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# InTouch

**LOCKS HEATH – 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 breaststroke 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 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



Adam Peaty poses with Locks Heath Councillors Susan Bayford and Keith Evans after the opening ceremony.



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

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.

**Will it produce another Adam Peaty?**



### ADAM PEATY FACT FILE

Speciality: 100m breaststroke

2016 Olympic champion  
2015 World champion  
2014 & 2016 European champion  
2014 Commonwealth champion

World record holder 50m and 100m breaststroke and 4 x 100 mixed medley relay

First swimmer to win both sprint breaststroke events at World Championships

Most successful British swimmer in a single World Championship

One of only 3 British swimmers to have won gold at Olympic, World, European and Commonwealth Games level. The only one to hold 4 gold medals simultaneously in the same event

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**NEWS ROUND**



**Police evict travellers**  
Travellers angered residents by invading the open space by the car wash at Lockwood Centre on July 28, leaving heaps of rubbish before police evicted them.



Councillors Susan Bayford and Keith Evans received numerous complaints and next day the travellers were told by officers they were trespassing on Council land and ordered to leave immediately. They ignored a threat of court proceedings, so on August 1 police arrived and used their S61 powers to remove them from the site. As usual, they left Council taxpayers to foot the bill for cleaning up their mess.

**'Vive le jumelage'**  
Fifty years of 'entente cordiale' between Fareham and French twin town Vannes were marked when a 3-metre high sculpture was unveiled at Westbury Manor. Designed to reinforce bonds between the towns, it was unveiled by the Mayor, Councillor Connie Hockley, who welcomed representatives from Vannes, led by French Twinning Committee chairman Marcel Boché. "We now have a lasting reminder of our friendship," said the Mayor.

**Touring the wards**



Conservative councillors are pictured before boarding the bus to tour every ward in the Borough.

**Genesis youth centre is a success story**

GENESIS youth centre in Locks Heath is a local success story since it was built 20 years ago.

Councillor Keith Evans said: "Young people and Y Services at Genesis have had a fantastic summer with good attendance at a range of enjoyable events put on by Fareham.

"The young workers have supported Fareham's Play Rangers across the district, working alongside youth workers to provide exciting activities for the children; the National Play day, in particular, was fun but hard work."

Youth clubs have been open all summer making



the most of Genesis being a "Pokestop". They also held a Mayor's fund raising event and music workshops have been available in the state-of-the-art recording studio

Keith Evans and Councillor Susan Bayford are on the Genesis Supervisory Group and said: "The decision by Fareham a few years ago to contract out this youth support work to Y Services has been a real success."

PHOTO: Young people using the selfie studio.

**Kids thrilled with revamped play area**

MANY play parks are being updated by Fareham Council across the Borough.

Locks Heath Councillors Keith Evans and Susan Bayford were delighted to attend the official opening of the re-equipped Drake Close play area on September 9.

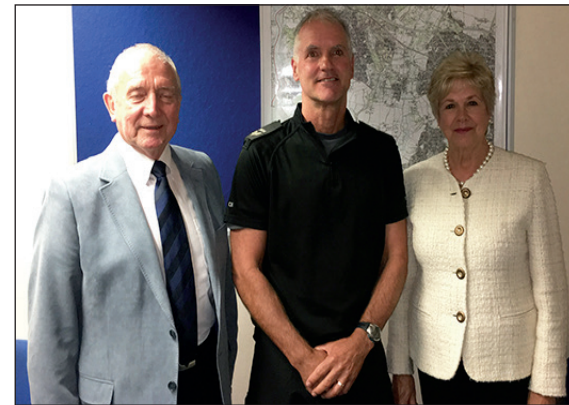
The Council's Leisure and Communities Manager, Emma Watts, arranged for pupils from Park Gate Junior School, which is in the Locks Heath Ward, to try the equipment out.

The pupils, who were accompanied by acting head teacher Rick Jump had a great time and were impressed with the play area which, as the photograph shows, is well equipped and has a special flooring.

Also present was Sarah Alexander representing HAGS SMP Ltd who had provided and installed the play equipment.



**Police station visit is eye opener for councillors**



COUNCILLORS visited Park Gate police station to learn how their wards are policed.

Park Gate policing team comprises a sergeant, 6 PCSOs and 4 police officers.

After the visit, Councillor Susan Bayford said: "The male and female staff are passionate about their role, professional in their work and look to protect the vulnerable in our community.

"They are involved daily in the general roles of reducing crime, catching criminals and reducing threat, risk and harm in our community.

"The team are very personable and have a wealth of experience in the geography of the area, some officers having patrolled these streets and dealt with the

community for over 10 years.

"Over that time policing has changed remarkably, with response and patrol teams moving from Park Gate to Fareham Reach on the A32, officers being issued with body worn video (nationally reducing complaints against the police by some 90%), new procedures and processes designed to improve and speed up their work load.

"Like any industry some work better than others, but Sergeant Nick Morgan's team have learnt to adjust to the changes.

"The team tries to engage with the community as much as possible with beat surgeries in Stubbington, Locks Heath and Titchfield.

"They regularly visit youth clubs and youth groups to engage and build relationships with children that are an investment for their future behaviour.

"They have to find the balance between their roles, resources and the public's expectations. At times they will not meet those expectations, but they try their best and are passionate about the role they signed up for."

PHOTO: Ward Councillors Keith Evans and Susan Bayford meeting Sergeant Nick Morgan during the visit to Park Gate police station.

**Locks Heath welcomes new vicar**



ST JOHN the Baptist church at Locks Heath has a new vicar who has pledged to serve the community.

The Rev Gavin Foster was installed on September 4 by the Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Christopher Foster.

The service was attended by local church leaders, the head teacher of St John the Baptist Primary School, community leaders and Councillor Susan Bayford.

Gavin told Susan he was looking forward to helping the church to follow Jesus' example by serving the local community and bringing good news for everyone.

Gavin is married to Hazel (pictured) and they have 3 young children.

**Bowling club strikes gold**

FOR THE 13th year running, Fareham won the small city category in the South East in Bloom competition, with 8 gold medals, including one for Holly Hill Park.

Special congratulations to Locks Heath Bowling Club, members of which are pictured receiving a gold award and cup for the very attractive gardens at the club.

It was the first time the club had entered the In Bloom competition since the replacement of the all-weather green and the vandalism of the gardens a few years ago.



**Contractors praised for Hill Head sea defences restoration project**



PHASE 1 of the restoration of Hill Head's sea defences is completed and contractors have been praised for an excellent job to time and budget.

Locks Heath Conservative Councillor Keith Evans, executive member responsible for the coastline, said 10 groynes had been repaired or replaced and 4,000 tons of shingle imported to raise levels.

Public reaction has been positive and Phase 2 will see replacement of the sea wall in front of the beach huts by mid-summer 2017.

Contractors have tried to help Hill Head Sailing Club's events where possible.

Estimated cost is £195,000 and Councillor Evans said: "I am really pleased at this successful work and the plans related to the wall replacement.

"This is a very significant project and cost to the Council - not a statutory requirement, but part of the Council's commitment to community facilities.

"The work will ensure this part of the coastal pathway is available for many years."



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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.

