

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND CANDIDATES 1974-2019

(WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ONLY)

ULSTER LIBERAL PARTY

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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 the Westminster and the Stormont Parliaments 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, Naomi Long, for Belfast East in 2010, did not take the Lib Dem whip and moreover sat on the opposition benches throughout the Coalition government 2010-15, expressing disagreement with key policies which appeared in the Liberal Democratic Party Manifesto at the 2010 General Election.

APNI candidates are included in a separate section of the Index. Whether or not the Liberal Democrats and APNI decide to associate more closely, it is unlikely that they will ever oppose each other in future Westminster elections. Clearly the APNI has inherited a measure of electoral support from voters who might well have supported 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 commonly used, standard abbreviations.

appt	appointment/appointed
b h s	boys high school
comp s	comprehensive school
elem s	elementary school
g s	grammar school
g h s	girls high school
g-t	grammar-tech
h s	high school
j s	junior school
s s	schools
sec s	secondary
sen	senior school
u s	upper school
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
LSE	London School of Economics
TTC	teacher training coll

asst	assistant
bus	business comm/s
comm/s	committee/s
comp	computer
cons	consultant/consultancy
corr	correspondent
dir	director
eng	engineer/engineering
ind	industry
ins	insurance
IT	Information Technology
man	managing, managerial or management
m'ment	management
mark.	marketing
PNI	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
CAB	Citizens' Advice Bureau
ELD	European Liberal Democrats
LGBTQ+	lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer and others
LIB INT	Liberal International
MLA	(Mbr) Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly
NIA	(Mbr) Northern Ireland Assembly
NIF	Northern Ireland Forum
ULS	Union of Liberal Students
WLD	Women Lib Dems
YLS/YLDs	Young Liberals/Liberal Democrats.

Party refers to APNI 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.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

As explained 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 newly constituted Alliance Party of Northern Ireland chose to contest just 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 NILP. Only a minority of members of the miniscule NILP were to join the newly-founded Alliance Party. No research findings have been published so far 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 previous elections.

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, so far as it has been possible to ascertain, ever went on to stand under the APNI banner. Reference is made in the Index in the very few cases where an APNI candidate was previously a member of the NILP.

ALLIANCE PARTY OF NORTHERN IRELAND CANDIDATES in WESTMINSTER PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS in NORTHERN IRELAND 1970-2019

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF CANDIDATES

ACHESON, Peter N., the party's first cand in the constituency; High Sheriff of Co Tyrone 1982; lived Donagmore; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1979**

ALDERDICE, David King OBE, MB, MA, b 1966, brother of the following; ed Queen's U, Belfast, Oxford U; cons dermatologist; North Down MBC, Belfast MBC, Lord Mayor; 1998-99; cand N I Forum; **Antrim North 1997, Belfast East 2001, Down North 2005**

ALDERDICE, John Thomas, Baron A. of Knock, b Donaghcloney, Co Down, 1955, ed Ballymena Acad, Queen's U, brother of the preceding; of Presbyterian background, father minister; medical practitioner, cons psychiatrist, psychotherapist, publishing articles on AIDS, child abuse, substance dependency; broadcaster/lecturer on mental health matters; lect Queen's U; long and meritorious involvement in NI public life; Exec APNI 1984-98, Party Leader 1987-98; Belfast MBC 1989-97; he finished a distant second in both his contests, though polling creditably and laying the foundation for the party's victory in the constituency in 2010; Euro cand 1989; Pres Lib Int, Chair Lib Dem group, Speaker NI Assembly 1998-2004; Life Peer 1996, one of the very youngest to be appointed; in House of Lords sits with Lib-Dems; from 2010 Convenor of Lib Dem Group; strong internationalist; his goal has always been peace, stability and reconciliation in Northern Ireland; has received many honours, prizes, honorary degrees for his work in promotion of peace; **Belfast East 1987, 1992**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

ARMSTRONG, Kellie, b 1970 Kirkcubbin, ed Queen's U; worked for Community Transport; dir of national charity; Ards & North Down MBC; vice-chair APNI; MLA 2017; holds APNI group portfolio for Infrastructure in NIA; 2016- as mbr for Strangford; chief whip party group; advocate of integrated education; lives Ards Peninsula Wild Life Reserve; she virtually doubled her share of the poll in 2019; **Strangford 2015, 2017, 2019**

