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# InTouch

**SARISBURY – 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 (l to r) Ian Cook, regional manager of operators Every-one Active, Mayor Connie Hockley and Council Leader Seán Woodward.



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**



**Jon's 8th century ride**

Jon Butts celebrates in The Mall after completing 'Ride London' – his 8th 100-mile charity bike ride this year. He said: "Many thanks to all who supported and donated to the British Heart Foundation."



**Rookery Avenue application**

A planning application (P/16/1088/OA) has been submitted by Foreman Homes to the Borough Council for 22 houses to the south and east of Rookery Avenue, Swanwick.

It adjoins a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) and is not allocated for development.

Previous attempts to develop there have failed.

Comments will be accepted by the Council up to the day it is decided, probably by Christmas.

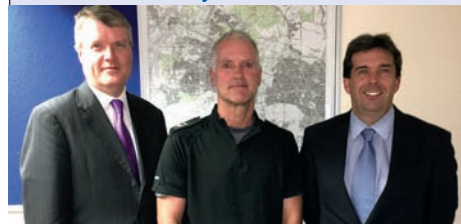
Residents are invited to copy their comments to Councillors Jon Butts and Seán Woodward.

**Police station visit**

Councillors Seán Woodward and Jon Butts visited Park Gate Police Station to find out how their areas are policed from Sergeant Nick Morgan.

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

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



**Nature reserve paths restored**

SWANWICK LAKES nature reserve near the Air Traffic Control Centre has been hugely successful since opening 23 years ago. But paths around the log cabin and lake had become very worn.

Cash from County Councillor Seán Woodward's grant pot and a request from him to Amey, the County Council's road maintenance contractors for help, resulted in all paths being replaced with a high quality Tarmac surface helping access, particularly for the disabled.

Councillor Woodward said: "I am extremely grateful to Amey for their help with this important project. The centre provides a huge educational resource for local children as well as a recreational facility for residents." Any groups that need support for local projects should contact Councillor Woodward.

**Classy in hard hats**

PUPILS from Park Gate Primary School saw first hand how waste material from road and construction projects is processed and recycled when they visited Rookery Farm, Botley Road.

Salisbury Councillor Jon Butts, who was also invited along by Raymond Brown, said it was good to see how the site operated to manage noise, dirt and dust that would otherwise affect nearby residents and road users.

Jon said: "Many thanks to Tracey Docherty



and the site team who did a great job hosting their guests and enthusiastically supporting the children's learning activities."

**PHOTO:** Delighted kids enjoyed their visit and wearing hard hats just like the workers.

**War memorial may be moved to relieve junction jams**

SARISBURY'S war memorial may be moved to make way for major road improvements at the junction of Barnes Lane and the A27 Bridge Road.

The scheme aimed at relieving traffic queues is being planned for completion in 2 years and could incorporate traffic light control at the junction with pedestrian crossings.

Councillor Seán Woodward, who has long been asking for the improvements, said: "The most challenging element is gaining enough road width at the mouth of Barnes Lane with the Green to the west and the war memorial to the east.



"The plans being investigated involve using a small sliver of the Green at the junction, already designated for highway use and not part of the centenary field dedication, and also moving the war memorial."

In its present position it was not a place for quiet contemplation or to accommodate growing numbers who turn out on

much more prominent and can be appreciated all year round," he said.

Once plans are drafted, there will be a public consultation.

He added: "This junction is difficult at the best of times and is so bad that many people divert through Allotment Road to avoid the queues, clogging further the area in front of Sarisbury Junior School."

"It is important we look sensitively at the issue of moving the war memorial to a location where it can form a part of the Remembrance services and provide a more tranquil all-year-round setting."

**PHOTO:** Fareham MP Suella Fernandes, executive member for leisure and community Councillor Sue Bell and Council Leader Seán Woodward at the Centenary Field dedication in memory of those who died in World War 1.

**Tory bus tour visits every ward**

FAREHAM'S Conservative councillors made one of their regular bus tours of the Borough to help everyone understand the important issues in all wards.

Council Leader Seán Woodward said: "We were particularly interested to view our newest leisure facilities such as Portchester Community Centre and Holly Hill Leisure Centre.

"Also the Innovation centre at Daedalus and Solent Airport, taking in Coldeast in the west to Highlands shopping parade and Funtley in the north to Portchester shopping precinct and the new Lidl store in the east. Sites likely to come forward for development were also viewed."



**Volunteers thanked for cleaning up this eyesore**

YEARS of accumulated rubbish and abandoned old dinghies made this part of the Swanwick shore conservation area an eyesore.

But thanks to hard work by residents and coordination by the Borough Council, Hamble harbourmaster and Premier Marinas, the area has been cleaned up.

It is hoped safe and unobtrusive dinghy storage will be provided by Premier soon.

Councillor Seán Woodward said: "When I had the area designated as a conservation area many years ago, we managed to source the anchor as a feature.

"We did not intend it to be a tie-up point for hulks and I am

grateful to everyone who helped tidy this important area."



**Recreating the past at Bursledon Brickworks**

YOU can step back over 100 years at Bursledon Brickworks, Lower Swanwick to see how workers lived in those days.

Thanks to the Headley Trust, the Friends of Bursledon Brickworks have created 4 rooms based on the cottages built for the workers in 1900.

They contrast the way the men and their families lived in 1900 and the 1970s which was when the cottages were sold.

The project was opened by Fareham Council Leader Seán Woodward who said:

"The brickworks is a great local amenity which is now firmly on the national map as a must-see museum for the built environment. I encourage everyone to go and have a look at this gem right on our doorstep."

www.bursledonbrickworks.org.uk

**PHOTOS:** (top) Seán Woodward opening the project watched by brickworks boss Carolyne Haynes.

(bottom) A room in a brickworker's cottage around 1900.



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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.

