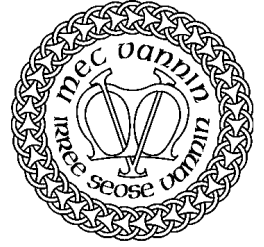
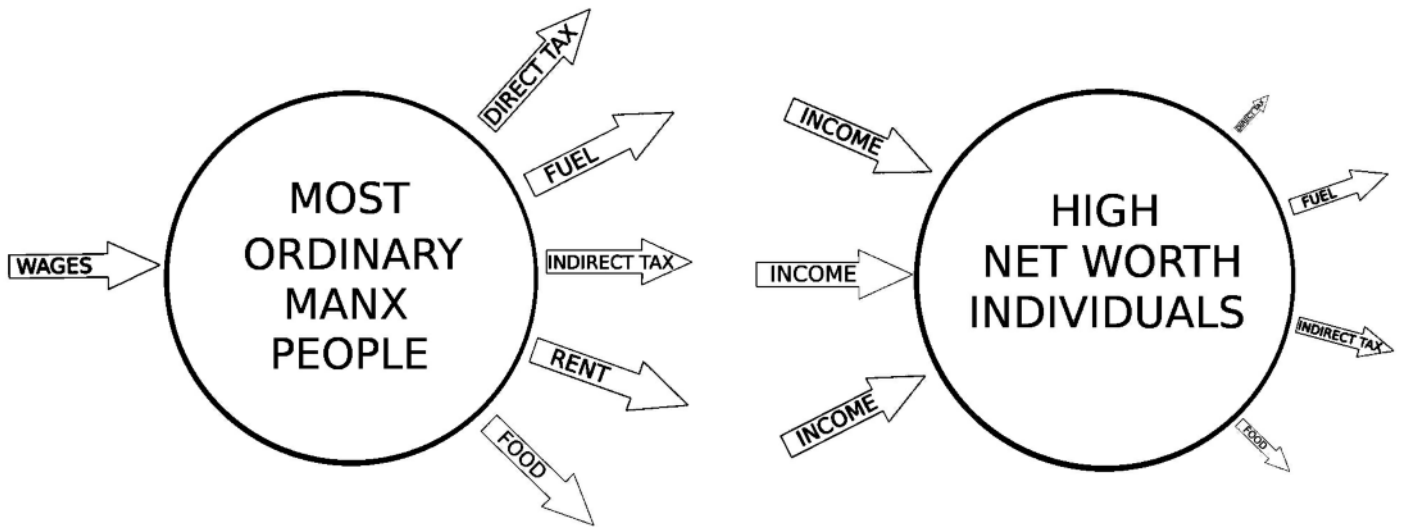


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WE SAY £10 MINIMUM WAGE NOW!



The minimum wage is due to rise to just over £8 in October.

This means that despite four decades of so called 'growth' and a low tax regime that benefits the well heeled, and ONLY the well heeled, Tynwald still imposes poverty base pay levels on a proportion of Manx workers.

Additionally there is a penalty imposed on younger workers with those below 18 years of age being subjected to wage related age discrimination.

This inequity is maintained by a Tynwald in which some members famously expressed a difficulty in sustaining themselves on an income of £50,000 a year.

It is a cabal of politicians already enjoying bumper salaries, expenses, paid holidays overseas and a subsidised canteen.

To all members of Tynwald - It's not a joke - it's a disgrace that you allow such inequality and exploitation. We say £10 now and that's the MINIMUM!



**TRAIN WITH THE RAF
USE THE ISLE OF MAN AIRPORT
GO TO YEMEN - KILL CHILDREN!**

Mec Vannin have followed the protests by the Amnesty (IOM), the Celtic League and others over the use of Ronaldsway Airport by the RAF at Valley in Anglesey to train Saudi pilots who then go on to kill and maim children in Yemen. We could write columns on why this position is indefensible, citing UN condemnations. However let's cut to the quick:

IT'S JUST WRONG!

Chief Minister Howard Quayle has said NO to a handful of Syrian refugees and YES to training child killers.

PLEASE LODGE YOUR OWN PROTEST TO MR QUAYLE



AN AGEING POPULATION IS A “THREAT”

An ageing population poses the “biggest threat to the social and economic future of the Isle of Man”

That was (then) Chief Minister Alan Bell speaking to the BBC in 2013

He avoided saying that old people are a “burden” although you can clearly take that away from the piece. When John Rimington (MHK for Rushen until 2006) said the same thing less than ten years earlier, it signalled the end of his career. Since Bell didn’t seek re-election, we will never know if this was a nail in his coffin and there were just too many by then anyway.

