cool head as always, pressing Ministers on key areas of negotiation as we seek not only a soft landing on the other side of Brexit, but a new deal for our country that makes a great success of it.

And contrary to what you may read, there are plenty of other things going on at the same time in the mother of all parliaments. I hope you find this update interesting and please remember, you can see more of my work in Westminster via www.stevebrine.com/westminster

A SPECTRUM OF OBSTACLES

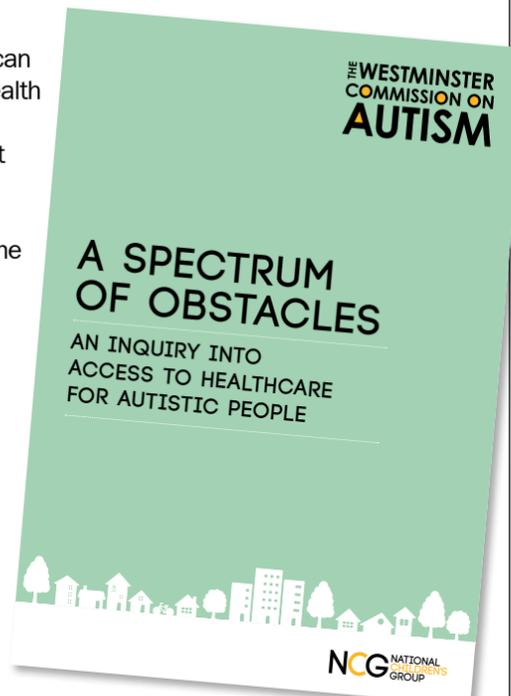
Steve Brine has warmly welcomed news that autism knowledge is to be included in the Initial Teacher Training Framework, after the All Party Autism Group campaign on the issue.

The MP says; "Our goal was for autism to be included in the new framework of core content for ITT courses, and it's great this has finally happened."

At the same time, a new report from the Westminster Commission on Autism has called for improved access to healthcare for all autistic people following a major inquiry.

Steve adds; "This population group can have increased health risks and reduced life expectancy, yet still face multiple obstacles to accessing the same healthcare that other population groups enjoy. It is clear that the knock-on effect on physical and mental health, and subsequently on employment chances, leads us to request positive action now."

More: www.stevebrine.com/autism



A COUNTRY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE



Steve Brine has welcomed the vision set out by Theresa May in her first conference speech.

The new PM set out a clear case for the "good that government can do", and how she wants to address a "deep and justified sense many people feel that the world works for a privileged few, but not for them."

The local MP was pleased to see working families at the heart of Mrs

May's agenda. He said: "We have an awful lot to be proud of over the last six years but this is about moving forward.

"Focussing on housebuilding, robustly going after businesses who avoid their taxes, putting workers on company boards and strengthening workers' rights are just some examples of a wider package to tackle unfairness and inequality. All alongside, of course, making a success of Brexit."

VISITING WESTMINSTER

As trailed on the front-page, Steve enjoys welcoming schools and constituents to Parliament. He says; "Hosting schools in Parliament is one of the best bits of my job. Any constituency schools who've not made the trip should definitely get in touch."

More: www.stevebrine.com/visitingwestminster

Steve has also once again thrown open his allocation of PMQs tickets to constituents and is inviting entries now for **Wednesday 7th December 2016** and **Wednesday 22nd March 2017**. Find more details on PMQ ballots and tours, plus access to Big Ben after its refurbishment, via the link below.



Hiltingbury Juniors held a Q&A with Steve in June 2016

NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Two million steps campaign launched after local MP lands £2m in Budget.



The team at Southampton with MPs and campaigners and, inset, Steve launching #2MillionSteps in Parliament earlier this year

Chandler's Ford and Winchester MP Steve Brine is playing a key role in the campaign to bring the first dedicated children's hospital to the South.

Back in the Spring, he welcomed £2m of matched Government funding announced by the Chancellor and is now backing the #2MillionSteps campaign which aims to raise the other half.

The push for the facility, to be built at Southampton General Hospital, is being led by well-known actors Sarah Parish and Jim Murray. The couple, who live near Winchester, set up the Murray-Parish Trust after they lost their eight month old daughter at the hospital in 2009.