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**

BEAUMONT, Matthew, Open U student; Vice-Chair Fermanagh & Tyrone APNI Assn; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2019**

BELL, Eileen, CBE, b 1943 Dromara, ed Dominican Coll, Belfast, U of Ulster; former civil servant, welfare officer; later charity worker; NIA Down North 1998-2007, Dpty Ldr 2001-06, acted as 2nd Assembly Speaker, holding office for a single day in 2006; returned to work with Autism grps; **Newry & Armagh 1992**

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

BLAIR, John K., b 1966, Antrim & Newtonabbey DC, alderman, dpty Mayor; NIA 2018- ; first openly gay mbr; there was an interval of 27 years between his two contests; in the second, he raised his percentage poll by 11.64%; **Antrim South 1992, 2019**

BOGAN, Patrick J.; 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; mbr N I Institute of Human relations; **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, Mel, ed Liverpool U; command centre analyst, former event man; supporter of integrated education; organiser of many charity fun-runs; **Mid Ulster 2019**

BOYLE, Yvonne, ed Cambridge U, U of Ulster; 30-year career as mental health service worker; Coleraine MBC; interests incl economic regeneration, green issues, development of tourism; mbr Northeast Peace Partnership; writes poetry; persistent campaigner in difficult terrain for party, achieving highest party percentage 7.6% in her most recent contest; cand NIA; **Londonderry East 1997, 2001, 2005, 2015**

BRADSHAW, Paula Jane b 1972, ed Belfast h s, U of Belfast, Queen's U; Belfast MBC; MLA for South Belfast 2016-; former community worker; holds group portfolio for Health; regular contributor to media on variety of issues; m Ian Parsley cand Euro elections 2009, Depty Mayor, North Down; **Belfast South 2015, 2017, 2019**

BROWN, Patrick, ed Sheffield U; runs own small co; Newry TC 2014- lives Downpatrick; reading for PhD, Queen's U; he raised the party vote on hitherto very unpromising territory by 10.34% to 13.90%; **Down South 2019**

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

BUTLER, Ian; former long serving social care worker, London, Leicester, Birmingham; writer, later bookseller; contributor to Lib Dem Voice; courageous campaigner; widely travelled, Europe, the Americas; lives Fermanagh, latterly debilitated by a stroke; writer of screenplays, first novel *Burger Bar Dan* pub 2012; **Mid Ulster 2010**

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

CAMPBELL, Noreen, teacher, principal of integrated s; holds radical views on reform of local education; officer of Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2017**

CAMPBELL, Tom; ed Queen's U; partner in legal firm; Belfast MBC, later Newtonabbey MBC; High Sheriff 2000-01; **Belfast North 1987, 1992, 1997**

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

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

CAVANAGH, Colm; ed University Coll, Dublin; Chair Foyle APNI Assn; Chair APNI 1981-82; Pres NI Council Integrated Education; concerned at impact of Brexit on Eire/N I border issues; **Foyle 2001**

CLOSE, Seamus, OBE, b 1947; Dpty Ldr APNI 1991-2001, mbr NIA; disagreed with Sean Neeson qv over Civil Partnership issue; Lisburn MBC, Mayor; retired from political activity 2007; indefatigable campaigner in seven elections, achieving his best result in 17.2% in 1997 and finishing runner-up on four occasions; d 2019; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone by-e 1981, Lagan Valley 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005**

COADE, Jackie, ed St Mary's University Coll, Belfast; campaigns for improved rail services; social worker, 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, 2019**

COOK, David Somerville, b 1944 solicitor, sen partner in legal firm; fdr mbr APNI, dpty ldr 1980-84; Belfast MBC 1973-95, Mayor 1978, Chair Police Authority of N I 1994-96; Euro cand 1984; involved in libel case settled out of court; after polling 9.86% in his first contest, he raised his percentage to over 21% in his three subsequent attempts, finishing runner-up throughout, though a long distance behind the victor; **Belfast South 1974 Feb, 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987**

