
LIBERAL/LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES IN THE DEVON & CORNWALL REGION 1945-2015

INCLUDING SDP CANDIDATES in the GENERAL ELECTIONS of 1983 and 1987

The compilation of this Index has presented perhaps the least difficulty of all the regions of Britain. The number of constituencies concerned is quite small and many have retained the same name over a long period and are readily identifiable as geographic and historic locations. The Devon & Cornwall Region of course has been traditionally a bastion of Liberal/Liberal Democrat strength, even in the darkest days of party fortunes. Virtually every constituency has been fought consistently over the period. None has been left uncontested for more than two or three elections in succession. Many party MPs held their seats over several General Elections and numerous candidates have stood in the same constituency on multiple occasions. Perhaps in no other region of Britain have so many party candidates been personalities in their own right, a factor which has greatly assisted the business of assembling biographical details. Some have been memorable characters indeed starting with the very first page of the Index. As a result there are several extended entries. Cross-checking of candidates with Indices for other regions has been necessary in a score or so instances. Several candidates have contested elections in two or more regions.

THE MARTELL PLAN

The Martell Plan, mentioned in passing throughout the regional directories was the electoral strategy adopted by the Liberal Party for the General Election of 1950. It was first named after Edward Martell qv (Greater London), a party 'grandee' of the immediate post-war years who advocated the nomination of over 150 additional candidates in constituencies which had little or no Liberal organization nor history of Liberal activity in recent years. Most were adopted less than two months before nomination day, many at the eleventh hour, Martell's objective being to increase the Liberal challenge to a level at which the party would be enabled to form a government, presuming enough MPs were elected.

Martell and his supporters, among them many younger party members including Jeremy Thorpe, Isaac Hyam qqv, believed that a steadily growing number of adoptions being announced in the media would create a momentum of its own in the minds of the electorate. The majority of the constituencies involved were in urban areas of Greater London, the North West, South East, Scotland and the West Midland Regions, though other regions were involved to lesser degree. Quixotically, a considerable number of largely rural constituencies went uncontested where a Liberal candidate might have fared reasonably well, judging upon results obtained at the 1945 General Election. The final national tally of candidates, a fair proportion of them of dubious Liberal pedigree, was over 450. The party lost over 300 deposits, though without contemporary records of Liberal associations, or regional parties, covering the period, it is now impossible to differentiate technically between a 'Martell Plan Candidate' and a candidate, albeit in an unpromising constituency, adopted following more formal procedures, well in advance of nomination day. An enormous percentage of the Martell Plan candidates were among those to lose their deposits of £150, then set at 12 1/2% of votes cast. Fortunately provision had been made for some measure of insurance cover with Lloyds in the City of London against this contingency.

The goal of fighting every mainland constituency in the UK was finally achieved 25 years later under the leadership of Jeremy Thorpe at the General Election of October 1974. The broad front was reduced, marginally, at the following election of 1979. In both 1983 and 1987 the Liberals and their allies, the SDP, each contested roughly 50% of the UK parliamentary constituencies, avoiding contests against each other save in a handful of cases. Since 1992 the Liberal Democrats have contested every constituency in mainland UK, save for that held by The Speaker and a handful of other instances, at every successive general election. In recent times party nominees who are nominated at the last minute in unpromising constituencies, simply to show the flag, have come to be termed 'paper candidates.' Virtually every candidate at recent general elections, however, has been approved by the party's parliamentary candidates' committee and adopted according to formal procedure.

The scale of defeat for the Liberal Party in the 1950 General Election, in which nine Liberal MPs were elected, was eclipsed by the debacle of 2015 when only eight of the previously held 57 constituencies returned a Liberal Democrat MP. No less than 340 of 631 deposits were forfeited, £170,000, at the current rate of £500, with the threshold at 5% of votes cast. No deposits had been lost by the party at the General Election of 2010.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

This key omits many commonly used, standard abbreviations.

| | |
|--------|---|
| appt | appointment/appointed |
| assn | association |
| b h s | boys high school |
| comp | comprehensive |
| ed | education educated |
| elem | elementary |
| g | grammar |
| g h s | girls high school |
| g-t | grammar-tech |
| h | high |
| jun | junior |
| s | school |
| s s | schools |
| sec | secondary |
| sen | senior |
| u | upper |
| Coll | College |
| FE | Further Education |
| HE | Higher Education |
| LSE | London School of Economics |
| U | University |
| UMINST | University of Manchester Institute of Technology. |
| acc | accountant |
| asst | assistant |
| bus | business |
| ch | chartered |
| corr | correspondent |
| eng | engineer/engineering |
| comm/s | committee/s |
| co | company |
| comp | computer |
| cons | consultant/consultancy |
| dpty | deputy |
| dvpmnt | development |
| dir | director |
| eng | engineer |
| exec | executive |

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|----------|---|
| incl | including |
| ind | industry |
| ins | insurance |
| Inst | Institute or Institution |
| Int | international |
| IT | Information Technology |
| lect | lecturer |
| ldr | leader |
| man | manager managing managerial or management |
| mark | marketing |
| mbr | member |
| PR | Public Relations |
| prog | programme |
| rep | representative |
| ret | retired |
| sec | secretary |
| t'nology | technology |
| TTC | teacher training coll. |

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|------|-----------------------------------|
| ald | alderman |
| cand | candidate |
| C | County or Council |
| cllr | councillor |
| DC | District Council |
| grp | group |
| ldr | leader |
| MB | Metropolitan or Municipal Borough |
| MWA | Member of Welsh Assembly |
| PC | Parish Council |
| RDC | Rural District Council |
| TC | Town Council |
| UA | Unitary Authority |
| UDC | Urban District Council |
| WM | West Midlands. |

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| ALTU | Association of Liberal Trade Unionists |
| APNI | Alliance Party of Northern Ireland |
| assn | association |
| BALF | Birmingham Area Liberal Federation |
| BLO | Birmingham Liberal Organisation |
| CAB | Citizens' Advice Bureau |
| ELD | European Liberal Democrats |
| LA | Liberal Association |
| LDA | Liberal Democratic Association |
| LDN | Liberal Democrat News |

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| LDV | Lib Dem Voice |
| LGBT | lesbian gay bisexual transgender |
| Lib | Int Liberal International |
| NATFHE | National Association of Teachers in Further/Higher Education |
| PCA | Parliamentary Candidates Association |
| Reg | Region or Regional |
| SDP | Social Democratic Party |
| ULS | Union of Liberal Students |
| WLD | Women Lib Dems |
| WM | West Midland |
| WMLF | West Midland(s) Liberal Federation |
| WMRP | West Midland Regional Party |
| YLS/YLDS | Young Liberals/Liberal Democrats. |

Party refers to Liberal/Liberal Democratic Party, unless otherwise stated.

Parliamentary elections fought by a candidate in the Index of any individual region appear in bold type thus: **Torquay 1951**. Constituencies fought by a candidate during his/her career in other regions appear in standard type.

The names of constituencies have changed over the years as a result of parliamentary boundary changes.

ABEL, Deryck R. E., b 1918 ed Tottenham County s, LSE, London U; lost leg during war service which permanently undermined his health; one of the party's great characters of the 50s and 60s and leading post war intellectuals; staunch member of Free Trade Union, wrote for *Free Trader*; associated with *The Contemporary Review*, editor 1960-1965, succeeding the legendary Prof G. P. Gooch; advocate of liberal concepts of freedom; witty if erudite public speaker; author of *Ernest Benn, Counsellor for Liberty* etc; early advocate of Channel Tunnel project which he termed 'the Chunnel' as opposed to a bridge which he suggested 'might suffer from an excess of ventilation'; at an election meeting, once asked by an elderly pensioner 'Are your lot in favour of putting pensions up?' to which he replied unequivocally, 'The answer to your question madam is a very strong affirmative !' which brought an immediate retort, 'Does that mean yes or no?'; on a visit behind the Iron Curtain at the height of the Cold War he congratulated the management of a state controlled firm on 'your excellent workers canteen and cuisine bourgeoisie'; much loved figure in party; chair of LPO Exec; LPO Council until 1960s; left Free Trade movement c1958 in opposition to policies of Major Oliver Smedley qv; his cut-glass manners, rarefied diction and city gent appearance, complete with pin-striped suit, bowler and umbrella, were not electioneering assets; d 1965; his widow Betty was editor of *The Contemporary Review* from 1970; St Albans (East of England Region) 1950, **Torquay 1951**, Worthing (South East Region) 1959

AGGETT, Thomas Henry, b 1893? son of T. H. A. sen (known as 'the railway poet of the West'); printer; pres, South Devon YLs; Plymouth, Sutton 1929, **Totnes 1945**

ALDERSON, John, KCOBE, b Cottingham 1922 ed Barnsley Tech Coll, later research fellow Oxford U, Inns of Court; former Chief Constable for Devon and Cornwall; army service WWII; 36 years' service with police in metropolitan area and provinces; latterly barrister; became well known as writer/broadcaster, holding some controversial opinions, some of which were years ahead of their time which made him unpopular with police colleagues; early advocate of community policing; cons on Human Rights to Council of Europe from 1987, BBC Advisory Council 1971-78; fellow Cambridge Inst of Criminology, visiting Prof U of Strathclyde, U of Portsmouth; d 2011; **Teignbridge 1983**

ALLISON, (Major) Eric Farquhar, b 1916, ed Manchester g s, Oxford U, Pres U Liberal Club, Pres Union of Liberal Students; distinguished record WW II, later master Dulwich Coll; **St Ives** by-e 1937, **1945**, **1950**

BALDRY, Keith, b 1944 ed Willesden Co g s, Trinity Coll, Dublin; ret post control officer, head post master at Plymouth, Cornwall; part-time adviser to Bishop of Exeter; **Devon South West 1997**, **Plymouth, Devonport 2001**

