

LIBERAL/LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

in the

NORTH EAST REGION 1945-2024

Constituencies in the counties of Durham, Northumberland, Teeside and Tyne & Wear

SECTION ONE: LIBERAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024

SECTION TWO: SDP CANDIDATES in the GENERAL ELECTIONS of 1983 and 1987

PREFACE

The North East Region became barren territory for the Liberal Party as early as the 1920s and remained so, except for a handful of constituencies where the Party commanded vestigial support, until the final years of the 20th. Many constituencies were left unfought for decades, possibly a greater percentage than in any other region of Britain. Hence the following pages contain fewer names compared with the Indices for other regions. Few of the candidates listed ever contested constituencies in other regions hence the amount of cross-checking required has been minimal.

The Region has returned only three Liberal/Liberal Democratic MPs to Westminster over the past 70 years yet it has produced a number of major Party personalities, colourful characters, eccentrics and the occasional dubious maverick.

The constituencies which comprise the North East Region at the present time are, for the purposes of this Index, deemed to have been included in the area since 1945, regardless of local government and county boundary changes which have taken place since then.

As is the case with almost every region of Britain, biographical details of SDP candidates have been difficult to research. Only nine of the 25 SDP candidates listed here fought more than one of the two parliamentary elections, 1983 or 1987. With two notable exceptions, none of them appears to have left a mark on any field of human endeavour. Nevertheless they all polled respectably in 1983-87 often in the most unpromising constituencies, establishing a useful foundation for candidates of the merged Parties in subsequent parliamentary elections.

There is a distinct possibility that the final number of constituencies fought in the Region at the General Election of 1950 increased at the last minute under the so-called Martell Plan, which is explained below.

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

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 the 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: **Westmorland 1945**. 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

ABBOTT, Chris M., b 1950, ed Starbeck s, Harrogate; electrical contractor; Cleveland CC, Langbaugh BC, Whitby TC; LPO Council; **Hartlepool 1979, Redcar 1992**

ADAMSON, Robert Moray, b Doncaster 1949, ed Doncaster g s, Torquay g s, St Luke's Coll, Exeter, Lancaster U; joined Party 1995; trainer, producer of videos within civil service; author of books for emergency services; former Chair, Yorkshire & Humberside Region; mbr Federal Policy Comm, Conference Comm; interested in disability issues (he is a multiple sclerosis sufferer), rural affairs; Euro cand 1999, 2003; **Darlington 2001, 2005**, East Yorkshire 2010 (Yorkshire Region)

AIBI, Jonathan, cand in Gateshead MBC; **South Shields 2024**

ALLEN, Hilary, b 1949? service in WRNS, sen PA posts in engineering, police, manufacturing; local activist, lives Co Durham; formerly Labour, then SDP joining Lib Dems on merger; in 2015 she finished in 7th place with 1.9%; her result was typical of the landslide against the Lib Dems in the UK at the General Election, particularly severe in the Northeast Region; **Hartlepool 2015**

ALLEN, Peter John, b 1959, ed Henry Smith s, Hartlepool, Brunel U, Cranfield Management Coll; university lect; Methodist lay preacher; **Langbaugh by-e 1991, 1992, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1997**

ANDERSON, Vicky, cand Gateshead MBC; interests incl women's rights, diversity, inclusion, hospital funding; **Blaydon & Consett 2024**

ANDRAS, Peter, b Rumania 1971, ed Bolyai U, degrees in Computer Science, artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks; lect Newcastle U 2002; helped launch University spin-off companies in biotechnology; later Prof of Computer Sciences and Maths, Keele U; joined Party 2000; active Gateshead, Newcastle LDAs Newcastle City C; cand for local Police Commissioner; sports an impressive beard; **Washington & Sunderland West 2010**, Stoke-on-Trent South 2015 (West Midland Region)

ANNAND, Hugh, b 1974, ed Applecroft s, Haileybury, Loughborough U; linguist; joined Lib Dems 2001; Euro cand 2014; in the by-e fought at a time when the Party had fallen into disfavour, he polled 352 votes, 1.4%, to finish 7th, the worst Lib Dem showing in a parliamentary election for decades; this was no reflection upon his abilities as a cand but indicative of the low ebb of Party fortunes; North East Hertfordshire 2010 (East of England Region); **South Shields by-e 2013**, Welwyn Hatfield 2015, Hitchin 2017 (both East of England Region)

APPLEBY, John Christopher, lives Whitley Bay, resident in the Northeast 30 years; Head of Mech Engineering, Newcastle U; Newcastle City C; trustee of several charities, Union branch Pres; his priorities are the environment and close co-operation with Europe; **Tynemouth 2010, North Tyneside 2015, Tynemouth 2017, 2019, 2024**

APPLEBY, Phillip J., b 1958, ed Mangla Int s, Pakistan, Bedford s, Newcastle U; ret police officer, later mature student; **North Durham 1992**

APPLEBY, Tom, b 1984, ed Prudhoe Comm h s, Northumbria U; quantity surveyor; Tynedale DC; **Jarrow 2010, Washington & Sunderland West 2017**

ARMSTRONG, Luke, ed Goldsmith's Coll, London U; works with people with learning disabilities; interests incl freedom, civil liberties; **Easington 2015**

ARNOLD, Peter John JP, b 1944, ed Carlisle g s, Didsbury Coll of Ed, London U, Manchester U, Sunderland Poly; teacher, later education officer; Newcastle MBC from 1995, grp ldr/ldr opposition, Lord Mayor; Stockport North 1974 Feb, Oct, Rossendale 1979 (both North West Region), **Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1987**

ASHBY, Robin, b 1947, ed Ipswich s, Aston U, Birmingham U; public relations and marketing cons; Middlesbrough MBC, Dpty Chair, North East Fed; **Langbaugh 1983, 1987**

ASHWORTH, Les A., b 1946, ed Prescot g s, Newcastle U; ret marketing manager; Tynedale DC; **Bishop Auckland 1997**

AVAEI, Ali, lived Newcastle-upon-Tyne since 2001; ed St Mary's comp, Longden, Sunderland U; pharmacist; area manager of pharmacy chain; FA qualified football referee; joined Party 2007; cllr Newcastle City C 2019- ; interests incl mental health, environmental issues, waste reduction; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 2019, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central & West 2024**

BARKER, Mike, b Reading 1954, ed Forest g s, U of Wales, U of York; managing dir local food retailing/bakery business; lived locally since 1980s; Darlington MBC; **Stockton South 2005, Darlington 2010**

BARKER, Paul, b 1933, ed Ellis s, Didsbury Coll. Probation officer; the first Liberal cand at Blaydon for over 40 years, he polled 17.94%; **Blaydon 1974 Oct, Sunderland South 1979**

BATEY, Cliff, b 1944? ed Sunderland Tech Coll; systems analyst; **Gateshead East 1979**

BEADLE, Ronald W. A. L., b 1966, ed Westminster City s, LSE, Chair, Students' U; ex Labour Commons Researcher; senior lect human resources management; Gateshead MBC; mbr European Movement; persistent campaigner in unpromising constituencies; associated with Liberal Left; **Gateshead East 1992, Sedgfield 1997, Gateshead East & Washington West 2001, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 2005, 2010, Gateshead Central & Whickham 2024**

BEITH, Rt Hon Sir Alan James, Kt, PC, now Lord B of Berwick-on-Tweed, b Poynton, Cheshire 1943, of Scottish antecedents, ed King's s, Macclesfield, Oxford U; lect Newcastle-upon-Tyne U; Hexham DC, Methodist lay preacher; Kt 2008, a steadfast constituency man; in Commons Chief Whip 1976-85, Dpty Party Ldr 1985-88, 1992-2003; cand for Party Leadership 1988; highly respected in Commons across party lines; regular speaker in the House on civil liberties issues; mbr Security Cttee 1994-2008, House of Commons Commission for 17 years; Northern Ireland spokesman 1974-76, 1982, Education 1977-83, Fisheries 1977-83, Foreign Affairs 1985-87, Treasury 1987-94, Home Affairs 1994-99; mbr Procedure Cttee 1978-87, Chair Justice Select Cttee 2007-15, mbr Liaison Select Cttee 2003-15, Chair 2010-15; voted with just three other Lib Dem MPs against Marriage (Same Sex

Couples) Bill; local preacher, Pres Lib Dem Christian Forum; has rendered services of incalculable value to party over more than 40 years; served on innumerable Commons committees; not a great orator but a reasoned, forceful speaker of great authority; noted for genial smile, good humour; announced his retirement before General Election 2015, by far the longest serving Lib/Lib Dem MP of modern times; PC 1992, Kt 2008, raised to Peerage 2015; serves on Lord Speaker's Committee on size of the House, Constitution Cttee, Deputy Chairman of Committees 2022-, Deputy Lords Speaker 2024-; currently Pres, National Liberal Club, North of England Civic Trust, Historic Chapels Trust; Barbara, his first wife of thirty years, d 1998; m 2001 Baroness Diana Maddock qv (Southwest Region, South Central Region); **Berwick-upon Tweed 1970, by-e 1973, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010; MP 1973-2015**

BELL, Jacqueline (Jacquie), b Sheffield 1958, ed Athelstan p s, Sheffield, City s, Sheffield, U of Wales, Bangor, U of Edinburgh; social worker in Midlothian 1987-2003, later Edinburgh; joined Party 1989; held office with Scottish Women LDs; Dunbar & East Clinton DC; owns farmhouse in Latvia; Euro cand 2014; cand for Scottish Parliament; Midlothian 2001 (Scotland), Richmond 2005 (Yorkshire Region), **Stockton South 2010**, Skipton & Ripon 2015 (Yorkshire Region)

