

## **LIBERAL/LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES**

**in the**

## **DEVON & CORNWALL REGION 1945-2024**

### **SECTION ONE: LIBERAL/LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024**

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#### **PREFACE**

The compilation of this Index has presented perhaps the least difficulty of all the regions of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The number of constituencies concerned is small and many have retained the same name over a long period or 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 Liberal 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 several occasions. Perhaps in no other region of Britain have so many Liberal/Lib Dem candidates been notable figures and outstanding personalities, factors which have greatly assisted the business of assembling biographical details. Memorable characters indeed appear on the very first page of the Index. 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 listed have contested parliamentary elections in two or more regions.

#### **THE MARTELL PLAN**

The Martell Plan, mentioned in passing throughout the regional directories was an electoral strategy adopted by the Liberal Party for the General Election of 1950. It was 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 only days before nominations closed, many at the eleventh hour. Martell's objective was to increase the Liberal challenge to a level at which the Party would be enabled to form a government, presuming enough MPs were elected. His supporters, among them enthusiastic 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 goal of fighting every mainland constituency in the UK was finally achieved appropriately 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.

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## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

This key omits commonly used abbreviations.

b h s	boys high school
coll	college
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
lect	lecturer
s	school
s s	schools/state school
sec s	secondary school
sen s	senior school
u s	upper school
FE	Further Education
HE	Higher Education
ILEA	Inner London Education Authority
LSE	London School of Economics
TTC	Teacher Training College
U	University
UMIST	University of Manchester Institute of Technology
appt	appointment/appointed
assn	association
asst	assistant
bus	business
Ch Acc	Chartered Accountant
Ch Eng	Chartered Engineer
co	company
comp	computer
cons	consultant/consultancy
corr	correspondent
cttee/s	committee/s
dir	director
dpty	deputy
dvpmt	development
eng	engineer/engineering
exec	executive

incl	including
ind	industry
ins	insurance
inst	institute/institution
int	international
IT	Information Technology
mark	marketing
mbr	member
PR	public relations
prog	programme
rep	representative
reg	region/regional
ret	retired
sec	secretary
t'nology	technology

ald	alderman
cand	candidate
C	Council
CC	County Council
cllr	councillor
DC	District Council
GLA	Greater London Assembly
GLC	Greater London Council
grp	group
ldr	leader
LBC	London Borough Council
LCC	London County Council
MBC	Metropolitan/Municipal Borough Council
PC	Parish Council/Privy Counsellor
RDC	Rural District Council
TC	Town Council
UA	Unitary Authority
UDC	Urban District Council

CB	Member of the Order of the Bath
CH	Companion of Honour
CMG	Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
FRCP	Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians
FRSE	Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
GCMG	Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George
KCMG	Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George
OM	Order of Merit

ALDE	Alliance of Liberals & Democrats for Europe
ALTU	Association of Liberal Trade Unionists
AM	Member of the Welsh Assembly (up to 2020)
AMMA	Assistant Masters' & Mistresses' Association (Now Assoc of Teachers & Lecturers)
APNI	Alliance Party of Northern Ireland
BALF	Birmingham Area Liberal Federation
BLO	Birmingham Liberal Organisation
CAB	Citizens' Advice Bureau
CPRE	Campaign for Rural England
EETPU	Electrical Electronic Telecommunications & Plumbing Union
ELD	European Liberal Democrats
LA	Liberal Association
LDA	Liberal Democrat Association
LDN	Liberal Democrat News
LDV	Lib Dem Voice
LGBTQ+	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender queer and others
LIB INT	Liberal International
MLA	Member of the Northern Ireland Legislative Assembly
MPA	Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly (1982-86 – Member of the Parliamentary Assembly)
MS	Member of the Senedd Cymru – Welsh Parliament (from 2020)
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
NALGO	National Association of Local Government Officers (now UNISON)
NAS	National Association of Schoolmasters
NASUWT	National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (since 2015 The Teachers' Union)
NATFHE	National Association of Teachers in Further/Higher Education
NCB	National Coal Board
NFU	National Farmers Union
NIA	Northern Ireland Assembly
NIF	Northern Ireland Forum
NLC	National Liberal Club
NUJ	National Union of Journalists
NUT	National Union of Teachers
PCA	Parliamentary Candidates Association
PCC	Police & Crime Commissioner
PFCC	Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner
PPC	Prospective Parliamentary Candidate
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
RASC	Royal Army Service Corps
RNVR	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
SDP	Social Democratic Party
S of S	Secretary of State
TA	Territorial Army
TGWU	Transport & General Workers Union

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ULP	Ulster Liberal Party
ULS	Union of Liberal Students
US	Under Secretary
USDAW	Union of Shop, Distributive & Allied Workers
WHO	World Health Organisation
WLD	Women Lib Dems
WMLF	West Midland(s) Liberal Federation
WMRP	West Midland Regional Party
YLS/YLDs	Young Liberals/Liberal Democrats

Party refers to Liberal Party / Liberal Democrats, 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 in other regions appear in standard type. The names of constituencies have changed over the years as a result of parliamentary boundary changes.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF CANDIDATES

### SECTION ONE

#### LIBERAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024

ABEL, Deryck Robert Endsleigh, b Salisbury 1918, ed Tottenham County s, LSE, London U; lost leg during service WW II which permanently undermined his health; one of the Party's great characters of the 50s and 60s and leading intellectuals of post war era; originally staunch member of Free Trade Union, wrote for *Free Trader*; associated with *The Contemporary Review*, Editor 1960-1965, succeeding the highly esteemed academic and historian, George Peabody Gooch (1873-1968, Lib M.P. Bath 1906-10); tireless advocate of liberal concepts of freedom; witty if erudite public speaker; author of *Ernest Benn, Counsel 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, he was 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 Liberal circles; Chair of LPO Exec; LPO Council until 1960s; left Free Trade movement c1958 in opposition to policies of Major Oliver Smedley qv (Greater London); latterly associated with publishing firm Longman, Green & Co; an unlikely parliamentary candidate, 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 1950 (East of England Region) 1950, **Torquay 1951**, Worthing 1959 (Southeast Region)

ACZEL, Will, b 1999? grew up in Exeter, ed Stone Hill s, Bristol U, later read for master's degree Open U; charity fund raiser; fought Exeter MBC elections; interests incl the environment; **Exeter 2024**

AGGETT, Thomas Henry, b 1893? son of T. H. A. sen (known as 'the Railway Poet of the West'); printer; one-time President, South Devon YLs; deceased; Plymouth, Sutton 1929, **Totnes 1945**

ALDERSON, John, KCBE, 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 very progressive and which made him unpopular with many 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 ULS; distinguished record WW II, later master, Dulwich Coll; d 1974; **St Ives by-e 1937, 1945, 1950**

ARNOTT, Paul, was adopted at birth, lived locally for 25 years; journalist, author of several books; associated with Northcott Theatre, Exeter, Royal Shakespeare Theatre; leads Democratic Alliance Group on East Devon County Council; joined Lib Dems 2022; he raised the Lib Dem share of poll by 19.2%; **Exmouth & Exeter East 2024**

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

BANKS, Desmond Anderson Harvie, CBE, later Lord B. of Kenton, b Ascot 1918, ed U Coll s; service WWII; life ins broker, pension cons; joined Party at school; co-founder with Peter Grafton qv (Greater London), of the 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; greatly respected throughout the Party; of a kindly and welcoming personality, gentle and reasoning in approach, effective speaker on TV and radio; on long railway journeys on party duties, he read the novels of Anthony Trollope; d 1997; m Barbara Wells OBE, was a stalwart of WLF; Harrow East 1950 (Greater London), **St Ives 1955**, Hertfordshire South West 1959 (East of England Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BANKS, (Major) Michael E. B., MBE b 1922, ed Chippenham g s; writer, mountaineer, polar and Himalayan explorer; took part in many expeditions; oldest man to climb Old Man of Hoy; received Polar Medal for a 900-mile trek over the Greenland ice cap; mbr Dartmoor Rescue Club; d 2013; **Tavistock 1970, Plymouth, Devonport 1974 Feb**

