

Tax – so many confusing changes. The Tax Credit System is a misnomer. It is a *welfare* benefit, and its operation via HM Revenue and Customs has not been a success. Witness the scare reports of excess repayments being made.

Solution: Streamline the system.

NB Back in 2005, I advocated that the now meaningless “Lower Rate Band” and the Lower rate of tax should be *abolished* and the Personal Allowance should be *increased* so that the starting rate of tax is substantially higher. That way, people in work will have a greater incentive to keep more of their money. Do you recall how much political time was wasted until this was eventually adopted? *Job done.*

Value for Money Audits – back in 1980 when the waste in the Public Sector was colossal, I urged for this. Now we have large paid executives taking retirement, and coming back as consultants. Why?

Petrol tax (Duty) price increases are far too regular with no opposition. Where’s the Opposition been for too many years? Does no-one take a common-sense view? We are taxed at every opportunity, and then the government wastes our money in window dressing activities – and the opposition remains silent. I recall a quotation in wartime about keeping silent when enemy forces kept returning to take away possessions, then people “and then they came for me”.

Others – I am here to serve YOU, the people who want a true voice in Parliament to speak for them in the way that it best represents YOUR views. Not the views dictated to them by the Party Chiefs, and imposed by dictatorial means. Any other views that you might want included, *let me have them.*

Word of mouth is the best way that I can appeal to those of you who feel that we should have proper, sincere and realistic Representation of the People. Please feel free to use my Website to contact me with any positive suggestions and encouragement. For users familiar with *Facebook* and *Twitter*, your help would especially be welcome. If anyone knows of any public venues so that we can meet, please contact me. The best way is an email to MartinLevin@HotMail.co.uk or a call to my Mobile on 0794.648.1209.

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ELECTION COMMUNICATION – LEYTON AND WANSTEAD CONSTITUENCY

Even after I stood as an Independent Candidate in the 2005 General Election (in Ilford North), there is ***STILL NO-ONE TO VOTE FOR*** – or is there? Be discriminate, effectively vote for yourself by voting for

Martin Levin
- *Independent Candidate*



Who I am- A visit to my Website www.MartinLevinABC.co.uk could prove interesting. As an Independent, I do not get the media publicity that the three large parties get. The public are thus offered poor choices.

Fact- The people of Leyton and Wanstead deserve a better representative in Parliament.

Recent History of the Constituency - Back in 1966, Harold Wilson parachuted Patrick Gordon-Walker into it by creating a By Election in kicking the long time member Reg Sorensen “upstairs” to the House of Lords. The people of Leyton rejected the “intended Foreign Secretary”. That was a bit of a sensation in a Labour “stronghold”. We can – **and should** – create another phenomenon.

Party Politics - and money spent

I find it absurd that political parties seek funds so that they can spend huge amounts to bribe the electorate for its vote.



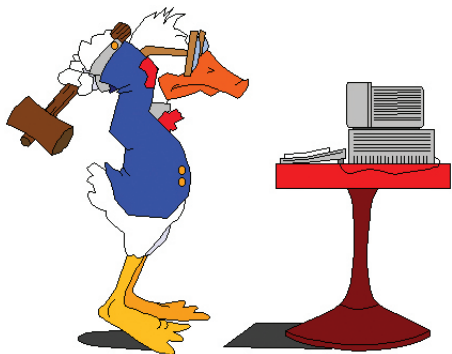
Please consider the names on the Ballot Paper. Potentially it is possible to have a “Robot” elected – as long as they wore the Party Colours. Witness how a man dressed as a Monkey (H’Angus, The Monkey) being elected Mayor in Hartlepool (May 2002). Was this symbolic? This is because the candidates presented to you by the large Parties are people who have been picked by their parties, not because of their sincerity, but because of party

loyalty. It doesn’t matter whether they can “Represent their People” under the Act, and, sadly, mainly because of their ability to “give a good account of themselves in a debate”. Therefore so many candidates are legally trained.

Lawyers in Parliament: There are too many of them. They make “laws” for the lawyers - to earn fees. It is a fact that the Legal Profession **IS** a cartel. So the term “Legal” means nothing in this era, where no-one takes responsibility, for one’s own actions, but falls back on “Human Rights”.

Witness how Tony Blair shackled any previous enquiries (David Kelly’s and others) with “Terms of Reference” which appears to have been designed to prevent the facts that the public really wanted to be brought out. Remember the (late) David Kelly Enquiry? Verdict: No one was to blame for his “suicide”.

Truth, Honesty, Integrity - three items lacking in modern politics [I wrote that in 2005]. I submit that this was a profound statement. The choice of being hit over the head by a 12 pound, 14 pound or 16 pound hammer can be rejected.



I make no apology if I am re-stating what I have said publicly in previous General Elections. Go ahead and check all of these on my Website. These facts are still relevant today – as indeed are my policies. So you DO have a chance to be discriminate, to effectively *vote for yourself*

A mini-manifesto of my proposed policies is:

A MINI MANIFESTO

Health – The Health Service is severely over-manned. Like a pyramid, it is top-heavy, with administrators. We need **doctors and nurses**. **Solution:** Ensure that for every clerical worker there are at least ten doctors and nurses.

Solution: Abolish the statistics. These are being manipulated by managers trying to retain their power-bases. Waiting times do not represent the true position. I know of one lady who was suffering from breast cancer. She was merely seen to take her off the list.

Long Term Home Care – Watch this space (continued from 2005). Not a wide amount of publicity had previously been given to this creeping problem when I raised it in 2005. The Government had imposed means-testing on those needing long term care. Whenever it can, the financial support is placed upon the residents of the care home. Means-testing is (again) applied. The get out is the **reason** for the need to go into care. Too many decisions have been adjudged by the Health Service Ombudsman that the Department of Health has wrongly placed the cost on the applicant’s/family.

Solution: Stop the misapplication of means tests. Ensure that the saga of shame that the Department of Health’s missing of deadlines to protect older people is adhered to. *NB this topic was in my Mini Manifesto back in 2005. It is still relevant today. But no political party has taken this up. Why not?*

Pensions – Back in 1997, the incoming Labour government imposed a tax raid on pension and retirement funds. By withdrawing around £5billion a year in tax, the ability for the funds to grow were diminished. That did not help the confidence in the stock market as history has shown that the European stock markets have made better gains than in the UK.

Solution: Restore the tax breaks for investors and pension funds, by allowing the funds to roll-up tax-free.

National Insurance – It is a tax in all but another name. Those in work providing for a family, suffer annual increases, which stifles pride. What happens to the sums collected? Answer: wasted again on party waving schemes. Let’s have a Value For Money Audit on all public spending. I remember Dennis Healey as Chancellor in the mid 1970s taxing “until the pips squeaked”. As a result, tax reached 98pence in the pound, the Kinks sang “the taxman’s taken all my dough” [Sunny Afternoon], and the Beatles sang (in 1966) “one for you [shillings], nineteen [shillings] for me” [“Taxman” – then it was 20 shillings in the pound sterling]

Transport – Penalising people is not the way.

Solution: Encourage public transport, by heavily subsidizing it. Place timer clocks on top of traffic lights, counting down from 1 minute 40 seconds. That way, both traffic and pedestrians know how much time they have.