

As we start a new year Focus looks forward to a: **New Cinema for Eastleigh**



- **Above: A visualisation of the outside of the new complex**
- **Right: A visualisation of first floor link between the leisure and shopping areas of the Swan Centre**



Cllr Bruce Tennent reports: 2009 will see a new leisure complex opening in Eastleigh at Easter. The scheme, which many of you will have seen in construction, consists of :-

- A nine screen cinema operated by "Vue" - you may have visited their cinemas at Basingstoke and Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth.
- A 20 lane bowling facility operated by AMF.
- Nando's family restaurant specialising in spicy chicken
- Frankie and Bennies Family Pizza Restaurant with a 1950's Italian/American style.

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The £25 million contemporary leisure development in the centre of Eastleigh forms an extension to the Swan Shopping Centre and will act as the catalyst for the regeneration of the town centre. It is almost complete and will form an impressive skyline to the town centre.

Cordwell Leisure Development, partner to Swan Shopping Centre owners Prudential and Eastleigh Borough Council, reports that despite the summer weather conditions and steelwork delays, the centrepiece nine-screen Vue Cinemas multiplex will open at Easter. When the 125,000 sq ft impressive leisure development scheme is fully opened the combined retail and leisure Swan Centre complex will total nearly 350,000 sq ft.

Whilst the Council has an interest in the Swan Centre and is promoting town centre regeneration, the project is being funded by the property arm of The Prudential. The developer is Cordwell who are based in the West Midlands. The contractor is Warings who are a Portsmouth company.

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Calendar for 2009 showing school & public holidays

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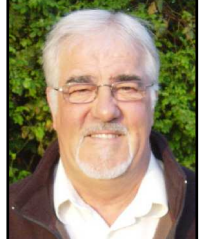
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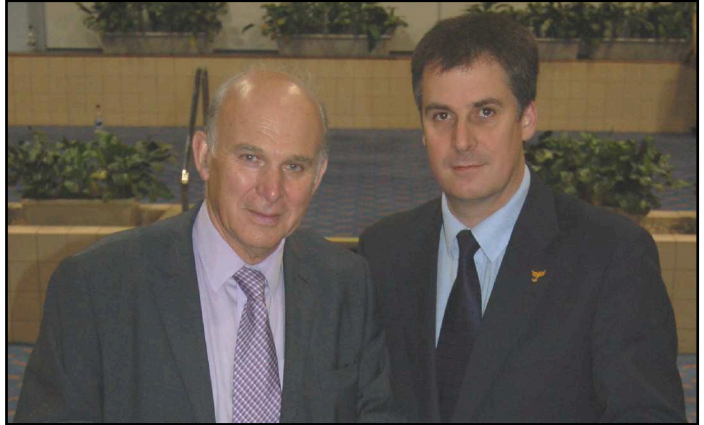
After the 10p tax fiasco & 2.5p VAT cut what the economic situation actually demands is a:

Fairer Economic Future

Cllr David Goodall reports: People today are struggling with spiralling debts, rising food and energy bills and unaffordable mortgages. A decade of complacency by Gordon Brown has meant that with plummeting house prices, falling growth, inflation problems and rising unemployment, the UK economic outlook has not looked so bleak since the 1990's Tory recession.

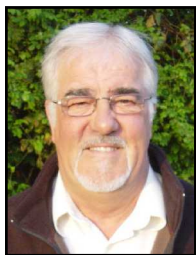
Liberal Democrats would:-

- **Cut taxes from the bottom up** - to help millions of families make ends meet and boost the economy
 - **Cut wasteful government spending** - things like ID cards, industrial subsidies & wasteful IT projects
 - **Effectively regulate the banking system** - to prevent irresponsible lending & business practices
 - **Invest to make a real difference** - with programs to improve the long and short term, for example:-
 - insulate schools, hospitals and homes;
 - boost the railways with new carriages, tracks and stations;
 - build 40,000 new zero carbon social houses
- **Cllr David Goodall with Liberal Democrat Shadow Chancellor Vince Cable MP**
 - **Close tax loopholes** - to make big business and the super rich pay their fair share
 - **Stop the boom/bust housing market** - by requiring the Bank of England to take house prices into account when setting interest rates



The governments ineffective answer - a 2.5p VAT cut that benefits the haves more than the have-nots.

Chris Huhne Calls for Public Inquiry into Lorry Park



Cllr Tony Noyce reports: Eastleigh MP Chris Huhne is calling for the Traffic Commissioners to conduct a full inquiry into the lorry movements in and out of Chalcroft Distribution Park in West End.

In a letter to the Traffic Commissioners Mr Huhne said that the park was never intended to be used intensively for road distribution.

He said: *"It was originally a victualling depot for the Royal Navy with access by rail, and yet it has grown like topsy into its current status without any explicit decision by the planning authorities. As such, it is sited extremely inappropriately both for local residents and for road access."*

He also cited problems of vibration, noise, road safety, night-time disturbance, and lack of easy access. I for one full fully back this call as do all the focus team.



Free Swimming



Cllr Joyce Sortwell reports: From next April, under 16s and over 60s will be able to swim for FREE at Fleming Park Leisure

Centre, thanks to Eastleigh Borough Council deciding to take part in a national scheme to boost fitness for young and old alike.

Unfortunately the good people of neighbouring Southampton are not so fortunate, because the Conservative run City Council there has decided not to take part. So their local pools will not provide the benefit of free swimming.

Liberal Democrats for a Fairer and Greener Britain