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

BARNARD, Dr James Andrew, b 1947, ed Wells Cathedral s, Leeds U, Northeastern U, Boston; dairy business owner, agricultural cons; adviser to government and EU on food legislation; advisor on agriculture to Albania; Euro cand 1994; many interests incl Amnesty Int, education; author, tech publications on X-rays etc; **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 Bath 1921, ed Llynwyd s, Bath; Methodist lay preacher 1939-70; conscientious objector during WWII; a determined, resilient campaigner from his very earliest days with the Liberals; recorded one of the few Party gains, 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, making a minor impression though often at odds with colleagues and Party Whip; admitted he was 'a bad Party man'; declined to contest Bodmin again in 1970; originally ran a small tailoring business in Paignton, South Devon, where he developed a taste for



distinctive mohair suits; later became an investment cons, though his ambitious international business deals failed to bring him the wealth he craved; incurred enormous debts from successive business failures and aborted big deals; had eventful private life – a three times-married serial philanderer; eventually fled to USA, later Mexico, after 1970, to escape prosecution; permitted to return to UK 1979 under amnesty to testify at trial against his former intimate friend and colleague, Jeremy Thorpe qv, for which he accepted an enormous sum from *The Daily Mail*; the judge called his evidence ‘a tissue of lies’; published memoir *Cover Up* (1981); lived in straitened circumstances and obscurity in Oceanside, California, where he was active in community affairs, having made at least some effort to clear his debts; life-long chain smoking probably accounted for his distinctive gravelly voice; in the TV series on the Thorpe trial, *A Very English Scandal* 2018, he was ably portrayed by Alex Jennings; d 1985; **Torquay 1955, by-e 1955, Bodmin 1959, 1964, 1966; MP 1964-70** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BEWLEY, Henrietta, former business analyst with British Airways; now singer, teacher; interests incl local fishing ind, sea pollution, railway dvlpmnt; **Plymouth Sutton & Devonport 2017**; Ealing North 2019 (Greater London)

BLACKBURN, (Lt Col) Cyril Harry, b 1902; service WW II; LPO Exec; Home Counties Lib Fed; Islington East 1935 (Greater London); d 1984; father of David B. qv (Greater London) grandfather of Mark B. qv (South West Region); **Tiverton 1945, 1950**

BLACKMORE, Roger B., b 1941, ed Abingdon s, Shebbear Coll, North Devon; Leicester U; career with Imperial Typewriters; coll lect; Leicester MBC from 1993-2011, group ldr 2003-04, 2005-07, Lord Mayor 2009-10; Gainsborough 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979 (East Midlands Region), **North Devon 1983**, Wansdyke 1987 (South West Region) 1987

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

BONAR, Stuart A., 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-C of Yarnbury, b 1922; grandson of H. H. Asquith, Liberal PM 1908-1916, son of Lady Violet B-C qv (Southwest Region, Yorkshire) brother of Laura Grimond, brother-in-law of Jo Grimond, Party Leader 1956-67 qqv (Scotland); 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 Liberal gain at a by-e since 1929; Grimond is said to have hoped he would become eventually his designated successor as Party Leader but B-C lost his seat after only 18 months, a great disappointment for 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, reasoning 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 of a heart attack in Italy, 1994; his eldest

daughter Jane, b 1957 sits in the House of Lords bearing the title Baroness B-C; **Barnstaple 1945, Torrington by-e 1958, 1959, 1964; MP 1958-59**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BRAZIL, Julian C. M., b 1964, ed Reading Coll of T'nology, 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; energetic local campaigner, calling for more local jobs, more local housing; Brent South 1997 (Greater London), **Falmouth & Camborne 2001, Totnes 2010, 2015, 2017, South West Devon 2024**

BREED, Colin, b Surrey 1947, ed Torquay g s, worked for Midland Bank 1964-81, later co dir of various firms; Methodist lay preacher; Caradon DC, Saltash TC, Mayor; 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; **South East Cornwall 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, Deborah, business background, including managing a business consultancy, lect in business management; interests incl maintaining local infrastructure, environment, affordable housing; **Torbay 2017**

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

BRUNNER, Sir Hugo Laurence Joseph, KCVO b 1935; from a distinguished Liberal family of Cheshire industrialists, which included two Liberal MPs; son of Sir Felix B., qv (Northwest Region), kinsman of Oswald B. qv (South Central 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, Charles Meddon Karslake, b 1918, ed Royal Naval Coll, Dartmouth; farmer, ret naval officer; assumed candidature from Edwin Malindine qv in the 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, wholly unsuited to the constituency; a protégé of Jeremy Thorpe; the latter appears to have recommended him to the North Cornwall L A and was bitterly disappointed at his failure to capture the seat; d 1988; Taunton 1959 (Southwest Region), **North Cornwall 1964.**

BURNETT, John Patrick Aubone, later Lord B. of Whitchurch, b Oswestry 1945, ed Ampleforth Coll, Britannia RN Coll, Dartmouth, Coll of Law, London; Royal Marine Commando, active service in Borneo, Middle East, solicitor latterly senior partner in practice; farmer, cattle breeder; practising Catholic; joined Party 1985; member Commons Home Affairs/Legal team; spokesman on legal affairs 1997-2005, Shadow Solicitor General; member various Commons committees including Treasury team, later spokesman on legal affairs and procedural matters; Life Peer 2006; for taking an independent line on occasion, he was known among his parliamentary colleagues as 'the cat that walked alone'; **Torridge & West Devon 1987, 1997, 2001; MP 1997-2005**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BYE, Nicholas David, b 1960, ed Montpellier, 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; d 1979; **Plymouth, Devonport 1950**

CASTLE, 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**

CHADWICK, Marie, with Royal National Inst for the Blind; Newton Abbot TC, Teignbridge DC; interests incl NHS, education; **Newton Abbot 2017**

CHALMERS, David, ed Edinburgh U; worked for HM Treasury and in Asia 10 years for Economic Group; North Devon DC; Northam TC; co-founder Kaleidoscope Trust, campaigning for LGBTQ+ rights, Chair LDEG; interests incl hospitals, school budgets; **Torrige & West Devon 2017, 2019**

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

CHAMBERS, Danny Seiorse, b Plymouth 1982, grew on farm near Lifton, Devon; ed Tavistock Coll, Liverpool U; veterinary surgeon; has worked in Gambia, Morocco, India; mbr Royal Coll of Veterinary Surgeons, founder of Vet Voices, trustee of Vet Life; mental health campaigner; concerned about poverty and low pay rates in Cornwall, possible effects of Brexit on local agriculture; wider interest in mental health; **North Cornwall 2019, Winchester 2024 (South Central Region); MP 2024-**

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 incl head gear; LPO Council early 1960s; **Plymouth, Sutton 1964**

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

CONNETT, Alan, cllr 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; later 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 T'nology; Post Office manager; Teignmouth TC; active with UCW; among his opponents was Ind Liberal David Morrish qv who polled 3.8%; **Tiverton 1992**

COX, 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; held many council and Party posts; **Plymouth, Drake 1992**

