

## **LIBERAL CANDIDATES in NORTHERN IRELAND 1959-1970**

(WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ONLY)

### PREFACE

The Liberal Party contested no parliamentary elections in Northern Ireland in the inter-war years nor over the period 1945-55. In 1956 the Ulster Liberal Association, later re-named the Ulster Liberal Party, was founded. A limited number of constituencies were contested for both Westminster and the Stormont Parliament from 1959. Of the nine candidates listed, three fought elections in constituencies in mainland Britain also, one of whom stood in two regions and another in three.

Shortly after the Westminster General Election of 1970, the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland was founded which absorbed most, but not all, of the membership of the former ULP. A formal relationship existed for over three decades between the Liberal Democratic Party and the APNI when it was termed 'our sister party.' This understanding subsequently lapsed. The first APNI MP elected to the House of Commons, M/s Naomi Long, for Belfast East in 2010, did not take the Lib Dem whip and moreover sat on the opposition benches during the Coalition government 2010-2015. Indeed she expressed disagreement with key policies which appeared in the Liberal Democratic Party Manifesto at the 2010 General Election.

After much thought it was decided to include APNI candidates in a separate section of the Index. Should the two parties decide to associate more closely or not, it is unlikely that they will oppose each other in future Westminster elections. Clearly the APNI has continued to receive electoral support from many voters who might well have opted for the Liberal Democrats in elections after 1970, had the party stood candidates, and will continue to do so in future Westminster elections.

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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

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.
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
ALTU	Association of Liberal Trade Unionists
APNI	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
assn	association
CAB	Citizens' Advice Bureau
ELD	European Liberal Democrats
LA	Liberal Association
LDA	Liberal Democratic Association
LDN	Liberal Democrat News
LDV	Lib Dem Voice
LGBT	lesbian gay bisexual transgender
LIB INT	Liberal International

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MLA	(Mbr) Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly
NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further/Higher Education
NIA	(Mbr) Northern Ireland Assembly
PCA	Parliamentary Candidates Association
Reg	Region or Regional
SDP	Social Democratic Party
ULS	Union of Liberal Students
WLD	Women Lib Dems
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: **Down North 1964**. Constituencies fought by a candidate during his/her career in other regions of the United Kingdom appear in standard type.

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

## LIBERAL CANDIDATES in WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS in NORTHERN IRELAND 1959-1970

FITZHERBERT, Giles Eden, b Dublin 1935, of Catholic background, ed Ampleforth Coll, Oxford U; began career in stockbroking office; awarded CMG; successively Irish Ambassador to Venezuela, Dominican Republic 1980s to 90s; lived Wexford, Eire; son-in-law of novelist Evelyn Waugh;  
**Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1964**

HAMILTON, John Albert, b 1931 ins broker; cand for Stormont, Mid Armagh 1965; **Belfast South by-e 1963**, Rossendale (North West Region) 1974 Feb, Oct

McELROY, Rev Albert Horatio b Glasgow 1915, ed Trinity Coll, Dublin, Harris-Manchester Coll, Oxford; a minister of the Non-subscribing Presbyterian Church; associated with Harry Midgley in the Commonwealth Labour Party in the early 1940s, he joined the Northern Ireland Labour Party and fought Down North 1950, 1951; a founder member of the ULP in 1956; contested elections for Northern Ireland parliament at Stormont; active in the civil rights movement in 1960s; spoke passionately at party assemblies on the need for conciliation in Northern Ireland and attacking religious bigotry; did not join the Alliance Party on its formation; d 1975; **Down North 1964**

MOORE, Richard Gillchrist, b 1931 ed privately, Highfields, Liphook, Cambridge U, joined party 1951; Pres U, Pres Liberal Club 1953; journalist with *News Chronicle* to 1960; Sec Gen Liberal International 1961-64, later political sec to party leader at Westminster; adviser to Liberal Party in Euro Parliament 1979-96; unaccountably passed over as a possible Euro cand; gifted with a distinctive, powerful voice, heard to great advantage at numerous assemblies, party rallies etc; master of the epigram and choice of epithet, he advocated 'a politician should proceed with high tact and low cunning;' twice bravely confronted the dreaded Rev Ian Paisley on his home territory; still a significant 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; an unflinching, zealous campaigner fighting eight elections over two decades; at Norfolk North in 1974 he was the first party cand in 24 years, polling 23.8%; Tavistock (Devon & Cornwall Region 1955, 1959, Cambridgeshire (East of England Region) by-e 1963, 1964, **Antrim North 1966, 1970**, North Norfolk (East of England Region) 1974 Feb, Oct