BENBOW, Joyce, b 1963? ed Bromley Art S, Teesside Coll of Art, Teesside Poly; former lect, charity worker, manager of fashion service for disabled; Redcar & Cleveland MBC; **Redcar 1997**

BENNETT, (Air Vice Marshal) Donald Clifford Tyndall, CB, CBE, DSO, b Queensland, Australia 1910, ed Brisbane g s; joined RAAF 1930 later transferred to RAF; broke several distance flying records; distinguished WW II record, known as 'Pathfinder' Bennett; his innovations and strategies 1942-45 greatly increased efficiency of Allied bombing campaign of Nazi Germany'; described as 'the most brilliant technical airman of his generation;' youngest-ever Air Vice-Marshal; unaccountably passed over for a knighthood; highly respected but remembered by his crews and staff as aloof and personally difficult; after war became dir of British South American Airways; later still became associated with far right fringe, National Independence Party, the ephemeral National Party of Edward Martell qv (East of England Region) for whom he fought the Nuneaton by-election 1967 receiving only a handful of votes; adopted strongly anti-Common Market views; autobiography *Pathfinder* (Muller, 1958); at Middlesbrough the incumbent MP Harcourt (Crinks) Johnstone died early in 1945; Bennett was returned unopposed in the by-e but then lost in a straight fight at the General Election with Labour by 2,613 votes only weeks later; d 1986; **Middlesbrough West by-e 1945, 1945, (MP for only 73 days)**, Croydon North by-e 1948 (Greater London), Norwich North 1950 (East of England Region)

BENNISON, Joseph, b 1922, ed Tech Coll; co dir; Gateshead MBC from 1970; first Liberal cand locally for 40 years; he polled 15.31%; **Gateshead West 1974 Feb**

BERGG, Peter John, thought to have defected to Labour and stood for that party in local elections. **Darlington 1992**

BERRY, Ruth, b 1975, ed Dorothy Stringer s, Brighton, Newcastle U grad in Public Policy joined Party 1992; worked with London Marriage Guidance Council, PR assistant with Lloyds TSB; Chair Lib Dem Youth 1996-97, LPO Exec; mbr Ealing LDA; voluntary worker at LPO HQ, researcher for Matthew Taylor MP qv (Devon & Cornwall Region); at her first election she was possibly the youngest cand in the country; many interests incl Friends of the Earth, Charter 88; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1997**, Brighton, Pavilion 2001 (Southeast Region)

BEVERIDGE, Sir William, later Lord B. of Tuggal, KCB, b Rangpur, India (now in Bangladesh) 1879, ed Charterhouse s, Oxford U; initially a lawyer, he became interested in social matters; friend of Sidney & Beatrice Webb; he served under Winston Churchill at the Board of Trade during Asquith government, becoming particularly involved with the newly-established Labour Exchanges; dir of LSE 1919-37, Master of University College, Oxford from 1937; he published several academic studies in economic matters and social insurance which became very influential; from 1940 he became a temporary civil servant under Ernest Bevin at the Ministry of Labour; later appointed by Arthur Greenwood to chair a high-powered committee to consider the future structure of post-war Britain; from this came the report officially titled *Insurance and Allied Services* (1942) known to history as *The Beveridge Report*; he followed up with *Full Employment in a Free Society* (1944), full employment to be defined as an unemployment rate not exceeding 3%; it embodied many of Keynes's ideas; the impetus behind his thinking was social justice; he identified five evils to be combatted - squalor, ignorance, want, idleness, disease; the tumultuous reception of the report and the glare of publicity it generated in a nation at war, transformed Beveridge, the shy academic, into a national hero; always inclined towards the Liberals, he was prevailed upon to accept nomination for the by-e in the Liberal-held seat of Berwick-upon-Tweed, by Lady Glen Coats qv (Scotland) and Lady Violet Bonham-Carter qv (Yorkshire Region) following the tragic death in action in Normandy of the radically-inclined Captain George Grey (1918-44) who had been returned unopposed in a by-election in 1941.

B's entry into politics, disapproved of by his college, resulted in him losing his Oxford post; the Beveridge Report became the blue print for the post-war Welfare State established by the Labour government under Clement Attlee 1945-51; B. was not without bitter critics, some drawing attention to his long association with the Eugenics Society which advocated sometimes controversial policies e.g. encouraging higher birth rate among the middle classes with a commensurate directive aimed at restraint by the working classes; had a reputation for conceitedness; Churchill considered him a bore; left-leaning historians and writers, incl Harold Wilson, a former colleague and later Prime Minister, have played down his role, insisting that he was merely chair of a committee producing the celebrated report, rather than its author; many Conservatives regard him as an archetypal 'socialist' who ushered in the decline of society and the self-sufficient individual; his brief career in the Commons ended before the parliament in which the legislation for the social programmes he had advocated was debated and enacted; author, *Why I Am A Liberal* (Penguin Special, 1945); the news of his defeat in 1945 was greeted with thunderous cheers when it was announced at a conference of the British Medical Association, a body which was opposed to the principles of a National Health Service; later Chairman of BBC; raised to Peerage 1946; served as Party Leader in Lords; d 1965; **Berwick upon-Tweed by-e 1944, 1945; MP 1944-45; see *Dictionary of National Biography*, *Dictionary of Liberal Biography***

BODDY, Nigel, b 1959? Darlington; solicitor; defected to Conservatives 2007; his campaigning in 2001 was described by a local LDA officer as 'desultory'; **Hartlepool 2001**

BOXELL, Leslie, b 1937, ed Hull g s, Nottingham U, Hull U, London U, Durham U, Teesside Poly; supply teacher; formerly Labour; many interests incl Shelter; **Darlington 1997**

BOYLE, Chris P., lawyer for miners with industrial diseases; later Human Rights worker in Northeast; worked with Help the Aged, Amnesty Int; campaigner for the environment, youth justice; Newcastle City C; **Tynebridge 2005, Houghton & Sunderland South 2010, North Tyneside 2019**

BRADBURY, Neil b Bury, Lancashire 1976; ed Newcastle U, graduate in economics and business management; worked in charitable and local government areas; Chair, Newcastle U Students Soc 1996-99; Prudhoe TC, Tynedale DC 2003-09, Northumberland CC; Euro cand 2009; **Blaydon 2010**

BROWN, Sarah, interests incl health, social and mental health care; strongly pro-Remain; **Stockton North 2017**

BUCKINGHAM, Kenneth A., b 1921, ed Jarrow Central s; master baker; Felling UDC, Durham CC, Tyne-Wear MDC 1973-; the first Liberal cand locally for over 40 years, he polled 20.63%; **Gateshead East 1974 Feb, Oct**

BURT, John S., b 1962, ed Chesterfield s, Newcastle U; tree surgeon; activist with LDA in Newcastle-upon-Tyne; **Tyne Bridge 1992**

CAIRNCROSS, Roy, b 1924; public relations officer; Whitley Bay UDC, North Tyneside MBC from 1973; d 2006; **Tynemouth 1955, Hexham 1974 Feb, Oct**

CAMERON, Ian John Henry, b 1948, ed Hartlepool Tech Day S; taxi and garage proprietor; fought Hartlepool as Independent cand 1987, polling 3.6%; **Hartlepool 1992**

CAMPION, Thom, formerly CHAPMAN b c1999; hails from Winchester, Hampshire; moved to North East upon graduation from University; ALDC Development Officer for North of England; Newcastle City C; **Blyth Valley 2019; Cramlington & Killingworth 2024**

CARR, Dr Philip, b 1953, ed Peebles h s, Edinburgh U; U lect; Tynedale DC; **Hexham 1997**

CHALKLEY, (Capt) Edward Glover Stephen, b 1925, ed Charterhouse, Washington DC, Harvard U; army service WW II; employed in mail order business; d 1986; **Jarrow 1950**

CHARLESWORTH, Alison, b 1972, ed Manor Community Coll, Cambridge, Teesside U; student; **Middlesbrough 1997**

CHILDE, Arthur Laurence Braithwaite, b 1896, North Yorkshire, Methodist local preacher; well-known in local cricketing circles; army service WW I; manufacturer's agent; fought elections Leeds MBC; mbr Leeds Chamber of Commerce, Cotton Board; d 1993; **Cleveland 1950**

CHITTY, (Lt) Kenneth Paterson; service WW II; mining surveyor with experience in South America, West Africa; d 1993; **Tynemouth 1945**

CLARK, N., **Redcar 1974 Oct**

CLARK, Reginald, b 1958, ed Brinkburn comp, Hartlepool, Oxford U; finance dir; various interests incl Amnesty Int; **Hartlepool 1997, 2010**

COBBOLD, D. A. F. L., see LYTTON-COBBOLD D. A. F.

