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FAREHAM NORTH – Autumn 2016

Swimming gold medallist Adam Peaty opens showpiece leisure centre

Rio Olympics hero admits: 'I was scared of water as a child'

OLYMPIC swimming hero Adam Peaty opened the £9m state-of-the-art Holly Hill Leisure Centre and admitted:

"Although it might be hard to believe, I was actually scared of water when I was younger."

Adam, who triumphed at the Rio Olympics by winning Team GB's first gold medal in the 100m breast-stroke breaking his world record set the day before, was acutely afraid of being bathed as a young boy.

The 21-year-old super star was full of praise for the showpiece centre in Sarisbury which boasts a 25-metre pool with 6 lanes and a learner pool, gym, spinning room and dance centre.

In a landmark day for the Western Wards, he told guests: "I know how important it is that we educate more people about the health and safety benefits of swimming, especially those who live in coastal areas such as Fareham.



North Ward Councillors Louise Clubley and Pam Bryant meet Adam Peaty at the new centre.

"I think the pool here at Holly Hill Leisure Centre will go a long way in helping to do that.

"It's also at local pools like these where future athletes are discovered and, for me, it's very exciting to think that could happen here at Holly Hill."

A plaque was unveiled at the cen-



It's not often you get a swimming lesson from an Olympic champion.

tre by Adam and the Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Connie Hockley.

Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "This is the delivery of my longest standing pledge, made over 25 years ago, and I am so grateful to all those who made it possible.

"It is the culmination of a project which began after our suggestion, strongly supported by residents, that we needed another swimming pool in the Borough."

Over 2,000 people have signed up for membership and the centre is open to all.

Fareham's Conservative-run Council has also provided new sports pitches near the leisure centre, worked with volunteers to improve the woodland and lake and has also agreed a £130,000 multi-use games area which will be provided in the new year.

Drivers asked to be patient as £90m road improvements move apace

AN APPEAL for drivers to be patient during major road works disruptions around Segensworth has come from the town's two Conservative County Councillors.

Work was starting on October 24 to widen the A27 between Segensworth roundabout and the Titchfield gyratory to 2 lanes in both directions.

Councillor Chris Matthews said: "I know there has been a lot of disruption

to journey times with the Peel Common roundabout improvements and those between Gudge Heath Lane and the station roundabout but these improvements are vital for the local economy."

The Conservative-led County Council, despite ongoing cuts in Government funding, is investing £90m in road improvements and, thanks to the hard work of local

councillors, many improvements are being made locally.

Councillor Peter Latham said: "This considerable investment in road maintenance and improvement demonstrates that we have the capacity to prioritise schemes which will ensure economic growth, improve journey times and road safety and provide better access to employment for people in the local area."



NEWS ROUND

Bad parking

Residents of Red Barn Lane have been experiencing problems with commercial vehicles blocking their drives, particularly at weekends and evenings

Councillor Pam Bryant is working with highways officers to find a solution to this inconsiderate behaviour.

After complaints about the danger of displacement parking in Trinity Street, officers reviewed several options and consultations are being carried out to stop parking near junctions before a major accident occurs.

Dog poo

Reports of dog poo not always being picked up are still being received, particularly in Park Lane recreation ground.

There are plenty of bins around the park to dispose of bags and it would be much appreciated if everyone helped to keep the area clean and tidy.

Grants for good causes

Conservative County Councillors Peter Latham and Chris Matthews are using their grants to support local organisations.

Chris said: "I have recently provided support to the Southern Domestic Abuse Service and Solent Mind for projects in the local area as well as supporting a group to provide alcohol and drug education in a local school.

"These grants are essential to improve the lives of people in Fareham."

Peter has supported Fareham School of Gymnastics and a non-profit housing association within the homeless sector, helping with resettlement to give residents a chance of a meaningful future.

He also provided funds for fitting a defibrillator at a local church.

Team's meadow work praised

FAREHAM'S Conservative Councillors spent a day visiting every ward across the borough, looking at improvements and work completed in each area.

Members were most impressed to see the work completed by Mark Trigwell and the Countryside Team during the past few years at Funtley Meadow.

Although the weather was bad on the day of the visit, with mist hampering the view, it was agreed this area with its natural ponds and wild flowers was a fantastic asset for village residents.

PHOTO: A soggy day didn't stop Council Leader Seán Woodward and ward Councillors Louise Clubley and Pam Bryant looking at Funtley Meadow.



Funtley parish council bid fails

COUNCILLORS ruled out a bid to set up a parish council in Funtley. Following deputations from two Funtley residents, members agreed all representations received during the consultation had been fully considered and recommended that no change to the existing local government arrangements was needed.

Councillor Pam Bryant said: "Owing to the small size of the Funtley electorate, a parish council would not constitute the most effective or convenient way of engaging the community and empowering it in relation to its contribution to wider Fareham Borough issues."

These could be achieved through Funtley's status as a consultee for planning and other local issues which the Council is committed to support.

The perceived benefits of a parish council would, in this case, be outweighed by the added tier of local government and some residents were concerned about paying an extra precept on their Council Tax.

All the fun of the fair as play scheme draws in thousands of youngsters



THIS YEAR'S summer play scheme attracted 6,500 young people from across the Borough for a feast of free fun and games.

The Council put on a range of exciting activities to keep children and their families entertained over the summer holidays.

Children under 11 years had their own fun events, with mini play mornings and activities for 11 to 16- year-olds were bigger and better, too.

Fareham Leisure Centre staff were very supportive on the two occasions Park Lane recreation ground was used in conjunction with the centre.

Scuba diving was again a popular activity, with a much better experience being enjoyed in the centre swimming pool.