DARLING, Steve, b 1969, raised Torquay; registered blind; Torbay MBC 1995- Council ldr 2019-23; worked for Adrian Sanders MP qv for 18 years; interests incl NHS, social services, proper disposal of sewage etc; party spokesperson on Work and Pensions in House of Commons; **Torbay 2024; MP 2024-**

DAVARIAN, Sima, grew up in Devon; teacher; joined Lib Dems 2010; interests incl awareness of bowel cancer and related conditions; **South West Devon 2019**

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; fell out with the local L A, fighting the October 1974 General Election as an Ind Liberal, polling 4.43% in opposition to the official Liberal, Edmund Sara qv; deceased; **Falmouth & Camborne 1970, 1974 Feb**

DAVIES, Tom, ed Oxford U; Ch Acc with one of largest UK acc firms; has worked abroad; former building dir of charity organisation; assists at Plymouth CAB; **South West Devon 2015**

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

DESCH, Dr Harold Ernest, b 1904, ed Tottenham g s, Oxford U; prisoner of Japanese 1942-45; Ch Surveyor, timber cons; served Nigeria, Malaya; Fellow of Surveyors' Inst, eminent figure in forestry circles; author of books on timber; served on Party Housing Comm; d 1978; **Totnes 1950, 1951**

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

DUMPER, Tim Roland; b 1947; mbr Inst of Personnel & Development, cons (ret); Chair, local LDA; Exmouth TC; **East Devon 2001, 2005**

EDEN, Alison Margaret, Teignbridge DC, Teignmouth TC; works in health care communication; interests incl education, health care and public services; seeks to develop tourism in Devon; accomplished singer; **East Devon 2017, Central Devon 2019**

EVANS, Dr Judy, b 1951 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 internal 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; featured in BBC TV Series *Medicine Women*; **South West Devon 2005, Plymouth, Sutton & Devonport 2010**

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

FOORD, (Major) Richard, b 1978, ed Backwell s, RMA, Sandhurst, Open U, Royal Holloway C, Cranfield U; lives Uffculme, professional soldier; inspired to join Party by the leadership of Paddy Ashdown; identifies himself with classical liberal tradition; his victory in the by-election maintained the Party's run of success and restored hopes of a Lib Dem revival in what had been traditionally one of the Party's strongest regions prior to 2015; North Somerset 2017 (South West Region), **Tiverton & Honiton by-e 2022; MP 2022-24, Honiton & Sidmouth 2024; MP 2024-**

FOOT, Rt Hon Sir Dingle Mackintosh, PC, b Plymouth 1905, ed Bembridge s, Oxford U, Pres of Union 1928; called to Bar 1930; regular broadcaster on BBC *In the News* 1940s, 1950s; Parliamentary Sec to Ministry of Economic Warfare in war time coalition government 1940-45; joined Labour 1956, serving as Solicitor General 1964-67; Knight 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; (son of the following, brother of John, also Michael, Hugh); Dundee 1931, 1935, 1945 (Scotland); 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 Plymouth 1880, ed Plymouth Hoe g s., qualified as a solicitor; father of D., J., qqv, also Michael F. (1913-2000 former Labour Party Ldr) 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 Liberal faction led by Sir Herbert Samuel into opposition. He became a Privy Councillor in 1937. A great orator, he attacked the Baldwin-Chamberlain policy of appeasement of Hitler in the late 1930s. The owner of a 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, one of the greatest ever, he fought twelve parliamentary elections, winning 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 that year to the great amusement of the Torquay Party Assembly; d 1960; Totnes 1910 Jan, Bodmin 1910 Dec, 1918, Plymouth, Sutton, by-e 1919, Bodmin by-e 1922, 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 F. of Buckland Monachorum, b Callington, Cornwall 1909, ed Forres s, Swanage, Bembridge, 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 Leader 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; spoke in Lords on legal issues, environmental protection; finally retired from profession 1995; d 1999; (son of preceding); Basingstoke by-e 1934, 1935, **Bodmin 1945, 1950**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FRY, (Capt) Howard Levett, b 1912, ed Paxton Park s, St Pauls s; RAF from 1932, pilot flying transport aircraft; later with Imperial Airways then joined BOAC, senior captain; fdr mbr British Airline Pilots Assn; chair/fdr Westward Airways 1968; ceased trading 1970; pioneer of Newquay Airport; LPO Exec, Council early 1960s; fine speaking voice; supported Prime Minister Eden's Suez adventure 1956, one of minority of Liberals to do so; sported an impressive 'Battle of Britain' moustache; persistent if somewhat itinerant campaigner in four regions; deceased; New Forest 1950 (Southwest Region), Aylesbury 1955, 1959 (South Central Region), Colchester by-e 1961 (East of England Region), Wells 1964, 1966 (Southwest Region), **St Ives 1970**

GAVED, Joan Arundel, b 1917; teacher; WW II service as an ambulance attendant, later air raid warden; a heroine of the heavy air attacks on Plymouth 1941-44 which led to a death toll of 1,172 with over 4,000 injured; some sources say she also served in the WRNS; described by David Morrish qv as 'a wonderful person' by whom he was inspired to join the Liberals when he was just thirteen years old; she forfeited her deposit by a margin of 36 votes; d 1967; **Plymouth, Sutton 1945**

GEORGE, Andrew Henry, b Mullion nr Lizard, Cornwall 1958, 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, various all-party groups on housing and planning; in all served on 71 all-party groups; author of several books, *A Vision of Cornwall* (pub 1995) etc ; lives Penzance; he failed to regain his seat in 2017 by 312 votes; faced opponent of so-called Liberal Party; Cornwall CC 2021-; his persistence resulted in his re-election for his old seat after an interval of nine years with an extraordinary majority of 13,786 votes; **St Ives 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, MP 1997-2015, 2017, 2019, 2024, MP 2024-**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

GIBSON, Norman Alan Stuart, b Sheffield 1923, of Durham mining stock; ed Sir George Monoux g s, Walthamstow, London E., Taunton s, Oxford U; said to have gained a First Class Hons in History without attending a single lecture; pre-eminent cricket writer, prolific author of evocative articles and books and leading authority on the game; highly revered by colleagues; his Test Match 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; LGBTQ+ campaigner, open about his own sexuality in parliament; worked as pub affairs cons, parliamentary researcher to Lembit Opik MP, later Robin Teverson qv; cllr 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, 2017; MP 2010-15**

GILLARD, Karen, b 1974, raised at Torpoint; barrister with chambers in Holborn, London; former Conservative who joined Lib Dems 2001; LPO staff 2003-05; 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 was investigated by LPO and by the Regional Party but rumbled on for over two years bringing much adverse publicity to the Party in Devon; **Plymouth, Sutton 2005, South East Cornwall 2010**

GILMOUR, Rachel Clare, (formerly OLIVER), b 1964, ed primary s Wellington, Somerset, Cheltenham Ladies Coll; studied Law and English Literature, London U; FE lect, sen campaign manager for national/international charities; Dir of Communications, NFU; Head of Strategy, Environmental Agency; joined Party at 17; worked for Nick Harvey MP qv (Devon & Cornwall Region), served on Taunton Deane MBC, Mid Devon DC; ubiquitous campaigner; Nottingham North 1997 (East Midlands Region), **Totnes 2001**, Taunton Deane 2015 (South West Region), **Tiverton & Minehead 2024; MP 2024-**