BANKS, Desmond Anderson Harvie, later Lord Banks, b Ascot, 1918 ed U Coll s; war service; life ins broker, pension cons; joined party at school; co-founder with Peter Grafton of Radical Reform Group, formed to counter perceived rightward drift of party, remaining member until its demise in early 1960s; author of many pamphlets and policy papers; speech writer to Jo Grimond; strongly committed supporter of Europe Union, Chair Liberal Euro Action Group, Chair European Movement 1986-1994; Chair LPO Exec 1961-1963, Pres 1968-1969; CBE 1972; Life Peer 1975; dpty Chief Whip Lords 1972-1983; his wife Barbara (nee Wells) OBE, was a stalwart of WLF; greatly respected throughout the party; of a kindly and welcoming personality, gentle and reasoning in approach,

effective speaker on TV and radio; d 1997; Harrow East (Greater London) 1950, **St Ives 1955**, Hertfordshire South West (East of England Region) 1959 see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BANKS, (Major) Michael E. B., b 1922 ed Chippenham g s; writer; polar and Himalayan explorer; received Polar Medal for a 900 mile trek over Greenland ice cap; mbr Dartmoor Rescue Club; **Tavistock 1970, Plymouth, Devonport 1974 Feb**

BANKS, Simon, b 1946 ed g s, Welwyn Garden City, Cambridge U, Bristol U; office worker; active in conservation, Plymouth Housing Action; later Waltham Forest LBC; **Plymouth, Sutton, 1974 Feb, Oct**, Leyton, 1987, Chingford 1992 (both Greater London)

BARNARD, Dr Jim, b 1947 ed Wells Cathedral s, Leeds U; dairy business owner, agricultural cons; adviser to government and EU on food legislation; Euro cand 1994; many interests including Amnesty; **Tiverton & Honiton 1997, 2001**

BARRINGTON, (Brig) Guy, b 1905 ed Sandhurst Military Coll; served India, Burma WW II; later farmer at Hawkchurch, Devon; **Honiton 1950**

BESSELL, Peter Joseph, b 1921 ed Llynwyd s, Bath; Methodist lay preacher 1939-70; a determined campaigner who recorded one of few party gains in 1964; also mbr Mebyn Kernow; his spirit of independence, energy, panache appealed to his Cornish constituents who believed regional economic affairs had been neglected by successive governments; in Commons sat on Estimates Comm, Select Comm on Procedure; often at odds with colleagues and party Whip; admitted he was 'a bad party man'; became investment cons; crippling debts arising from business failures led to his flight to the USA, later Mexico, after 1970 to escape prosecution; permitted to return UK 1979 under amnesty to testify at trial against his former friend and colleague, Jeremy Thorpe qv, for which he shamefully accepted an enormous sum from *The Daily Mail*; a known fantasist, his largely perjured 'evidence' was eventually rejected by the court; pub memoire *Cover Up* 1981; not an exemplary character; d in penury and obscurity in a one room beach hut in California 1985, having made some effort to clear his business debts; life-long chain smoker; **Torquay 1955, by-e 1955, Bodmin 1959, 1964, 1966; MP 1966-70** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BLACKBURN, (Lieut-Col) Cyril Harry, b 1902? service WW II; LPO Exec; Home Counties Liberal Federation; d 1984?; Islington East (Greater London) 1935, **Tiverton 1945, 1950**

BLACKMORE, Roger B., b 1941 ed Abingdon s, Shebbear Coll, North Devon; Leicester U; career with Imperial Typewriters; Leicester MBC from 1993, group ldr 2003-04, 2005-07, Lord Mayor 2009-10; Gainsborough (East Midlands Region) 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, **North Devon 1983**

BLUNT, David J., b 1944 ed Farnham g s, Cambridge U; barrister and writer; Lambeth Central (Greater London) by-e 1978, 1979; **Cornwall South East 1983**

BONAR, Stuart A., raised locally ed Manaden p s, Devonport b h s, U in UK, USA; widely travelled; works for Royal Coll of Midwives; interests incl NHS, education; **Plymouth, Moor View 2010, 2015**

BONHAM-CARTER, Mark, later Lord, b 1922; grandson of H. H. Asquith, Liberal PM 1908-1916, son of Lady Violet B-C, brother of Laura Grimond, brother-in-law of Jo Grimond, party leader 1956-67 qqv; ed Winchester, Oxford U, Chicago U; studies interrupted by war service; captured, later escaped from POW camp in Italy 1943 returning to Allied lines after a 400 mile trek; entered publishing but

his employers, Collins, disapproved of his political activities; his victory in 1958 was the first party gain at a by-election since 1929; Grimond is said to have hoped he would become his designated successor as party leader but he lost his seat after only 18 months, a great loss to the party which would have benefited greatly from his presence at Westminster at a crucial juncture; of an unassuming character and gaunt appearance; an authoritative speaker rather than a persuasive orator, he enjoyed widespread respect across party lines; well-known broadcaster; re-joined Collins after 1958; first Chair, Race Relations Board, 1966-71, Community Relations Commission 1971-77, Dir of Royal Opera House 1958-82, a Governor of Royal Ballet 1960-94, vice-Chair BBC 1975-80; Life Peerage 1986; party Foreign Affairs spokesman in Lords; d Italy 1994; **Barnstaple 1945, Torrington by-election 1958, 1959, 1964; MP 1958-59**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BRAZIL, Julian C. M., b 1964 ed Reading Coll of Technology, Bristol U; co sec, financial dir to family firm; former science teacher, one-time researcher for Matthew Taylor MP qv; Devon CC, South Hams DC; opposed to unsightly solar farms; strong local campaigner, calling for local jobs, local housing; allegedly bullied a council officer; Brent South (Greater London) 1997; **Falmouth & Camborne 2001, Totnes 2010, 2015**

BREED, Colin, b 1947 Surrey, ed Torquay g s, worked for Midland Bank 1964-81, later co dir of various firms; Methodist lay preacher; Cardon DC, Saltash TC; party spokesman in Commons for Trade and Industry, later Shadow Agriculture Minister; spell as Defence spokesman also for Environment, Food and Rural affairs; stood down as MP 2010; **Cornwall South East 1997, 2001, 2005; MP 1997-2010**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BRETT-FREEMAN, Julian P., b 1960 ed Springfield comp s, Portsmouth, South Downs Coll, Havant, Inst of Housing; housing management officer; LPO Council; **Plymouth, Sutton 1992**

BREWER, Dennis, b 1951 ed Greenway b s, Bristol, Bristol Poly, South Bank Poly; sales, management cons; **Exeter 1997**

BRUNNER, Sir Hugo Laurence Joseph, b 1935; from a distinguished Liberal family of Cheshire industrialists, which included two Liberal MPs; son of Sir Felix B., qv (North West Region), ed Eton, Oxford U; publisher; LPO exec, dpty Treasurer; High Sheriff Oxfordshire, Lord Lieut. of Oxfordshire 1996-2008; JP; KCVO 2008; **Torquay 1964, 1966**

BRUTON, C. Meddon K., b 1918 ed Royal Naval Coll, Dartmouth; farmer ret naval officer; assumed candidature from Edwin Malindine qv in the highly marginal North Cornwall, the party's best chance of gaining a seat in 1964 (as it had been in 1959 and 1955) but failed to make headway; said to have been casual and lack lustre in his campaigning; a laid back, 'greetings old boy!' type, unsuited to the constituency; recent revelations suggest he was of gay orientation and a protégé of Jeremy Thorpe; the latter appears to have recommended him to North Cornwall LA and was bitterly disappointed with his failure to capture the seat; Taunton (South West Region) 1959; **North Cornwall 1964**.

BURNETT, John Patrick Aubone, later Lord, b Oswestry, 1945, ed Ampleforth Coll, Britannia RN Coll, Dartmouth, Coll of Law, London; service Royal Marine Commandos, active service in Borneo, Middle East, solicitor latterly partner in practice; farmer, cattle breeder; practising Catholic; joined party 1985; member Commons Home Affairs and Legal team; spokesman on legal affairs 1997-2005 Shadow Solicitor General; member various Commons comms including Treasury team later

spokesman on legal affairs and procedural matters; Life Peer 2006; **Devon West & Torridge, 1987, 1997, 2001; MP 1997-2005**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BYE, Nicholas David, b 1960 ed Montpelier, Paignton, Kings Coll, Taunton, Oxford U; hotel manager; later ran estate agency; **Torbay 1987**

CANN, Alfred Charles, b Plymouth 1902; amateur actor, playwright later commercial traveller; formerly Conservative; active in local government; **Plymouth, Devonport 1950**

CASTLE, M/s Maureen E., b 1937 ed London U, Exeter U; Home Office criminologist, barrister/psychologist; defected from Labour for whom she had contested St Ives 1970; **Plymouth, Drake 1974, Feb, Oct**

CHAMBERS, David, b 1947 Great Yarmouth g s, City of Norwich s, Chelsea School of Chiropody; chiropodist; Nottinghamshire CC; Mansfield (East Midlands) 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979; **North Cornwall 1983**

CHAVE, Robert (Rob) F., b 1952 ed Exeter s, South Devon Tech, Portsmouth Poly; acc; **South Hams 1987**

COCKS, Graham, b 1924 ed Devonport h s; solicitor; Plymouth MBC; remembered for sense of humour with witty turn of phrase and his minor eccentricities; LPO Council early 1960s; **Plymouth, Sutton 1964**

COLLIER, Jeremy James, ed Blundell's s, Tiverton, Royal Agricultural Coll, Cirencester; dramatically raised party vote in by-e coming close to winning the seat; Jeremy Thorpe who was a great family friend of the Colliers campaigned strenuously on his behalf; recently revealed that Collier resigned his candidature in 1965 and shortly left the party on learning details of Thorpe's private life; **Tiverton 1959, by-e 1960, 1964**