COGAN, David, b 1941, ed West Bridgford g s, Nottingham, Cambridge U; computer systems analyst; Northumberland CC; **Hexham 1970**

COLLINGE, Arthur, b 1939, ed Queen Elizabeth g s, Blackburn, U of Wales, Durham U; sen lect later management cons; interests incl economic dvlpmnt; North Yorkshire CC, Harrogate MBC; **Bishop Auckland 1983, Darlington 1987**, Beverley 1992 (Yorkshire Region)

COLLINS, Stan, b 1948, ed Roundhays s, Leeds, UMIST; business systems analyst; originally Labour joined Lib Dems 1974; LPO Exec; cllr South Lakeland DC; organiser at numerous local elections; persistent campaigner; many interests; mbr MENSA; strong sense of humour, many witty tags and phrases being attributed to him eg 'Tory-free zone,' 'genteel ethnic cleansing', 'estate agency is committed, not practised' etc; said to have invented diesel-powered pogo stick; Westmorland & Lonsdale 1987, 1992, 1997, Workington 2010 (all Northwest Region), **Jarrow 2015**

COMYNS-CARR, Sir Arthur Strettell, KC, b 1882, ed Winchester, Oxford U; eminent barrister; his brilliant cross examination at trial of the notorious swindler Horatio Bottomley, Coalition Liberal MP for Hackney, brought about the downfall of the old rogue; two decades later prominent at Nuremberg and Tokyo War Crimes Trials following WW II; author of legal books; also *National Insurance* 1912, *Escape from the Dole* 1930; LPO Pres 1958-59; Chairman during the near-farcical Torquay Assembly 1958, which was nearly ruined by procedural problems; an imposing figure; a crusading Liberal all his life fighting eleven elections yet serving less than a year in the Commons; his successful opponent in 1950 was described by a contemporary writer, Sid Chaplin, as 'a Tory nincompoop' qv *The Leaping Lad* (1946); St Pancras 1918, 1922, Islington East 1923, 1924 MP 1923-1924; Ilford by-e 1928, 1929 (all Greater London), Epping 1931 (East of England), Nottingham East 1935 (East Midlands Region), Shrewsbury 1945 (West Midland Region), City of London by-e 1945 (Greater London), **Berwick-upon-Tweed 1950**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

COTT, Dr Nicholas, raised in Tyne Valley, lives Gosforth; ed Queen Elizabeth hs, Hexham; lect, Open U; Gosforth MBC; cllr Newcastle City C 2000-24, grp ldr, cabinet mbr, Hon Alderman; Northumberland LDA, Chair; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 2015, 2017, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 2019, Hexham 2024**

CRAGGS, John William b 1886; ed Royal g s, Newcastle, Rutherford T C; local resident for 50 years; ind and social worker chair/managing dir paint firm; mbr Inst of Chemical Engineers; Vice-Pres National Liberal Fed, Chair, Newcastle Liberal Club; the first Liberal cand locally for 20 years, probably adopted under the Martell Plan; he polled just 7.56%; deceased; **Wallsend 1950**

CRAWFORD, Thomas, energetic local campaigner; Regional Chair, NLYLs; **Middlesborough 2019**

CROSS, Helen, b Newcastle-on-Tyne, career in robotics; Vice-Chair of Women's Lib Dems; interests incl crime prevention, NHS, caring services; **Bishop Auckland 2024**

CURRY, Ann-Marie, b Africa where her father was a missionary; retuned to the Northeast after school in Netherlands; long Civil Service career; care worker; cllr Darlington MBC grp ldr; her interests incl policing, NHS; **Darlington 2015, 2017, 2019, Newton Aycliffe & Spennymoor 2024**

DAWSON, David A. (Tom), b 1954, builder, landscape gardener, medical translator; **Tyne Bridge 1983**

DEES, Norman, b 1916, Newcastle, ed Rutherford and Heaton g s, Manchester U; service WWII, p.o.w. Italy 1942-45; lect in Germany for Foreign Office; tutor for King's Coll, Newcastle-upon-Tyne extra-mural dept; d 1992; **Consett 1950**

DEVEREUX, Humphrey, b 1930, ed Marlborough Coll, Oxford U; purchasing officer for electricity board; mbr NALGO; local cllr; **Morpeth 1974 Feb, Newcastle-upon-Tyne West 1974 Oct**

DEVLIN, Brendan, raised Hilton, nr Yarm; worked abroad for 20 years; experience as journalist, teacher; worked for Euro Commission on energy and decarbonising projects; interested in education and training; seeks greater capital investment in Stockton area; **Stockton South 2019**

DICKINSON, Jane, b 1947? designer and printer; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne West 1979**

DIXON, Paul, works for property co; Sunderland City C; **Sunderland Central 2010**

DUFFIELD, Andrew J. R., b 1963, ed Plymouth Coll, St Chad's Coll, Durham; RN officer; brewery area man; interests incl economy, the environment; **Tynemouth 1997, Sedgfield 2001, Hexham 2005, 2010**

DUMPLETON, Owen, b 1924, ed Romford Royal Liberty s, Essex, Regent Street Poly; Ch Eng, co dir; worked on designs for oil tankers; former mbr of Green Party, crew of Rainbow Warrior, the Greenpeace vessel; Euro cand for Green Party 1989; deceased; **Houghton & Washington 1992**

DUNLEAVY, Sandra E., b 1943, ed Easington sec s, Peterlee Tech Coll; partner in family transport business; **Teesside, Stockton 1979**

DUNN, Jody, née Miriam Joy Beveridge, b Gainford, Durham 1969, part Finnish background; ed St Andrews U, City U; worked as a DJ for seven years; barrister specialising in family law; in the by-e she was just 2,033 votes, 6.55% short of victory in hitherto barren territory for the Party for decades; said to have posted, during the by-e, the first-ever candidate blog, on which it was perhaps unwise of her to record that on one street, every door she called at was opened by an occupant who was either "drunk, flanked by a fierce dog or undressed," an experience shared before and since no doubt by many a candidate; at the by-election count she was showered with powder by the Fathers for Justice candidate who was subsequently fined and bounced over after a court appearance; **Hartlepool by-e 2004, 2005**

DURNING, Drew, hails from St Albans, Hertfordshire, lives and works in Stockton South area; has held several management posts with Rank Organisation, Trust House Forte etc; now runs own organic products business; keen on economic development of Teesside area; interested in environmental issues; internationalist in outlook, strongly pro-Remain; **Stockton South 2015, 2017**

EDGEWORTH, Paul John, b/raised Sunderland, ed Southmoor comp s, St Robert of Newminster, Washington; has had numerous local jobs incl for Royal Mail at Doxford Int Business Park; local Party campaigner on Wearside; **Houghton & Sunderland South 2017, 2019, 2024**

ELLIOTT, Alan, b 1935? post office telephone sales engineer; Gisborough TC; **Teesside, Redcar 1979**

ELLIS, Andrew Stephen, OBE, b 1952, ed Newcastle-upon-Tyne Poly, Newcastle U, Cambridge U; former employee at LPO HQ as Gen Sec 1985-88, Chief Exec 1988-89; a major innovator; predecessor of Lord Rennard as campaign leader and by-election supremo, some of whose techniques he pioneered more than a decade earlier; now cons on elections, constitutions, democracy building; has worked extensively in Third World countries, particularly Indonesia; author

of many publications on his subject; Sen Cons U of Northumbria 2014 to date; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1974 Oct, by-e 1976, 1979**, Boothferry 1983 (Yorkshire Region)

ELLIS, John, b 1947? ed U Coll, London U; mining geologist; **Houghton-le-Spring 1979**

EMMERSON, Nick P., b Guisborough 1970, ed Newcastle U, York Coll of Law, U of Fukuoka (Japan); solicitor, Supreme Court of England & Wales; partner in international law firm; practised in USA, Hong Kong; interested in Foreign Affairs; **Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland 2010**

EVANS, Gordon Page; b 1904; Bank of England official; worked for League of Nations Union; deceased; **Stockton-on-Tees 1945**

FARRON, Tim James, b Preston, Lancashire 1970, ed Lostock Hall h s, Runshaw Coll, Leyland, U of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, active in student politics, President of Union; worked in college later university admin 1992-2002; joined Party 1986; active Christian; Lancaster CC 1993-2000, South Ribble BC 1995-99; South Lakeland DC; energetic, warm, friendly personality, early on made his mark among members and was soon spoken of as possible Party Leader; in Commons spokesperson on Youth Affairs, mbr Education Select Comm; Private Sec to Ming Campbell qv (Scotland) during the latter's short leadership; held no post in Coalition Government 2010-15; hard-working, ubiquitous LPO Pres 2011-14; elected Party Leader July 2015 in succession to Nick Clegg, with 56% of votes over Norman Lamb qv (East of England Region); he took on his daunting task with a sustained display of courage and energy, winning respect of Party rank and file; impressed with his sincerity and approachability, qualities which aided him in the media where he became an increasingly effective performer; the early months saw an upturn in Party fortunes in local government by-elections and an encouraging growth in party membership; also he became increasingly looked upon as a rallying point for everyone opposed to Brexit; showed energetic leadership during the 2017 General Election campaign, travelling thousands of miles visiting target constituencies, despite the vulnerability of his own seat; he was under constant attack in the media for perceived conflict between his personal Evangelical Christian beliefs and contemporary thinking on issues such as gay relationships, abortion etc; despite a slight fall in support for the Party, the Lib Dems registered a net gain of four seats, six others were missed by a hairsbreadth and there was a further significant increase in Party membership; announced decision to resign leadership immediately after the election and was succeeded by Vince Cable qv (Greater London); the debt owed to him by the Party for taking over the Leadership at a crisis in its fortunes and for raising Party strength in the Commons against the prevailing political tide will doubtless receive due recognition from future historians; lives with his family at Milnthorpe, Cumbria; author *A Better Ambition, Confessions of a Faithful Liberal* (Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge, 2019) **North West Durham 1992**, South Ribble 1997, Westmorland & Lonsdale 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019 (both Northwest Region); MP 2005-