MURNAGHAN, M/s Sheila Mary, OBE, b Dublin 1924, of Catholic background, grew up at Omagh, Co Tyrone ed Loreto Convent, Omagh, Loreto Abbey, Dublin U, Queen's U; called to Bar 1948; elected to the Northern Ireland Parliament for Belfast University serving as MP at Stormont MP 1961-1969; first party cand in Northern Ireland Westminster election for decades; welcomed growth of Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association as compatible with broader aims of Ulster Liberal Party; after numerous death threats from both sides of the Ulster divide, her home was bombed in 1970 by terrorists; member of newly established Community Relations Commission; introduced against bitter opposition several Human Rights bills relating to employment, housing and public facilities; advocated equal pay; earthy sense of humour, came to be respected even by bitterly sectarian Ulster Unionists; associated with Rev Albert McElroy; courageous campaigner; she did not join the Alliance Party on its formation; resumed her career as barrister; adjudicated on first case of sexual

harassment heard by courts in Britain; partial to an occasional cigar; d Belfast 1993; she features in *Mothers of Liberty* pub Lib Dem History Group 2012; **Belfast South 1959, Down North 1966**

QUINN, (Prof) John Gerard, b 1937 ed St Patrick's g s, Downpatrick, de la Salle Coll, Manchester; originally teacher; sec of N. I. Assn of Schoolmasters; called to Irish Bar 1983, ed Harvard U; Dir of Centre for Disability Law; specialist in international disability law, mbr, Irish Human Rights Commission; 2012 to date mbr Irish Council of State; **Down South 1966, 1970**

ROSENFELD, M/s Judith Beatrice, b??? of Jewish background, ed Princess Gardens, Belfast, Queen's U, Belfast; journalist; cand for Northern Ireland Parliament 1962; deceased; **Belfast South 1964**

SIMONDS-GOODING, (Major) Hamilton, b 1912, of Catholic background ed Epsom Coll; military service Indian army; freelance journalist; vice-Pres Ulster Liberal Party; Freeman of Merchant Taylors' Co; Knight of Malta; **Down South 1964**, Bedfordshire South (East of England Region) 1966, **Down North 1970**

SMITH, Rodney, b 1945 ed Campbell Coll, Queen's U, Belfast, Cambridge U; sales rep, later FE lect; Ulster Liberal Exec; once described by an inept Midlands TV presenter as being 'to the left of Andrew Faulds' (his Labour opponent in Warley East); a position in no way to be construed as on the extreme of the political spectrum; emerged briefly from decades in total obscurity in May 2010 to voice opposition to the Lib-Dems joining the Coalition Government; **Antrim South 1970**, Warley East (West Midland Region) 1974 Oct, Newton (North West Region) 1979, Oldham West (North West Region) 1983

## ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND CANDIDATES in WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS in NORTHERN IRELAND 1970-2015

NOTE As shown above six Northern Ireland constituencies were contested at one or more General Elections by the Northern Ireland Liberal Party from 1959 until 1970, after which it ceased activity. They were:-

**Antrim North, Antrim South, Belfast South, Down North, Down South and Fermanagh & South Tyrone.**

The recently established Alliance party of Northern Ireland chose to contest only two of these constituencies, **Antrim South** and **Belfast South** when it stood candidates for the first time at the Westminster General Election of February 1974. A third candidate contested **Armagh** which had never been fought by the Northern Ireland Liberal Party. Only a minority of the miniscule NILP were to join the APNI. No research findings have been published which might throw light on whether the APNI 'inherited' in part or whole the electoral support previously given to the NILP. It is a fair assumption that the second place, 17.61% achieved by the APNI at **Antrim South**, included a measure of support from former NILP voters. Likewise the more modest return of 9.86% at **Belfast South** would have owed something to previous NILP campaigning.

At the General Election of October 1974, just six months later the APNI extended its campaign to include **Antrim North, Down North**, both which had previously been contested by the NILP and

**Belfast North**, which had been ignored by the NILP. The ‘experiment’ in **Armagh** of the previous February was not repeated. In both **Antrim North and Down North**, constituencies which had seen NILP activity in the past, the APNI challengers both polled respectably, finishing in second place.

