



BBC Sunday Politics show

Dr Phillip Lee MP was a guest on the BBC's Sunday Politics show for the South region on Sunday 17th January. Joined by Green MEP Keith Taylor and interviewed by presenter Peter Henley, Dr Lee discussed Astronaut Tim Peake's Space Walk, the Junior Doctors' strike action and the introduction of Clean Air Zones to some of the country's most polluted cities.



PM 'delighted' with Bracknell's economic success

On Wednesday 13th January, Dr Lee raised Bracknell's economic success with David Cameron during Prime Minister's Question time. Dr Lee said "Since 2010, my constituency has seen the generation of more than 200 new businesses, while the claimant and youth unemployment rates have fallen to below 1%. With the £240 million investment in Bracknell town centre regeneration, full employment in the area is a genuine possibility. Does the Prime Minister agree that it is the Government's sound stewardship of the economy that has led to this economic success in my constituency?" The Prime Minister replied that he was 'delighted' to hear the good news from Bracknell.



Carbon2018

Earlier this month, Dr Lee visited Carbon2018 at their offices in Sandhurst and met with Melanie Kendall-Reid, Compliance and Customer Service Director. Founded in 1991, Carbon2018 provides energy consultancy services to its clients to assist them in increasing energy efficiency and sustainability. Melanie explained how Carbon2018 work to minimise costs, mitigate risks and reduce carbon emissions for their clients, who include the Crown Estate and Reading Football Club. They state their vision is 'to be recognised as the energy partner of choice, focusing on service delivery to our existing clients and growing responsible, ethical business.' As a former member of the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee, Dr Lee was interested to learn about their innovative work, as well as their support for various charities.



Dr Lee with Carbon2018

Sebastian's Action Trust visit

Dr Lee visited local charity Sebastian's Action Trust's Bluebells house in Hampshire in January. The Bluebells is the UK's only purpose-built facility that offers respite holidays to very sick children and their families, enabling them to spend precious time together. Sebastian's Action Trust primarily supports families from the South East of England, although they welcome families from across the country for respite weekends at The Bluebells. Dr Lee was really impressed by the facilities and care provided. Having long been a supporter of the Trust, he was pleased to meet with the Bluebell's staff and thank them for their important work and dedication.



Dr Lee with Bluebells' staff

Royal British Legion

Phillip Lee recently met with The Royal British Legion's local Area Manager Mark Collins to discuss support for the Armed Forces community. The Royal British Legion is the country's largest Armed Forces charity, and provides welfare assistance for many thousands of veterans, serving personnel and their families. Legion research has found that the biggest issues currently experienced by working-age members of the UK ex-Service community include hearing loss and difficulty finding employment; among over-75s, physical health and care are among the most common problems. The Legion successfully campaigned for a £10m hearing loss fund, supports career transition through its Civvy Street website and delivers practical assistance through community outreach services and six care homes. A network of 16 high street 'Pop In' centres has also been developed to make it easier for beneficiaries to seek help.



Dr Lee with representatives from the Royal British Legion

Holocaust Memorial Day

Dr Lee signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment and in doing so pledged his commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day which honours those who were murdered during the Holocaust as well as paying tribute to the extraordinary survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people. In the weeks surrounding Holocaust Memorial Day, thousands of commemorative events will be arranged by schools, faith groups and community organisations across the country, remembering all the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides.

Dr Lee said: "Holocaust Memorial Day marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau – and is an important opportunity to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and make sure they are not forgotten. I encourage all constituents to mark the day and to join members of my community in the fight against prejudice and intolerance."



Dr Lee signing the Book of Remembrance

Venture Life expands into China

Venture Life, the Bracknell-based international consumer healthcare group that addresses the self-care needs of the ageing population, recently celebrated its first sales in the Chinese market with the introduction of its products in 1,300 stores across the country. The occasion was marked during a visit to their offices by Dr Lee, who met with the management and staff responsible for their success. Since its inception five years ago, Venture Life has listed on AIM, the London Stock Exchange market for smaller and growing companies and acquired a manufacturing factory in Italy. It currently employs 11 people in the UK as well as a further 75 in Italy. The Chinese sales are for a range of skincare products marketed under the Lubatti name, a luxury skincare brand originally founded by Madame Lubatti in the 1920s. Their launch comes less than a year after Venture Life signed a long-term agreement with Gialen, one of China's foremost cosmetics retail chains.



Website of the month

Short Easy Taster Walks was started last year by Brian Poulton and has already been a great success. Held on alternate Saturdays, participants can choose to do 1, 2 or 3 mile routes near South Hill Park. There is no charge to participate and coffee is served after. Further details can be found on the South East Berkshire Ramblers Group's website: sebr.org.uk. A schedule of upcoming walks is available under Walks Programme.

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