CONNETT, Alan, Devon CC grp ldr, Teignbridge DC; energetic campaigner on local issues rural bus services etc; **Plymouth, Sutton 2001**

COPUS, Richard; estate agent, active with National Assn of Estate Agents; defected to Conservatives; **Plymouth, Devonport 1997, Exeter 2001**

COTTON, John b 1945? ed Newcastle U, Hull U; teacher; **St Ives 1979**

COX, David N., ed St Cuthbert Mayne R C s, South Devon Coll of Advanced Technology; post office manager; Teignmouth TC; active with UCW; among his opponents was Ind Liberal David Morrish qv who polled 3.8%; **Tiverton 1992**

COX, Mrs Valerie A., b 1942 ed Bournemouth g g s, Guy's Hospital, Poly of South West; training cons, radiotherapist/radiographer; active with North Cornwall LDA; Cornwall CC many council, party posts; **Plymouth, Drake 1992**

DAVEY, Alfred George Sherman T., b 1914 ed Redruth g s, U Coll, Exeter; teacher and lect; Methodist lay preacher; Camborne-Redruth UDC, Kerrier DC from 1973; he fell out with the local LA and contested the constituency in the October 1974 General Election as an Ind Liberal, polling 4.43% in opposition to the official Liberal, Edmund Sara qv; **Falmouth & Camborne 1970, 1974 Feb**

DAVIES, Tom, raised locally, ed Oxford U; cha cc with one largest UK acc firms; has worked abroad; former building dir of charity organisation; assists at Plymouth Citizens Advice Bureau; **Devon South West 2015**

DEAL, Warwick, b 1918 ed Romford Intermediate s, Chelmsford S of Art; forester; Civil Service U exec; **Honiton 1964**

DESCH, Dr Harold Ernest, b 1904 ed Tottenham g s, Oxford U; ch surveyor, timber cons; Fellow of Surveyors' Inst, eminent in forestry circles; author of books on timber; served Nigeria, Malaya; prisoner of Japanese 1942-45; party Housing Comm; **Totnes 1950, 1951**

DOLPHIN, M/s Paula, b 1970 Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed Pontificia U, Campinas; Cornwall CC; **Devon West & Torridge 2015**

DUMPER, Tim Roland; mbr Inst of Personnel & Development, cons (ret); chair local LDA; Exmouth TC; **Devon East 2001, 2005**

EVANS, Dr Judy, b 1952? ed Oxford U, Charing Cross Medical School; plastic surgeon now in private practice; examiner for Royal Coll of Surgeons; moved to Plymouth 1986; with Karen Gillard qv experienced troubled relationship with local LDA in Plymouth which was rent by dissension; was awarded £300,000 in a dispute with Derriford Hospital, Plymouth after she was wrongly suspended for supporting a Nigerian colleague in a race-charged dispute; **Devon South West 2005, Plymouth, Sutton & Devonport 2010**

EVANS, R. Vaughan, b 1951, ed Shrewsbury s, Cambridge U, London Business S; economist; **South Hams 1992**

FOOT, Sir Dingle Mackintosh, PC, b Plymouth 1905; son of Isaac qv, bother of John qv, also Michael and Hugh; ed Bembridge s, Oxford U, Pres of Union 1928; called to bar 1930; barrister; regular broadcaster on BBC *In the News* 1940s, 1950s; Parliamentary Sec to Ministry of Economic Warfare in war time coalition government; joined Labour 1956, serving as Solicitor General 1964-67; knighted 1964 and appointed PC; author of *Despotism in Disguise* (1937), *British Political Crises* (1976); d tragically 1978 in Hong Kong, choking on a bone in a sandwich; Dundee (Scotland) 1931, 1935, 1945; MP 1931-1945; **North Cornwall 1950, 1951**; for Labour - Ipswich by-e 1957, 1959, 1964, 1966, 1970; MP 1957-70; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FOOT, Rt Hon Isaac, b 1880, Plymouth; ed Plymouth Hoe g s., qualified as a solicitor; father of D., J., qqv, also Michael F. (1913-2000 former Labour Party Leader) and Hugh F., (later Lord Caradon 1907-

90, Governor of Cyprus 1957-1960; Labour Minister of State at Foreign Office 1964-70 Ambassador to the UN)

Isaac Foot served on Plymouth MBC 1907-1927 was Mayor 1945-1946 and had previously been Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, 1937-1938. He was a life-long Liberal who followed Asquith in the party schism of 1918. He served as Minister of Mines 1931-1932 in the National Government, resigning over the Ottawa Agreement and following the Samuelite Liberals into opposition. He became a Privy Councillor in 1937. A great orator, he attacked the Baldwin-Chamberlain appeasement of Hitler in the late 1930s. The owner of library of over 70,000 volumes he was a fervent admirer of Oliver Cromwell and the triumph of Parliament over the Royalists in the Civil War. Lady Nancy Astor, his Conservative opponent in the by-election at Plymouth became a life-long friend. An irrepressible campaigner in the Liberal cause, possibly one of the greatest ever, he fought twelve parliamentary elections, winning only four, remaining a highly revered figure in the party until his death in 1960. He also served as President LPO 1947. His gaunt appearance and austere demeanour cloaked an impish wit. On learning of the Liberal by-election victory at Torrington in 1958 from a woman in a bus queue, not previously known to him, he replied, 'I'm going to kiss you, madam', a story he later recounted to the great amusement of the Torquay Party Assembly. Totnes 1910 Jan, Bodmin 1910 Dec, 1918, Plymouth, Sutton, by-e 1919, Bodmin 1922, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1931, 1935, St Ives by-e 1937, **Tavistock 1945**; MP 1922-1924, 1929-1935; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FOOT, (Major) John, later Lord, b Callington, Cornwall 1909, son of Isaac Foot qv; ed Forres s, Swanage, Bembidge, Isle of Wight; Oxford U, pres of Union and Liberal Club; service WW II; became sen partner in family legal firm; held various public offices in Devon including mbr of Dartmoor National Park Comm 1963-74; his close friend Jeremy Thorpe on becoming party ldr encouraged his return to active politics; served on Royal Comm on the Constitution 1969-73 with United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service 1970-84; chair Council of Justice 1984-80 Life Peerage 1967; Life Peer 1967; speaker in Lords on legal issues, environmental protection; finally retired from profession 1995; d 1999; Basingstoke by-e 1934, 1935, **Bodmin 1945, 1950**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FRY, (Capt) Howard L., b 1912 ed St Pauls s, RAF pilot, later with BOAC; chair /fdr Westward Airways 1968; ceased trading 1970; pioneer of Newquay Airport; LPO exec, Council early 1960s; fine speaking voice; sported an impressive 'Battle of Britain' moustache; persistent if somewhat itinerant campaigner; New Forest (South West Region) 1950, Aylesbury (South Central Region) 1955, 1959, Colchester (East of England Region) by-e 1961, Wells (South West Region) 1964, 1966, **St Ives 1970**

GAVED, M/s Joan Arundel; school teacher; WW II service as ambulance attendant later air raid warden though some sources say WRNS; **Plymouth, Sutton 1945**

GEORGE, Andrew, b 1958, Mullion nr Lizard, Cornwall, ed Helston g s, Sussex U, Oxford U; graduate in agricultural economics; employed in various posts with charity orgs; 1987-97 dir Cornish Rural Community Council; joined Mebyn Kernow; in Commons took loyal oath in Cornish; campaigner on Cornish issues including establishing a Cornish Assembly, though not a unitary authority; suffers from autoimmune disease; in turn Commons Shadow Minister of Fisheries, Disabilities, Rural Affairs; PPS to Charles Kennedy; later Regional Affairs Select Comm, Agriculture, Shadow Secretary for International Development, Select Comm for Communities and Local Government; Speaker's Conference 2009-10; member of all-party group on carers; chair all-party group on housing and planning; in all serves on 71 all-party groups; author of several books, *A Vision of Cornwall* (pub

1995) etc ; lives Penzance; **St Ives 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015; MP 1997-2015**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

GIBSON, N. Alan S., b 1923, Sheffield, of Durham mining stock; ed Sir George Monoux g s, Walthamstow, London E., Taunton s, Oxford U; said to have gained a First in History without attending a single lecture; noted cricket writer and leading authority on the game; prolific author of evocative articles and books; highly revered by colleagues; his Test commentaries were described as 'fluent, erudite and witty;' sometime radio producer/presenter BBC West Region; his later career was sadly impaired by health problems; d Taunton 1997; **Falmouth & Camborne 1959**

GILBERT, Stephen David John, (Steve), b Cornwall 1976 attended schools in Fowey, Lostwithiel and St Austell; St Austell Coll; U of Wales, Aberystwyth, later MA from LSE; one of 20 or so openly gay MPs; worked as pub affairs cons, parliamentary researcher to Lembit Opik MP, later Robin Teverson; Restormel BC; Haringey LBC, 2002; in Commons mbr Local Government Select Comm; from 2012 PPS to Ed Davey, Minister of Energy and Climate Change; **St Austell & Newquay 2010, 2015; MP 2010-15**

GILLARD, M/s Karen, b 1974, raised at Torpoint; barrister with chambers in Holborn, London; former Conservative who joined party 2001; LPO staff 2003-05; openly declared gay; outspoken views; a vigorous campaigner, she took over the candidature at Cornwall South East from Colin Breed MP qv but lost the election on an 8.1% swing against the party; Plymouth MBC grp ldr; she was plagued by allegations of irregularities concerning misuse of data on EARS etc during her association with the troubled Plymouth LDA also involving Dr Judy Evans qv; the unhappy saga fully investigated by LPO and by the regional party but never satisfactorily resolved, rumbled on for two to three years bringing much adverse publicity to the party in Devon; **Plymouth, Sutton 2005, Cornwall South East 2010**

