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InTouch

WHITELEY – 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

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

NEWS ROUND



Coaches causing delay

Several residents have complained about lengthy parking by coaches on Yew Tree Drive near Sweethills Crescent in the early mornings, delaying rush hour traffic.

This is contrary to the contract instructions issued by Hampshire County Council, therefore the operator has been spoken to and asked to adhere to the requirements to wait elsewhere until the appointed time that the pickup is required.

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.

Application documents claim it would bring forward a short extension of Rookery Avenue; however, it would not be sufficient to allow completion of the missing link to connect Rookery Avenue, Swanwick to Rookery Avenue, Whiteley.

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.

Tory bus tour visits every ward

FAREHAM'S Conservative councillors toured the Borough in a bus 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."

They also saw the Innovation centre at Daedalus and Solent Airport, Coldeast, Highlands shopping parade and Funtley, Portchester shopping precinct and the new Lidl store. Sites likely for development were also viewed, including Warsash Maritime College and controversial sites such as Newlands at Stubbington and Cranleigh Road in Portchester.



Seeing how ward is policed

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, profes-



sional in their work and look to protect the vulnerable in our community."

More North of Whiteley delays push new school opening back to September 2019



NORTH OF WHITELEY development has been delayed by approximately another six months and is now expected to start in May 2017.

The site for Cornerstone Primary School will not

be available to the County Council to begin work on building the new school until September 2017 which allows the developers to build the road to the school and provide the services required to the boundary of the site.

This means that the school will not be moved and open for the September 2018 intake as more than 12 months is needed to build it.

The County Council is now proposing to have the school built for the start of the September 2019 academic year.

The reason for delaying the opening for 12 months is that it makes things much easier to manage in terms of the admission number for the school which will not have to move during an academic year.

Forecast pupil numbers for the area show that there will be enough places available for any new pupils arising from the development prior to the opening of the relocated school.

County Councillor Seán Woodward said: "It is really galling that there is yet another delay to the North of Whiteley development when there is such important infrastructure relying on it, including new roads and schools.

"This is despite planning consent having been granted and the school designs having been well supported by the public.

"It is a good thing that the temporary school is in fantastic buildings and well able to cope with increased demand on its existing site."

Expect a fine if you park like this

IT'S A COMMON sight across the Borough – vehicles illegally parked on verges and pavements.

An annoyed resident snapped the one pictured, which was on a bend and obstructing the foot-path, forcing pedestrians into the road.

Councillor Jon Butts said: "Drivers parking illegally causing nuisance for pedestrians and residents near Whiteley Primary School and local shopping centre are the subject of increased reporting for enforcement."

Police can issue a summons for obstructing the pavement and Fareham Council can issue a fixed penalty for obstructing a dropped kerb.



New project relives past at Bursledon Brickworks

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

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."

PHOTOS: (left) Seán Woodward opens the project watched by brickworks boss Carolyn Haynes; (right) A room in a brickworker's cottage around 1900.

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Jon quickly proves he's no stick-in-the-mud

THE FIRST concern residents raised with Councillor Jon Butts after his election in May was the poor condition of some well-used accesses to Whiteley woodlands.

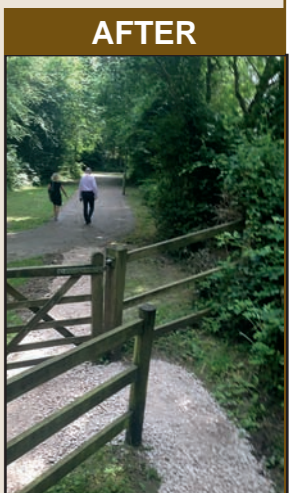
These had deteriorated last winter such that paths had become slippery and difficult to use even with walking boots.

Over the summer the worst affected access points were refurbished by the Borough Council ready for the coming winter and will remain passable year-round.

Council officers will also be undertaking autumn clearance of the drainage ditches running alongside the greenways to keep them free-flowing.



BEFORE You'd be lucky to keep your wellies in this.



AFTER No mud on the carpet after a stroll here.

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.

