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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



Watched by guests and civic dignitaries, Adam Peaty and Fareham Mayor Connie Hockley cut the ribbon together to open the long-awaited new leisure centre.



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

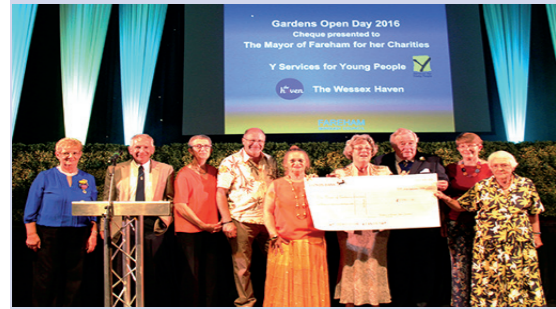
First swimmer to win both sprint breaststroke events at World Championships

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



Mayor is 'blown away'
Fareham Mayor Connie Hockley was staggered by a donation to her charities. A cheque for £2,500 was handed to her at this year's Fareham in Bloom awards evening at Ferneham Hall. The money was raised in July at FIB's open gardens day. "The amount of money blew me away," said Connie, pictured holding the cheque with Consort Geoff Hockley and (l to r) Jean Kingdom, Robert Herbert, Chris Tait, Steve Hurst, Jayne McBride, Jenny Prosser and Felicity Cory.

Former ward councillor dies
It is with great sadness we announce that former Councillor Francis Devonshire died suddenly on September 8. Francis served as ward councillor for Titchfield from 1999-2008 and will be remembered as a hard-working colleague and friend. Our sincere sympathies go to Victoria, Phoebe, Daisy and their family.



Bus around the Borough
Conservative councillors boarded an Eclipse bus for a fact-finding tour of the Borough.



Tea with Mayor for top citizens



THIS YEAR'S Fareham Citizens of Honour were entertained to tea in the Mayor's Parlour and given tickets to the pantomime at Ferneham Hall. Pictured with the Mayor, Councillor Connie Hockley, are (l to r) Jean Kingdom, Kenneth Moore, Joseph Tillotson, Caitlyn Dg-tream Lowe and Stewart Crowe.

Special school's 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. Representatives who support the school were also invited. After the opening, a falconer thrilled the children with displays by birds of prey.

Contractors praised for Hill Head sea defence 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.

Conservative Councillor Keith Evans, executive member responsible for the coastline, said 10 groyne 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."



They hope new drainage system will stand test of winter rains



FLOODING problems in Bedford Drive and Tanner's Gate seem to have been solved at last. Long-suffering residents learned that it stemmed from underground feed pipe-work for storm drainage. Councillor Sarah Pankhurst, who has been battling the residents' cause, said developers Highwoods and First Wessex had worked together to find out why storm drainage was not coping with heavy rainfall. She said: "It would have been a false

economy for the roads to be publicly adopted by Hampshire County Council until the flooding issues had been resolved, which would have caused additional financial pressure on Highways and meant council tax rises. "With help and monitoring from residents, evidence was gathered to show the problem areas and early in the summer, I met First Wessex and Highwoods to confirm remedial works had been completed to fix the damaged feed pipes.

"It now looks as though the flooding threat has been solved. I have asked for a further 6 months' close monitoring as we go into the autumn and winter so a true test of the storm drainage system can be made. "If this is successful, then I will be happy for Hampshire County Council to move towards formal public adoption. "Meantime, I would like to thank First Wessex and Highwoods for their perseverance in solving a very difficult problem and the residents for their patience."

A brand new roof over their heads

ABSHOT Community Centre has a fine new roof. Councillor Sarah Pankhurst (pictured), who backed the centre's bid for a Council grant, praised the contractors. "Although the work was going to affect the centre's day to day running, the contractors were very professional and the scaffolding suitably placed to ensure it was still accessible. "On election day the side door to the Alen Lounge was open to ensure ac-



cess for voters. "The quality of the roof is exceptional and I would like to thank the committee, user groups, centre members and members of the Sovereign Social Club for their patience." Next part of the project will be to discuss internal refurbishment to bring the centre up to modern standards.

50 years on it's '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, she said: "Over the past 50 years, ties between Fareham and Vannes have gone from strength to strength. We now have a lasting reminder of our friendship."

As part of the celebrations, 150 sailors from HMS Collingwood exercised their 'Freedom of the Borough,' marching with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed, accompanied by the Royal Marines' Band. **PHOTO:** The Mayor and chairman of the French Vannes Twinning Committee Marcel Boché at the unveiling.



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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.

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.