GOLDSWORTHY, M/s Julia Anne, b 1978 ed in Camborne, Cambridge U, later studying economics at Tokyo U, Birkbeck Coll, London U; seemed likely to become a key figure in parliamentary party; featured in TV programme *The Games*, winning £20,000 for Cornwall Air Ambulances; lost her seat by 66 votes due largely to boundary revision; had previously attracted much adverse personal publicity locally due to relatively minor parliamentary expenses infringements; on her defeat she was appointed chief secretary to Danny Alexander qv at HM Treasury, striking in appearance and personality; **Falmouth & Camborne 2005, Camborne & Redruth 2010, 2015; MP 2005-2010**

GOSS, John M., b 1933 ed King's s, Rochester, LSE, U of Amsterdam; ind cons; originally Conservative, contested Plymouth, Sutton for that party 1970; joined Liberals subsequently; LPO Council; Euro cand 1979, 1989; **Torbay, 1974 Oct**, Boothferry (Yorkshire Region) 1992

HALL-SAY, John, b1932 ed privately; co dir; mbr English Clay Pigeon Shooting team; raised vote against the trend in bad year for the party; **Falmouth & Camborne 1979**

HALSE (Capt) G. Alexander, b 1914 ed St Martin's s, Sidmouth, University Coll of South West, Exeter, Plymouth Tech Coll; service WW II; mbr of distinguished Liberal family; brother of the following; architect, agricultural eng cons; mbr House of Laity of Church Assembly; Sidmouth UDC, **North Devon 1951**

HALSE, John B., b 1912, ed St Martin's s, Sidmouth; mbr of distinguished Liberal family (his father J. G. H. H. contested Honiton on five occasions); owner of agricultural merchants and eng business in Honiton; Nonconformist lay preacher, involved in many local philanthropic activities; Devon CC,

Honiton MBC; one of the small band of party candes in the dismal General Election of 1951 for the party who raised Liberal hopes by improving on his predecessor's share of the vote against the general trend, at the same time moving from 3rd to 2nd place; brother of the preceding; **Honiton 1951, 1955, 1959**

HAMBLY, Edmund H., b 1914 ed Blundell's s; Harley Street surgeon, Cornish farmer; London CC for 18 years; Freeman City of London; **Falmouth & Camborne 1964**

HARRIS, Percy, said to have been from a 'dyed in the wool' Nonconformist background; **Penryn & Falmouth 1945**

HARVEY, Sir Nicholas (Nick) Barton b 1961, Chandlers Ford, Hants ed Queen's Coll, Taunton, Middlesex Poly, where, as Pres of the Union, he challenged the far left domination of student politics which led to High Court action; graduate in bus studies; vice-chair ULS 1981-82 with firm of City business cons; comm mark exec 1984-86, later comm cons 1991 until entering Commons; spokesman on Transport; opposed privatisation of British Rail; later spokesman on trade and industry; concerned with increasing centralisation of EU, opposing single currency; critic of Kennedy leadership; regular broadcaster; in coalition government Minister for the Armed Services 2010-12; Kt 2012; opposed to the retention of Trident; served as party agent for Finchley 1983; Enfield, Southgate 1987 (both Greater London), **North Devon 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015; MP 1992-2015;** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

HICKS, Raymond, b 1917 Dulwich Coll, LCCC School of Building; furniture manufacturer; Devon CC, Axminster RDC; **Honiton 1966**

HILL, (Major) Dr Thomas Rowland, cons physician; service WW II; **Camborne 1945**

HORABIN, Thomas Lewis, b 1896 Merthyr Tydfil, ed Cardiff h s; service WW I; 1938, he was a friend of the influential John Foot qv and had not been at all prominent in party circles earlier; elected at a by-e July 13th 1939, one of the last before the outbreak of WWII; bitterly opposed to the Munich Agreement of 1938, he made a notable maiden speech in the Commons, denouncing Chamberlain's policy of placating Hitler; Labour had previously withdrawn their cand at North Cornwall, an indication of mounting support for a 'popular front' agreement between Labour and the Liberals at the forthcoming general election, expected in the autumn of 1939; appointed parliamentary chief whip 1945, he soon objected to the party's rightward swing under Clement Davies's leadership; his defection to Labour in 1947, while holding senior office with the parliamentary party, was a bitter, demoralising blow; its significance was not taken sufficiently seriously by the leadership; other major defections were to follow; injured in an air crash he successfully sued BOAC; his career is the subject of a major article, with contributions from his daughter, in *The Journal of Liberal History*; contested Exeter for Labour without success in 1950; d Folkestone 1956; **Cornwall North by-e 1939, 1945; MP 1939-1950**

HOSKING, William Rowse, b 1923 ed Newquay g s; Cornwall CC, mbr South West Region Land Tribunal; chair/Pres North Cornwall Liberal Assn; **Truro 1964, 1966**

HOWELL, Victor, b 1945 ed Kelly Coll, Tavistock, Whitelands Teacher Training Coll, Putney, Exeter Tech Coll; dir/partner family building firm; Exeter MBC, Exeter DC; **Honiton 1974 Feb, Oct, Devon West 1979, Devon West & Torridge 1983**

HUTTY, Phil A., lives Callington; qualified social worker, formerly sen man, safeguarding child protection issues; Liskeard TC; concerned with rural poverty, lack of affordable housing, high local transport costs; **Devon South West 2001, Devon Central 2010, Cornwall South East 2015**

JAMES, Michael, b 1935, ed Llandaff Tech Coll, Cardiff U; financial cons, legal asst; Cardiff West (Wales) 1974 Feb, Oct; **Plymouth, Devonport 1979**, Bournemouth West (South West Region) 1983

JENKINS, Keith P. J., ed Plymouth Coll, Oxford U; solicitor; **Torquay 1970**

JOLLY, M/s Judith A., later Baroness, b Leamington Spa 1951 ed King's g h s, Warwick, Leeds U, Nottingham U; teacher, sometime in Oman; mbr NHS Trust Boards, fund raiser for Macmillan Cancer Support; joined party 1983, agent for Paul Tyler qv 1997, for South West England 1999, 2004; Life Peerage 2011; interests health, rural policy; in Lords mbr Health team; **Plymouth, Devonport 2005**

JONES, T. Cedric, b 1936 ed St Paul's s, U Coll, London; barrister; as a cand, not rated highly in the estimation of legendary local election agent, George Foster; **Totnes 1959**

JONES, Thomas Granville, or GRANVILLE-JONES, b 1923 ed Llandridnod Wells, Tonbridge s, Cambridge U; Pres U Liberal Club 1949; journalist later political cons with own co, External Development Services; one-time associate of party leader Jeremy Thorpe qv; despite his encouraging result at Leominster, the local party declined to re-adopt him; it is thought his life style did not meet with the approval of the rather strait-laced rural membership and officers; according to his *Guardian* obituarist he had charm and a saucy wit; d 2000; Isle of Ely (East of England Region) 1950, Leominster (West Midland Region) 1959, **Tavistock 1964**

JONES, M/s Terrye L., (later Lady Teverson) b Bristol 1952, ed Helston g s; chair KCS Print since 1981; interests incl housing and Third World development; lives Tregony, Truro; married 2006 Robin Teverson qv; an Ind Lib polled 1% in both 1992 and 1997; defeated in 2010 by 435 votes; **Falmouth & Camborne 1992, 1997, Truro & Falmouth 2010**

KEARNEY, Stephen, b 1959, from Shropshire/Montgomery border, now lives Plymouth; studied agricultural production Harper Adams, Shropshire; former head of development charity; fdr/dir of UK Youth Parliament; strategist in Government Organising programme; interested in problems of rural economy, child abuse, bullying; Henley (South Central Region) by-e 2008; **Tiverton & Honiton 2015**

KELLOCK, (Squad-Ldr) John D. G., b 1906 ed Shrewsbury s, Cambridge U; bill broker, co dir, also market gardener near Aylesbury; service WWII; active with Cambridge U Settlement, Camberwell, Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance; Buckingham (South Central Region) 1950, **St Ives 1951**

KELLOCK, Thomas (Tom) Oslaf, b 1923 ed Rugby, Cambridge U, WW II service in navy; called to Bar 1949; served in Dingle Foot's qv chambers; QC 1965, later Judge in Nottingham; a passionate and outspoken opponent of racism in South Africa, chair of the British Anti-Apartheid group, he courageously visited South Africa in the mounting tension accompanying the Rivona trials; his excellent voice and dignified appearance impressed LPO Council meetings and Assemblies he

defended in court many leaders of emergent British African colonial territories in the immediate pre-independence period; helped draft a decree for UN on independence of Namibia; after 1965 his legal duties kept him from active politics; retired 1991, re-entering politics as chair of British Group of Liberal International; was concerned to regenerate Liberalism in South Africa; d London 1993; an obituary in *The Independent* described him as 'a genial personality of transparent genuineness;' a larger than life character deserving of a comprehensive biographical study; **Torquay 1959**, Kensington South (Greater London) 1966, by-e 1968, Harwich (East of England) 1974 Oct

LACEY, L. Anthony, b Buenos Aires 1927 ed Millfield s, Trinity Coll, Dublin; farmer later businessman; mbr NFU; LPO Council; **Torrington 1966, 1970**

McBRIDE, David I., b 1960 ed Stockport S, U Coll, Swansea; cha cc; party national campaigns group, Welsh party exec; LPO Council; Blaenau Gwent (Wales) 1987, **Devon West & Torridge 1992**