FERGUSON, Gillian Barbara Walton, b 1948, ed Forest Hall, Tyneside, Central h s, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Durham U; formerly with Ministry of Defence; activist in Waverley DC, Surrey, grp ldr; advocate of local income tax; **North Tyneside 2005**

FERGUSON, Tony, ed Essex U; cllr Newbury DC 1992-2003; charity organiser, motorcycle enthusiast; concerned with household security, policing, NHS, caring services, GP services; Nuneaton 2001, Warley 2001, (both West Midland Region), **Easington 2024**

FIELD, Carole A., proprietor of guest house at Beadnell, Northumberland; **North Durham 2001**

FINLAY, Colin, asst headteacher; activist North Tyneside; lives Wallsend; **Tynemouth 2010**

FLETCHER, Suzanne, long-term mbr Stockton MBC, Mayor; attacked inhumane treatment of detained asylum seekers, Chair, Lib Dem Seekers of Sanctuary; **Stockton-on-Tees 1992, 1997, Stockton South 2001**

FORSTER, James K., b 1926, ed Blaydon g s, Cambridge U; chief technical officer; first Liberal cand in the constituency for generations; **North West Durham 1974 Feb, Oct**

FOTHERGILL, Phillip, b Dewsbury 1906, ed Wheelwright's s, Dewsbury; family were woollen manufacturers, radical nonconformists and strong supporters of temperance; member of LPO Executive in 1920s; in WWII held top posts in Civil Defence and Regional Transport Commissioner for Scotland; sympathetic to Radical Action up to 1945 General Election; successively LPO Chair, Pres, 1946-49 and 1952; joint LPO Treasurer 1954-59; more than any other individual his work in LPO and finance ensured the survival of the Party in its darkest days; generally accepted to have had an acute mind for politics and the importance of organisation, on a par with his counterpart, Herbert Morrison, the Labour Minister; said to have entertained hopes of becoming PPC for Orkney & Shetland but gave way to Jo Grimond qv; his later years were marred by chronic ill health; d 1959; Forfar 1945 (Scotland), **Middlesbrough West 1950**, Oldham West 1951 (North West Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FRANKENBURG, John Beeching, b 1921, of Jewish background, ed Stowe s, Oxford U, Pres U Liberal Club 1947; army service WW II Far East, prisoner of war; barrister; active with World Assembly of Youth, joined Party 1947; Chair, Union of University Liberal Societies; Chair, NLYLs; author *The Young Lawyer* (1955); he subsequently took up posts with the Director of Public Prosecutions and The British Council; d 1981; Kensington South 1950 (Greater London), **Berwick-upon-Tweed 1951**, Nuneaton 1955 (West Midland Region)

FREITAG, Peter, MBE, b 1929, of Jewish background; ed Haberdasher's Askes's s; financial planning cons; Darlington DC; Chair, Assn of Liberal Clubs; carried the fight into some of the most unpromising constituencies for the Party in the Region; Chair, Darlington LA; MBE 2015; Euro cand 1979, 1992; **Darlington 1974 Feb, Oct, Middlesbrough 1979, Jarrow 1987, Easington 1992**

FRISE, Jill D., b 1938, ed Bishop Auckland g s, Bingley Training Coll; teacher; Darlington & Croft RDC; Ryedale DC from 1973; **Bishop Auckland 1974, Feb 1979**

GAMBLE, Anthony Graeme, b Belper, Derbyshire 1920, ed Herbert Strutt g s, Reading U; war service as interpreter for Free French forces; sec s teacher; lect at Dagenham Tech Coll; d 1973; **Stockton-on-Tees 1950**, Kensington North 1951 (Greater London)

GARBUTT, L., **South Shields 1974 Oct**

GARRETT, Hamish, **Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East 1997**

GEORGE, John, b 1886, ed Hamilton, Lanarkshire mining s; mining engineer; Sec of National Assn of Colliery Managers of Scotland for 25 years; lect on mining; author of studies of ind; polled 16% in unpromising territory in a very difficult year for the party; deceased; **South Shields 1950**

GEORGESON, Ray, MBE, b Manchester, grew up/educated Stockton-on-Tees; life-long environmentalist, campaigner for greener world; runs his own environmental services business; his award was for work on recycling and resource management; interests incl climate emergency, transport, education, health; **Bishop Auckland 2019**

GIBSON, Ben, b 1980? ed U of Bedfordshire; worked with Urban Renewal Project, dispensing funds for local schemes; broadcaster, journalist, radio presenter CVFM; ldr local youth empowerment project, youth parliament; media adviser to local party; **Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East 2015**

GILLINDER, J., **Consett 1974 Oct**

GILLINGS, Anthony, b 1962, ed Grovehill s, Hemel Hempstead, Cassio Coll, Watford; formerly in RAF; production controller; joined Party in Shetland 1986; **North West Durham 1997**

GLENN, Stephen, b Bangor, Northern Ireland, ed Regent House g s, Newton Ards, Kingston U; administrator to Boy's Brigade; joined Party 1988; long experience as organiser, campaigner; long spell in Scotland; active in Northern Ireland first with Northern Ireland Liberal Party, later with APNI, co-opted to exec; later organiser; PA to Alistair Carmichael at Westminster; mbr of Yes to Fairer Votes Campaign; Linlithgow & East Falkirk 2005, 2010 (Scotland), **Sedgefield 2015**

GORDON, Gita, b India ed U of Central Lancashire; business development exec, banking, marketing; experience in care sector; mbr Social Liberal Forum, Ethnic Minority Lib Dems; Exec Regional Party; first BME cand in Northeast; lives Blackpool; interests incl domestic violence, mental health, children, young adults; her 639 votes, 1.8% and 6th place actually represented a marginal increase on the effort two years previously of Hugh Annand qv; **South Shields 2015, 2017**

GRAINGER, Marshall, lives South Shields, runs own electrical services business; South Tyneside MBC, defected to Labour 2012, in disagreement with Lib Dem-Con over Coalition Government policies; **South Shields 2001**

GREENFIELD, Mark, long serving mbr Sunderland City C; Hon Alderman 2014; **Sunderland South 2001, Houghton & Washington East 2005**

HAGON, Andrew Michael (Andy), ed Brinkburn comp s, U of North Wales, Durham U; has held various posts in education, teaching and admin; joined Party 2007; active with C of E; training to be counsellor; he bravely took up the challenge for the Lib Dems in adverse circumstances, marginally raising his percentage of poll; **Hartlepool 2017, 2019, by-e 2021**

HALL, Fiona, b 1955, ed Worsley Wardley g s, Eccles Sixth Form College, Oxford U; lived Whittingham, Northumberland, since 1981; teacher, parliamentary researcher; MEP 2004-14, ldr Lib Dem grp at Strasburg 2009-2014, where she worked on various transport projects, energy saving and environmental issues; deeply concerned at economic hardship likely to befall the Northeast as a consequence of a hard Brexit; opposed plans for local nuclear power station; **Hexham 2017**

HALOM, Vic, b Burton on Trent 1948, ed Castle Gresley sec s, Derbyshire; former professional footballer with Sunderland, Oldham Athletic etc making 452 League appearances and scoring 131 goals; later club manager; later gen manager North Shields FC; he faced a 'continuing Liberal' who polled 1.7% to his 10.7%; **Sunderland North 1992**

HAMPTON, P, first Liberal cand locally for 24 years; he polled 24.45%; **Wallsend 1974 Oct**

HANCOCK, Tom, b Shirley Bridge, raised Northumberland ed Prudhoe Community h s, U of York; musician, recording artist; interests incl protecting countryside from ravages of landfill; **Wansbek 2015, Easington 2017, Berwick-upon-Tweed 2019**

HANEY, Dominic John, b/raised co Durham, ed Hull U; works in retail for international co; supporter of greater powers for the North East Region; **Washington & Sunderland West 2015, Easington 2019**

HANNIBELL, Julianne, b 1942?; district and town cllr; **North West Durham 1979**

HAWLEY, Philip A., b 1956, ed Hull U, local government officer; **Middlesbrough 1987**

HEESOM, P. Alan J., b 1941, ed Oundle, Cambridge U; university lect; first Liberal cand locally for 43 years; he polled 20.45%; **Durham 1974 Feb, Oct**

HEPPLE, Jim P., b 1938, ed Sleaford g s, Leeds U , U of Wales, Chair, Liberal Society, City of London Poly; town planner; Gloucester CC, Kent CC 1982-86, Sleaford MBC; Euro cand Bristol 1979, London North East 1984, Lincolnshire 1989; dogged, if somewhat ubiquitous, campaigner over more than thirty years; Shipley 1964, 1966 (Yorkshire Region), Gloucester City 1970, Stroud 1979 (both Southwest Region), Grantham 1987, 1992 (East Midlands), **Easington 1997**

HERBERT, Aubrey OBE, b 1905; son of Sir Jesse Herbert, Liberal election director 1906-10; ed Westminster, Oxford U; Pres of Union; journalist; joined BBC broadcasting from Singapore from whence he escaped capture by the Japanese; during WW II broadcast on politics for SEAC; joined LPO staff 1947; Party Chief Agent late 1940s, Hon Sec Liberal Cands Assn; LPO Council mid 1960s; Pres Eastern Counties Fed; persevering campaigner over four decades before and after WW II; failed to win his first contest by a handful of votes; in his second, fought in the highly charged atmosphere of the 1931 crisis, he was hospitalised by a Conservative official who crying, "Treason!" rammed the point of an umbrella between two of his ribs; genial, humorous character with intriguing repertoire of political anecdotes, which he related in a laid-back Leslie Phillips drawl; re-adopted at Sudbury, he resigned to fight Westmorland at short notice; confused on occasion with A. P. Herbert MP and writer; d 1981; Chester 1929, 1931 (Northwest Region), **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1950**, Sudbury & Woodbridge 1959, by-e 1963 (East of England Region), Westmorland 1964 (Northwest Region), **Berwick-upon-Tweed 1966**