On the final day in mid-August, Charles Cole had his funfair in the park with free rides all afternoon,

during which the dodgems proved most popular.

Grateful thanks go to the Council staff, many giving up their own time, and Y Services youth workers and members of the Rotary Club of Fareham who provided marshalling at all events.

North Ward Councillor Louise Clubley said "It was amazing to see so many youngsters take part in so many fun activities they would normally never do."

PHOTO (l to r): North Ward Councillors Pam Bryant, Louise Clubley, Fareham Mayor Councillor Connie Hockley and Consort County Councillor Geoff Hockley and Executive Member for Leisure Councillor Sue Bell at the funfair.

Admiring the garden with the golden touch



THIS KILN ROAD couple's garden is a real showpiece.

Rob and Sue Herbert deservedly won gold for the second year running in the Fareham in Bloom competition.

It is one of the prize-winning gardens that open to the public on one Sunday in July. Councillor Pam Bryant and John Bryant visited the Herberts' garden and were full of admiration.

Pam said: "The opening of some stunning gardens has become a welcome annual event, which attracts large numbers of visitors, with all donations going to the Mayor of Fareham's Charity Appeal. This year's entry raised £2,500 for the Mayor's charities."

PHOTO: Local resident Mrs Dorothy Jones and Pam Bryant admire the Herberts' gardening skills.

Remember to recycle

FOR the last few years, the Council has sent 33/35% of domestic waste for recycling – one of the highest rates in Hampshire.

There is a network of 35 'bring bank' sites across the Borough, annually producing around 2,000 tonnes of glass.

Councillor Louise Clubley says, "Residents are permitted 2 recycling bins if required with one sack of garden waste that the Council collects fortnightly. You can also buy disposable bags at the Civic Office at £24.50 for 25 bags or £6 for 5 bags."

Jan makes sure Burnham Wood is an outstanding floral success

SEVERAL residents from Fareham North were worthy winners in this year's In Bloom competition.

Awards were presented at a packed Ferneham Hall for the annual presentation evening.

Our two pubs, The Miners Arms in Funtley and The Jolly Miller, both received awards for their floral decorations.

Burnham Wood residents, who work collectively to keep their gardens and surroundings pristine, gained the highest award of 'outstanding' with their entry in South and South East In Bloom category 'Your Neighbourhood'.

They also received a gold award at Fareham In Bloom.

Burnham Wood resident Jan Purnell, who received personal awards for her own entries, makes sure there is a real community spirit and encourages her neighbours to have some colourful gardens.



IMMACULATE: Burnham Wood stalwarts Brian Green, Jan Purnell and Keith Purnell celebrate outstanding success at In Bloom competitions.

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Let's go into the world and make Brexit work for us



I am delighted that Prime Minister Theresa May has laid out plans for making Brexit a reality.

Our future relationship with the EU will reflect an agreement in which we will decide for ourselves how we control immigration and can pass our own laws.

We want to give British companies maximum freedom to trade with and operate in the Single Market – and let Europe and businesses do the same here.

Article 50, the point at which we begin our formal negotiations to leave the EU, will be invoked before the end of March 2017.

The Government will also introduce a Great Repeal Bill to remove the European Communities Act from the statute book on the day we leave, meaning that the authority of EU law in Britain will end.

Let's now have the confidence in ourselves to go into the world, securing trade deals, winning contracts, generating wealth and creating jobs.

Suella



FERNANDES MP for Fareham

An invitation to my Senior Citizens' Fair

TOO OFTEN we hear about problems that can accompany the ageing process, including loneliness and isolation. In my opinion too little is being done to tackle these issues.

Kindly supported by the Rotary Club Meon Fareham, I am hosting a fair on Friday, November 25 (3pm - 5.30pm) to bring together the huge variety of interests and activity groups we have in our community, enabling people to browse these at leisure and chat with representatives of different organisations.

Stands will include: health and fitness, hobbies, voluntary services, home support, financial advice and bereavement services.

Demonstrations will be held on stage as well as a coffee and cake session with me.

Many activities will be on offer such as physiotherapy and sports massage tasters, tailored advice from a pharmacist, a Zumba Gold taster class aimed at ladies over 50, information on health and clinical trials by Cancer Research UK.



I found these seniors enjoying the Fareham & Gosport Dementia Action summer tea dance.

Local clubs will demonstrate activities for people to get involved with such as knitting, arts and crafts and Fareham's Men's Shed. A travel company will help you find your perfect getaway.

Admittance is free and there is plenty of on-site parking.

St John's Church Hall, Upper St Michael's Grove is on main bus routes, not far from Fareham Station. I hope to see you there.

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I will hold surgeries at different venues across Fareham. Please call to arrange an appointment to meet me.

Keep up to date

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Arrange a tour

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my constituents.

To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months' notice, as they are very popular.

FAREHAM CONSTITUENCY NEWS

Fareham Park Run team celebrated two years of the Fareham 'Couch to 5K team' recently. It was great to see loads of runners take part in one of their Saturday morning 5K runs, starting at Cams Mill. A special well done to the team – I'd highly recommend getting in touch if you would like to start running, no experience necessary!



I spent an afternoon at the new Men's Shed in Fareham, which enables men of all ages and backgrounds to meet regularly to work on practical tasks as a team. This is a great opportunity for the gentlemen of Fareham to meet new people, learn new skills and collaborate on valuable community projects. To get involved, visit www.farehammensshed.org.uk

Life Education Wessex has a mobile classroom that visits local schools to raise awareness on drugs, alcohol and making sensible decisions.

I was pleased to attend a session at Orchard Lee Primary School this month and see the children having a great time using the facilities in the excellent classroom bus.