MacTAGGART, Murdoch, b 1939 ed Edinburgh U, Liverpool U; comp cons, writer; Euro cand 1989, Somerset & Dorset West; Brympton PC; believed to have worked at LPO HQ for short period in 1970s; **Plymouth, Devonport 1992**

MAJOR, Kenneth Henry B., b 1920, ed London, Sir John Cass Coll; RAF service WW II; ind chemist and engineer; **Plymouth, Sutton 1950**

MALINDINE, (Capt) Edwin Thomas b 1909, WW II service in RASC; involved in work on P.L.U.T.O.; worked in lubrication prod ind; later chair, man dir Sternol Ltd; active as a youth in party at Bethnal Green, London E; on first election to Bethnal Green BC in early 1930s was youngest cllr in UK; had first-hand experience of the violent excesses of Sir Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts in 1930s London; vigorously campaigned as cand and supporting speaker over 25 years; he came very close to election in his final two contests; Chair of LPO 1961-62; thereafter largely concentrated on business interests; gifted with a powerful voice, he excelled at the hustings at public meetings, especially outdoors; his wife Audrey was a prominent figure in the WLF for many years; d 1993; Leyton East (Greater London) 1935, Wood Green (Greater London) 1945, Islington West (Greater London) by-e 1947, Wellingborough (East Midlands Region) 1950, Wood Green (Greater London) 1951, **North Cornwall 1955, 1959**

MARSH, Howard, b 1944 ed Queen Elizabeth's g s, Barnet, London Bible Coll; teacher; Exeter MBC; **Exeter 1979**

MASON, Joel, b Bedfordshire 1993 ed Exeter U, Lib Dem Society; fought election while an undergrad, one of the youngest cands at General Election; concerned at importance of engaging people in the political process; **Exeter 2015**

MAYNE, Arthur Russell, b 1901? ed Newcastle h s, Staffordshire; man, later co dir of firm of estate agents; Plymouth MBC 1931-34; Croydon West (Greater London) 1950, **Plymouth, Devonport 1955**, Chertsey (South East Region) 1959

MELIA, Steve, b 1962 ed Whitby Co comp, Ellesmere Port, Liverpool U; economic development officer; mbr Devon Wildlife Trust; **Plymouth, Sutton 1997**

MITCHELL, Michael Norman, b 1949 ed Barnstaple b sec s, North Devon Tech Coll, Rolle Coll of Education, Exmouth; teacher; Exeter DC, East Devon DC; **Torbay 1979, North Cornwall 1987**

MOLE, Stuart, b 1949 ed St Paul's Cathedral s, St John's s, Leatherhead, Nottingham U, Oxford U, London U; lect in government and politics; Chelmsford MBC, chair; parliamentary press officer 1975-77, Head, Leader of Party's office Westminster 1980-83; relentless campaigner in five election at Chelmsford in 1983 coming within 378 votes, 0.6% of victory; long involvement with Commonwealth organisations; Sen Research Fellow, Inst of Commonwealth Studies, London U, Commonwealth Political Studies Unit; Dir Gen, Royal Commonwealth Society, 2000-09, chair, Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs, worked for Secretary General, Commonwealth Secretariat 1984-2000; subsequently moved to live in Exeter; there was an interval of 28 years before his 5th and 6th contests; Chelmsford (East of England) 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983, 1987, **Devon East 2015**

MOORE, Richard Gillachrist, b 1931 ed Highfield s, Liphook, Radley s, Cambridge U; joined party 1951; Pres U Liberal Club 1953; joined party 1951; journalist with *News Chronicle* to 1960; Sec Gen Liberal International 1961-64; adviser to Liberal group in Euro parliament 1979-96; unaccountably passed over as possible Euro cand; gifted with powerful, distinctive voice, heard to great advantage at Party Assemblies over five decades down to 2014, rallies etc; master of the epigram and choice of epithet, advocated that 'a politician should proceed with high tact and low cunning;' twice bravely confronted the dreaded Rev Ian Paisley on his home territory; relentless, zealous campaigner fighting eight elections over twenty years; at Norfolk North he was the first party cand for 24 years polling 24.8%; remains influential significant and respected figure in party; remains an authoritative speaker and writer on Europe, foreign affairs, voting reform etc; author of definitive article on STV in *The Independent*, Nov 2013; **Tavistock 1955, 1959**, Cambridgeshire (East of England Region) by-e 1963, 1964, North Antrim 1966, 1970 (Northern Ireland), North Norfolk (East of England Region) 1974 Feb, Oct

MORGAN, Mrs Freda Evelyn Griffith; lect to Forces WWII; sec Devon UWGs; **Exeter 1945**

MORRISH, David J., b 1931 Devonport ed Sutton High s, Plymouth, Exeter U, Wisconsin U; lect; mbr Society of Friends; honoured with Freedom of City of Exeter 2011 for 50 years continuous service; Devon CC ldr of party group; court of Governors of Exeter U; Devon sea fisheries comm; indefatigable campaigner; sadly broke with party on merger with SDP 1989 to follow Michael Meadowcroft qv as a 'continuing Liberal;' has recorded reminiscences of his years in politics from 1945 for local archives; fought Tiverton 1992, 1997 under that designation; **Exeter 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, Tiverton 1979, 1983, 1987**

NATION, David, Mid Devon DC, Crediton TC; stalwart local campaigner; appointed Hon Alderman for 20 years' service; Swindon North (South West Region) 2001, **Tiverton & Honiton 2005**

NAYLOR, (Major) Guy, ed Radley, Cambridge U; served with Maquis in Occupied France, WW II; LPO Council, Exec 1940s; active with ALTU; Aylesbury (South Central Region) by-e 1938, **1945, North Devon 1950**

OAKES, Graham J., b 1959 ed Yeovil s, Westfield comp, Yeovil Coll, Royal Coll of Nursing; nurse; Somerset CC, Yeovil TC; **Exeter 1992**, Wells 2001, Dorset South 2005 (both South West Region), **Exeter 2010**

OLIVER, M/s Rachel, later GILMOUR, raised/ed Wellington, Somerset, Cheltenham Ladies Coll; graduate in law; FE lect; sen campaign manager for national/international charities, dir of Communications, NFU; worked for Nick Harvey MP qv; Mid Devon DC; ubiquitous campaigner; Nottingham North (East Midlands Region) 1997, **Totnes 2001**, Taunton Deane (South West Region) 2015

PARDOE, John Wentworth, b 1934, ed Sherborne s, Cambridge U, active in Footlights Drama Group with Jonathan Miller et alia; formerly Labour, joined Liberals and fought Finchley 1964 (Greater London) against a young Margaret Thatcher in a constituency where the party had enjoyed local government success; in Commons soon became an able party spokesman on economic affairs; held joint membership with Mebyn Kernow with whose wider Cornish language and cultural policies he sympathised; vigorous proponent of the Lib-Lab pact 1977-1978; remembered as an enthusiastic speaker and campaigner; his informality on occasion led some to believe he had insufficient gravitas to be taken seriously; unsuccessful contender for Liberal leadership in 1978 losing to David Steel by a 2-1 majority; his supporters believed his charisma and attractive personality/appearance and 'with-it' elegance would register positively with voters; excellent communicator; his personal loyalty to Jeremy Thorpe in his travails, even speaking in support of his former leader during the 1979 campaign, probably cost him his own seat; his disappearance from active politics was an enormous loss to the party; became immersed in business as a dir of Sight and Sound Education; returned to active politics briefly as Campaign Dir for party at 1987 General Election; party Treasurer 1969-70; cons to National Assn of Schoolmasters 1967-70; party spokesman on Education; **North Cornwall 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979; MP 1966-1979**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

PASCOE, M/s Anna K., graduate; hotel man; lived all her life in Camborne; Kerrier DC, Camborne TC; worked for HIV support centre, counsellor; **Devon South West 2010**

PENHALIGON, David Charles, b 1944 Truro, ed Truro s, Cornwall Tech Coll; C Mech Eng; engineer who worked in research and development in mining ind; a bluff Cornishman with strong sense of humour and sharp wit; his strong Cornish accent was originally thought a disadvantage but he turned it into an asset; highly popular with party rank and file in Commons; well-known broadcaster; championed the traditional mining industry of Cornwall, calling for development of local economy; his achievements for Cornwall and the Cornish were considerable; excellent organiser and tireless campaigner, greatly influenced by community politics methods associated with Wallace Lawler qv; tough negotiator with SDP reps over allocation of constituencies 1983-87; his widow Annette DBE (now Egerton) is a party activist and authoress of his biography, *Penhaligon* pub 1989; his son Matthew was cand for Mayor of Hackney, London East 2006; greatly liked across party lines; seemed destined for a distinguished career in politics; his untimely death occurred tragically in motoring accident while he was on constituency duties; chair Cornwall YLs 1964-68; Devon and Cornwall Regional exec; d 1986; **Totnes 1970, Truro 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983; MP 1974 Feb -1986** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

PINNEY, M. Aza, b 1936 ed Eton, Oxford U, Dorset Farm Inst; property cons; active with European Movement; founder mbr Grassland Society; remembered for sporting a 'toff' image; resilient

campaigner over twenty years; latterly officer of Devonshire Sheepdog Society; Dorset West (South West Region) 1964, 1966, Derbyshire West (East Midlands Region) by-e 1967, **Devon West 1974 Feb, Oct, North Devon 1987**

PUTT, (Lieut) Samuel Gorley, b 1913 ed Torquay g s, Cambridge U, Yale U; with BBC from 1936; naval service WW II, incl Intelligence work at Bletchley Park; entered university admin; 1949-68 Warden, Harkness House; Dir, International Fellowships, Commonwealth Education Fund; author books on Henry James etc; later lect, fellow Cambridge U; OBE 1966; d Oakington, Cambridgeshire 1995; received long obituary in *The Independent*; **Torquay 1945**

