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PARK GATE & PRIORY PARK – 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 Park Gate ward Councillors Brian Bayford and Simon Martin 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

England's 5th lowest district council tax – that's CONSERVATIVE budgeting



NEWS ROUND

The Mansion, Admirals Wood
Many residents have objected to the proposed licensing application
Councillors Brian Bayford and Simon Martin are consulting with residents of Mansion Close, Columbus Drive, Rothschild Drive and other roads about this application and have promised to raise objections at the Licensing Panel on November 2.

Be prepared
The Council periodically has to produce an updated Local Plan, identifying areas accepted for residential building and areas designated as countryside.

Developers have recently submitted plans for housing on some of the countryside designated areas.

The current Local Plan is only two years old and in theory such applications should be refused by the Planning Committee.

However, residents should remain aware of any proposals, raise objections and notify your local Councillors Brian Bayford and Simon Martin at the earliest opportunity.

You may make objections to the Council and if necessary make a formal deputation to the Planning Committee.

'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.

Welcoming representatives from Vannes, led by French Twinning Committee chairman Marcel Boché, she said:

"We now have a lasting reminder of our friendship."

The ceremony was followed by a 'Freedom March' through the town by 150 sailors from HMS Collingwood, led by the Band of HM Royal Marines.

Dragons' teeth to prevent verge parking

GRASS verges are there to enhance our streets, not for parking.

Councillor Simon Martin says he's had complaints of verges being damaged in Beacon Way over the past 18 months.

He said: "Following an investigation by the Council we had discussions with the County Council which has installed 'dragons' teeth into the verges to prevent cars driving over them.

"I am pleased with the work that will protect the grass verges and improve the visual amenity of the area.

"The problem has been caused in part by non-residents parking on the road so we need to monitor this situation.

"If anybody has concerns over their grass verges and local parking please contact me."



Bowls club wins gold

CONGRATULATIONS to Locks Heath Bowling Club which won a gold award and cup for its attractive gardens at the Fareham in Bloom awards evening at Fernham Hall.



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.

Congratulations also to Anne Catlin, of Pimpernel Gardens, for winning an award for her garden.

Park Gate police are 'passionate about the job'



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 Brian 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 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."

New vicar will 'serve community'



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 Brian Bayford.

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

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

No 'onesie', so Brian gets soaked

PLAY parks in Park Gate and across the Borough are being updated by Fareham Council.

Councillor Brian Bayford was delighted to attend the official opening of the re-equipped Priory Park Play Area on September 9.

Although it rained heavily, several parents brought children along, dressed in waterproof 'onesies' to try out the equipment.

The children enjoyed the play area despite the rain and climbed onto the 'Jeep' with Brian (who wasn't in a 'onesie').

Brian chatted to local residents who said they approved of the modernisations.



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Whether you voted for us or not, your Conservative councillors promise the highest standards of service to everyone in the community. Contact us any time and we'll respond personally within 48 hours.

Travellers evicted by police after defying Council legal order to quit Lockwood site



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.

Councillor Brian Bayford received numerous complaints and next day the travellers were told by officers they were trespassing on Council land and ordered to leave immediately.

Later that day, officers returned to the site and gave each occupant a letter from the Council's solicitors instructing them to leave immediately, otherwise court proceedings would be taken to remove them.

But they ignored the threat, so on August 1, after Council officers discovered numerous piles of rubbish and fly tipping, the police, who had visited the site daily, attended again and decided to use their S61 powers to remove the travellers from the site.

The police served notice on the travellers to leave by 2pm and by 2.30 all had left the site, leaving Council taxpayers to foot the bill for cleaning up their mess.

The link below takes you to the Fareham Borough Council website detailing the powers that the council uses when they need to remove travellers from their land.

<http://www.fareham.gov.uk/cleanandtidy/enforcement/travellers.aspx>

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 Park Gate Branch of Fareham Conservative Association? Please phone Brian Bayford on 01489 577772.

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.