No former NILP candidate for the Westminster Parliament ever went on to stand under the APNI banner. Reference is made in the Index in the few cases where an APNI candidate was previously a member of the NILP.

ACHESON, N. Peter, the party’s first ever cand in the constituency; later High Sheriff of Co Tyrone; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1979**

ALDERDICE, David King, brother of the following; dermatologist; North Down MBC, Belfast MBC, Mayor; **Antrim North 1997, Belfast East 2001, Down North 2005**

ALDERDICE, John, now Lord, brother of the preceding, b Ballymena 1955; he finished a distant second in both his contests, polling creditably and laying the foundation for the party’s victory in the constituency here in 2010; Euro cand 1989; **Belfast East 1987, 1992**

ARMSTRONG, M/s Kellie, dir of national charity; Ards & North Down MBC; vice-chair APNI; MLA 2017; holds group portfolio for Infrastructure NIA 2016-; **Strangford 2015, 2017.**

BARR, Arthur; the only APNI cand to stand in the former Londonderry constituency where he polled a creditable 9.16% which has not been improved upon in the current Londonderry East constituency; **Londonderry 1979**

BELL, M/s Eileen, b 1943, ed Dominican Coll, Belfast, U of Ulster; former civil servant, welfare officer; later charity worker; NIA, dpty ldr 2001-06, acting Speaker 2006; **Newry & Armagh 1992**

BELL, Mrs Helen Marie, CBE; **Foyle 1997**

BLAIR, John K., Antrim & Newtonabbey DC, alderman dpty Mayor; **Antrim South 1992**

BOGAN, Paddy; Pres APNI; courageously denounced in media IRA atrocities in his home district; **Mid Ulster 1987**

BOGUES, Dr Bernard Ephrem, b 1957, ed Queen’s U; medical practitioner; worked in Middle East, Australia **Mid Ulster 1997**

BOWER, Michael John; North Down MBC; resumed fight for party in difficult constituency after 13 year lapse; his modest percentage of poll, 2.3%, is the highest recorded locally for APNI; **West Tyrone 2010**

BOYLE, M/s Yvonne; 30 year career in health service; Coleraine MBC; interests incl economic regeneration, tourism; persistent campaigner in difficult terrain for party, achieving highest party percentage 7.6% in her most recent contest; **Londonderry East 1997, 2001, 2005, 2015**

BRADSHAW, M/s Paula Jane b 1972; Belfast MBC; MLA 2017; holds group portfolio for Health; attractive in appearance and personality; **Belfast South 2015, 2017**



BULLICK, Eric, b Co Tyrone, ed Lancaster U, U of Ulster; head teacher; joined APNI 1975; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1992, Mid Ulster 2013 by-e, 2015**

BUTLER, Ian; former long serving social care worker, London, Leicester, Birmingham; writer, later bookseller; widely travelled, Europe, the Americas; lives Fermanagh; **Mid Ulster 2010**

CAMPBELL, M/s Betty, Lisburn MBC; involved in squabbles c2005 concerning Civil Partnerships qqv Trevor Lunn, Seamus Close; **Down South 2001**

CAMPBELL, Noreen, teacher principal of integrated s; hold radical views on reform of local education; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2017**

CAMPBELL, Tom, ed Queen's U; Belfast MBC; solicitor; Newtonabbey DC; High Sheriff; **Belfast North 1987, 1992, 1997**

CASTLE, Alan Martyn; businessman; **Upper Bann 2005**

CATNEY, Gerard, grad Mech Eng, Ch Acc, property developer; describes himself as 'international liberal, socialist, globalist'; subsequent to election became involved in acrimonious exchanges with Naomi Long qv over respective methods and objectives of ISIL and IRA; **Belfast West 2015**

CLOSE, Seamus, OBE, b 1947; dpty ldr APNI 1991-2001, mbr NIA; disagreed with Sean Neeson qv over Civil Partnership issue; retired from activity 2007; indefatigable campaigner in seven elections, achieving his best result in 17.2% in 1997 and finishing runner-up on four occasions; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone by-e (August) 1981, Lagan Valley 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005**