PUTTICK, Anthony David, b 1935? ed Royal Naval Coll, Dartmouth, Oxford U; Commander Royal Navy; later barrister; d 23/5/2009 at Exeter; **Plymouth, Drake 1979, Plymouth, Sutton 1983**

RASHLEIGH, Mrs Elizabeth E., vice-pres Devon & Cornwall Lib Federation; active with Women's Inst; **Torrington 1950**

REED, Graham, b Southampton 1947 first job as scientific glass blower at Stirling U; worked in Australia later returning to set up own co -Scottish Glass T'ology; Stirling DC; interests incl recycling, women's rights, child welfare; trustee of several organisations; **Plymouth, Sutton & Devonport 2015**

RIX, Simon, b 1972 Exeter, ed Tremough Campus, Penryn; business adviser; lives St Austell; Cornwall CC; advocate of a Cornish Assembly with increased local powers to replace Cornwall CC; Croydon South (Greater London) 2010, **Truro & Falmouth 2015**

ROBATHAN, D. Paull, b 1949 Wales ed London Business School; long, varied working life with many senior managerial appointments successively with J. P. Morgan, in IT with the NHS etc; many interests incl building and housing associations; author of articles on social housing; Fellow British Computer Society; visiting lect to universities; South Somerset DC 2003-2011, ldr party grp; **Devon East 2010**

ROGERS, Anthony (Tony) H., 1938 ed Kingsbridge sec mod s; co dir with interests in hotels and guest houses; a genial, amicable Devonian character, warm, welcoming personality, well-liked and respected throughout the party; chair Kingsbridge UDC; Kingsbridge RDC, South Hams DC; later moved to East Midlands where he again re-established himself as a regional personality; Chesterfield MBC, latterly Chair, East Midlands Regional Party, Derbyshire CC; dedicated, tireless campaigner over 40 years; **Totnes 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, South Hams 1983**, Chesterfield 1987, 1992, 1997, Mansfield 2015 (East Midlands Region)

ROGERSON, Dan, b St Austell 1975 ed Bodmin Coll, U of Wales, Aberystwyth; joined party in North Cornwall 1991; researcher for Bedford MBC party group 1996-98, in university admin then party organiser in Cornwall 2002-04; Bedford BC 1999-2002, dpty grp ldr; in Commons mbr Communities and Local Government team; interests incl waste and recycling, Cornish and Celtic culture; North East Bedfordshire (East of England Region) 2001, **North Cornwall 2005, 2010, 2015; MP 2005-15**

ROSEVEARE, T. Stuart, b 1905 ed Hoe g s, Plymouth; farmer and dir agricultural eng firm; long connected with Bodmin Liberal Assn; St German's RDC; **Bodmin 1951, 1955**

RUFFLE, Rodney, b 1941? ed St Luke's Coll, Exeter; teacher; area officer NUT; joined party 1957;
Honiton 1979

RYDER, Richard D., b 1940 ed Sherborne s, Cambridge U, Colombia U, Edinburgh U; psychologist;
animal rights campaigner; Chair RSPCA 1977-79; Buckingham (South Central Region) 1983;
Teignbridge 1987

SANDERS, Adrian M., b Paignton 1959, ed Torquay g s, originally ins official, later professional
political posts; joined party 1979; vice-Pres NLYL 1985; Torquay MBC 1984-86; worked for eight
years for ALDC, Hebden Bridge, as campaigns officer; 1992-93 worked in Paddy Ashdown party
leader's office; his first victory was by the margin of just twelve votes; a diabetic, he campaigns on
related issues, chair Commons all-party diabetic group; in Commons party spokesman on Tourism,
Local Government, mbr Culture, Media & Sport Select Comm; member housing groups, various
charities; deputy chief whip; author several publications; appeared on recent *Sunday Telegraph* list
of 'best value' MPs; Euro cand 1994; **Torbay 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015; MP 1997-2015** see
Dictionary of Liberal Biography

SARA, Edmund Thomas; he was opposed by his predecessor standing as an Ind. Liberal, A. G. Davey
qv, who made a significant inroad into the party vote; **Falmouth & Camborne 1974 Oct**

SCANNELL, John, b 1915 ed Baltimore s, Irish Republic; laboratory technician; Saltash MBC, Caradon
DC; **Plymouth, Sutton 1979**

SEEAR, M/s (Beatrice) Nancy, later Baroness, b 1913, Croydon, ed Croydon h s, Cambridge U, LSE; in
personnel man 1936-46, lect at LSE; Life Peerage 1971, Privy Counsellor 1985; party leader in Lords
1974-78, dpty leader 1988-97; Pres LPO 1965-66; prominent in campaigns for carers', women's
rights, terming herself 'an anti, anti-feminist;' campaigned over 20 years in seven successive
elections in five regions; a strong platform performer, the content of her speeches was sometimes
expressed in terms which tested her audience; though charming and persuasive, her academic
approach was largely ineffective on the doorstep; frequent radio/TV performer *Question Time* etc;
had many interests incl Inst of Personnel Management, Fawcett Society, British Standards Inst;
universally popular throughout the party; her style was well suited to the Lords where she
shouldered many responsibilities; undaunted by being surrounded by male company; an attractive
personality of dignified appearance, sharp-witted, always good-humoured; unmarried; at Wakefield
in her final contest in what was a very unpromising constituency, for which she was wholly unsuited,
she polled just 8.64%; features in *Mothers of Liberty* pub 2012 Lib Dem History Group; d 1997;
Hornchurch (Greater London) 1950, 1951, **Truro 1955, 1959**, Epping (East of England Region) 1964,
Rochdale (North West Region) 1966, Wakefield (Yorkshire Region) 1970; see *Dictionary of Liberal
Biography*

SHARPE, Gilbert Granville, b Prestatyn 1894, ed Kingswood s, Cambridge U; Pres of Union 1921;
service WW I; called to Bar 1924, KC 1948; Commissioner in Crown Courts; Justice of Appeal,
Supreme Court of Ghana 1957-62; LPO Council 1941; fought Epping (East of England Region) 1922,
1923, 1924, 1929, 1935; in the last three contests at Epping he was defeated by Winston Churchill;
Falmouth & Camborne 1950

SHARRATT, Mrs Jennifer M., b 1930 ed Cheltenham Ladies' Coll, London U, Bristol U; ret lect; East Devon DC;
Honiton 1992

SHOBBROOK, Arthur C., b 1912, ed Newton Abbot s, Bristol U, proprietor of eng firm; service WW II; Devon CC, Newton Abbot UDC, sometime chair; **Totnes 1955**

STEED, Michael, b Kent 1940; joined party locally while at school; ed St Lawrence Coll, Ramsgate; Cambridge U; Nuffield Coll, Oxford U; long-time lect in French politics, Manchester U; political scientist who became eminent psephologist, if not inventing the subject, responsible for promoting it as a legitimate discipline, appearing regularly in the media and contributing scholarly chapters to the Nuffield general election studies of Butler and King from 1964; one time Chair ULS ; in 1960 was refused entry by apartheid government of South Africa into Sharpeville to deliver aid to the victims of the notorious massacre; member LPO Council/Exec; LPO President 1978-79; lived Todmorden, Lancs; Todmorden TC 1987-91; very influential figure in party, making enormous input into policy on constitutional reform ; in 1976 designed the current system of election of the party leader; served as member of Cook-MacLennan talks which led to introduction of PR for Euro elections of 1999; associated with radical wing of party, often at odds with Thorpe leadership; Euro cand 1979; author of numerous publications, pamphlets and articles in journals; from 1990s has lived in Kent; Canterbury DC 2008 to date; remembered as an ever-willing, committed and hard-working candidate, though his intellectual approach was hardly suited to doorstep campaigning; from 1987 his activities were progressively curtailed by the onset of a debilitating neurological disorder; LPO exec from 1968; married 1970 Margareta Holmstedt qv a party activist and former cand; Euro cand 1979; Brierley Hill (West Midlands) by-e 1967, **Truro 1970**, and in the North West Region, Manchester, Exchange by-e 1973, Manchester, Central 1974 Feb, Burnley 1979, 1983; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

SUTER, Frank J., b 1921 ed Taunton s; solicitor; Devon CC, Tiverton MBC; **Tiverton 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct**

SYKES, M/s A. Manuela P. H., b 1925, ed Richmond Co g s, London U, sec of Students' U; service WW II in WRNS; lect, writer, public relations adviser; campaigner with Anti- Apartheid movement; LPO Council, Exec early 1960s; once widely considered a rising star in the party; opposed to Britain joining European Union; Vice-Pres World Federation of Liberal & Radical youth; articulate with an excellent speaking voice; likeable personality of attractive Southern European appearance; after 1970 defected to Labour and fought Uxbridge by-e 1972 and 1974 Feb; Westminster LBC from 1974; has suffered severely from dementia in recent years; won a court action against Westminster LBC in 2014 to enable her to live at her flat, her home for 60 years, rather than be confined in a care home, a signal victory for dementia sufferers; a tough character, a little 'butch' in the opinion of some colleagues and opponents; her individualism was perhaps a little too strong to be contained in the Liberal party of her day; iron-willed women's rights campaigner; unmarried; Finchley (Greater London) 1955, Ipswich (East of England Region) by-e 1957, 1959, 1964, **Falmouth & Camborne 1966**

SYMONS, Adam J., b 1973 Devon, ed Bideford, Oxford U; freelance environmental scientist; Torridge DC grp ldr; resigned from party 2013; **Devon West & Torridge 2010**

TAYLOR, Edward B., b 1925 ed Canford s, Wimborne; farmer; professional army officer 1942-55; Weston-super-Mare (South West Region) by-e 1958, 1959, **Totnes 1964**