HERD, David, b 1940, ed Kirkcaldy h s, Aberdeen U; lect; active with ATCDE; **Chester-le Street 1974 Feb, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1974 Oct**

HINDLE, Frank, b Newcastle, lives Gateshead; lect in computing, Northumbria U; Gateshead MBC; **Gateshead East & Washington West 2005, Gateshead 2010, 2015, 2017**

HODGSON, G. W. Ian, b 1929, ed Whitley Bay g s, King's Coll, Durham; schoolmaster; **Middlesbrough West 1959**

HODSON, Niall, lives Sunderland; trained as art historian, worked at galleries and museums in Northeast and overseas as museum curator; Sunderland City C; campaigner for vital local services; has strongly criticised Labour for instances of wasteful spending in the Northeast; **Sunderland Central 2017, 2019, 2024**

HOLLERN, James, b 1954? Sunderland City C; d tragically early of bone cancer Jan 2006; members of his immediate family are active with the Party locally; **Sunderland North 2005**

HOPGOOD, Amanda, Durham born, raised; cllr Durham CC, grp ldr; strongly pro-Europe; bitter critic of Labour complacency and mismanagement of North East Region; in her 2nd contest she raised the Lib Dem percentage share by 6.3%, the highest increase in the Region; **City of Durham 2017, 2019**

HOWARTH, David, b 1955, ed Queen Elizabeth h s, Middleton, Rochdale Coll of Art, Newcastle Poly; building society development rep; Tyne & Wear CC; LPO Exec; **North Durham 1983**, Finchley 1987 (Greater London)

HOWSE, Stephen, b/raised Newcastle-upon-Tyne ed Manchester U; works for STEM in campaigns to encourage women to pursue careers; interests incl devolution, education and the future world of work, better transport links across the Northeast, developing a green economy; **Hexham 2019**

HUGHES, Neil, b Liverpool 1957, lives Bampton, nr Haweswater; ed Caldey Orange g s, Oxford U; teacher; Hackney LBC later Cumbria CC, Shap DC, dpty ldr Eden DC; joined Party 1982; volunteer for Oxfam; mbr Charter 88, Liberty; tireless standard bearer for Party in three regions; Tottenham 1997 (Greater London), **Stockton-on-Tees North 2005**, Carlisle 2010, Penrith & The Border 2015 (both North West Region)

HUNTINGTON, J. Gary, b 1940, ed Shildon All Saints s, Bishop Auckland Tech; sales manager, hotelier; Sedgfield DC grp ldr, Shildon TC; **Sedgfield 1992**

HURST, James L., b 1918, Prestwich, Lancashire, ed Manchester g s, Manchester U; research mech engineer with Tyneside firm; Chair, Northern Area YLs; d Surrey, 1951; **Sunderland North 1950**

HUSCROFT, Michael J., b 1943 ed St Columba's Tech Coll, Wallsend; ins agent; cllr North Tyneside MBC grp ldr; **Wallsend 1992**

HUTTON, David, b 1949, ed St Peter's s, York; travel agency manager; cllr Gateshead MBC, Party group ldr; **Blaydon 1979**

IRWIN, George, b 1935, ed St Cuthbert's g s, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Ch Acc, management cons; **Bishop Auckland 1987**, Richmond 1992 (Yorkshire Region)

ISLAM, Dawud, b 1963?, former journalist, home energy cons, now international business development executive; Open U student; his political pedigree has been marked by periodic, sudden changes of allegiance; he claims to have joined Liberals originally at Chelmsford, Essex in early 1980s; union activist with UNITE; appears to have joined Labour sometime after; disagreed with Blairism later moving on to join Green Party, contesting Brent South 1997 (under name David Edler?); lived in Ireland for a time contesting election there for Greens; cllr Bath TC 2007; later moved to Bradford contesting by-election in Bradford West 2012 again for the Greens; immediately afterwards he was prompted to join Respect, under George Galloway, his former opponent and

victor of the by-election; stood in a local government by-election for that party; subsequently moved to Scotland where he contested an election for Scottish Assembly, this time as a Lib Dem; interests incl Amnesty Int, human rights issues; **Middlesbrough 2017**

JENKINSON, Terry, b 1930, ed Pendover Community s, Newcastle Municipal Coll of Commerce; prop of sub post office; **Sunderland North 1987**

JORDAN, Rosamund, b 1943, ed Grangefield g g s, Stockton-on-Tees, Darlington Coll of Ed, Open U; teacher/fine art dealer; originally Liberal; Stockton RDC; joined SDP for a spell, contesting Scarborough (Yorkshire Region) 1983; joined Party on merger; **Middlesbrough 1992**

JOY, Jemma, Chair, Redcar LDA; severe critic of Government's handling of coronavirus emergency; **Middleborough South & East Cleveland 2019**

KANE, Gareth, b 1971, ed Cambridge U, Newcastle-upon-Tyne U; with Ministry of Defence, later 12 years working in environmental sustainability; **Sunderland South 2005**

KENNDY, Robert, b 1931, ed Benfieldside sec s, Consett, Durham tech colls; postal exec, partner in hairdressing firm; **Consett 1979**

KILPATRICK, Richard, b Acklam, N Yorkshire 1993, ed Acklam p, sec s s; local LDA officer; regular contributor to Lib Dem Voice; **Middlesbrough 2015**

KING, Dr Aidan, ed Heaton Manor h s, Newcastle Sixth Form Coll, Manchester Victoria U, Newcastle U Medical School; qualified both as doctor and pharmacist; lives Newcastle-upon-Tyne where he is a member of the MBC; housing charity trustee; Euro cand; campaigner against Brexit; **Stockton North 2019, Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 2024**

KING, Karen, former foster carer, now runs her own business; cllr Redcar & Cleveland BC, Mayor 2017-18; successfully moved motion to declare local climate emergency; interests incl business promotion; **Redcar 2019**

KIRKHAM, Kay R., b 1950, ed Watford g g s, Sussex U; music teacher; cllr Cleveland CC, grp ldr, Stockton-on-Tees BC; **Stockton South 1992**

KITCHELL (Lieut) Charles Jonathan, b Tynemouth 1920, ed Rutherford g s, College of Technology, Newcastle-upon-Tyne later studied theology Cambridge U; Royal Naval service WW II with Commandos; lived on Tyneside since birth; optician in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, later teacher of physics; d 2015; **Sunderland South 1950, South Shields 1951**

LAMB, Andrew, b 1962, ed St Cuthbert's g s, Newcastle, Queen Mary Coll, London; ins officer; cllr Blyth Valley DC, ldr opposition; **Blyth Valley 1997**

LATHAM, Phillip Ronald, b Manchester 1942, ed Sedbergh s, Open U, Sunderland U; teacher of English & Communication Studies; co-fdr English For All UK; Tyneside DC, mbr Northeast Regional Assembly 2005-, ldr Party group; interests incl reform of education, open access to further and

higher education; d 2022; **Hexham 2001, North Durham 2005, Stockton North 2010, Blyth Valley 2015**

LENNOX, John A., b 1947, ed g s, Sheffield U, De la Salle Coll of Education Manchester, Durham U; teacher; persistent campaigner who fought six times in 23 years; **Sunderland North 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, Jarrow 1983, Sunderland South 1992, 1997**

LESLIE, Dr Roy Francis b Scotland 1922, ed Manchester U, MA, PhD; RAF service WW II; academic, U of Wisconsin 1964-68, later U of British Columbia; during a very barren period for the Party in the Northeast Region, he presented himself for an important by-e in a highly marginal seat, determined to give Liberals locally an opportunity to record their vote, as he had done at Darwen two years previously; in the latter he was given a letter of support from Honor Balfour qv (Northwest Region) who had contested the constituency in a famous war time by-e; his enthusiasm, energy and courage would have been better employed in later decades in Party history; edited two vols of Old English texts; author of a history of Poland; d 1992; Colne Valley 1950 (Yorkshire Region), Darwen 1951 (North West Region), **Sunderland South by-e 1953**, Oldham East 1955 (Northwest Region)

LESSER, C. David, b 1927, ed U Coll, London U; lect; Suffolk CC; Chair, Tyneside Liberal Council; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1970**

LINDLEY, Ian P., joined Party 2006, cllr Northumberland CC; expelled from Lib Dems 2013 for refusing to join Party group; **North Durham 2010**

LONG, Dr Francis John, PhD, b 1924, ed The Leys s, Oxford U, Pres U Liberal Club, Pres of Union; engaged in research in chemical ind; Methodist local preacher; later lived Lichfield; d 2020; **The Hartlepoons 1950**

LONG, N., **Stockton-on-Tees 1974 Oct**

LOWER, Anita, born/raised locally, ed La Sagesse s; systems analyst; cllr Newcastle City C ldr Party grp, opposition; long serving campaigner; interests incl long term economic growth, policing, community safety, anti-social behaviour; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 2015, 2017**