COADE, M/s Jackie, primary s teacher with 20 years' service; interests incl special education, Early Years provision; advocates use of Orkambi drug for cystic fibrosis patients; **Newry & Armagh 2017**

COOK, David Somerville, b 1943 solicitor, sen partner in firm; fdr mbr APNI, dpty ldr 1980-84; Belfast MBC, Chair Police Authority of N I; Euro cand 1984; involved in libel case settled out of court; after polling 9.86% in his first contest, he raised his percentage to an average of over 21% in his three subsequent attempts, finishing runner-up throughout, though a long distance behind; **Belfast South 1974 Feb, 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987**

COOK, M/s Fionnuala OBE b 1946 ed U Coll, Dublin; varied career incl media, teaching, researcher for Lord Longford; many public posts; innumerable interests incl housing, consumer affairs, health; Mayoress of Belfast 1978-79; first party cand in difficult territory; polled 5.9%; **Upper Bann 1987**

COUSINS, John, the party's first ever contender in the constituency, (a Republican stronghold, centre of much violence and destruction throughout the decades of the Northern Ireland Emergency), the single occasion on which it was fought over 1974-2005; his 6.08% of poll remains the highest achieved here; **Belfast West 1979**

CROZIER, Julian, former sen civil servant; served as district officer, Zambia in 1960s, later with Dept of Economic Dvmnt; lived Rathfriland ; joined APNI 1995, active with South Down party; d 2006; his

wife, Dr Maurna C.,(1942-2015), social anthropologist, was an important figure in reconciliation between the two communities in NI; **Down South 1997, 2005**

CUSHNAHAN, John Walls, b 1948 ed St Mary's Christian Brothers g s, Queen's U; teacher, later sec to APNI 1974-82; Belfast MBC; APNI party ldr 1984-87; sought closer ties with Lib Dems; subsequently moved to Eire, joining Fine Gael; MEP 1989-2004; in his first two contests in Down North, he achieved a respectable second place; **Belfast North 1979, Down North 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987**

DICKSON, Stewart, b 1950 Carrickfergus; Presbyterian affiliation; Carrickfergus MBC, later Mayor; NIA 2011, chief whip; and 2016-, holding portfolio for Northern Ireland Executive Office; former official NIPSA Union, arbitration secretary, N I Labour Relations Agency; **Antrim East 2015, 2017**

DOHERTY, John, Magee law graduate; describes himself as 'social liberal'; **Foyle 2017**

DONNELLY, Stephen William, b 1994 ed Drumragh Integrated s; APNI Youth Media officer; energetic cand; **West Tyrone 2015**

DOYLE, Tara, concerned with declining local employment opportunities; of striking appearance; **Upper Bann 2017**

DUNLOP, M/s Jayne Alexandra, ed Ballymena Acad, Us of Ulster, Aberystwyth, Reading; librarian, former careers information officer; Chair APNI; Ballymena MBC; persistent campaigner on difficult terrain; courageously attacked sectarianism, paramilitaries, drug trafficking; **Antrim North 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017**

EASTWOOD, Sorcha; has expressed concerns over implications of Brexit for the Eire-Northern Ireland border; her previously arranged wedding at Lisburn coincided with polling day; she and her husband were married at St Patrick's, then voted at a nearby polling station; **Belfast West 2017**

FARRY, Stephen b 1971 Newtonards, ed Queen's Coll; gen sec APNI deputy ldr 2016-; NIA 2007, MLA 2017, holding portfolio for Economy & Finance; former Minister for Employment & Learning; elected to North Down MBC, later Mayor; **Down North 2010**

FERGUSON, John, b 1911 Belfast ed Moravian s; fruit merchant, volunteer social worker; formerly UUP cand in Stormont elections; later fdr mbr Alliance Party; Belfast MBC; briefly mbr Northern Ireland Ass from 1973; the party's first ever cand in the constituency in very difficult times; **Belfast North 1974 Oct**

FITZPATRICK, Barney, ed U of Ulster; ret police superintendent; Master's degree in Legal Admin studies; Causeway, Coast & Glens DC; harbour commissioner; has initiated several cross-community initiatives; **Londonderry East 2010**

FORD, David, b 1951 grew up in Orpington, Kent, ed local primary s, Dulwich Coll, Queen's U; returned to Northern Ireland 1969; held dual membership APNI/ Lib Dems; from 1989 full time gen

sec of party; 1998 NIA, Idr APNI 2001-16, Minister of Justice 2010-; re-elected MLA 2017, holding portfolio for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs; **Antrim South 1997, 2001, 2005**

