

Public Meetings by Steve Rodan

WEDNESDAY 7th September
7.30pm
Baldrine Methodist Hall

FRIDAY 9th September
7.30pm
Laxey Working Mens Institute

MONDAY 12th September
7.30pm
Dhoon Church Hall, Glen Mona

ARE YOU ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?

You cannot vote unless you are. The deadline to be registered is 8th September. If you are in any doubt phone the Registration office on 685754

ARE YOU OFF-ISLAND ON HOLIDAY OR BUSINESS ON 29th SEPTEMBER?

WILL YOU BE AWAY AT SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY?

ARE YOU UNABLE TO GO TO THE POLLING STATION TO VOTE IN PERSON?

If you would like your vote to be taken from your home, or made by post, or wish to appoint a Proxy voter to vote on your behalf, please let me know and I will assist with your application.

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House of Keys
General
Election 2011

Thursday
29th September

Steve
RODAN
FOR GARFF

Dear Elector

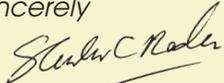
It is with great pleasure that I once more offer myself as your Member of the House of Keys. Since first being elected in May 1995, I have always done my best to ensure that Garff has had strong representation in Tynwald, and it has been a privilege to assist many individual constituents with their concerns.

My 16 years of experience include government service, with two years as Chairman of the Planning Committee, five years as Education Minister and two as Minister at the Department Health and Social Security.

More recently, after the last General Election in 2006 I was elected Speaker of the House of Keys - this great privilege has given me a further opportunity to serve the people of the Isle of Man. Tynwald's legislative independence is what defines the Isle of Man as a nation, and has made possible our unique fiscal, economic and social environment within the British Isles.

This leaflet has been delivered through your door by one of my election campaign supporters. Over the coming weeks I look forward to calling on you personally, and to sending you my Election Manifesto.

I greatly look forward to your support again on 29th September.
Yours sincerely



Steve Rodan



This General Election is vitally important for our Island. In recent years we have enjoyed continuous and strong economic growth, full employment and buoyant government revenues to fund essential public services and infrastructure renewal.

The next five years are bound to be more challenging -with world economic recession, and the recent assaults on our national finances by the UK Government, the Isle of Man will need clear strategies, full contingency planning, and political leaders with breadth of vision and experience. Firm direction and a steady hand is needed in an uncertain international situation. In particular, we must vigorously defend our national interests against unwelcome political pressure and interference, whether from the UK, European Union or OECD. The Island's future economic well being depends totally on its continued freedom of action over its own taxation arrangements and domestic legislation.

I firmly believe that on-going constructive dialogue with external governments and organisations - while standing up for ourselves - is the right approach.

My commitment to an economically strong, politically self-confident, and stable Isle of Man is total.

Representing you in Tynwald...

As Speaker, I have been able to play an independent role scrutinising government activity - by fully engaging in Tynwald debates, and chairing numerous parliamentary Select Committees including investigations into Economic Initiatives, Immigration, Manx Electricity Authority and the Steam Packet Company.

Since 2007 I have tabled no fewer than 75 Questions in Tynwald for oral or written answer by Ministers on numerous issues of public concern..... Scope and Structure of Government... The Reciprocal Health Agreement...Representation In Brussels.....Preserving the Common Travel Area.....Passport Controls....Dreemskerry Quarry.....Pensions.....Child welfare.....Freedom of Information.....

and Internationally...

The role has also enabled me to build valuable political contacts at Westminster, Channel Islands and in the devolved parliaments in Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast. It is vital that the Island is well represented internationally, and I have attended the twice-yearly meetings of the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly with great enthusiasm.

The Campaign to save the Reciprocal Health Agreement...

When Isle of Man Government Ministers had all but given up the fight, telling us "the UK Government's door is firmly locked on this issue" and "their policy decision is NOT open to negotiation", some of us in Tynwald refused to take NO for an answer. Simply drawing up schemes to have everyone take out individual health insurance was NOT the answer!

I enlisted political support at Westminster, and my contacts within the British Irish Assembly, to directly confront the UK Health Secretary for the opening of face-to-face talks with the Isle of Man Government. These were ultimately successful, and this grave threat which caused such great anxiety to the travelling public was lifted.

Supporting the Community...

The parishes of Lonan and Maughold, and village of Laxey, have a strong sense of community, which I strive to support.

I was pleased to set up the Laxey Regeneration Committee, now in its early stages of bidding for Government funding; also the Laxey and Lonan Live at Home Scheme, a voluntary befriending and home visiting service.

And I continue to be much involved with the Laxey Fair Committee, Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust, and Royal British Legion.