

Dr Phillip Lee MP's Monthly Newsletter

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# Dr Phillip Lee MP

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*Welcome to my new monthly newsletter, I hope you enjoy the new and improved design and layout....*

**DR LEE DELIVERS MEDICAL AID DURING VISIT TO A  
SYRIAN REFUGEE CAMP**



Dr Lee with UNHCR staff members at the Al Zaatari refugee camp on the Syrian-Jordanian border, helping to administer medical aid

Dr Lee visited the Al Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan to see first-hand what medical aid is provided to the Syrian refugees residing there. During his visit he met with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), the British Council and the UK Ambassador to discuss the housing and care of over 600,000 refugees who have fled Syria for Jordan.

During his visit, Dr Lee spent time at the Zaatari refugee camp near the Jordan/Syria border, where refugees have almost doubled the regional population. As a practising doctor, Dr Lee was interested to hear about the healthcare facilities at the camp, such as the Jordan Health Aid Society's child refugee vaccinations, provided at the nine healthcare centres and two hospitals in Zaatari.

Dr Lee said of the visit: 'I am struck by the scale of operations at the Zaatari camp and the work of the UNHCR, especially the healthcare that is being provided by 120 volunteers. The UK has so far pledged £220 million to Jordan to help deal with the huge influx of refugees, but more aid is needed for hospitals and vaccinations as prevention is always better than cure in areas of such great need.'

Following his visit, Dr Lee raised the UK's provision of aid to Jordan with David Cameron during Prime Minister's Question Time. Dr Lee is soon to meet with the Prime Minister to discuss what further action Britain can do to enhance healthcare services on the ground, both for the Syrian refugees and for the wider Jordanian community. You can watch Dr Lee's question [here](#)



## MP SEES HUSTINGS FROM A WHOLE NEW ANGLE AT YOUTH PARLIAMENT EVENT



Dr Lee with members of Bracknell Forest's Youth Council

Youth Council Members in Bracknell Forest recently held their annual hustings for

the elections to the UK Youth Parliament...and this year they were delighted to have local MP, Dr Phillip Lee, to chair the event.

For most of the newly elected Youth Council members, this was their first meeting with the MP and their first experience of a hustings event.

Sasha Tatum of Easthampstead Park School said:

“Meeting your MP is not something you do every day; as a member of the Youth Council I was very fortunate to do so. I have never been to an event like the hustings so it was a unique experience for me; Dr Philip Lee added that boost of inspiration and importance to the event.”

The five candidates, Charlotte Mason, Mitch Phillips White, Izzy Beattie, Tanchho Lawati and Nigam Puskar, had prepared speeches and answered questions put to them by their fellow Youth Council colleagues.

Charlotte Mason and Mitch Philips White were elected as deputy members for Bracknell Forest, whilst Owen Griffiths, the current deputy member, was elected unopposed as the Member.

After her election, Charlotte Mason said, “I thought that having Dr Phillip Lee there made it seem like a much more formal event. The whole process was scary but it was a really good way to show us just how electoral processes would work in the ‘real world’.”

Meanwhile, her new colleague Mitch Phillips White commented, “The evening was truly an event that I will remember. I think that the presence of our MP gave a very meaningful atmosphere to the room and speaking in front of and talking with the MP is a privileged experience that I won't forget.”

Afterwards the Youth Council Members had the chance to question the MP question on a range of topics, including education for politics and education for later life, and votes for 16 year olds, where he explained the reasons why he opposes such a move at the current time.

Speaking after the event, Dr Lee said, “I was very proud to be asked to chair this event – indeed it was nice to be on the other side of the fence for a change. I thought all the candidates showed great composure and had obviously given much thought to the topics under discussion. I wish them success during their terms in office and hope that the schedules may allow me to meet with them again later in the year to discuss their progress.”

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## DR LEE VISITS BRACKNELL FOREST HOME'S NEW

## RETIREMENT LIVING SCHEME



**Dr Lee with staff members of Clement House**

Dr Phillip Lee MP made time in his schedule for a visit to Clement House, Bracknell Forest Homes' new extra care scheme for older people.

Dr Lee, MP for Bracknell, had a guided tour of the aspirational retirement living scheme, which is designed for people who want to live independently in their retirement, and have the reassurance of good on-site support available 365 days a year.

The tour included meeting some of the residents and staff, and Dr Lee was invited to view the modern

Resident Mark Doyle pointed out the snooker table and table tennis equipment (bought from ebay) and Dr Lee took up the challenge of a game of table tennis.

Following his visit, Dr Lee praised the new facility: *"I was extremely impressed with Clement House. It provides a welcoming environment that combines community, independence and extra care. And all of this has been achieved whilst ensuring value for money. In Clement House, Bracknell has a standard-bearer to which all other regions of the country should aspire*

apartments and the range of communal facilities. This includes the light and spacious atrium at the heart of the scheme where residents gather for a chat over tea and coffee or to join in a range of activities the quiet lounges, IT and library suite, and a hairdressing salon. He also met the chef and her team who provide a choice of hot and cold meals every day in the restaurant for residents and their guests.

*when considering their plans for the care of older people in the years to come.”*

The visit was organised as part of Bracknell Forest Homes' regular contact with local MPs to brief them on housing related matters, and to showcase development of much needed new homes.

## DR LEE VISITS A ROOM WITH A VIEW



View from the top of Ocean House

Dr Lee was pleased to have the opportunity to visit The Lexicon Room in Bracknell, located on the top floor of the iconic Ocean House building. The room gives spectacular views from the highest point in the town centre, where visitors can observe the development of the construction work and view the scale of the new Marks and Spencer and Fenwick's stores, as well as the building that will house the new Cineworld.

Members of the public are able to visit the Lexicon Room on the first Saturday of each month. Appointments are made on a first come, first served basis, and are offered in 20-minute slots. Guests can book their visits up to two months in advance on the Lexicon's website.

In the coming months, Dr Lee will be holding a public forum for those constituents who have not yet decided how they wish to vote in the upcoming referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. Dr Lee hopes that the event will provide an opportunity for audience members to hear arguments from leading figures on both sides of the debate.

Further details will be advertised nearer the time and the event will also be able to view on Dr Lee's website.

In the meantime, you can find a link to Dr Lee's statement on the European referendum [here](#)



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