COOK, Fionnuala OBE b 1946 ed U Coll, Dublin; varied career incl media, teaching, researcher for Lord Longford; many public posts; Vice Lord Lieut County Down; Red Cross Trustee; many 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, b 1948 of Roman Catholic background; ed Queen's U prominent in students union activities; later U. lecturer Lisburn MBC; involved in human rights causes; the party's first ever

contender in the Belfast West 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; d on holiday Badajoz, Spain 2015; **Belfast West 1979**

CROZIER, Julian Smyth, b 1935, former sen civil servant; served as district officer, Zambia in 1960s, later with Dept of Economic Dvlpmnt; interested in education, training; lived Rathfriland; joined APNI 1995, working for conciliation in N I; active with South Down party; d 2006; m Dr Maurna C. (1942-2015), a social anthropologist, and 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 where he re-entered politics soon joining Fine Gael; MEP 1989-2004; earlier in his career, in his first two contests in Down North, he achieved a respectable second place; mbr board of Co-operation Ireland; **Belfast North 1979, Down North 1983, 1986 by-e, 1987**

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

DOHERTY, John, ed St Columb Coll, Magee law graduate; man at Eurovoxbanger Currency, editor *Clear Cut News & Affairs*; describes himself as 'social liberal'; **Foyle 2017**

DONNELLY, Danny, staff nurse in NHS hospital; cllr Mid & East Antrim DC; he raised the party poll by 11.68%; **East Antrim 2019**

DONNELLY, Stephen William, b 1994 ed Drumragh Integrated s; APNI Youth Media officer; cllr Mid-East Antrim; campaigns for integrated education, transparency in politics; supports drive for renewable energy; energetic cand; he raised the party percentage poll by 6.43%; **West Tyrone 2015, 2017, b-e 2018, 2019**

DOYLE, Tara, b 1993, ed Portadown p s, Portadown Coll, Queen's U; retail employee; concerned with declining local employment opportunities, disability issues; **Upper Bann 2017**

DUNLOP, 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; later SHIRLEY; life-long resident of Lagan Valley; Brexit adviser to APNI; cllr Lisburn & Castlereagh BC; interests incl mental health, climate change; concerned over implications of Brexit for the Eire-Northern Ireland border; attracted press attention when her previously arranged wedding at Lisburn coincided with polling day; she and her husband, Dale Shirley, were

married at St Patrick's, then voted at a nearby polling station; at Lagan Valley she finished runner-up, having raised the party percentage poll by 17.70%; **Belfast West 2017, Lagan Valley 2019**

FARRY, Stephen b 1971 Newtonards, ed Queen's Coll; gen sec APNI deputy Idr 2016-; NIA 2006- mbr for North Down, holding portfolio for Economy & Finance; former Minister for Employment & Learning; North Down MBC, later Mayor; Peace Scholar, US Inst of Peace; he increased the Alliance vote by 35.88%, climbing from 3rd place to achieve victory in 2019 by 2,968 votes; contributor to *Liberator*; **Down North 2010, 2019; MP 2019-**

FERGUSON, John, JP, 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**

FERGUSON, Rachel, active with young mothers' groups; interests incl community services, economic devlpmnt; Derry & Strabane MBC; **Foyle 2019**

FITZPATRICK, Barney, b West Belfast, ed U of Ulster; ret police chief superintendent, Queen's Police Medal for Bravery; severely wounded in gun attack 1971; MA in Legal Admin studies; Causeway, Coast & Glens DC; harbour commissioner; has initiated several cross-community initiatives; d 2018; **Londonderry East 2010**

FORD, David, b 1951 grew up in Orpington, Kent, ed local primary s, Dulwich Coll, Queen's U; mbr Presbyterian Church; former social worker, returned to Northern Ireland 1969; held dual membership APNI/Lib Dems; from 1989 full time gen sec of party; MLA for South Antrim 1998-2008, Idr APNI 2001-16, Minister of Justice 2010-16; re-elected MLA 2017, holding portfolio for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs; remembered for major role in restoring stability to party and making it a force in NI affairs; **Antrim South 1997, 2001, 2005**