They joined forces with Steve, the Southern Daily Echo and a cross-party group of MPs to make the new facility a reality.

Steve Brine told *The Chandler's Ford Post*; "We were delighted to receive the money in the Budget and now our focus moves to local fundraising."

In other news, Southampton has been confirmed as a regional centre of excellence for paediatric cardiac surgery after the **congenital heart disease review** finally concluded this Summer. Steve adds; "This has been a long and slow process but it had to be right and, above all, it had to be clinically sound. I know there has been a rigorous assessment by clinicians taking a national overview to deliver world class outcomes for children and their families and that is as it should be."

www.stevebrine.com/childrenshospital

HGV UPDATE FROM JUDITH



Cllr Judith Grajewski



Thanks to a campaign from local Conservatives to tackle the problem of HGV's on local roads, Hampshire County Council has taken action.

Cllr Judith Grajewski told *The Chandler's Ford Post* "Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles" signs have been installed at both ends of Hocombe Road and Hiltingbury Road in

an effort to deter large lorries from thundering along what are unclassified residential roads.

In another move requested by the councillor, Romsey has been removed from the directional sign at the roundabout near the Nuffield Hospital.

Cllr Grajewski said; "Since being elected to the County Council in the by-election last October, I've had numerous lengthy meetings and email exchanges with senior officers to discuss both the existing traffic issues and the impact of further development in Test Valley. I am very pleased to see that the County Council is listening."

More: www.stevebrine.com/chandlersford

RAILWAY CROSSING UPDATE

Steve Brine met up with a team from Network Rail this Summer to be briefed on plans for a new footbridge at the level crossing by Sutherlands Way in Chandler's Ford.

Network Rail aim to reduce risk at level crossings across the whole Wessex Route. This crossing has been assessed as the 7th most dangerous in the region, and they have witnessed three incidents of misuse in the last year alone, one of which involved two young girls. Steve says; "It was very useful to receive this briefing, and I understand they have to assess the risk of all level crossings. Safety, especially for young people, has to be paramount. However, it is disappointing that a step-free access solution is not proposed".

Whilst an application to divert the present right of way across the bridge is still to be decided by Hampshire County Council, the footbridge work will start in October and last for three-months. If, the County Council makes an order to divert the right of way, residents will be able to comment on the order.



The old crossing and Steve with the NR team in Costa at the Fryern Arcade

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COUNCILLORS ACTION AT FRYERN ARCADE

Local councillors have unanimously passed a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which will create a no-drinking zone in and around the Fryern Arcade.

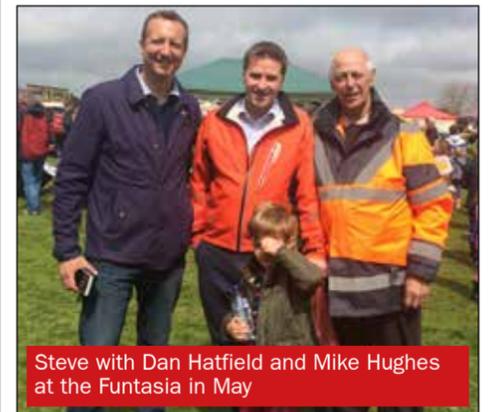
The Order, which will be in force for the next three years, also has the support of local police and the majority of shopkeepers in the area.

More: www.stevebrine.com/chandlersford

MORE SUCCESS FOR LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

The Conservatives consolidated their strong position in Hiltingbury this May as they welcomed a new face to Eastleigh Borough Council.

Well-known councillor Mike Hughes was comfortably re-elected in Hiltingbury West while Dan Hatfield, who was standing for the first time, won with a majority of over 400 in Hiltingbury East replacing Godfrey Olson who had served on the council for sixty-one years. The results followed Cllr Judith Grajewski's comfortable win in the HCC by-election last year, where she polled over 580 votes more than her nearest challenger.



Steve with Dan Hatfield and Mike Hughes at the Funtasia in May

DEMENTIA CONVERSATION

A Memory Support Group meets at the Dovetail Centre from 2-4pm each Wednesday afternoon to offer a friendly get-together, over tea, coffee and biscuits for everyone affected by dementia.