LYTTON-COBOLD, David Anthony Fromanteel, later 2nd Baron Cobbold, succ 1987; b 1937, ed Eton, Cambridge U; career with Bank of London & South America, then retired to manage family estate, Knebworth House; one of the original 99 hereditary Peers elected to remain in Lords after the sweeping reforms of the early 2000s; resigned from House of Lords 2014, only second Peer to do so under Lords Reform Act 2014; d 2022; **Bishop Auckland 1974 Oct**

McCLURE, Raymond, b 1931, ed Southern Coll of Art, Queen Elizabeth Coll, Durham; office man; Blyth MBC; at Morpeth he was the first Liberal cand for 47 years, polling 13.3%; in his second contest he was again the first Party challenger for 40 years, polling 18.70%; Blyth MBC from 1969; **Morpeth 1970, Consett 1974 Feb**

McCOURT, Douglas, b 1940, ed Castletown j s, Usworth sec mod s; publican; Tyne & Wear CC; **Chester-le-Street 1974 Oct, 1979, Sunderland North 1983**

McDONNELL, Alex, b 1940, ed Whitehill s, Langside Coll, Glasgow; field worker for Age Concern; Durham CC; **Jarrow 1979**

McKEAG, William, b Durham 1897, solicitor; later co dir; service World Wars I & II, cand at Durham 1924, 1929, 1931; MP 1931-35 when he defected to the Liberal Nationals; Newcastle MBC 1936-61; later re-joined Liberals; Pres Newcastle-upon-Tyne Liberal Club; in later years termed himself 'a progressive;' had numerous local interests, heavily involved in all aspects of public life of Tyneside; d Whitley Bay 1972; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1945, Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1950**

McQUADE, John Patrick, b Middlesbrough 1903, ed St Philomena's s, St Mary's Coll, Middlesbrough; architect/quantity surveyor/cons on matters relating to speculative building etc, Federation of Residents' and Tenants' Assns; Fellow Faculty of Architects and Surveyors, Faculty of Surveyors; widely travelled; LPO Exec; Chair, Party Civil Liberties Comm; d 1975; Wokingham 1950, 1951, 1955 (South Central Region), **Darlington 1959**

MADISON, Nicholas B., b 1927, ed The Oratory s, Reading, Oxford U; economist; **Berwick-upon-Tweed 1964**

MALBY, Louis William, b Downham, Norfolk 1892; entered textile trade at Bradford, becoming export manager; later represented firm of cattle breeders; mbr Gladstone Liberal Club, Bradford; founder mbr West Riding Branch Inst of Export; d 1962; **Bishop Auckland 1950**

MARLOWE, Christopher, ed U of St Andrews, U of Edinburgh; salesman; experience as election agent; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1979**

MARTIN, Craig, b Durham 1990, ed U of York, U of Durham; teacher; interests incl Scouting; at the General Election of 2015, there was a 26.3% swing against the Party in his constituency; **City of Durham 2015, North Durham 2017, 2019, 2024**

MARTIN, Dr Nigel, PhD, b 1945, ed Clee Humberstone Foundation s, Cleethorpes, Cambridge U; university lect, Vice-Principal Collingwood Coll, Durham U; Durham CC; formerly SDP contesting Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1987; Euro cand 1994; author of academic publications; **City of Durham 1992, 1997** (see SDP section)

MASON, Josh; b c1988, ed Lawrence Jackson s, Prior Pursglove Co, Durham U; Redcar MBC; worked for Ian Swales MP qv; he bravely faced the Herculean task of defending a Lib-Dem held seat in the less than propitious circumstances of the 2015 General Election; resigned from Party offices 2019; **Redcar 2015, 2017**

MAUGHAN, Peter J., b 1954, ed Dame Allan's b s, Newcastle, Newcastle U; solicitor; spokesperson for Regional Party on legal affairs; dogged campaigner in unpromising territory; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1992, Blaydon 1997, 2001, 2005, North Durham 2015, Jarrow 2017, Gateshead 2019, Hartlepool 2024**

MAYHEW, David F., b 1951, ed St Paul's s, London, Oxford U, Newcastle Poly; dvlpmnt officer with Toch H; **Tynemouth 1983, 1987**

MICHNA, Joe, ed Teesside U, BA in Public Admin; long active in local politics; 24 years manager of Citizens Advice Bureau; cllr Cleveland CC, Middlesbrough UA, twice cand for Mayor, cand for police commissioner; expelled from Party 2007; joined Greens; strict vegetarian; used public transport only; **Middlesbrough 2005**

MILLER, Keith, b 1949, ed Newquay g s, Goldsmith's Coll, London; sen med rep in pharmaceuticals; **Houghton & Washington East 1997, Middlesbrough 2001**

MINNS, Carl, b 1976, ed Norton, Teesside, Stockton Sixth Form Coll, Hull U; Pres of Union; worked for health service in Hull, later teacher; cllr Hull City C grp ldr, council ldr 2006-11; **Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East 2005**, Haltemprice & Howden 2015 (Yorkshire Region)

MITCHELL, Sarah A. G., b 1951, ed Kesteven & Sleaford h s, Ipswich Civic Coll; cons social worker; Alnwick DC, group ldr; **Wansbek 1987**

MONCK, Peter, b 1949, ed St Bride's sec mod, Teesside U; garage manager; Yarm TC, chair, mayor; **Stockton South 1997**

MONGER, Llewellyn, b 1944, ed South Shields h s, Newcastle Poly; sales manager; mbr SOGAT; **South Shields 1979**

MOORE, Brian D., b 1960, ed Crownwoods s, South London, Wales Poly, Newcastle Poly, Northumbria U; sales exec, former mining eng; Euro cand 1994; Newcastle City C; interests incl Friends of the Earth; **North Durham 1997**

MORGAN, Graham, b 1948, ed Ipswich S, York U; Yorkshire Regional Exec; active in Party in Keighley area; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne East & Wallsend 1997**

MORLEY, Vivienne, b 1947, ed Cambridge h s, Cambridge Coll of Arts and T'nology, U of Oxford; sen medical social worker; **Easington 1979**

MORPETH, (Major) later Lord, HOWARD, George William Beaumont, b 1949, ed Eton, Oxford U, Army staff college; professional soldier; Euro cand in 1990s; expert on the affairs of the Baltic states where he spends much of his time; succ as 13th Earl Carlisle 1994; he has attempted to re-enter the Lords, as a Liberal Democrat, at House by-elections, without success; **Easington 1987**

MORRISSEY, Ciaran, b 1995? Newcastle-upon-Tyne, ed York U, currently student of international political economy at Newcastle U; an energetic local campaigner, local council cand who fights on 'community politics' lines; a policy officer with LDYLS; mbr of policy committee drafting Party general election manifesto 2017; one of the youngest cands at the election in June 2017; **Bishop Auckland 2017, Washington & Gateshead South 2024**

MULHOLLAND, John Henry b Stockton-on-Tees 1934?, of Catholic background; personnel officer with ICI; Runcorn MBC early 1960s; energetic, ambitious; (father of Greg M. qv Yorkshire Region Lib Dem MP for Leeds North West from 2005 to 2017) **Stockton-on-Tees by-e 1962, 1964**

MULVENNA, Tommy, b 1947, ed St Columba's, Wallsend, Newcastle Coll; probation officer; cllr North Tyneside MBC, grp ldr; **North Tyneside 1997**

MURRAY, Jim P., originally graduated as a chemist; varied employment experience as social worker, teacher etc; later attended Nottingham Law School; now senior partner in law firm; Sefton MBC; takes part in local radio 'Legal Clinic'; his offbeat sense of humour offended a security officer at a Party Assembly which led to him being refused entry; at Bootle he finished in 2nd place though on 8.5%, he was 69.1% behind the Labour victor; interests incl tackling injustice, fairer taxation; Knowsley North 1992, Crosby 1992, Bootle 2010 (all Northwest Region), **Houghton & Sunderland South 2015**

NELSON, John, b 1923, ed South Shields g s; sales manager; deceased; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1979**

NEWTON, Stuart S., b 1934, ed South Shields g s, Matlock Coll of Education, Durham U; teacher; **Darlington 1970**

NICHOLSON, W. John, b 1916, ed Royal G S, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; export sales admin; Northumberland CC, Blyth Valley DC; first Liberal cand locally for 20 years, he polled 15.9%; deceased; **Sunderland South 1974 Feb, Oct**

NUNN, Paul, b 1948, ed Woodhouse Grove s, Bradford, Bristol U; chief sports reporter Newcastle Journal; joined Party on merger; Gateshead MBC dpty ldr; **Blaydon 1992** (see SDP section)

OAKESHOTT, Robert, b Winchester 1933, ed Tonbridge s, Oxford U; journalist, Paris Correspondent of *The Financial Times*; took relief supplies to Budapest during ill-fated Hungarian uprising 1956; later worked in South Africa, Botswana, in Cabinet Office, Lusaka; established building co-operative in Sunderland ; author, *The Case for Workers' Co-Operatives* (1978) which was much admired by Jo Grimond and the strong co-partnership following in the Party of the day; fdr, later chief exec of Job Ownership Ltd, now Employee Ownership Association; d 2011; **Darlington 1966**