TAYLOR, Gordon, b 1916 ed St John's Hospital s, Heles s, Exeter; paint merchant; **Exeter 1959**

TAYLOR, Matthew O. J., later Lord, b 1963; adopted at birth, he much later discovered himself to be a great-grandson of Sir Percy Harris, Liberal MP 1923-45; ed Treslike p s, U Coll s, Hampstead, Oxford U; economist; joined Cornwall Anti-Nuclear Alliance aged 17; Pres Oxford Students U 1985-86; winning on Lib/SDP ticket; briefly researcher to David Penhaligon MP qv who he succeeded as an equally assiduous constituency member; remained 'baby' of Commons after election for ten years; became well-known as competent performer on TV/Radio; not a commanding personality; party local government spokesman, later on Treasury matters; retired 2010 to take up Life Peerage; **by-e Truro 1987, 1987, 1992, Truro & St Austell 1997, 2001, 2005; MP 1987-2005** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

TEVERSON, Robin later Lord, b 1952, ed Exeter U; MEP Cornwall 1994-99, one of the first two Lib Dems elected; chief whip ELD group; Life Peerage 2006; spokesman in Lords on Energy, Climate Change; m Terrye L. Jones 2006 qv; **Cornwall South East 1992**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

THOMPSON, Ronald C., b 1922 ed Marlborough, Cambridge U; farmer; **Exeter 1964, 1966**

THORPE, John Jeremy, b 1929 Party Leader 1966 – 1977, of distinguished ancestry, descendant of Thos T., Speaker of House of Commons 1452-53, later Chancellor of the Exchequer; ed Limpsfield s, Surrey, Eton, Oxford U; Pres of Union, U Liberal Club; an early convert of the 'broad front' strategy of nominating as many candidates as possible in a general election; produced pamphlet on subject with I. J. Hyam qv (Greater London); adopted as PPC for North Devon early 1950s, winning seat on second attempt; meanwhile worked briefly as TV interviewer; called to Bar 1954 practised on Western Circuit; immediately impressed as a colourful character noted for his-tongue-in-cheek sartorial elegance and ready wit; was prominent in the Anti-Apartheid movement; LPO Treasurer 1965, attempting grandiose fund-raising schemes; not the unanimous choice of his eleven parliamentary colleagues though triumphed over last minute 'stop Thorpe' move; brought youth, dynamism, sense of humour and approachability to the leadership in contrast to previous intellectualism and comparatively remote style of predecessor, Jo Grimond; his extrovert behaviour and playing to the media was dismissed by opponents as gimicry and considered an embarrassment by some older style Liberals; there is however no doubt that he did much to communicate the essence of Liberalism to a wider audience, particularly in the early 1970s; his first General Election as Ldr was a disaster, the party's strength in the Commons falling from twelve to six, all the MPs being returned with very small majorities and the national vote falling back everywhere; just days after the election his wife of two years and mother of their only child, Rupert, Caroline Allpass was tragically killed in a car accident returning to London from Devon; despite growing discontent of ULS and NLYLs, he led the party to a series of by-election victories beginning with the ultimately false dawn of the success of Wallace Lawler qv at Birmingham, Ladywood in June 1969, continuing until the General Election of February 1974. At times during the campaign, polls suggested support for the Liberal Party running at 30% but the result was a desperate disappointment, just 14 MPs being returned though the aggregate party vote in the UK was at 19.4%, the highest since 1929.

Thorpe, though tempted by vague offers of Electoral Reform from Edward Heath, fearing he might split the party, turned down overtures to join a coalition with the Conservatives, instead calling for an all-party government of national unity. Thorpe, sensing a break-through imminent for the party worked relentlessly, touring the length and breadth of Britain during the summer by helicopter and

hovercraft. The result in October, with the party contesting every constituency on the UK mainland for the first time ever, thus realising Thorpe's 25 year old ambition, was even more disappointing, only 13 MPs being returned, representing a loss of one seat and just 18.3% of the votes cast, the Liberal vote of six months previously being bolstered by the large increase in party candidates. Disaffection with the Thorpe leadership was already mounting by the time revelations began to surface of his alleged relationship with one Norman Scott in the early 1970s. His position became untenable as the tabloids exploited every detail of the story. He did not resign however until he was deserted by virtually all of his parliamentary colleagues save John Pardoe qv over further allegations that he had taken part in a conspiracy to kill Scott, the previous year. Jo Grimond, his predecessor, became interim party leader until a successor was elected. At the ensuing trial on conspiracy to murder, two weeks after the 1979 General Election at which he lost his seat, Thorpe was found not guilty on all charges, though it is said the jury had at one stage been dead-locked. The episode has been covered, inadequately, in various paperbacks rushed into print at the time, more comprehensively, though not definitively, in *Rinkagate- the Rise and Fall of Jeremy Thorpe* pub 1996 by Freeman and Penrose, journalists. Thorpe ignored the whole episode in his otherwise interesting, part-autobiography, *In My Own Time* pub 1999.

His career prematurely ended, his reputation destroyed and virtually ostracised from public life, Thorpe was, albeit briefly, considered for the vacant post of Dir Gen of Amnesty Int, though sufficient members of that organisation were opposed for the invitation to be hastily withdrawn. In any case he was soon diagnosed as showing the initial signs of having developed Parkinson's Disease and was obliged to remain in obscurity. His forty year second marriage to Marian Stein, a fellow musician, formerly Countess of Harewood, ended with her death in 2014. He occasionally contributed letters to the press on political events, correcting errors in detail regarding the two general campaigns in 1974, though he seems not to have maintained regular contact with many extant former colleagues. He was enthusiastically applauded on an unheralded appearance at the Party Assembly in 1997. In a letter to *Liberal Democrat News* after the dramatic increase in party MPs in 2001, he wittily pointed out that half the landmass of Great Britain was now represented by Liberal-Democrat MPs, including the notable locations of Land's End and John O' Groats. His last reported public appearance was at the funeral of Roy Jenkins qv 2003; d Dec 4 2014; **North Devon 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979; MP 1959-79**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*; a comprehensive biography, long in preparation and discretely withheld from publication until after his death, *Jeremy Thorpe* by Michael Bloch (pub Little, Brown), appeared in mid-December 2014.

TIDY, Bruce Malcom, b 1950 ed Cornwall Tech Coll, Exeter U; sec to Cornwall Comm Health Council; Restormel MBC, ldr group; **Plymouth, Sutton 1987**

TINKHAM, Mrs Ellen E., b 1885 ed Exeter Church s, Exeter MBC 1935-51; served on many local welfare comms; one of a miniscule number of party candts to stand in a constituency in 1951 not contested in 1950; she polled 8.55%; **Exeter 1951**

TONKIN, G. E. Terence, b 1936 ed Humphry Davy g s, Penzance, Loughborough Coll; teacher; St Ives MBC, Penwith DC; **St Ives, 1974 Feb, Oct**

TOWNEND, (Lt-Col) Stuart, ed St Edmund's s, Canterbury, Oxford U; WWII service in India, North West Europe; Paddington LBC for ten years; dir of int publishing co and of int school in Switzerland;

int athlete, Commonwealth Games gold medallist; Pres Oxford/Cambridge Athletics team; dir/founder of Anglo-Swiss Soc; **Torquay 1950, Falmouth & Camborne 1951**

TRELEAVEN, Mike, Ch Chem Eng, runs small businesses, former teacher at Kingsbridge Coll; in Lib Dem Voice he put forward detailed proposals for reforming the selection process for parliamentary candd; Devon resident 1980- latterly at Kingsbridge; **Totnes 2005**

TRETHEWEY, Mrs Bridget Valentine, b 1938, Torquay, nee Day, of an old Liberal family, ed privately; former socialite with history of broken engagements and entanglements incl popular comedian, Ken Dodd; once figured in *Daily Express* gossip column under the heading, 'Giving up Love – for the Liberals'; later housewife; spirited campaigner; chair Multiple Sclerosis Society, prolific fund-raiser for charities; she and her second husband were firmly on the left of the party; after 1974 rumoured to have defected to Labour (former wife of the following); later supported local party MP Adrian Sanders; critical of perceived rightward drift of party ldr Nick Clegg; still active in various good causes; her third husband Teddy Day, a widower/cousin, served on Devonshire CC, chair Education Comm; **Honiton by-e 1967, 1970, Torbay 1974 Feb**

TRETHEWEY, Chris, b 1927 ed Shebbear Coll, Devon; professional party agent/organiser; affable Devonian, with an engaging, authentic 'Uncle Tom Cobley' accent; long a party stalwart campaigner, not recorded as having defected to Labour with his wife; (former husband of the preceding); d 1999; **Tavistock 1966**

TRETHEWEY, M/s Rachael, b 1967 daughter of Bridget and Chris T., qqv; ed Torquay g g s, Oxford U; freelance journalist; mbr Charter 88; **Devon East 1997**

TREWIN, John C. T., b 1909 ed elem s, Helston g s, farmer; Cornwall CC from 1948 later ald; active in NFU; **St Ives 1966**

TUNBRIDGE, Ian P., b 1953 ed Launceston Coll, Cornwall; Bristol U, Reading U; sen lect/cons geologist; **Cornwall South East 1987**