GOLDSWORTHY, Julia Anne, b 1978, ed in Camborne, Truro s, Cambridge U, later studying economics at Tokyo U, Birkbeck Coll, London U; fought Lambeth LBC elections 2002; featured in TV programme *The Games*, winning £20,000 for Cornwall Air Ambulances; seemed likely to become a key figure in Parliamentary Party; lost her seat by 66 votes due largely to boundary revision and after adverse personal publicity locally due to minor parliamentary expenses infringements; on her defeat she was appointed Special Adviser to Danny Alexander qv at HM Treasury; from 2017 Dir of Strategy for Andy Street (Con), Mayor of West Midlands; **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; subsequently joined Liberals; LPO Council; Euro cand 1979, 1989; **Torbay, 1974 Oct**, Boothferry 1992 (Yorkshire Region)

GREENBERRY-PULLEN, Holly, single mother of two daughters; ed Plymouth College of Art, Plymouth U, post grad studies at Cardiff U; worked as camera operative at BBC, ITV, later care asst with the elderly; trained/served with RNLI; interests incl provision of private rental accommodation, children with special educational needs; has worked with national bodies on policy and legislation; runs small business; cllr West Devon BC 2024-; **Plymouth Sutton & Devonport 2024**

GRIPPER, Ruth Helen, b 1985, raised Perranwell, ed Truro, Birmingham U, lives Falmouth; worked in charity sector as senior cons; later with Knowledge Spa, Exeter U; researcher for Sir Norman Lamb MP qv (East of England Region) while he served in Coalition Government 2013-15; cllr Cornwall C 2025-; interests incl promotion of local business and communities, climate crisis, NHS, care services, action on sewage pollution; deeply committed to promotion of Cornish culture and heritage; **Truro & Falmouth 2019, 2024**

HALL-SAY, John, b 1932 ed privately; co dir; mbr English Clay Pigeon Shooting team; raised vote against the trend in a bad year for the Liberals; **Falmouth & Camborne 1979**

HALSE (Capt) George 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; architect, agricultural eng cons; mbr House of Laity of Church Assembly; Sidmouth UDC; emigrated to Canada 1956; d 2007; (brother of the following); **North Devon 1951**

HALSE, John Bernard, 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 cand's 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 national trend, at the same time moving from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place; brother of the preceding; d 1999; **Honiton 1951, 1955, 1959**

HAMBLY, Dr Edmund Henry, b Port Isaac, Cornwall 1914, ed Blundell's s, St Bart's Hopital, London U; distinguished Harley Street surgeon; Cornish farmer; Freeman City of London; London CC (Lab) for 18 years, resigning to join Liberals; mbr Society of Friends; pioneer of rekindling of interest in Cornish language which he spoke fluently; bard at Cornish Gorsedd; d 1985; **Falmouth & Camborne 1964**

HARRIS, Percy, no information; said to have been from a 'dyed in the wool' Nonconformist background; **Penryn & Falmouth 1945**

HARVEY, Sir Nicholas Barton (Nick), b Chandler's Ford, Hampshire 1961, ed Queen's Coll, Taunton, Middlesex Poly, where, as Pres of the Union, he challenged the 'leftist' domination of student politics which led to High Court action; graduate in business 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 of State for the Armed Services 2010-12; Kt 2012; opposed to the retention of Trident; other interests incl Amnesty, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace; served as party agent for Finchley 1983; Enfield, Southgate 1987 (both Greater London); after losing his seat, he worked successively for the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust, Global Partners before serving from Nov 2017-Nov 2019 as Chief Exec of the Lib Dems when he was replaced by Mike Dixon, at a time a general election was universally considered to be in the offing; see his evaluation of what went wrong for the Party at the General Election on December 12 2019 in



*Liberator* no 399; **North Devon 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017; MP 1992-2015**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

HICKS, Raymond, b 1917, ed Dulwich Coll, LCC 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 (Tom), b Merthyr Tydfil 1896, ed Cardiff h s; service WW I; a friend of the influential John Foot qv, he had not been active with the Party earlier; steadfastly opposed to the Munich Agreement of 1938, elected at by-e July 13<sup>th</sup> 1939, the last before the outbreak of WWII at North Cornwall, Labour having previously withdrawn their candidate, an indication of mounting support for a 'popular front' agreement between Labour and the Liberals at the next general election, expected in the autumn of 1939 or early 1940; made a notable maiden speech in the Commons, denouncing Chamberlain's policy of placating Hitler; appointed Party Chief Whip 1945, he soon displayed opposition to the rightward direction of the Parliamentary Party under Clement Davies's leadership; his resignation in late 1946 while holding senior office with the Party and defection to Labour in Nov 1947, was a bitter, demoralising blow; its significance appears to have not been taken sufficiently seriously however by the leadership as other major defections soon followed; injured in an air crash in Jan 1947 Horabin successfully sued BOAC; his career was the subject of a major article, with contributions from his daughter in *The Journal of Liberal History*; he has been the subject of biographical essays by Jaime Reynolds and Ian Hunter; not fully recovered from his injuries, he contested Exeter for Labour without success in 1950; author of *Politics Made Plain - What The Next General Election Will Be About* (Penguin 1944); d Folkestone 1956; **North Cornwall by-e 1939, 1945; MP 1939-1950**

HOSKING, William Rowse, b 1923, ed Newquay g s; Cornwall CC, mbr Southwest Region Land Tribunal; Chair/Pres North Cornwall LA; **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, West Devon 1979, Torridge & West Devon 1983**

HOWGATE, Lee, grew up on Leeds council estate; ed Oxford U; formerly with Foreign and Commonwealth Office, now asst head teacher, living in Paignton; cllr Torbay UA; first cllr to declare local Climate Emergency; supports preserving UK as a unity, fairer taxation and a realistic foreign/security policy; **Torbay 2019**

HUTTY, Philip Andrew, lives Callington; qualified social worker, formerly senior manager, safeguarding child protection issues; Liskeard TC; concerned with rural poverty, lack of affordable housing, high local transport costs, promotion of nature-friendly farming, future of NHS; persistent campaigner; **South West Devon 2001, Devon Central 2010, South East Cornwall 2015, 2017, Torridge & Tavistock 2024**

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

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

JOLLY, Judith Anne., later Baroness J of Congdon's Shop, 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 1984, agent for Paul Tyler qv 1997, for South West England 1999, 2004; Life Peer 2011; interests incl 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; not rated highly as a cand in the estimation of the legendary local election agent, George Foster, whose evaluation of the calibre of parliamentary candidates was usually respected; **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 ldr Jeremy Thorpe qv; despite his encouraging result at Leominster, the L A declined to re-adopt him, his life style not meeting 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 1950 (East of England Region), Leominster 1959 (West Midland Region), **Tavistock 1964**

JONES, Terrye L., (later Lady Teverson) b Bristol 1952, ed Helston g s, Cornwall Coll; Chair KCS Print from 1981; many 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 Coll, 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 by-e 2008 (South Central Region), **Tiverton & Honiton 2015**, Worcester 2017, 2019 (West Midland Region)

KELLOCK, (Sqd Ldr) John David Girdwood, 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; deceased; Buckingham 1950 (South Central Region), **St Ives 1951**

KELLOCK, Thomas (Tom) Oslaf, b 1923 ed Rugby, Cambridge U, WW II service in Royal Navy; called to Bar 1949; served in chambers of Dingle Foot qv; 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-emerged later as Chair of British Group of Liberal Int; 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 1966, by-e 1968 (Greater London), Harwich 1974 Oct (East of England)

KENNY, Joanna Nora, JP, ed St Hilda's Bushey, Hertfordshire, Trinity Coll, Dublin; cllr at Town, Borough and County level; strongly committed to advancing interests of Cornwall; **St Austell & Newquay 2024**

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; Ch Acc; Party national campaigns group, Welsh Party Exec; LPO Council; Blaenau Gwent 1987 (Wales), **Torridge & West Devon 1992**