FORDE, Patrick M. D., the party's first cand locally; **the APNI did not improve upon his vote share of 6.84% until 2019; Down South 1979, 1983**

GIRVAN, Deborah, née Coulter, b Couber; PE teacher, later marketing officer Belfast Inst of FE; joined party 2005; Ald North Down & Ards DC; advocate of integrated schools; **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 (Robin) James, b 1938 Belfast grew up in Armagh, 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 %; NIA cand 1973; **Armagh 1974 Feb**

GORMLEY, Ann, ed Mt Lourdes g s; dental therapist; Omagh D C, later Chair; first party standard bearer in difficult territory in her 2nd contest; **Mid Ulster 1992, West Tyrone 1997**

GRIFFIN, David, b Tipperary ed Trinity Coll, Dublin; teacher later Vice-Principal; involved in sports admin, tennis, squash, hurling; **Down South 2010.**

HASLETT, John, local election cand; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 1987**

HAWKINS, 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, rural dvlpmnt; **Foyle 2015**

HEADING, Brendan, b 1979 ed St Therese de Lisieux p s, St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; software eng; 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; styles himself 'pragmatic social democrat'; interests incl economics, social/political reform, transport; recent contributor to *Sluggie O'Toole* website; **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; husband of the following; **Belfast East 1997**

HENDRON, Máire, b Cloughmills, Co Antrim; home economics teacher; Belfast MBC, Dpty Mayor; only the second APNI cand to stand in the constituency after an interval of 31 years; wife of the preceding; interests incl charities, education, youth provision, promotion of tourism; replaced Naomi Long qv as MLA for East Belfast, June 2019 on her election to Euro Parliament; **Belfast West 2010**

HIGGINS, Donnamarie, ed St Louise's c s; LGBTQ+ campaigner, interests incl welfare issues, community services; **Belfast West 2019**

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, Vasundhra, b Mumbai; teacher; lived Northern Ireland since 1995; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; defected to DUP 2020 claiming the APNI was 'snobby' and 'elitist'; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2010.**

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, High Sheriff, Co Antrim; Dpty Lieut County Antrim; d 1995; **Antrim South 1974 Feb, October, 1979** (see *Dictionary of Ulster Biography*)

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, Dr 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 studies on her subjects; **Down South 1987**

LIVERY, Peter; b 1992? hails from Aghagallon, ed Queen's U; local government cand at Lurgan; 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, Anna Manwah, MBE, b Hong Kong 1950 of Canton-Chinese ancestry; ed U of Ulster; Taoist by birth, now atheist; worked as interpreter for BBC, RUC; lived Northern Ireland since 1974; social worker Chinese Welfare Assn; MLA for South Belfast 2007-16, first East Asian ever elected to any UK legislature; chair Environmental Comm; subject to intense hostility and threats of physical violence largely for her pro-United Ireland stance, leading to public disagreement with Geraldine Rice qv; did not defend her seat 2016, admitting that she felt intimidated by continuing Loyalist racist abuse; deeply disillusioned she intimated intention to leave Northern Ireland; 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 7th count; **Belfast South 2010**

LONG, Naomi, b East Belfast, 1971 née Johnston, ed Mersey Street p s, Bloomfield Collegiate s, Queen's U; Presbyterian background; cons structural eng; Belfast MBC; NIA, 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 for East Belfast 2016-19, 2020-; Minister of Justice 2020-; first party MEP 2019-20; in 2019 she raised her percentage of poll by 8.62%, failing to regain her Westminster seat by only 1,819 votes; **Belfast East 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019; MP 2010-2015**

LUNN, Trevor b 1946; Lisburn MBC, Mayor 2006-07, MLA for Lagan Valley 2007-22, holding group portfolio for Justice; member of numerous committees; 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; left party in 2020 citing 'internal difficulties'; mbr Northern Ireland Police Board; **Lagan Valley, 2010, 2015.**

LYNCH, Gerry, b 1977 ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; Whitehall civil servant; joined party aged 16; Exec Dir APNI 2007-10; interests incl health matters, tackling crime, economic devplmnt; resigned unexpectedly in 2010 complaining he was 'burnt out; political commentator/writer; reported to be training to be C of E priest 2016; **Antrim East 2010**

