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FAREHAM WEST – 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.

"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



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

very exciting to think 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.



Adam Peaty meets ward Councillors Tina Ellis and Leslie Keeble.

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

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.
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.

New classroom
Children at Heathfield Special School are delighted with a new classroom costing £250,000.
It has full wheelchair access, disabled hygiene facilities and a canopied area for learning outdoors.
They've named it 'the nest' in line with all classes which have tree titles.
The official opening was attended by MPs Suella Fernandes (Fareham) and Caroline Dinenage (Gosport), Fareham Mayor Councillor Connie Hockley and County Council executive member for education Peter Edgar.

Curry fund raiser
F'lupp was the word everyone had on the end of their tongues when they left Café Tusk after the annual curry meal held by Fareham West to raise funds towards the cost of In Touch.
Nearly 80 people attended raising over £600.
Fareham MP Suella Fernandes and her parents attended with Suella saying a few words about her experience as a new MP.
Next year's date is February 5.

It's a question of not missing the boat

THE MAYOR'S annual charity quiz is so popular it has been over-subscribed for the last two years.
Questions are set by Council Leader Seán Woodward helped by his son, James.
The event has been organised by Councillor Leslie Keeble for the last 9 years.
At a cost of £15 to include a 2-course meal as well as the chance to win a super raffle prize, it is not an event to miss.
This year, £725 was raised for the Dave Wellman Cancer Trust and Gosport & Fareham Inshore Rescue Service.
Next year's event will be at Palmerston



Indoor Bowls on Saturday, February 4.
Don't miss the boat! Contact Leslie on 01329 845339 for more details.
PHOTO: Guests enjoying their meal at this year's event.

Councillors' bus tour highlights ward issues

WEST WARD Conservative Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis joined other members recently for one of their regular bus tours of the Borough.
Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "Every ward was visited so that when issues come before the Council everyone has a better understanding of them."
"We were particularly interested to view our newest leisure facilities such as Portchester Community Centre and Holly Hill Leisure Centre, plus the Innova-



Centre at Daedalus and the Solent Airport.
"We also took in Coldeast in the west to Highlands shopping parade and Funtley in the north, Portchester shopping precinct and the new Lidl store in the east.
"Sites likely to come forward for development were also viewed, including Warsash Maritime College and controversial sites such as Newlands at Stubbington and Cranleigh Road, Portchester."

Gold award gardens raise £2,500 for charity

'HOW DO they do it?' Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis asked one another after visiting many of the Fareham in Bloom award winning gardens.



Several winners opened their beautifully planted and manicured gardens to the public and raised £2,500 for the Mayor's charities.
Ian and Ann Gray (Photo 1) generously treated the Mayor, Leslie and Tina to lunch and showed them a hidden jewel in their garden which we will be featuring in the next edition.

The couple won 2 golds and were winners of the wildlife garden category, plus a well-deserved award for outstanding horticultural excellence.
Colin and Chris Tait (Photo 2), of Longmynd Drive, won a gold in the large plantsman's back garden and an award of outstanding contribution.
Their floral displays were greatly appreciated by open day visitors as were those of **Steve and Jane Hurst (Photo 3)**, of Highlands Road who also picked up 3 golds.
Golds were also won by Sidney Ellis, of Blackbrook Road, John and Eliza-



beth Purnell, of Abbeyfield Drive, Alex and Margaret Beatson, of Mendips Road. As well as several golds, Pamela Hobbs, of Penine Walk, was the category winner for her floral display.
Many other Fareham West residents were awarded silver or silver gilt and Leslie and Tina have written to congratulate and thank them for helping to make the Borough a lovely place to live.
Fareham also won gold for the 13th successive year and was overall winner of the small cities title in the South and SE in Bloom contest.



Parking petition victory

LOCAL Conservative councillors backed a successful residents' petition against parking restrictions in Anjou Crescent.
Councillors Leslie Keeble and Tina Ellis met Borough Council transport and enforcement officers to express shopkeepers' fears. It had been planned to restrict parking in front of the shops.
Leslie and Tina also met the cabinet member responsible for parking restrictions and in the end, common sense prevailed and no orders will be made.
Leslie and Tina thanked residents, shopkeepers and council officials who took part in the consultations.

Abu shows his generosity

WHAT a generous person Abu Tanzam is. The owner of Gandhi's Indian Takeaway in Anjou Crescent donates an evening's takings to the Mayor's Charity every year.
Former Mayor Councillor Mike Ford's charities – Dave Wellman CancerTrust and Gosport & Fareham Inshore Rescue – each received £650. Another large sum was given to Cancer Research. We hope to see you at Gandhi's on April 24, 2017.
PHOTO (l to r) former Mayoress Anne Ford, Hayley Calla Cher (Cancer Research), David Bell (cancer patient), Paul Richards (newsagent) Abu, Councillor Leslie Keeble, former Mayor Councillor Mike Ford.



Tree fall blocks street, narrowly misses lorry



A MASSIVE tree limb split and fell across Meadowbank Road, blocking the street and driveways for several hours.
It narrowly missed the back of the lorry (pictured), which was carrying an emigrating family's belongings.
Conservative Councillor Tina Ellis said: "I was impressed how quickly residents helped the driver to get some barriers across the road."
The tree team arrived quickly and the driver turned the lorry round so packing of the cargo container could continue using a smaller vehicle.
Councillor Leslie Keeble and County Councillor Chris Matthews said a long dry spell may have contributed. They assured residents the councils had a replanting policy to maintain the area's character.
Tina Ellis said it was a good example of the local Conservative team working together for the benefit of residents.

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COME AND JOIN US

If you support Conservative principles and would like to vote to select your Council and Parliamentary candidates, to attend social and political events or help us by delivering InTouch in your street, then why not join Fareham West Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Leslie Keeble on 01329 845339.

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

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.

