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# InTouch

**FAREHAM SOUTH – 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."



**Synchronised:** Adam Peaty and Mayor Connie Hockley cut the tape.

"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



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

that could happen here at Holly Hill."

A plaque was unveiled at the centre 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."

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**NEWS ROUND**

**Favourable comments**

The Alexander Grove footbridge handrail is scheduled to be repainted in October, sooner if possible.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said: "I have received many favourable comments from residents who walk through the Gillies concerning the many improvements that have been made this year."

Also in Alexander Grove the wild flower gardens have eventually come good this year with a small showing of wild flowers after a long barren period.

**A weedy problem**

Weed growth in kerb channels and footpaths is causing problems.

Unfortunately, the County Council does not have the resources to scrape them out – a short-term measure because it doesn't kill the roots.

Councillor Dennis Steadman said: "They are better dealt with chemicals by HCC contractors, but as this year has seen exceptional growth they are well behind schedule with Fareham area listed for the end of October - weather permitting."

**Ward gardeners win golds**

Since its start in 1996, Fareham in Bloom has blossomed into one of the most popular annual competitions.

Fareham South entrants played their part among the hundreds of entries.

We had 14 winners, capturing a gold and category award, 6 gold awards, 5 silver gilt, and 2 bronze.

And the Borough won the top award in the small city category in the South and South East in Bloom competition for the 13th consecutive year.

**Action to deal with rat invasion**

A COUPLE complained a brick planter outside their Gosport Road home was used by the public as a rubbish tip and infested by rats.

Mr and Mrs Barry Seal said the it was a decorative feature, but had been left to deteriorate, despite their public-spirited efforts to keep it tidy.

Conservative Councillor Dennis Steadman took their complaints to the Borough Council's Streetscene department.

He said: "Over the years, the growth had reached a point where drastic action was needed.

"It has been used by the public as a waste tip with beer cans, old food boxes, rotting food, broken glass etc being thrown there. Mr and Mrs

Seal have seen rats there.

The Council responded quickly and the Streetscene operations manager visited the site to discuss the issue with Mr and Mrs Seal.

As a result, work was carried out to clear the mess and cut the foliage.

He added: "This is another example of the very efficient way that our Council officers work. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful staff."



**Bunkered: Keen golfer Barry practises a chip shot out of the planter.**

**Good causes grants**

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."

Peter has supported Fareham School of Gymnastics and a non-profit housing association in 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.

**County red tape forces octogenerians to live under 'canopy of darkness'**



**THESE worried elderly residents are forced to live under 'a canopy of darkness' because the County Council refuses to deal with a huge clump of trees over-shadowing their homes.**

The residents, all in their 80s, have made 3 approaches to HCC in the past 9 years and have just had to endure another dark summer while local government red tape persists.

Conservative Councillor Dennis Steadman said: "I visited the homes in Bishopsfield Road on a bright day in August just after midday and was amazed by the closeness and density of the trees and the canopy of darkness that enshrouded me.

"These large trees, consisting of two very large oaks and an even larger chestnut standing within 21 feet of their small front gardens.

"We sat together in the front room of one house and the lights had to be switched on. It seems very unfair to me."

Dennis has contacted Hampshire County Council's arboriculture officers on numerous occasions, asking for site visits and questioning whether there is a Human Rights issue.

Officers last inspected the site on September 23, but declared that unless there is a safety/damage concern to the public, ie branches broken or decayed and in danger of falling, no action can be taken.

Dennis added: "Hampshire County Council appreciate the difficulties being experienced by residents, but it is bound by policy unless instructed otherwise.

"I am really sad not to be able to help these people with this problem."

**Keith deals with 'misbehaving' bees**

A LOCAL apiarist came to the rescue when bees swarmed into the roof of a resident's home in Coniston Walk.

Owner Mrs Rita Collis had been trying to get them removed for 2 years, but failed as honey bees are a protected species.

So she contacted Conservative Councillor Keith Barton who knew a beekeeper in Portchester, Robin Chandeler.

Keith said: "Robin assessed the situation and, with the cooperation of the Borough Council, scaffolding was erected and workers donned protective clothing to go up and remove several fascia panels.

The bees were lured out by first removing the brood (inset photo) to entice the queen into a hive placed on the ground while the colony was relocated.

The bees are now settled in their new home with Robin Chandeler, pictured demonstrating his skill to Keith Barton.



**Tory bus tour visits every ward**

FAREHAM'S Conservative councillors jumped on a bus to tour the Borough to view the important issues in all wards.

They saw new facilities such as Portchester Community Centre and Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

Sites likely to come forward for development were also viewed, including the controversial sites such as Newlands in the Stubbington gap and Cranleigh Road in Portchester.



**Extra stop for Asda bus service**



**GOOD NEWS for Asda shoppers - the supermarket has promised to continue its free service for another 3 years.**

Conservative Councillor Keith Barton (pictured left with store staff) said many people asked why buses didn't stop in Longfield Avenue.

Now, thanks to Keith's persistence, the Asda bus will stop in that road.

He said: "Although this is a small concession, it will help residents to get to Asda a few times a week." Here's the timetable:

Serving West End & Highlands				
Tuesdays and Thursdays (Except Public Holidays)				
ASDA Store	0912	1012	1112	1312
Longfield Avenue	0915	1015	1115	1315
West End, Broadlaw Walk	0918	1018	1118	1318
Greysshot Avenue	0922	1022	1122	1322
Carisfield Road	0927	1027	1127	1327
Hillson Drive, Nashe Way	0931	1031	1131	1331
Highlands Rd Shops	0933	1033	1133	1333
Frosthole Crescent	0935	1035	1135	1335
Jolly Miller PH	0939	1039	1139	1339
Fareham Leisure Centre	0942	1042	1142	1342
Fareham Rail Station Rdbt	0946	1046	1146	1346
Redlands Lane Shops	0948	1048	1148	1348
Longfield Avenue	0951	1051	1151	1351
ASDA Store	0954	1054	1154	1354

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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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### Surgery dates

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

### Keep up to date

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in Parliament please sign up to my newsletter at [www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter](http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/newsletter)

### 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](http://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.