McCALLISTER, Nuala, of Catholic background, ed Dominican Co, Ulster U; on APNI HQ staff; Belfast MBC, Lord Mayor; her interests incl ethnic minorities, transport, LGBTQ+ issues; seeks greater transparency in public life; **Belfast North 2019.**

McBRIDE, Steve, barrister; chair APNI in 1990s; mbr N I Forum 1996; narrowly missed winning seat in N I A 1996; High Sheriff Belfast 1996-97; **Belfast South 1997**

McCARTHY, Kieran, b 1942 Newtonards; draper; Newtonards MBC, JP; mbr Peace Forum; mbr NIA for Strangford 1998-2016; 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**

McCAW, Chris, local cllr; community activist interests incl age matters, greater transparency in public affairs; he raised his percentage poll by 8.88%; **Londonderry East 2017, 2019**

McGOWAN, Patrick; lives Portstewart; **Londonderry East 1987**

McGRATH, 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**

MAGUIRE, Sir Richard Paul, b 1952; barrister 1978, QC 2006, High Court Judge 2012; Kt 2013; lect Queen's U; N I Assembly; he achieved 2nd place in the by-election, the party's best result here to date; from the mid-1980s concentrated on his legal career; **Belfast North 1983, 1986 by-e**

McILROY, Lara Alexandra b 1967; solicitor in Coleraine? party standard bearer in most unpromising territory; her 2.7% share is the highest achieved to date by the APNI in Foyle; **Foyle 1992**

McINTYRE, Aaron D., b 1990? ed Queen's U, MA Museum Studies; joined party 2010, Vice-Pres 2017; interests incl young people's issues, environment; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; serves on boards of Lagan Navigation Trust, N I Museums Council; **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**

MATHEWS, John, b 1946? activist/cllr in Larne, lay-magistrate; craftsman well-known as master cabinet maker with a speciality in marquetry; **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 MBC 1985-89; **Belfast South 1992**

MORROW, Addie James, b 1928, Co Down; farmer; Pres APNI, dpty ldr 1984-87; Lisburn & Castlereagh DC; NIA; polled 15.8% as first party cand in constituency, raising this to 20.3% four years later to achieve 2nd place; d 2012; **Strangford 1983, 1987, Down North 1992**

MUIR, Andrew, ed Ulster U; 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; associate of Stephen Farry MP qv; **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 of Roman Catholic background, ed St Malachy's Coll, Queen's U; teacher; joined APNI 1970, ldr 1998-2001, when he resigned, citing disagreement over direction of leadership with Seamus Close qv; Carrickfergus MBC, later Mayor; MLA East Antrim 1998-2011; persistent campaigner contesting Antrim East on six occasions in 22 years, finishing as runner up three times recording 25.6% on his 3rd 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, Kate, born Zimbabwe, ed London U; claims Afro-Irish ancestry, through South African mother, Northern Ireland father; now lives Hollywood, Co Down; primary s governor, Belfast CC; former researcher with Anna Lo qv; forward looking views on racism, abortion law, provision for youth, care of the environment, same sex marriages, transparency in politics; active cricketer; **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; she raised her percentage of poll by 8.52%; **North Antrim 2017, 2019**

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, a GP at Craigavon; **Armagh 1979, Upper Bann 1992 by-e, 1992, 1997**

RICE, 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 2017, complaining about colleagues' ageism attitudes; **Belfast South 2001, 2005**

SU, Hannah, b Northern Ireland, of Vietnamese origin; ed U of West of England, where she read Law; lived mostly in Dungannon where her family ran a Chinese restaurant; local community activist; teacher South West Coll, Dungannon; works for Southern Trust on community projects; **Fermanagh & South Tyrone 2015**

TENNYSON, Eoin, b 1998? ed Queen's U; active with students union; acc; Armagh BC; strong views on environmental matters, climate emergency, transport; seeks an integrated society and shared future in Ulster; he raised the party percentage poll by 8.33%; **Upper Bann 2019**