MacDONALD, Florence Elizabeth; primary s teacher, music tutor; concerned about prospects of local economy after Brexit; interests incl Green issues, funding for schools and hospitals in Cornwall; **Camborne & Redruth 2019**

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

MAGUIRE, Benedict (Ben), b Treliske, Truro 1991, grew up in Withiel, ed St Mary's s, Bodmin; solicitor; placements in Hong Kong Legislative Council, US Senate; served as Parliamentary aide to Dan Rogerson MP (qv), Ian Swales MP (qv Northeast Region); interests incl affordable housing, the local NHS and protection of the environment; elected with 10,767 majority, on a swing of 17%; took Parliamentary Oath in Cornish; supports proposals for Cornish Assembly; appointed Shadow Attorney General in House of Commons 2024; **North Cornwall 2024; MP 2024-**

MAJOR, Kenneth Henry B., b 1920? ed London, Sir John Cass Coll; RAF service WW II; ind chemist and engineer; d 1979; **Plymouth, Sutton 1950**

MALINDINE, (Capt) Edwin Thomas b E London 1909, of lower middle class background, possibly of Huguenot ancestry; WW II service in RASC; involved in work on P.L.U.T.O.; worked in lubricant production ind; later Chair, managing dir of Sternal Ltd; active as a youth in Bethnal Green, L A, London E; on first election to Bethnal Green LBC in early 1930s he was the youngest cllr in UK; had first-hand experience of the violent excesses of Sir Oswald Mosley's Blackshirts in 1930s in London's East End; vigorously campaigned as cand and supporting speaker over 25 years; he came agonisingly close to election in his final two contests in a seat long considered the most likely Liberal gain; his failure to win in 1959 is attributable to the fact that he lived and worked in London which curtailed the number of visits he could make to the constituency; 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; strong sense of humour, popular in Liberal circles incl the YLs whose radicalism he shared; he was one the first individuals of relatively humble background to rise to eminence in the Party; m Audrey, a prominent figure in the WLF for many years; disturbed by the

resurgence of Neo-Fascist fringe groups in late 1960s, eg National Front; d 1993; Leyton East 1935 (Greater London), Wood Green 1945 (Greater London), Islington West by-e 1947 (Greater London), Wellingborough 1950 (East Midlands Region), Wood Green 1951 (Greater London), **North Cornwall 1955, 1959.**

MARRINGTON, Thalia Simone, worked in education, professional musician; interests incl social care, housing, climate crisis, NHS fairer society, prevention of violence upon women and girls; Cornwall CC 2021-; **Camborne & Redruth 2024**

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

MARTIN, Colin Edward, maths/science teacher with CHES Home education service; cllr Cornwall CC representing Lostwithiel 2017-; interests incl proper funding of Cornish health services, green issues, housing, Cornwall Climate Commission; worked for Colin Breed MP qv from 2005; faced Ind Liberal opponent in 2019; **South East Cornwall 2019, 2024**

MARTIN, Sarah, Devon born/raised; now lives at Saltash; graduate; background in marketing, media and communications, more recently with NHS; worked in Germany for 10 years; **Plymouth, Moor View 2019, 2024**

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

MAYNE, Arthur Russell, b 1900, ed Newcastle h s, Staffordshire; managing, later co dir of firm of estate agents; Plymouth MBC 1931-34; d 1978; Croydon West 1950 (Greater London), **Plymouth, Devonport 1955**, Chertsey 1959 (Southeast Region)

MELIA, Steve, b 1962, ed Whitby Co comp, Ellesmere Port, Liverpool U; career, personnel management, economic dvlpmnt officer; joined Party 1991; mbr Devon Wildlife Trust; interests incl green issues, environment; **Plymouth, Sutton 1997**

MITCHELL, Michael Norman, b 1949, ed Barnstaple boys 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; Parliamentary Press Officer 1975-77, Head, Ldr of Party's staff at Westminster 1980-83; relentless campaigner in five elections 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 Exeter; there was an interval of 28 years before his 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> contests; Chelmsford 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983, 1987 (East of England), **East Devon 2015**

MOORE, Richard Gillachrist, b 1931, ed Highfield s, Liphook, Radley s, Cambridge U; joined party 1951; Pres U Liberal Club 1953; joined Liberals 1951; journalist with *News Chronicle* until its demise 1960; Sec Gen Lib Int 1961-64; adviser to Liberal grp in Euro Parliament 1979-96; Euro cand 1984; gifted with powerful, distinctive voice, heard to great advantage at the Party Assembly over five decades down to the present day, Party rallies etc; master of the epigram and choice of epithet, advocated that 'an ambitious politician should proceed with high tact and low cunning;' twice bravely confronted the dreaded Rev Ian Paisley on his home territory in Ulster; relentless, zealous campaigner fighting eight elections over twenty years; at Norfolk North he was the first Liberal cand for 24 years polling 24.8%; remained influential and respected figure in party; an authoritative speaker and writer on Europe, foreign affairs, voting reform etc; author of definitive article restating case for STV in *The Independent*, Nov 2013; d 2019; **Tavistock 1955, 1959**, Cambridgeshire by-e 1961, 1964 (East of England Region), North Antrim 1966, 1970 (Northern Ireland), North Norfolk 1974 Feb, Oct (East of England Region)

MORGAN, Freda Evelyn Griffith; lect to Forces WWII; Sec Devon WLS; d 1988; **Exeter 1945**

MORRISH, David J., b Devonport 1931, ed Sutton High s, Plymouth, Exeter U, Wisconsin U; worked for UN in Iran; lect at St Luke's Coll; mbr Society of Friends; conscientious objector; honoured with Freedom of City of Exeter 2011 for 50 years continuous service; Devon CC Ldr Party grp; Exeter MBC; mbr Court of Governors of Exeter U; Devon Sea Fisheries Comm; Euro cand; life-long Liberal stalwart, indefatigable campaigner; highly respected figure across party lines; said to have turned down a knighthood c1985; broke with Party on merger with SDP 1989 to follow Michael Meadowcroft qv (Yorkshire Region) as a 'continuing Liberal;' recorded reminiscences of his years in politics from 1945 for local archives though his recollection of detail is sometimes unreliable; fought Tiverton 1992, 1997 under 'continuing Liberal' designation; always willing to reminisce about his life time of activity in the party; opposed to Coalition with Conservatives 2010; d 2018; Meadowcroft contributed an expansive obituary in *Liberator* where he described Morrish as 'one of the best of us'; his wife Joan, survived him by only six weeks, served alongside him on both Exeter MBC and Devon CC; **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 2001 (Southwest Region), **Tiverton & Honiton 2005**

NAYLOR, (Major) Guy Darnley, b 1906, ed Radley, Cambridge U; solicitor/acc; led adventurous life in WWII serving with Maquis in Occupied France; LPO Council, Exec 1940s, Chair, Publications Dept, Chair, ALTU; authorised publication of an ineffectual pamphlet for mass distribution, *Liberal Leaders*, at 1950 General Election which has since become useful source for LDHG researchers; cand LCC elections 1949; Chair, Party committee on reform of income tax and social security payments; m Margot who was financial editor of the *Observer*; d 1984; Aylesbury by-e 1938, 1945 (South Central Region), **North Devon 1950**

NEWCOMBE, Vanessa, Exeter MBC, Devon CC; lives Exeter; interests incl education and the young; **Exeter 2017**

NOLAN, Rob, Cornwall CC, Truro MBC, Mayor; interested in NHS; **Truro & Falmouth 2017**

OAKES, Graham John, 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 Southwest Region), **Exeter 2010**, Staffordshire, Moorlands 2024 (West Midlands Region)