FORDE, Patrick M. D., the party's first cand locally; APNI has yet to improve upon his vote share of 6.84%; **Down South 1979, 1983**

GIRVAN, M/s Deborah; North Down & Ards DC; advocate of integrated schools; described on blog *Slogger O'Toole* as 'very capable'; **Strangford 2010**

GLASS, J. Basil C., b Leitrim, Eire 1926 ed Queen's U; solicitor, later eminent barrister; joined New Ulster Movement; colleague of Oliver Napier qv; mbr N I Constitutional Convention; Pres APNI, dpty Idr 1976-80, NIA, chief whip; Belfast CC; appointed to High Court Bench 1982; in his second fight he hoisted APNI into second place with 25.10%, the highest percentage ever achieved locally; described as 'gentleman and scholar'; d 2005; **Belfast South 1974 Oct, 1979**

GLENDINNING, Robert James, b 1938 Belfast ed Rockport s, Campbell Coll, Trinity Coll, Dublin; lect in history; fdr mbr APNI; political organiser from 1973; award winning writer of TV/radio plays; first party cand in constituency; he polled 8.07 %; **Armagh 1974 Feb**

GORMLEY, M/s Ann, Omagh D C, later Chair; first party standard bearer in difficult territory in her 2<sup>nd</sup> contest; **Mid Ulster 1992, West Tyrone 1997**

GRIFFIN, David, **Down South 2010.**

HASLETT, John, **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1987**

HAWKINS, Mrs Marjorie (Margaret) Julia Hawkins, **Belfast North 2005**

HAWTHORNE, David, b 1961? joined party 2013; environmental officer, cons organic farmer; interest incl unemployment, health, FE, infrastructure; **Foyle 2015**

HEADING, Brendan, b 1979 ed St Therese de Lisieux p s, St Malachy's Coll; career in IT has led to travel throughout Europe, USA; last minute nomination, arranged by APNI HQ without knowledge of local party, to take advantage of TV broadcast invitation; **Upper Bann 2010**

HEALEY, Dr Michael, activist/mbr executive Down local party; **Down South 1992**

HENDRON, Jim, b 1931; lawyer; joined APNI 1970, later successively Chair/President; served on N I Constitution Convention; **Belfast East 1997**

HENDRON, Mrs Maire; teacher; Belfast MBC, dpty Mayor; only the second APNI cand to stand in the constituency after an interval of 31 years; **Belfast West 2010**

JEFFREY, William Henry, courageously took on for the first time for the party, probably the least promising of all Northern Ireland constituencies; **Newry & Armagh 1987**

JONES, Keith, pioneering cand who took second place, well behind the victor, in both his contests, recording 21.53% in 1979; **Down North Oct 1974, 1979**

KAMBLE, Mrs Vasundhra, b Mumbai; teacher; lived Northern Ireland since 1995; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2010.**

KAVANAGH, Colin, **Foyle 2001**

KELLY, Neil, b Antrim Town 1964 ed St Comgall's p s, St Louis g s, Ballymena; long career in health/social care, later operations man for Community Learning Disability Service; Antrim & Newtonabbey DC; **South Antrim 2015, 2017**

KINAHAN, Charles Henry Grierson, b Belfast 1915 ed Stowe; mbr Church of Ireland; service WWII, p.o.w. of the Japanese after fall of Singapore; pursued post-war career in Far East; joined party 1973; pioneer cand in the constituency, regularly finishing runner-up, though usually over 50% of the poll behind; JP; mbr NI Constitutional Convention, mbr Senate Queen's U, Belfast, Dpty Lieut County Antrim; **Antrim South 1974 Feb, October, 1979**

LAGAN, Dr J. Aidan, first party cand in barren territory; he polled 5.32%, the highest the APNI has achieved locally to date; **Mid Ulster 1979, 1983**

LAIRD, Siobhan, ed Queen's U; welfare rights adviser, later counsellor; academic/lect Us of Sheffield, Nottingham; PhD School of Oriental and African Studies, London U 2000; lect U of Ghana; leading figure in study of child protection, numerous interests incl cultural diversity, welfare politics; author of several books on her subjects; **Down South 1987**