Find out more about the group, which is run by One Community in association with the Alzheimer's Society by calling Mo Martin on 023 8027 0813.

More: www.1community.org.uk

PITT VALE BID THROWN OUT

A proposal by Linden Homes to build 350 houses at Pitt Vale has been rejected by Winchester City Council.

Plans for the site, which is between Hursley and Winchester on a greenfield site, have been highly controversial with Steve Brine and Winchester councillor, Jan Warwick, hearing from a large number of residents.

Steve Brine said: "This was the right decision. We have spoken to so many constituents over the past two years so know just how relieved they will be. Moving forward, speculative developers should be very aware that Winchester, unlike neighbouring Eastleigh, has a signed-off Local Plan and will defend it robustly."

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SAINTS LEGEND OPENS NEW PAVILION

The village of South Wonston has a brand new Pavilion - officially opened in September by Lawrie McMenemy.

MP Steve Brine attended the event, alongside Cllr Stephen Godfrey who lives in the village, the Mayor of Winchester and local residents.

Cutting the ribbon, the Saints legend spoke of his support for the new half-a-million pound facility situated at the Recreation Ground. It has been managed by South Wonston Parish Council with financial support from The Football Foundation and the Ministry of Defence.

FUNTASIA DOES THE TRICK AGAIN

Steve took his young son William to Fryern Funtasia in May, as he met up with councillors, residents and members of Chandler's Ford Churches Together and the Chandler's Ford Rotary club.

Steve said: "This is now firmly established as a staple on the Chandler's Ford diary and huge credit to the organisers, especially Mike Hughes, for making it happen safely and with so much going on."

NEW PAVILION AT FRYERN REC

The newly extended Pavilion and Parish Council office at Fryern Recreation Ground was opened by the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire in March.

Having heard from parish council chairman, Cllr Margaret Atkinson, and the choir of Fryern Junior School who performed two wonderful songs, Nigel Atkinson planted a tree to replace one that his predecessor Dame Mary Fagan planted in the Jubilee Garden.

AWARD WINNING BUSINESS LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

Steve Brine recently visited an award-winning local business as the latest employment figures for Winchester show our area continues to be among the very best in the country. Just 0.7% of the economically active population aged 16 to 64 are currently looking for work.

Anchor Pipework, who are based in Otterbourne, scooped the main Business of the Year Award at the 2016 Winchester Business Excellence Awards. They provide heating and energy systems for clients across the UK as well as working locally with companies such as Holiday Inn, Winchester Science Centre and the Cathedral.

Steve met with Managing Director Ian Paxton, who shared his experience of the challenges and prospects of leading a

small business in the current economic environment, and chatted to the wider team on a range of issues including the implications of Brexit, support offered to businesses and how the company has grown since its formation in 1983.

The MP also heard about Anchor's commitment to training and its successful apprenticeship scheme through which youngsters receive either an NVQ2 or 3 and continue to work and train with Anchor as qualified engineers.

He says; "We have a clear manifesto commitment to create three million new apprenticeships in this Parliament and Anchor is clearly a hard working local business deserving of the recognition it received at this year's business awards. The commitment that Ian and



Steve Brine with Ian Paxton and the Anchor apprentices at their Otterbourne HQ

the team show to the development of young people through the Anchor apprenticeship scheme is impressive and speaks for itself. I wish the lads I met all the best with their futures."

More: www.anchormaintenance.co.uk

SUMMER2016

The Summer months saw Steve once again hold a series of events during Parliament's annual recess.

Chandler's Ford Fryern surgery

Alresford street surgery

Sainsbury's supermarket surgery with Cllr Jan Warwick

Stanmore Party in the Park

Easton Fete pulling pints

Weeke with Paul Twelftree and Cllr Ian Tait

More: www.stevebrine.com/summertour

IncuHive business hub impresses



Steve visited IncuHive on the Chandler's Ford Industrial Estate recently where he saw how the centre provides mentoring, investment, office space and networking for small local businesses.

More: www.incuhive.co.uk

Sam's 40th celebration!



Winchester Samaritans celebrated 40 years of service to the local area this July and Steve Brine was delighted to thank them personally during their celebration at Wolvesey. Steve with Mayor Cllr Jane Rutter and the Sams team.

More: www.samaritans.org

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