TODD, Martyn, MBE ed Cambridge U; eng with Rolls Royce, General Motors; activist in Lagan Valley; interests incl community relations/services, tourism, environment; mbr N I Tourist Board; organised The Strangford Stone project; left part to stand in local elections as an independent cand; **Down South 2015**

WATSON, Fay, grew up Cookstown, ed Us of Lancaster, Manchester; career in healthcare; worked in Belgium as dir of charity; has served in admin of several hospital depts; cand NIA 2017; as a breast-feeding mother, was subjected to disgraceful indignities at election count; **Mid Ulster 2017**

WEBB, Billy, born/raised West Belfast; of Catholic background; ret civil servant; Alderman, Antrim & Newtonabbey DC 1997-; APNI Pres; voluntary worker for CAB; 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 probably the most unpromising constituency for the party in the province; **Newry & Armagh 1997**

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

WILSON, Hugh, b Ballyclare 1905; surgeon; Larne BC; fought N I General Election 1969 as Ind Unionist; later joined APNI later serving as Pres; NIA cand 1973; elected to NICC; first party cand in the constituency, finishing in second place with 15.11%, though 56.53% behind his opponent; d 1998; **Antrim North 1974 Oct, 1979**

ZAMMITT, Elizabeth b 1958; community activist; Dir of Human Rights Consortium; campaigns from motorised wheelchair; polled 2.3%; **Foyle 2015**

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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 (Northwest Region) 1974 Feb, Oct

McELROY, Rev Albert Horatio b Glasgow 1915, ed Trinity Coll, Dublin, Harris-Manchester Coll, Oxford; lecturer at Belfast U; a minister of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church; associated with Harry Midgley in the Commonwealth Labour Party in early 1940s, joined the Northern Ireland Labour Party; fought Down North 1950, 1951; a founder member of the ULP in 1956; contested first election for Liberal Party for Northern Ireland Parliament at Stormont by-e at Queen's U, 1958; active in the civil rights movement in 1960s; whilst attacking religious bigotry, spoke passionately at party assemblies on the need for conciliation in Northern Ireland; as violence erupted in Ulster in early 1970s, described polarisation of society as 'a state of mind bordering on psychosis;' believing his views too radical, declined to join the Alliance Party on its formation; his health was sadly undermined and his death hastened by his grief at the deteriorating situation in Northern Ireland; d 1975; **Down North 1964**

MOORE, Richard Gillachrist, 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; Euro cand 1984; 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; remained an authoritative speaker and writer on Europe, foreign affairs, voting reform etc; author of definitive article on STV in *The Independent*, Nov 2013; still attending important party events until 2017; an unflagging, 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%; he received long press obituaries on his death in 2019; his son Charles, b 1956, now

Baron M. of Etchingham, though originally a Liberal, became an eminent right-wing journalist, successively Editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Spectator* and *The Sunday Telegraph*; a virulent critic of the BBC; 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, Sheelagh Mary, OBE, b Dublin 1924, of Catholic background, grand-daughter of Nationalist MP; grew up at Omagh, Co Tyrone ed Loreto Convent, Omagh, Loreto Abbey, Dublin U, Queen's U; played hockey for Ulster and Ireland; called to Bar 1948 as first woman barrister in the province; 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 several 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 the target of a terrorist bomb, Feb 1970, as a new phase of violence erupted against a background of polarisation of opinion; member of newly established Community Relations Commission; against bitter opposition she introduced 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; believing her ideas to be too radical, declined to 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; a biography *Sheelagh Murnaghan – Stormont's Only Liberal MP* by Ruth Illingworth appeared in 2019; **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, Judith Beatrice, b??? of Jewish background, ed Princess Gardens, Belfast, Queen's U, Belfast; journalist; cand for Northern Ireland Parliament 1962; believed 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; of distinguished appearance; **Down South 1964**, Bedfordshire South (East of England Region) 1966, **Down North 1970**

SMITH, Rodney, b 1945, of Jewish background, ed Campbell Coll, Queen's U, Belfast, Cambridge U; sales rep, later FE lect; Ulster Liberal Exec; once described by an inept BBC Midlands TV host 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 (Northwest Region) 1979, Oldham West (Northwest Region) 1983