OPIK, Lembit, b Bangor, Co Down, Northern Ireland 1965; of Estonian parentage; ed Royal Belfast Acad Inst, Bristol U; Pres NUS 1987-88; with Procter & Gamble in Newcastle latterly as training manager; Party Fed Exec 1991, Euro cand 1994; in Commons spokesman in turn on Education, Northern Ireland, Wales, Business and Housing; mbr Agriculture Select Comm; well-known broadcaster on many TV and radio programmes, *Any Questions? Have I Got News For You, Question Time*; has propensity for attracting press attention for vagaries in his private life; noted for zany sense of humour and over-the-top behaviour; was singularly unsuccessful in his quest for nomination for high office in the Party and unfortunate in backing unsuccessful colleagues in their own aspirations; has a commendable record of fund raising for various charities; keen glider and motor cyclist; from 2012 Dir of Communications and Public Affairs for Motor Cycle Action; obviously an individual of many talents and unquestioned ability; critics consider him lacking in judgement and a shade immature; though usually considered to be on left wing of Party, his book (with Ed Joyce) *The Alternative View* (2012) showed some sympathy for Orange Book opinions; his defeat on a well above average adverse swing in a hitherto safe seat was a great disappointment to the Party; cllr Newcastle City C 1992-96; expelled from Lib Dems 2021; joined Reform UK 2025; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1992**, Montgomery 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010 (Wales); MP 1997-2010; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

ORD, Alan, b 1947, ed South Shields g/tech s, South Tyneside Marine & Tech Coll; claims manager; Gateshead MBC; mbr Tyne & Wear Passenger Transport authority; **Gateshead East & Washington West 1997, North West Durham 2001, 2005**

ORD, Christopher J., ed Tanfield comp s; with Virgin Money as anti-money-laundering analyst; cllr Gateshead MBC 20 years, dpty ldr; **Easington 2001, 2005**

ORD, David, b 1961, ed Burnside h s, Luton Coll of HE; comp programmer; **South Shields 1997, Newcastle-upon-Tyne East & Wallsend 2001, 2005, North Tyneside 2010**

ORMEROD, Richard, raised in Lancashire; works for North Yorkshire CC, lives City of Durham; Durham CC; **Houghton & Washington East 2001**

ORMSTON, L., **Jarrow 1974 Oct**

ORRELL, J. Keith, b 1944, ed Hutton g s, Sunderland Coll of Education, Open U, Newcastle U; head of unit for autistic children; South Tyneside MBC, opposition ldr; **Jarrow 1992**, Ryedale 1997, 2001, Wentworth 2005 (all Yorkshire Region)

PAGE, Adrian, b 1979? army service in former Yugoslavia etc; photographer, fine art student; interests incl human rights, equality issues, empowering communities; **Sunderland Central 2015**

PARKIN, David, ed Ashton-under-Lyne g s, Trent Poly; social worker; **Blyth 1979**

PARRISH, Linda Jean; local campaigner; **Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East 2001**

PATMORE, Nicholas b 1949? comp programmer; **Teesside, Thornaby 1979**

PATON-DAY, John, hails from Berwickshire; originally an apprentice carpenter and joiner later instructor in centre for adults with learning difficulties; later mature student at University; Borders DC; inadvertently failed to lodge papers for election to Scottish Assembly 2011; fought 2015 election on positive record of Party in coalition government 2010-15; **Tynemouth 2015**

PATTERSON, Frank E., b 1945, ed local ss, Durham U; senior lect; ldr Party grp Easington DC; **Gateshead West 1979, Easington 1983**

PEACOCK, Michael, resident in Northeast all his life; interests incl environment, civil liberties, equality, mental health; now runs small IT business; **North West Durham 2019**

PEASE, Sir Joseph Gurney, b 1927, 5th Baronet succ 2008; from an old Liberal family; son, grandson and great-grandson of Liberal MPs; (his father Sir Alfred Edward P. 2nd Bt represented Cleveland 1897-1902); ed Bootham s, York; hotelier in Lake District; author of *A Wealth of Happiness and Many Bitter Trials* (1992); VC Darlington L A; LPO Council 1960s; Pres Northwest Liberal Fed 1970-71; of formidable voice and appearance; d 2023; Guisborough UDC 1950-53; **Bishop Auckland 1959, Darlington 1964**, Westmorland 1970, Penrith & The Border 1974 Oct (both Northwest Region)

PINKNEY, Robert, b 1937, ed Ewell Tech Coll, Regent Street Poly, LSE; senior lect in government; **Tynemouth 1979**

PITTS, Michael Ford, b 1936, ed Scarborough h s, Oxford U; teacher; Warrington CBC, Scarborough RDC from 1968, Scarborough BC, Mayor; many interests, political and leisure; persistent campaigner; Euro cand 1999; Warrington 1964 (Northwest Region), **Cleveland 1966**, Scarborough 1970, 1974 Feb (Yorkshire Region), **Cleveland & Whitby 1979**, Beverley 1983 (Yorkshire Region)

PORKSEN, Julie, raised at Belsay, Northumberland ed Ponteland h s, Oxford U, Wye Agricultural Coll, Scottish Agricultural Coll, Aberdeen; worked in Peru for two years; later with independent health charity; volunteer in House of Lords; local campaigner on local issues; in the dismal circumstances of the 2015 General Election, she took over as cand from Alan Beith qv MP for the constituency for the previous 42 years; **Berwick-upon-Tweed 2015, 2017**

PREECE, Arthur, ed High Storrs g s, Sheffield; health service administrator, Ch Sec; Chair, Party Health Panel, Chair, Northeast Regional Party; long experience as election agent/campaign organiser;
Hartlepool 1987, South Shields 1992

PRIESTLEY, Brian C., b 1937, ed Bedlington g s, City of Leeds Training Coll; schoolmaster; activist with Wansbeck LDA; Castle Morpeth MBC, **Wansbeck 1992**

PRYKE, Geoffrey Michael, local activist; **Sunderland North 2001**

PSALLIDAS, Stephen, b 1971? Jarrow, of Greek father, Durham-born mother, raised in Greece, lived Sunderland since he was 16; joined Party 1990; ed Newcastle U, Sunderland U; interests incl health, education, environment, transport; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 2001, South Shields 2005, 2010, Sedgfield 2017, Wansbeck 2019, Blyth & Ashington 2024**

REED, Simon Luke, Northumberland CC; **North Tyneside 2001, Wansbek 2005, 2010**

REID, Jeffrey Stewart (Jeff), b Blyth; has lived locally, save for short spell in USA, his entire life; cllr Northumberland CC ldr 2013-17, retired May 2025 after 40 years as a cllr; Chair Advanve Northumberland 2023; runs own stationery, printing business; Blyth Valley DC grp ldr; persistent campaigner; husband of the following; **Blyth Valley 2001, 2005, 2010, Hexham 2015, Blyth Valley 2017, 2019**

REID, Penny, Blyth TC; wife of the preceding; **Tynemouth 2001**

RETTIE, Cartmel John Alexander, b Ceylon, now Sri Lanka 1925, ed Aysgarth s, Bedale, Rugby, Cambridge U; linguist and distinguished journalist with long spells as Reuter's correspondent and with *The Guardian*, in Russia and Central America; greatly respected in his profession; strong anti-Soviet convictions; through his contacts in Moscow he was among the first journalists to obtain the text of Premier Krushchev's speech denouncing Stalinism in 1956; d 2009; **Middlesbrough West 1964**

RICKLETON, Jamie, has degree in Business Management; business career; active Trade Unionist; has fought Gateshead MBC local elections; Public Governor with Mental Health Foundation Trust; interests incl climate change, green energy, net zero transport, social housing; **Jarrow & Gateshead East 2024**

RIDYARD, Mark, has lived at Heaton since 1995; has strong belief in community; member of several local groups; long associated with the annual Heaton Festival; interests incl social care, the economy; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne East & Wallsend 2024**

ROBSON, Dr Douglas A. b 1914, ed Tynemouth s, Durham U; U lect/geologist; first Liberal cand in constituency for 35 years, he polled 17.42%; deceased; **Hexham 1964, 1966**

ROBSON, Euan M., b 1954, ed Trinity Coll, Glenalmond, Perth, Strathclyde U, Newcastle U, Durham U; teacher later manager, Scottish Gas Consumers' Council; MSP for Borders 1999-2007, Roxburgh & Peebles; Euro cand 2009; Northumberland CC; **Hexham 1983, 1987**

ROBSON, W., local GP; **Houghton-Le Spring 1974 Oct**

RODGERS, Barrie, b Hawarden, Flint, Wales 1939, ed Trinity Coll, Dublin, Birmingham U, Aberdeen U; educator, psychologist; taught in Nigeria 1963-65, later sen lect Northumberland Coll of H E, Open U; Morpeth LA 1973-79, mbr Northern Reg Party Exec 1975-81; **Morpeth 1974 Oct**

ROGERS, (Lt Cmdr) George Victor, b Hammersmith, London 1916, ed Haberdashers Aske's s, Oxford U; service WW II with Fleet Air Arm; barrister on Northern Circuit; d 1970; polled well in unpromising territory; **Darlington 1945, 1950**

RYAN, Peter, b 1946? ed Wigan tech s; production controller; **Wallsend 1979**

SANDERS, Rev David A., b 1934, ed Kingswood, Bath, Oxford U; Methodist superintendent minister; Euro cand 1979; Runcorn 1974 Oct (Northwest Region), North Somerset 1979 (Southwest Region), **Middlesbrough 1983**

SAVILLE, Tara, b Preston 1981, ed Cambridge U; Head of School, Bishop Auckland comp; Sherburn PC; **Easington 2010**