OLIVER, Rachel, SEE GILMOUR, Rachel

PARDOE, John Wentworth, b 1934, of Jewish background, ed Sherborne s, Cambridge U, active in Footlights Drama Group with Jonathan Miller et alia; formerly Labour, joined Liberals and fought Finchley 1964 in North London against a young Margaret Thatcher in a constituency where the Liberals had enjoyed local government success; in Commons soon became an able party spokesman on economic affairs; held joint membership with Mebyon 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 trendy 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 Party Campaign Dir at 1987 General Election; Party Treasurer 1969-70; cons to National Assn of Schoolmasters 1967-70; Party spokesman on Education; Finchley 1964 (Greater London), **North Cornwall 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979; MP 1966-1979**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

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

PENHALIGON, David Charles, b Truro 1944, ed Truro s, Cornwall Tech Coll; C Mech Eng; engineer who worked in research and dvlpmnt 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 ind of Cornwall, calling for dvlpmnt 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 (West Midland Region); tough negotiator with SDP reps over allocation of constituencies 1983-87; m Annette Lidgley DBE (later Egerton), a Party activist and author of his biography, *Penhaligon* (1989); his son Matthew was cand for Mayor of Hackney, London 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, a loss the Party could ill afford; Chair, Cornwall YLs 1964-68; Devon and Cornwall Regional Exec; d 1986; **Totnes 1970, Truro 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983; MP Oct 1974-Oct 1986** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

PINNEY, Michael Azariah (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; West Dorset

1964, 1966 (Southwest Region), West Derbyshire by-e 1967 (East Midlands Region), **West Devon 1974 Feb, Oct, North Devon 1987**

PUTT, (Lt) Samuel Gorley, b 1913, ed Torquay g s, Cambridge U, Yale U; with BBC from 1936; naval service WW II, incl Intelligence operations 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 substantial 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, Elizabeth E., Vice-Pres Devon & Cornwall Lib Fed; active with Women's Inst; d 1965; **Torrington 1950**

REED, Graham, b Southampton 1947; first job as scientific glass blower at Stirling U, Master Glassblower; worked in Australia later returning to set up own co -Scottish Glass T'ology business; graduate in politics, Stirling U; Stirling DC; interests incl recycling, women's rights, child welfare; trustee of several organisations; supports sustainable environment policies; enthusiast of co-operatives; dir of Tamar Energy Comm; long record of campaigning; **Plymouth, Sutton & Devonport 2015, Plymouth, Moor View 2017, Plymouth, Sutton & Davenport 2019**, Shipley 2024 (Yorkshire Region)

RIX, Simon, b Exeter 1972, ed Tremough Campus, Penryn, U of London; business adviser, posts with Parliamentary Party, Westminster; press officer Lambeth LBC Lib Dem grp; later PR manager, construction ind training board; lives St Austell; cllr Cornwall CC; advocate of a Cornish Assembly with increased local powers to replace Cornwall CC; London Reg Exec; board mbr *The Reformer*; Croydon South 2010 (Greater London), **Truro & Falmouth 2015**

ROBATHAN, D. Paul, b Wales 1949, 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; **East Devon 2010**

ROGERS, Anthony H. (Tony), b 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; cllr Chesterfield BC 2003-11, 2018-23, 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, Daniel John (Dan), b St Austell 1975, ed Bodmin Coll, U of Wales, Aberystwyth; joined Party in North Cornwall 1991; researcher for Bedford BC Lib Dem grp 1996-98, in university admin then Party Organiser in Cornwall 2002-04; cllr Bedford BC 1999-2002, dpty grp ldr; in Commons took

Parliamentary Oath in Cornish, mbr Communities and Local Government team; Parliamentary US for Water, Forestry, Rural Affairs and Resource Management in Coalition government 2013-15; interests incl waste and recycling, Cornish and Celtic culture; in 2009 he presented a bill to Parliament proposing a devolved Assembly for Cornwall on the lines of the Welsh Senedd and Scottish Parliament; cllr Cornwall C 2025-, cabinet mbr; North East Bedfordshire 2001 (East of England Region), **North Cornwall 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017; MP 2005-15**

ROOME, Ian, b Sheffield 1968, ed Chaucer comp s; service RAF (Telecomms); mbr Inst of Leadership and Management; has lived in Barnstaple for 35 years; former NHS community mental health worker in Ilfracombe area; town, district and county councillor from 2003; North Devon DC ldr; energetic fund raiser; mbr Defence Select Cttee 2024-; **North Devon 2024; MP 2024-**

ROSEVEARE, T. Stuart, b 1905, ed Hoe g s, Plymouth; farmer and dir agricultural eng firm; long connected with Bodmin L A; St German's RDC; in 1955 he improved significantly upon his previous share of the poll, laying the foundations of Liberal success in the constituency a decade later; d 1984; **Bodmin 1951, 1955**

RUFFLE, Rodney, b 1941? ed St Luke's Coll, Exeter; teacher; area officer NUT; joined Liberals 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 1983 (South Central Region), **Teignbridge 1987**

RYLANCE, Eleanor, ed Cambridge U, law grad; freelance translator, language teacher; Euro cand 2019, D Cllr; **East Devon 2019**, Brigg & Immingham 2024 (East Midlands)

SANDERS, Adrian Mark, b Paignton 1959, ed Torquay g s, originally Britannic 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 party leader Paddy Ashdown'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 Grp; in Commons party spokesman on Tourism, Local Government, mbr Culture, Media & Sport Select Cttee; mbr housing grps, various charities; deputy Chief Whip; author several publications; appeared on *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 an inroad into the Liberal vote; **Falmouth & Camborne 1974 Oct**

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

SEEAR, Rt Hon (Beatrice) Nancy PC, later Baroness S. of Paddington, b Croydon 1913, ed Croydon h s, Cambridge U, LSE; in personnel manager 1936-46, lect at LSE; Life Peerage 1971, PC 1985; party ldr 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; sharp-witted, always good-humoured; at Wakefield in her final contest in what was a very unpromising constituency, for which she was wholly unprepared, she polled a disappointing 8.64%; features in *Mothers of Liberty* (Lib Dem History Group 2012); d 1997; Hornchurch 1950, 1951 (Greater London), **Truro 1955, 1959**, Epping 1964 (East of England Region), Rochdale 1966 (Northwest Region), Wakefield 1970 (Yorkshire Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

SHARP, Gilbert Granville, b Prestatyn 1894, son of a clergyman, ed Kingswood s, Cambridge U; Pres of Union 1921; service WW I; called to Bar 1924, KC 1948; mbr Royal Commission on the Press 1947-49, Commissioner in Crown Courts; Justice of Appeal, Supreme Court of Ghana 1957-62; LPO Council 1941; a stalwart Asquithian in the 1920s; he fought Epping 1922, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1935 (East of England Region); in the last three contests at Epping he was defeated by Winston Churchill; d 1968; **Falmouth & Camborne 1950**

SHARRATT, 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; d 1970; **Totnes 1955**

STEED, Dr Michael PhD., b Kent 1940, father was a farmer, ed St Lawrence Coll, Ramsgate; joined Party locally while at school; ed St Lawrence Coll, Ramsgate; Cambridge U; post grad at 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 popularising it as a legitimate, academic 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; mbr LPO Council/Exec; LPO President 1978-79; lived Todmorden, Lancashire; 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 the Euro elections of 1999; associated with Liberal radical wing, 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 from 2008; 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 a debilitating neurological disorder; LPO Exec from 1968; m 1970 Margareta Holmstedt qv a Party activist and former cand; Euro cand 1979; d 2023; Brierley Hill by-e 1967 (West Midlands), **Truro 1970**, and in the Northwest Region, Manchester, Exchange by-e 1973, Manchester, Central 1974 Feb, Burnley 1979, 1983; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