The Chief Minister and his COMIN acolytes are like the 12 disciples ‘lite’. They mumble their prayers at the start of every session of Tynwald when in reality the only God they worship is the business sector on the Island, best personified by the Pharisees of the Chamber of Commerce.

Quayle openly boasted when campaigning for his constituency election that he was “not a millionaire” but did have a “multi-million pound business”. Well done Howard but just because you are in the millionaires club, it does not mean that Island life and the future of its people has to be dictated by a handful of people in the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is a body that has a disproportionate influence compared to the handful of people it represents and its agenda is the greed agenda of the few at the expense of the many.

If we take the vicious lobbying by former COC president Mickey Swindale for the abandonment of work permit legislation, she wasn’t even representing her own grouping (the COC’s own survey findings revealed most employers wanted work permits retained). This just shows what a dangerous and unaccountable outfit it is, yet it has the ear of the government in our country. We just cannot afford to let the Chamber dictate policy to the detriment of all other interests, not least the broader electorate.

Mec Vannin demands full accountability and the publication of all meetings between the Chamber of Commerce and government. Politicians and particularly Ministers should also declare any informal contacts with this interest group for the few.

IT’S TIME TO CALL TIME on the Chamber of Commerce unless, that is, you want them to keep running the Island whilst we pretend a group of stooges called COMIN are the ‘REAL DEAL’.

Of course, a disproportionately old population is not a direct result of people living longer, it’s the direct result of the nihilistic policies that has attracted a disproportionately large number of people of pensionable age to escape death duties, etc.

Recently David Cretney raised concerns about the treatment of older people and Manx Radio carried the story thus:

“David Cretney recently visited a home which he said fell well short of the sort of standards he would expect.”

We are sure that Mr Cretney, a strong supporter of Health and Social Care with whom Mec Vannin has cooperated in the past, will pursue the issue vigorously.

But hang, on let’s get our head around this. When ageing people are a “threat” to the economy the Chief Minister speaks out. When a “threat to the well being” of senior citizens is posited the Chief Minister says nothing.

OVER TO YOU , HOWARD!



CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

This Island has well over a 1,000 registered charities of many types, many of them doing splendid work to address needs of many types, usually dependent on volunteers and supported by very generous public.

A number of Island charities concentrate on those who find themselves in desperate circumstances and who need some kind of help. Has the government lost its way, prioritising the rich over the poor, over those who have to struggle and depend on the so called "Third Sector", for the most basic needs of life? Raising the pay of the poorest by a few pence tells you all you need to know.

Surely one of the most basic needs is having enough to eat. Since our visit to the Manx Food Bank Centre at Cronkbourne last year, Mec Vannin has learned a great deal about its operations to provide what has become a vital lifeline to many who need temporary assistance, and the care they take to ensure the help goes to those in real need. How shameful that our country needs food banks to provide the staff of life - demand continues to grow! The rich become richer - Mec Vannin does not need to finish the phrase.

The food bank faces problems on two fronts: It needs staple foods that are fit for human consumption. Supermarkets are an obvious source since they dispose of so much food simply because it has gone past an arbitrary "BEST BEFORE" date, but our understanding is that the support from the supermarkets in the Island is vary variable.

The second problem is money. The charity has to spend many thousands a year on rent, rates and insurance. There is an Isle of Man Food Bank donation bucket on this year's Mec Vannin Tynwald Day stall and information leaflets.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY - OUR FOOD BANK NEEDS FOOD FOR THE NEEDY AND CASH TO PAY RENT AND UTILITIES

AND IF YOU'RE A VISITOR TO OUR UNSPOILT PARADISE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE IRISH SEA, YOU MAY STILL BE WONDERING WHAT TYNWALD DAY IS ACTUALLY ABOUT ...

And yes, the above title has been cleaned up as minors may well read this

It claims to be a celebration of the oldest parliamentary democracy. That's the first big lie. No one was ever elected to the Tynwald by public vote until 1866.

