

Dr Phillip Lee MP's Monthly Newsletter



## **Dr Phillip Lee MP**

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**Her Majesty The Queen visits Bracknell**



Dr Lee being presented to Her Majesty The Queen in Bracknell Town Centre

Bracknell welcomed Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on Friday 19th October and local MP, Dr Phillip Lee, was in attendance to greet her on arrival before she embarked on a tour of the Lexicon and newly regenerated Town Centre.

During her visit, The Queen met many of those involved in the Lexicon project, including planners, architects, developers and local Councillors. She was also given a warm, Bracknell welcome by the hundreds of local people who turned out to greet her, braving a cold October morning.

Dr Lee said:

“What a fantastic day for Bracknell and for our new town centre. It was wonderful to see so many local people turn out to welcome Her Majesty The Queen on her visit.”

## Pedalling for the Poppy Appeal in Parliament



Phillip going through the gears in Portcullis House

On 31st October, Dr Lee took part in the the Industry and Parliamentary Trust Poppy Ride 2018, in association with The Royal British Legion, which sets out to raise funds and awareness for the Poppy Appeal in Parliament in the centenary year of the end of the First World War.

More than 120 MPs and Peers have taken part in the 12-hour static bike ride, each cycling as far as they can on an exercise bike in 5 minutes; trying to beat their colleagues to top the leaderboard. Serving members of the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy also took part, racing against Members of the Houses of Parliament and shared their experiences of life in the Armed Forces.

Dr Lee said:

"I was very happy to do my five mins on the bike to raise awareness for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in the centenary year of the end of the First World War. A distance of 3.41km left me in 4th place - not bad in a suit & tie!"

All money raised on the day helps The Royal British Legion provide

lifelong financial, social and emotional support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

### **About the 2018 Poppy Appeal**

100 years ago the guns fell silent on the world's first truly global war. The example and experience of those who lived through it shaped the world we live in today. In 2018 we will say 'Thank You' to that generation. We will stand together to celebrate the legacy they gave us and the values they lived. We will thank nurses and soldiers, factory workers and porters.

We will thank the people of all nations - not just those who fell on the battlefields, but those who played their part on the home front and those who returned to build a better future for generations to come. On this, the 100th anniversary of the end of fighting, we will say 'Thank You' so that the legacy, sacrifice and values of a generation are never forgotten. In 2018, join us in saying thank you.

There are so many ways the generation which fought for victory also fought for a better world – rights and freedoms were gained for women, nations, and workers; there were advances in medicine and manufacturing and an explosion in arts and letters. Society was forever changed, and we're asking people today – as individuals, workmates, schools, community groups– to joining us in saying thank you to that generation as we bid adieu to the Centenary.

## **Visiting Birch Hill Primary School**



Phillip with Birch Hill's Headteacher, Mr Michael Dillon

Phillip took the time in early October to pay a visit Birch Hill Primary School in the Bracknell area.

There he met with pupils and the school's Headteacher, Mr Michael Dillon and they discussed a number of issues, including ways in which private sector organisations can do more to help support local schools and education.

Phillip Lee MP said:

"I was delighted to visit and meet with Headmaster Michael Dillon at Birch Hill Primary School in Bracknell. We discussed his innovative ideas to involve local businesses and I am very much looking forward to working together more in the future."

Birch Hill's website: <http://www.birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk/>

**Twinning Project launch at Wembley Stadium**



Phillip with the FA Cup and former Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright showing his support

Dr Lee was pleased to attend the launch of the 'Twinning Project' at Wembley Stadium. The Twinning Project is a new venture that seeks to pair professional football clubs with their local prisons, providing coaches to run courses as way to gain qualifications and as a gateway to academic study.

The project is supported by the Ministry of Justice and follows on from the work Dr Lee championed when he was a Minister in harnessing the power of sport to transform offenders' lives and reduce reoffending.

The Twinning Project is the brainchild and passion of former Vice Chairman of the Football Association, Mr David Dein. Over twenty football clubs, including many from the Premier League, have already pledged to support the scheme.

The launch event took place at Wembley Stadium and was hosted by former England player Ian Wright. Football club representatives, former players and managers, as well as many serving prison officers and governors were in attendance to hear how this project hopes to succeed.

Attendants were also lucky to be given the opportunity to have their photo taken with the FA Cup.

Phillip said:

"It was fantastic to attend David Dein's Twinning Project launch at Wembley Stadium today. Inspirational work using the power of the national game to turn offenders' lives around. Also great to get my hands on the FA Cup!"



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