LAVERY, Peter; b 1992? left positive impression with local party; **Upper Bann 2015**

LAWTHER, Alan; Antrim DC, dpty Mayor; interests incl planning; favours rail link from airport to Belfast; **Antrim South 2010**

LO, M/s Anna, MBE, b Hong Kong 1950; formerly wife of Gavin Millar div; ed U of Ulster; Taoist by birth, now atheist; lived Northern Ireland 30 years; mbr N I Assembly from 2007, first East Asian ever elected to any UK legislature; chair Environmental Comm; subject to much racial abuse from Loyalist quarters largely over pro United Ireland stance; does not intend to defend her seat; interests incl diversity, press freedom; her stand on transparency in public business strongly influenced the recent Local Government Bill; courageous campaigner; Euro cand 2014 not eliminated until 7<sup>th</sup> count; **Belfast South 2010**

LONG, M/s Naomi, b East Belfast, 1971 nee Johnston, ed Mersey Street p s, Bloomfield Collegiate s, Queen's U; Presbyterian background; cons structural eng; Belfast MBC; N I Assembly, dpty group ldr; her victory, the first ever in a Westminster election for the APNI, was the major upset of the 2010 General Election; despite the connection between the APNI and the Lib Dems over many years, she did not take the Lib Dem whip, sitting in opposition to the Coalition Government 2010-15; received death threats over an APNI decision to support the curtailment of flying the union flag over Belfast

City Hall; increased her vote by 5.6% in 2015 but was narrowly defeated by her DUP opponent in whose favour other Unionist factions had withdrawn their candidates; dpty ldr party, 2006-16, party ldr APNI 2016-, MLA 2016-; holds portfolio for Communities; **Belfast East 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017; MP 2010-2015**

LUNN, Trevor b 1946; Lisburn MBC, Mayor 2006-07, N I Assembly 2007, MLA 2017, holding group portfolio for Justice; figured in media in squabbles over Civil Partnerships also involving Seamus Close, Cllr Betty Campbell qqv c 2005; concerned over Sinn Fein infiltration of primary school boards; mbr Northern Ireland Police Board; **Lagan Valley, 2010, 2015.**

LYNCH, Gerry, b 1977; exec dir APNI; resigned unexpectedly in 2010 complaining he was 'burnt out;' **Antrim East 2010**

McBRIDE, Steve, barrister; chair APNI in 1990s; mbr N I Forum 1996; narrowly missed winning seat in N I Assembly 1996; **Belfast South 1997**

McCANN, Chris, **Londonderry East 2017**

McCARTHY, Kieran, b 1942 Newtonards, draper; Newtonards MBC, JP; mbr Peace Forum; mbr N I Assembly, chief whip; opposed to style of direct rule as exercised by Sec of State for Northern Ireland of the period, Peter Hain; **Strangford 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005**

McGOWAN, Paddy, **Londonderry East 1987**

McGRATH, M/s Martha, **Londonderry East 1983**

McGRELLIS, Keith, b 1976 Derry ed Queen's U; lived Belfast from 1995; works in IT/computers; polled 0.6% in the most difficult terrain for the APNI in the province; **Foyle 2010**

McILROY, Lara Alexandra; her 2.7% share is the highest achieved by the APNI in this unpromising territory; **Foyle 1992**

McINTYRE, Aaron D., b 1990? ed Queen's U, Master in Museum Studies; joined party 2010 interests incl young people's issues, environment; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; **Belfast West 2011 by-e, Lagan Valley 2017**

McMURRAY, Andrew, lives Castlewellan; Newry, Mourne & Down DC; keen to foster outdoor pursuits, tourism; **Down South 2017**

MAGUIRE, Sir Richard Paul, b 1952; barrister 1978, QC 2006, High Court Judge 2012; Kt 2012; lect Queen's U; N I Assembly; he achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the by-election, the party's best ever result here; **Belfast North 1983, 1986 by-e**

MATHEWS, John, **Antrim East 2001**

MAWHINNEY, Gordon, b 1943; former police officer; Newtonabbey; MBC, NIA, dpty ldr APNI 1984-87; he was runner-up in his second contest though 53.8% behind his opponent; **Antrim South 1983, 1987**