It claims to have been established by the Norse. Well the name Tynwald is derived from Norse but to claim that the Norse brought a new form of parliamentary government to us Celts is errant nonsense: The Celts had parliamentary assemblies way before that and the "kings" were endorsed with responsibilities to the people. The St Johns site itself predates the Norse era by a long way.

It claims to celebrate our independence. So, why are there so many aspects of the British military trotting around? Let us help you out. It's because we are a colony and this helps us to remember that.

Given that it claims to be a celebration of a 1000 year old parliament, why do the members of Tynwald dress in Edwardian garb and the Judiciary in 18th century garb? Sorry, we can't help with that one. We are as confused as you are.

Why is there a fly past of RAF jets? Sorry, can't help you with that one either. Apparently it's "traditional". We didn't realise that the Norse had Mach 1 fighter jets but they obviously did.

Why is the fair tucked away out of site of the hill so that the participants can't see what's happening?

That happened in 1979, the year allotted to be "Millenium Year". Yes, the very year that claimed to celebrate 1000 years of the Tynwald completely destroyed the integrity of the occasion and it's been that way ever since.

Why is the God Save the Queen played when we aren't in the UK and we don't have a queen? Well, we still want to keep this suitable for minors so, no comment ...

DOES MEC VANNIN OPPOSE 5G?

At its recent AGM, the Party passed a resolution calling upon the government in the Isle of Man to impose a moratorium on the implementation of 5G until serious concerns regarding potential dangers were addressed.

As part of this, we wrote to the current Director of Public Health, Dr Henrietta Ewart, who had already publicly dismissed any notion that there were potential health risks associated with 5G.

But what is 5G and why is it different to any other "G"? It is a wireless transmission system that uses microwave frequency radio waves to transmit data. So do the existing ones, but at a relatively much longer wavelength. This is the problem. It's very nature means that a much "denser" network is required, particularly in built up areas, because solid objects absorb the signals and their energy far more readily than existing networks.

The World Health Organisation's Fact Sheet states, in relation to these emissions:

"The electromagnetic fields produced by mobile phones are classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer as possibly carcinogenic to humans."

The Council for Europe issued a still standing Resolution (1815) in respect of ALL radio frequency emissions, part of which states:

"6.The Assembly regrets that, despite calls for the respect of the precautionary principle and despite all the recommendations, declarations and a number of statutory and legislative advances, there is still a lack of reaction to known or emerging environmental and health risks and virtually systematic delays in adopting and implementing effective preventive measures. Waiting for high levels of scientific and clinical proof before taking action to prevent well-known risks can lead to very high health and economic costs, as was the case with asbestos, leaded petrol and tobacco."

Dr Ewart's response was to dismiss the Council of Europe resolution since it did not explicitly mention 5G!

She also dismissed public scientific studies that indicated cancer and fertility risks associated with these specific frequencies because some of the research relied on animal testing, yet a huge amount of the work that she has relied on throughout her career is based on animal testing.

Nearly all published research that DOESN'T cast doubts on 5G is industry funded. Dr Ewart has adopted an entrenched position that flies in the face of the best we have to impartial positions on 5G.

The government in the Isle of Man has now taken the whole matter "up a notch" and is looking to steam roller 5G through with a relaxed planning framework. On the question of the health implications, it will hide behind Dr Ewart's pronouncements which, in our opinion, do no credit to herself or the position she occupies. It will also hide behind the fact that the UK is already conducting limited trials of 5G networks.

So, in conclusion, we aren't saying that 5G IS dangerous. We are saying that there is good evidence to say that it could be and, in line with the the Council of Europe's resolution 1815, ***the precautionary principle should be applied.***

TYNWALD FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGES A NEED TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS. WHY DOESN'T IT START BY SCRAPPING THAT INSANE FLY PAST?

Ever since the fair was shovelled to the back field in 1979, the members of Tynwald have continuously bitched about the fact that the fair makes too much noise for them when they think that something "important" is happening. Despite this, at around 10.40, either one or two RAF Hawk jets will scream across the field.

These jets are stationed at RAF Valley in Angelsey and, using very conservative calculations, each one will produce over 1.25 tonnes of carbon dioxide for this little jaunt.

But it's all okay because Chief Minister Howard Quayle is planting 85,000 trees!

It's also worth remembering that these pilots are quite likely to be the same ones that are helping Saudi Arabian pilots to train up to kill Yemeni children. All you people who think this ridiculous exercise is "nice" should bear that in mind.

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