STYLES, Tim, barrister, employment law cons; resolute campaigner for Remain; welcomes increased funding for Cornish cultural heritage, seeks increased powers for Cornwall as a distinct region; **St Austell & Newquay 2019**

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

SYKES, 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; from late 1950s widely considered a rising star in the Party; opposed to Britain joining European Union; Vice-Pres World Federation of Liberal & Radical youth; highly articulate with an excellent speaking voice; after 1970 defected to Labour and fought Uxbridge by-e 1972 and 1974 Feb for that party; Westminster LBC from 1974; suffered severely from dementia in later 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; her individualism was perhaps a little too strong to be contained within the Liberal Party of her day; iron-willed women's rights campaigner; d 2017; Finchley 1955 (Greater London), Ipswich by-e 1957, 1959, 1964 (East of England Region), **Falmouth & Camborne 1966**

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

TAYLOR, Edward B., b 1925, ed Canford s, Wimborne; farmer; army service WWII; deceased; Weston-super-Mare by-e 1958, 1959 (Southwest Region), **Totnes 1964**

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

TAYLOR, Matthew Owen John, later Lord T. of Goss Moor, b London 1963; adopted at birth, he much later discovered himself to be a great-grandson of Sir Percy Harris, qv (Greater London); 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 for ten years after his initial election; front bench spokesman on Environment; became well-known as competent performer on TV/Radio; able speaker though not a commanding personality; Party local government spokesman, later on Treasury matters; developed target seats strategy which led to the Lib Dems winning in 46 constituencies at 1997 General Election; won Green Ribbon Award (BBC sponsored) as Britain's foremost Environmental MP; retired 2010 to take up Life Peerage; **Truro by-e 1987, 1987, 1992, Truro & St Austell 1997, 2001, 2005; MP 1987-2010; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography***

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

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

THORPE, Rt Hon John Jeremy PC, b London 1929, Party Leader 1966 -77, of distinguished ancestry, descendant of Thos T., (Speaker of House of Commons 1452-53 during the War of the Roses, later Chancellor of the Exchequer); ed Limsfield s, Surrey, Eton, Oxford U; Pres of Union, U Liberal Club; an early convert to the 'broad front' strategy, the Martell Plan qv, of nominating as many Liberal Party candidates as possible in general elections; 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 sartorial elegance and ready wit; was prominent in the Anti-Apartheid movement; LPO Treasurer 1965, attempting grandiose fund-raising schemes which brought in considerable sums of money which he partly channelled into the controversial 'target seats' fund; was heavily censured for the manner in which the associated accounts were administered; not the unanimous choice of his eleven parliamentary colleagues as Party Leader on the retirement of Jo Grimond qv (Scotland) though he 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 his predecessor; his extrovert behaviour and playing to the media was dismissed by opponents as gimmickry 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 Leader 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 the NLYLs, who strongly criticised his leadership for lack of a radical approach to urgent social issues, he led the Party to a series of by-election victories beginning with the ultimately false dawn of the success of Wallace Lawler qv (West Midland Region) at Birmingham, Ladywood in June 1969, through to the General Election of February 1974, during which polls suggested support for the Liberal Party running at 30%. The result was a desperate disappointment, just 14 MPs being returned though the aggregate Liberal vote in the UK was at 19.4%, the highest since 1929.

Thorpe, though tempted by vague offers of electoral reform from Prime Minister Edward Heath, fearing he might split his 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 the October General Election, with the Party contesting every constituency on the UK mainland for the first time ever, thus realising Thorpe's 25-year-old ambition, was an even greater disappointment, 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 the number of Liberal candidates.

From his youth he had displayed indiscretion and recklessness in his choice of personal friends and confidants, a weakness which marked his business relationships in the 1970s, firstly with the dubious secondary banker Gerald Joseph Caplan and later, the sinister international fraudster, George de

Chabris, who the impoverished National Liberal Club in London engaged as general administrator at Thorpe's insistence. Disaffection with the Thorpe leadership was mounting long before revelations began to surface of his alleged homosexual relationships among others with one Norman Scott (aka Joliffe) in the 1960s. His position became untenable as the tabloids exploited every minute detail of the story. He did not resign however until he was deserted by virtually all his parliamentary colleagues save John Pardoe qv. Allegations followed that he had taken part in a conspiracy to kill Scott, who after years of blackmailing, was now threatening to make their relationship public. Jo Grimond qv (Scotland) returned as interim Party Leader until a successor was elected.

At the ensuing trial of 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* (1996) by Simon Freeman and Barrie Penrose, journalists. Thorpe virtually ignored the whole episode in his otherwise interesting, part-autobiography, *In My Own Time* (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 to the idea for the invitation to be hastily withdrawn. In any case he was soon diagnosed with the initial signs of 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. In his later years he occasionally contributed letters to the press on political events, correcting errors in detail regarding the two General Election campaigns in 1974, though he seems not to have maintained regular contact with many former colleagues. He is said to have loathed being out of politics in his later years and clung on almost until his death to the forlorn hope that one day he would be offered a Life Peerage. 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 (Scotland, Northwest Region) in 2003; d Dec 4th 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. A highly acclaimed three-part TV serial, *A Very English Scandal*, based on the book by John Preston (2016) was broadcast in May /June 2018, starring Hugh Grant as Thorpe and Ben Wishaw as Scott.

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

TIMPERLEY, Dr John, NHS doctor since 1981; cons orthopaedic surgeon; has fears for the NHS under continued Conservative government; dissatisfied with education provision in Devon; strongly pro-Remain; he raised the Lib Dem percentage poll by 6.55%, the highest in the Devon & Cornwall Region; **Tiverton & Honiton 2019**

TINKHAM, Ellen Edith, b 1885, ed Exeter Church s, Exeter MBC 1935-51; served on many local welfare comms; one of just three or four Liberal candidates to stand bravely in constituencies in 1951 not contested in 1950; she polled 8.55%; d 1963; **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) Henry Stuart, OBE, b 1909, ed St Edmund's s, Canterbury, Oxford U; WWII service in India, North West Europe; Pres Oxford/Cambridge Athletics team; Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist 1930; one of organisers of London Olympics 1948; dir of int publishing co and of school in Switzerland; dir/founder of Anglo-Swiss Soc; Head, Hill House s, Knightsbridge, HRH Prince Charles figuring among his pupils; defected to Conservatives; served on Paddington CC; d 2002; **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 candds; Devon resident since 1980, latterly at Kingsbridge; **Totnes 2005**

TRETHEWEY, Bridget Valentine née Day, b Torquay 1938, of an old Liberal family, ed privately; former socialite linked at one point with popular comedian, Ken Dodd; once figured in *Daily Express* gossip column under the heading, 'Giving up Love – for the Liberals'; spirited campaigner; Chair, Multiple Sclerosis Society, prolific fund-raiser for charities; she and her second husband, Chris Trethewey qv were firmly on the left of the Party; after 1974 she was rumoured to have defected to Labour though later supported local Lib Dem MP Adrian Sanders qv; 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; acted as agent in a Northern Ireland election; easy going, affable, steadfast Devonian; long a Liberal stalwart campaigner; (former husband of the preceding); d 1999; **Tavistock 1966**

TRETHEWEY, Rachael, b 1967, daughter of Bridget and Chris T., qqv; ed Torquay g g s, Oxford U; freelance journalist; mbr Charter 88; **East Devon 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; **South East Cornwall 1987**

