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Did you stay up or put the alarm on to see Uttoxeter's own Adam Peaty retain his 100 metres Breaststroke Gold Medal? Not quite so high profile, Frazer Clarke of Swadlincote defeated Tsothe Rogava in his opening bout in Tokyo.

We are surrounded by so much wall to wall sport just now, all with dedicated athletes who had to wait another year. What can we think and say about them all?

There is massive enthusiasm, unreserved dedication, and although demanding, there is much enjoyment to us all. We can appreciate the vast variety of skills and overall coordination. There is undoubted support for each other, across culture and nationality. They support each other in success and disappointment.

This is an observation of life. We live with this relationship to one another. How well do we learn?

We are moving away from Lockdown, but the virus has not gone away. We still need to live as a community that cares. Having the jabs is not just for ourselves, together we support one another. We cannot throw caution to the wind.

The musing has been about being there for one another. We delight in meeting up with folk again, but there are still anxieties and disappointments.

When you next watch the Olympics, give thanks they can take place and for those taking part. Reflect on their ups and downs and their being there for each other.

As I have often said we are all equal in the sight of God and we should see that equality in each other.