TYLER, Paul Archer, later Lord, PC; b 1941 South Devon; (claims descent on his father's side from Oliver Cromwell and Bishop Trelawny who led Cornish protests against despotic rule of James II 1685-88); ed Sherborne, Oxford U; asst sec Royal Inst of British Architects; youngest-ever mbr Devon CC 1964-70; vice-chair Dartmoor National Park Comm; mbr Devon & Cornwall Police Authority; won election at Bodmin by nine votes; improved vote but lost seat seven months later; supporter of campaign for establishment of Cornish Assembly; posts with RIBA 1966-73, Shelter 1975-76; man dir *Cornwall Courier* group 1976-81, sen cons at Good Relations 1982-92 advising Countryside Commission etc; campaign adviser to party ldr David Steel 1983; LPO Chair 1983-86, CBE 1985, Alliance Planning Group 1986-87; mbr campaign team 1987 of John Pardoe qq; Euro cand for Cornwall and Plymouth 1989 gaining highest party vote in country; resumed parliamentary career after absence of 18 years, the only Lib/Lib Dem MP to represent two different constituencies since 1945; party spokesman in Commons on rural affairs, agriculture and transport; chief whip 1997; prominent in challenges to ministers during BSE beef crisis and later Foot and Mouth outbreaks; Shadow Leader of Commons from 2001, responsible for parliamentary reform issues; Life Peerage 2005, PC 2014; co-chair of party parliamentary group for constitutional reform; deeply involved in current discussions for Lords reform; accomplished and authoritative speaker, amiable and

approachable; exceptionally hardworking with many commitments, interests, memberships etc; highly respected across party lines; much admired within party; irrepressible campaigner; his services to the party have been immeasurable; pub *Who Decides?* 2014, relating his experiences as MP for North Cornwall; **Totnes 1966, Bodmin 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979; MP Feb to Oct 1974;** Beaconsfield (South Central Region) by-e 1982; **North Cornwall 1992, 1997, 2001; MP 1992-2005**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

UNDERWOOD, Dr Jon W. R., ed Oxford U, academic physicist, later finance trader; lives Axminster; campaigned to promote locally produced food, drink; **Exeter 2005, Tiverton & Honiton 2010**

WALTER, David Charles, b 1948 Newcastle-upon-Tyne, ed Charterhouse, Inst of T'nology, Massachusetts, Oxford U, Pres Union; noted journalist writing for many newspapers; later BBC producer/broadcaster subsequently with ITN as political correspondent; from 1998 party Communications Dir; highly regarded throughout the media; ran own media co First Take; after 2005 chair of Kingston-upon-Thames LDA; d 2012 of cancer; **Devon West & Torridge 2005**

WESTBROOK, Nicholas S. E., b 1948 ed Peter Symonds s, Winchester, Framlingham Coll, Suffolk, Heriot-Watt U, Glasgow; public relations cons; chief exec Youth Training Ltd; in his first contest he faced the problem of an Ind Liberal opponent; a stalwart, if somewhat peripatetic, cand over 27 years; **Plymouth, Devonport 1974 Oct**, Aldershot (South Central Region) 1979, 1983, Mid Sussex (South East Region) 1987, Poole (South West Region) 2001

WHITE, Alex, ed Warwick U, Frei U of Berlin; voluntary worker associated with UNICEF, Exeter Deaf Alliance, Children's Rights Alliance; concerned with plight of poor, securing a green future; **Devon Central 2015**

WHITMARSH, Gerald Edward L., b 1909, ed Plymouth Coll, inc chart acc in Plymouth, co dir; Devonshire CC, chair; active with English Speaking Union; chair Plymouth Junior Chamber of Comm; **Truro 1950, St Ives 1959, 1964**

WYATT, (Col) James Digby, b 1895? ed Marlborough, Dieppe Lycee; professional soldier 1914-47; awarded MC for gallantry on service WW I/II; **Tavistock 1950**

YOUNGER-ROSS, Richard Alan, b 1953 Surrey, ed Walton sec mod s, Brooklands Tech, Ewell Tech, Oxford Poly; architectural cons; party spokesman for Heritage; mbr of Commons Foreign Affairs Select, late Defence Comms; mbr Howard League for Penal Reform; incurred adverse publicity over alleged abuse of parliamentary expenses, from which he was later exonerated; opposed banning of Fox Hunting Bill; mbr Beveridge Group; his defeat in 2010 was largely attributable to boundary revision; opposed by an Ind Liberal in 2005 who polled 1%; Chislehurst (Greater London) 1987, **Teignbridge 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, Newton Abbot 2010, 2015; MP 2001-2010**

SDP CANDIDATES 1983 -1987

ASTOR, David, b 1943 grandson of Lady Nancy Astor, first woman MP, Conservative, Plymouth 1919-45; ed Eton, Harvard; farmer, investment man, dir of cos, chair CPRE; with United Newspapers later Housing Corporation, National Theatre; **Plymouth Drake 1987**

CARTER, Harold, b 1952 ed Rugby, Cambridge U, Pres of Union, Nuffield Coll, Oxford, Insead, Fontainebleau; mark cons, interests in venture capital; plocy adviser to Dr David Owen; **St Ives 1983, 1987**

FIELDSEND, David, b 1950 ed The Leys s, Cambridge, Newcastle U, Trinity Theological Coll, Bristol; freelance town and country planner, formerly with Somerset CC; **Falmouth & Camborne 1983**

FITZGERALD, Will, b 1950 ed Dartford g s, Warwick U, South Bank Poly; warden of Dartington Coll; chair Devon Area SDP; **Plymouth, Drake 1983**

MARKS, Jonathan C., later Lord, b 1952 ed Oxford U; called to Bar 1975, QC 1995; served on committee devising constitution of merged parties 1988; 2001-07 chair of Liberal-Democrat Lawyers Ass'n; Federal Party Policy Comm 2004-10; party policy comm on Community Affairs 2008-09; Life Peerage 2011; in Lords has spoken in debates on justice and constitutional reform; lives Henley-on-Thames; father of seven children; Euro cand 1984; Weston-super-Mare (South West Region) 1983, **Falmouth & Camborne 1987**

MENNELL, Stephen, b 1944 ed Huddersfield New Coll, Cambridge U, Harvard U; sen lect Exeter U; he polled 24.28% far and away the best performance by a third party cand in the constituency for half a century; **Exeter 1983**

OWEN, Dr David Anthony Llewellyn, later Lord, b 1938 Plympton, Devon, of Welsh parentage, ed Mount House s, Tavistock, Bradfield Coll, Berkshire, Cambridge U, later taking MB at St Thomas's Hospital 1962; registrar there until 1966; joined Labour 1961; widely talked of as a rising star and future Prime Minister; Parliamentary Under Secretary for Navy 1968-70, Defence Spokesman 1972 later Minister of State for Health 1974; Minister of State Foreign Office 1976-78, the youngest for 40 years; PC 1976; author of many books on political subjects 1972-2012 including *Human Rights* pub 1978 and the autobiographical *Time To Declare* pub 1992 (revised edition pub 2009); became deeply concerned at left-ward drift of Labour Party and opposed official policy on Europe and nuclear weapons; his final disillusionment came with election of Michael Foot to the party leadership; the leading figure of the 'Gang of Four,' including William Rogers, Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams qqv who issued the 'Limehouse Proclamation,' breaking with Labour to form the SDP in 1981; negotiated with Liberal leaders, David Steel and others, to form the Alliance which led to an electoral agreement for the General Election of 1983; with major differences of opinion soon emerging, Owen unsuccessfully challenged Roy Jenkins for the SDP leadership, 1982; after the disappointing showing of the Alliance in the ensuing general election, he acceded to the leadership, without an election, on Jenkins's resignation; during 1983-87 the Alliance was plagued by policy disputes; on the miners' strike the

SDP urged a tough line, the Liberals a more conciliatory approach through negotiation; on defence the SDP stuck to Trident while the Liberals soft-pedalled or in many cases preferred a non-nuclear policy; Owen advocated his radical 'social market' plans for the economy while Steel favoured a more interventionist-corporate approach; in hindsight many observers believe, as did many Liberals at the time, that the dual leadership, which was confusing to voters, should have been abandoned in advance of the General Election of 1987, which was another great set-back for the Alliance; soon after the wheels were set in motion for a merger of the two parties, which duly took place the following year, though Owen and two colleagues, John Cartwright and Rosie Barnes qqv (greater London) and a minority of the SDP membership remained with the 'continuing' SDP; after a series of by-election disasters, the SDP was formally wound up; Owen continued to sit as independent Social Democrat until his retirement as MP in 1992; in Lords after receiving a Life Peerage 1992; sat for some years as a cross bencher; rumours around this time that he had been invited to join John Major's Conservative government; it was widely suggested the Conservative Party was his 'natural home' and that Margaret Thatcher would have welcomed him into her circle even earlier; Major appointed him to post of mediator in Conference of Yugoslavia 1992; with Cyrus Vance drew up details of Vance-Owen Peace Plan 1993 for Bosnia; widely rumoured in 1996 and again in 2005 that Tony Blair had asked him to declare his support for New Labour; in Lords in later years has once again referred to himself as being an independent social democrat; still a figure of influence behind scenes at General Election of 2010; remains strong supporter of Europe but opposes proposal for full integration; supports principles of PR but opposes AV; has a number of business appointments; said to have made substantial donation to Labour 2014; continues to insist on not ruling out the possibility that he might re-join that party in the future; for Labour; Torrington 1964, Plymouth, Sutton 1966, 1970, Plymouth, Devonport 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, was MP for total of 26 years 1966-1992; **Plymouth, Sutton 1983, 1987; MP 1983-92**

SAMPSON, Alistair, b 1929 ed Tonbridge s, Cambridge U; antique dealer; **Honiton 1983**

TATTON-BROWN, Gerald, b 1951; farmer; party Agriculture comm; **Honiton 1987**

THOMAS, Mike S., b 1944 ed The King's s, Macclesfield, Liverpool U; communications cons; formerly Labour fought East Hertfordshire 1970; MP Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1974-81 when he defected to SDP; mbr Alliance strategy comm; polling 31.77% in 1987 he improved still further upon the achievement of his predecessor S. Mennell qv; **Exeter 1987**