TYLER, Rt Hon Paul Archer, later Lord T. of Linkinhorne, PC, CBE, DL, b South Devon 1941; (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; later with Shelter; youngest-ever mbr Devon CC 1964-7 and probably youngest CCllr in Britain; Vice-Chair Dartmoor National Park Comm; mbr Devon & Cornwall Police Authority; won election at Bodmin in Feb 1974 by nine votes; raised his vote but lost seat seven months later; supporter of campaign for establishment of Cornish Assembly; posts with RIBA 1966-73, Shelter

1975-76; managing 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 qv; 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; from 1992 Party spokesman in Commons on rural affairs, agriculture and transport; prominent in challenges to government ministers during BSE beef crisis and later Foot and Mouth outbreaks; 1992-2005 Chair All-Party group on Organophosphates; Chief Whip 1997-2001, Shadow Leader of Commons from 2001, responsible for parliamentary reform issues; Life Peer 2005, Dpty Lieut for Cornwall from 2006; 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; long-time supporter of Cornish St Piran's Flag; hardworking with many commitments, interests, memberships etc; highly respected across party lines; irrepressible campaigner; his services to the Party have been immeasurable; published *Who Decides?* 2014, a witty analysis of his experiences as MP for North Cornwall; **Totnes 1966, Bodmin 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979; MP Feb to Oct 1974;** Beaconsfield by-e 1982 (South Central Region), **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**

VOADEN, Caroline Jane, b Wantage, Berkshire 1968, grew up in Scotland; ed Sheffield U; one-time Reuters journalist; covered war in former Yugoslavia 1991-2000; former Chair, WAY Foundation; 2021-23 Chief Exec Rape Crisis Centre, Devonshire; marketing co-ordinator of her own local firm; has lived in Devon 2007 to date; joined Lib-Dems after Brexit; MEP for South West England 2019-20; interests incl Europe, NHS, schools; LD Spokesperson for Schools 2025-; mbr Education Select Cttee 2024-; **South West Devon 2017, South Devon 2024; MP 2024-**

WALTER, David Charles, b Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1948, ed Charterhouse, Inst of T'nology, Massachusetts, Oxford U, Pres Union; researcher at LPO; 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, Kingston-upon-Thames LDA; author of *The Oxford Union, Playground of Power* (1984); d 2012 of cancer; **Torridge & West Devon 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 an Ind Liberal opponent; a stalwart, if somewhat peripatetic, cand over 27 years; **Plymouth, Devonport 1974 Oct, Aldershot 1979, 1983 (South Central Region), Mid Sussex 1987 (Southeast Region), Poole 2001 (Southwest Region)**

WHITE, Alex, trainee solicitor from Barnstaple, ed Chulmleigh Comm Coll, Warwick U, Frei U of Berlin, Exeter U; voluntary worker/adviser associated with UNICEF, Exeter Deaf Alliance, Children's Rights Alliance; concerned with plight of poor, securing a green future; interests incl farming, tourism and local industry; **Devon Central 2015, 2017, North Devon 2019**

WHITMARSH, Gerald Edward Leaman, b 1909? ed Plymouth Coll, Incorporated Ch Acc in Plymouth, co dir; Devonshire CC, Chair; active with English Speaking Union; Chair, Plymouth Junior Chamber of Comm; one time business associate of Peter Bessell qv; d 1980; **Truro 1950, St Ives 1959, 1964**

WILLIAMS, Geoff, MBE, b 1947, ed Fryerns s, Basildon, King's Coll, London U, M Phil; linguist, teacher F/HE; mbr NATFHE; joined Liberals 1979; long time campaigner in East of England; Essex CC, Basildon DC; interested in the environment, economics, housing; Euro cand 1994; Basildon 1992, Billericay 1997, Rayleigh 2001, Basildon South & Thurrock East 2010, 2015 (all East of England), **Camborne & Redruth 2017**

WILSON, Dr Matthew, b Dewsbury, Yorkshire 1971, U grad; late Rolle Coll; teacher, co dir; firmly pro-Remain; interests incl education, NHS; **Tiverton & Honiton 2017**

WOLLASTON, Dr Sarah, b Woking, Surrey 1962, to a much travelled military family; ed Watford g g s, Guy's Hospital, London U; paediatrician; gained additional degree in Pathology; later GP, police surgeon in Devon; ceased practising 2010 to embark on career in politics as Conservative MP for Totnes 2010-19; originally chosen as candidate by new 'open primary' election; campaigned on issues incl alcohol-related crime; favoured People's Vote on Brexit; sponsor of Stalking Protection Act (2019); at odds with her party at Westminster on several issues and facing mounting opposition from local Conservatives, she joined the Change UK group in February 2019, then sat briefly as an Independent, finally joining Liberal Democrats in August 2019 and was swiftly adopted as the Lib Dem candidate in her constituency; despite raising the Lib Dem vote by 15.9% she was 24.4% behind her Conservative opponent; **Totnes 2019**

WOODING, Mark, grew up Plymouth; lived Crediton since 2001; bio-chemist; in 1993 started one of the first internet businesses; later moved into TV production; interests incl community facilities; **Central Devon 2024**

WRIGLEY, John Martin Charles, b 1962; from a naval family, he travelled continuously while growing up; lives in Devon from 2000; Teignbridge; of engineering background which led him to senior management posts in high tech industries; cllr Teignbridge DC, ldr 2023-24; former Mayor of Dawlish; in community politics since 2013; mbr Science, Innovation & Technology Select Cttee 2024-; **Newton Abbot 2019, 2024; MP 2024-**

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

YOUNGER-ROSS, Richard Alan, b Surrey 1953, 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**



## SECTION TWO

## SDP CANDIDATES in the GENERAL ELECTIONS of 1983 and 1987

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

CARTER, Harold, b 1952, ed Rugby, Cambridge U, Pres of Union, Nuffield Coll, Oxford, Insead, Fontainebleau; marketing cons, interests in venture capital; policy adviser to Dr David Owen qv; **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 Hall Coll; Chair, Devon Area SDP; **Plymouth, Drake 1983**

MARKS, Jonathan Clive, KC, later Lord M. of Henley-on-Thames, b 1952, ed Oxford U; called to Bar 1975, QC 1995; served on committee devising constitution of merged parties 1988; 2001-07 Chair, Liberal Democrat Lawyers Assn; 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 1983 (Southwest Region), **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, Rt Hon Dr David Anthony Llewellyn, CH, PC, FRCP, later Lord O. of the City of Plymouth, b Plympton, Devon 1938, 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 US for Navy 1968-70, Defence Spokesman 1972 later MoS for Health 1974; MoS, Foreign Office 1976-77, Foreign Secretary 1977-79, the youngest for 40 years; PC 1976; author of many books on political subjects 1972-2012 including *Human Rights* (1978) and the autobiographical *Time To Declare* (1992, rev edition 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 and Shirley Williams qqv who issued the 'Limehouse Declaration,' 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 parliamentary party 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 humiliating by-election disasters, the SDP was formally wound up; Owen continued to sit in the Commons as Independent Social Democrat until his retirement as MP in 1992; in Lords after receiving a Life Peerage 1992, sitting 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; CH 1994; 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; contested for Labour; Torrington 1964, Plymouth, Sutton 1966, 1970, Plymouth, Devonport 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, MP 1966-83; **Plymouth, Devonport 1983, 1987; MP 1983-92**

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

TATTON-BROWN, Gerald, b 1951; farmer; mbr SDP Agriculture Comm; **Honiton 1987**

THOMAS, Michael Stuart (Mike), 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 the SDP; mbr Alliance strategy cttee 1983-87; Vice-Pres SDP 1988-90; polling 31.77% in 1987 he improved still further upon the achievement of his predecessor Stephen Mennell qv; Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1983 (North East Region), **Exeter 1987**