MONTGOMERY, John, **Belfast South 1992**

MORROW, Addie, b 1928, Co Down; farmer; Pres APNI; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; NIA; polled 15.8% as first party cand in constituency, raising this to 20.3% four years later to achieve 2<sup>nd</sup> place; d 2012; **Strangford 1983, 1987, Down North 1992**

MUIR, Andrew, Pres APNI; Mayor, Ards and North Down DC; makes regular good use of *Alliance for Everyone* blog; makes courageous public statements about the influence of paramilitary groups; interests incl restoration, education, transport problems; **Newry & Armagh 2010, Down North 2015, 2017**

NAPIER, Sir Oliver b 1935 of Catholic background, ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U, Belfast; solicitor; joined Ulster Liberal Party 1969; after 1970 General Election associated with New Ulster Movement; subsequently expelled from Liberals; fdr mbr; APNI; ldr from 1973, stepping down 1984; Belfast CC; Euro cand 1979; N I Peace Forum from 1996; Kt 1988; the party's first ever cand in Belfast East where he polled 15,066 votes, 29.55%, to secure third place but only 1.82% short of victory; in both his contests in Down North he secured second place; survived attacks upon his home, threats against his family; escaped several assassination attempts; implacable enemy of sectarianism; strong influence upon Prime Minister Tony Blair in Good Friday Agreement; d 2011; as one of the outstanding figures in Ulster politics, revered for his courage and integrity on all sides, during Ulster's decades of strife, he was the subject of lengthy obituaries in the national press; **Belfast East 1979, 1983, 1986 by-e, Down North by-e 1995, 1997**

NEESON, Sean, b 1946 ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; teacher; joined APNI 1970, ldr 1998-2001; Carrickfergus MBC, later Mayor; persistent campaigner contesting Antrim East on six occasions in 22 years, finishing as runner up three times recording 25.6% on his 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt; Euro cand 1999; **Antrim East 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2005**

NELSON, Sam, b North Belfast advocate of shared and integrated society, transparency in government; **Belfast North 2017**

NICHOLL, M/s Kate, claims Afro-Irish ancestry, formerly lived Zimbabwe, now Hollywood Co Down; calls for transparency in politics; Belfast CC; **Newry & Armagh 2015**

O'GRADY, Gerard, **Foyle 1983**

O'LYNN, Patricia, PhD student, interested in alternative education, crime/criminal justice; concerned at educational inequality in North Antrim; **North Antrim 2017**

O'NEILL, Jason, raised in North Belfast, ed Queen's U, Pres Union; deplores 'tribal politics,' 'political deadlock'; **Belfast North 2015**

RAMSAY, Dr William Wallace, **Armagh 1979, Upper Bann 1992 by-e, 1992, 1997**

RICE, Mrs Geraldine MBE, b South Belfast; Alderman Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; energetic, formidable local campaigner over 25 years; interests incl planning, sustainable environment, combatting domestic violence; took issue with Anna Lo qv over the latter's pro-United Ireland stand in Euro Election 2014; subsequently resigned from party; **Belfast South 2001, 2005**

SU, M/s Hannah, b Northern Ireland of Vietnamese origin; ed U of West Of England, where she read Law; lived mostly in Dungannon; local community activist; teacher South West Coll, Dungannon; works for Southern Trust on community projects; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2015**

TODD, Martyn, MBE ed Cambridge U; eng with Rolls Royce, General Motors; activist in Lagan Valley; interests incl community relations/services, tourism, environment; **Down South 2015**

WATSON, Fay, grew up Cookstown, ed Us of Lancaster, Manchester; career in healthcare; worked in Belgium as dir of charity; has run several hospital depts; cand NIA 2017; **Mid Ulster 2017**

WEBB, Billy, of Catholic background; ret civil servant; Alderman, Antrim & Newtonabbey DC; APNI Pres; many interests; committed to 'shared future' community policies; **Belfast North 2010**

WHITCROFT, Peter W. R.; his share of the poll, 1.9%, remains the highest recorded by APNI in the most unpromising constituency in the province; **Newry & Armagh 1997**

WILLIAMS, John Gareth, **Antrim North 1987, 1992**

WILSON, H., first party cand in the constituency, finishing in second place with 15.11%, though 56.53% behind his opponent; **Antrim North 1974 Oct, 1979**

ZAMMITT, M/s Elizabeth; community activist; polled 2.3%; **Foyle 2015**