SCAGGS, N. J., first Liberal cand for well over 40 years, he polled 15.91%; **Easington 1974 Oct**

SCHARDT, C. W. (Bill), b 1950? lived Newcastle-on-Tyne after 1971; laboratory worker, Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; joined Party 1982; Newcastle MBC; **Jarrow 2005**

SCOTT, George Edwin, b 1925, thought to have been East London-born; grew up on Teesside, ed Middlesbrough h s, Oxford U; RNVR service 1943-46; author, broadcaster and journalist; began career with *Northern Echo*, later *Yorkshire Post*, *Daily Express*, *Truth*; Editor *The Listener* 1974-79; moved on to BBC radio, later TV; not known for a previous commitment to the Party, he became suddenly heavily involved however in 1962-63, fighting two signal by-elections in Middlesbrough within three months in 1962, in hitherto very unpromising territory for the Liberals, in both of which he polled well; at LPO HQ as Chair of Party Political Division 1962-63, he was mainly involved in keeping the growing ranks of PPCs at that time supplied with a torrent of useful campaign briefings, research papers and generally providing a comprehensive back up service; he just as quickly disappeared from the political scene to resume his distinguished radio/TV broadcasting/journalism career; very tall and slim, shy and aloof in bearing; not a strong public speaker; returned as a candidate after 20 year interval in 1983; author of *Reporter Anonymous*, *The History of the Press Association* (1968) etc; Head of UK Offices of EEC 1979-87; d Leyton, E London 1988; **Middlesbrough East by-e 1962, Middlesbrough West by-e 1962**, Wimbledon 1964 (Greater London), Surrey South West 1983 (Southeast Region)

SELBY, Philip James S., b 1947, ed Audenshaw g s, London, Newcastle-upon-Tyne U; teacher; **Tynemouth 1992, Jarrow 2001**

SELMER, George, raised/ed Middlesbrough; interests incl housing, jobs, local facilities; defected to Labour in protest over Lib-Dem coalition with Conservatives; **Middlesbrough by-e 2012**

SHARE, Alan, b Sunderland, 1933, ed Bede g s, Sunderland, Oxford U; barrister, co dir; of Jewish background; as a young Liberal he figured in the continuing debate on Party economic policy from 1956; LPO HQ employee in various roles in early 1960s; a stickler on constitutional detail; gave up active politics early to enter family business, becoming prominent in business circles on Tyneside as a consultant; of intense demeanour, often prolix in conversation, austere but serious minded, seemingly without a sense of humour; LPO Council; Chair, Tyneside Liberal Council; courageously

carried the fight into a city where no Party cand had stood for 20 years; latterly noted author, *Death of a Nightingale*, set in the Northeast, later adapted into a play; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1966**

SHAWCROSS, Matthew Robinson, b 1879; ret schoolmaster; Newcastle MBC; adopted as PPC before 1940; d 1945; **Cleveland 1945**

SHEPHERD, Bill, ed Newcastle U; Ch Eng; has held various eng posts on Tyneside, now with own business designing products for oil and gas industries; Royal Naval Reserve 19 years; on local cllr 18 years; strong supporter of Remain in the interest of the economic growth of the region; **South Shields 2019**

SHIPLEY, John J., later Lord S. of Gosforth, OBE, b Whitby 1946, ed Whitby g s, University Coll, London U; reg dir North and European Union for Open U; Newcastle City C, ldr grp 1978-98; Life Peerage 2010; mbr Party Education panel; interested in local government, home affairs, Third World Development; **Blyth 1974 Feb, Oct, Hexham 1979, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 1983, 1987**

SLACK, Edwin Brian, PhD, Prof. b 1923, ed Cambridge U; lect at King's Coll, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; during WW II was engaged in research for government at Lister Inst of Preventive medicine; emigrated to New Zealand; d 2000; **Tynemouth 1950**

SOULT, Graham Andrew; local activist; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne 2001**

STEVENS, John M., b 1932, ed Kingsbury Co g s, Cambridge U; oil co sales rep; **Cleveland 1964**

STODDART, K., **Gateshead West 1974 Oct**

STONE, Greg, b York 1974, ed Fulford s, York, York Sixth Form Coll, U of Newcastle; public affairs dir; Euro cand 2004, Newcastle City C; interested in urban regeneration, planning, housing, economic development; Vale of York 2001 (Yorkshire Region), **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 2005, Sedgefield by-e 2007, North Tyneside 2017**

STONE, Tim, b 1947, ed Hollyhead comp, Salford, Marple Hall g s, Liverpool Poly, Surrey U; private tutor former clinical scientist; Blyth TC; **Jarrow 1997**

SUGGETT, George, b Chester-le Street, son of a miner; antiques dealer at Newbury, Berkshire; fought Newbury for Commonwealth Party 1945; the by-e was in a constituency not contested by the Liberal Party since before WW II; he was among the first Liberal by-e cand in the Northeast Region since 1929; it proved a vicious campaign, Labour sinking to new depths to discredit and silence the Liberal challenger; the background was the widespread corruption in the Labour-administered heartlands of the N.E. region; he finished a strong second, establishing a bridgehead after showing both courage and spirit but declined to stand again; reported to have been an activist later in Newbury (South Central Region); **Chester-le-Street by-e 1973**

SWALES, Ian Cameron., b Leeds 1953, raised in Harrogate; lived Redcar since 1978 ed Manchester U; chem eng, acc; Yorkshire Electricity, later ICI, Redcar; associated with SDP from 1981, joining Lib Dems on merger; only the second Lib Dem to be elected in the Northeast Region over the past 65 years; victory achieved by a 21.8% swing against incumbent Labour MP; soon made his mark at Westminster; briefly PPS to the Business, Innovations & Skills Minister, Vince Cable, served on Public Accounts Comm, Lib Dem Treasury spokesman; dissented from Lib Dem line on Tuition Fees, Bedroom Tax; he announced he would retire at the 2015 General Election, disclosing in 2021 that his

decision was made after he had received death threats; joined board of Redcar Steelworks; holds Humanist beliefs; **Redcar 2005, 2010; MP 2010-2015**

SYCAMORE, Anthony, b 1961, ed Royal Northern Coll of Music, Oxford U; worked originally in banking later classical/jazz pianist, music teacher at Durham U; interests incl justice, openness in politics, human rights; **Stockton North 2015**

SYMONDS, T., first Liberal cand locally for 25 years; he polled 13.4%; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1974 Oct**

TAYLOR, Wendy B., b Hayes, Kent, into the Taylor family dynasty which provided five cands at the 2010 General Election; ed Bromley h s, Newcastle U, B Med Science; cons in Clinical Oncology, Newcastle Hospitals Trust; YL/ULS, Newcastle MBC 1988 to date; exec mbr for Environment Sustainability & Transport 2004-11; interested in the environment, transport; aunt of Rebecca Taylor qv (Yorkshire Region), daughter of Brian Harry T qv (Greater London); **Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019**

TEBBUTT, Joan, from a family of mining stock, lives Morpeth; qualified teacher, social worker; Morpeth TC, Mayor 2013-14; advocate of localism, strongly pro-Europe; interests incl education; seeks an enhanced role for women at all levels of government and in industrial/business management; **Wansbeck 2017, 2019**

TEMPLE, Owen; lived Consett since 1979, ran own business in Durham 1994-2000, later teacher at local comp s; deplores 'one party state' mentality of local political life; **North West Durham 2010, 2015, 2017**

TENNANT, Robert F., b 1936, ed Ripon g s, Leeds School of Librarianship; Ch Librarian; Northallerton TC; **Teesside, Thornaby 1974 Feb, Oct**, Ripon 1979 (Yorkshire Region)

THOMAS, Dr William Stanley Russell, b 1896; physician, surgeon, barrister; ed Brecon g s. Christ Coll, Brecon, Cambridge U; called to bar; pursued a maverick, itinerant 25 year career in politics; fought Ilford (Greater London) 1931, Aberdeenshire Central (Scotland) 1935, Ross & Cromarty by-e 1936 (Scotland) where he finished fourth with 738 votes, 4.1 %; subsequently defected to Liberal Nationals; elected unopposed under war time electoral truce at by-e Southampton 1940; MP 1940-45; unsuccessfully defended seat as Liberal National 1945; subsequently re-joined Party under Clement Davies; d 1957; **Middlesbrough East 1950**, Brecon & Radnor 1955 (Wales)

THOMPSON, David N., b 1932, ed Lancing Coll, Oxford U; ins broker; **Tynemouth 1959**

THOMPSON, J. Ian T., b Newbiggin-by-the Sea, Ch Eng, MIME; career in R & D Marconi, Olivetti; joined Liberals in 1960s attracted by appeal of Jo Grimond; Wansbek DC 1979-91, 1999-2009; Northumberland CC 1981-89, 1999-2001, 2008-; held various portfolios, latterly Public Protection 2010-; mbr Northumberland Police Authority; interests maritime structures, sea defences, jetties, harbours; dogged campaigner at six general elections over 40 years; East Dunbartonshire 1970 (Scotland), **Wansbek 1983, Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1992, Wansbek 1997, 2001, Sedgefield 2010**

TOSTEVIN, L., first Liberal cand locally for 24 years, he polled 13.4%; **Hartlepool 1974 Oct**

TRACEY, Peter M., ed King James g s, Huddersfield, Manchester U, Newcastle U; teacher; Blyth Valley DC grp ldr; **Blyth Valley 1992**

TURNER, Rodney S., b 1945, ed John Talbot's g s, Whitchurch, Coll of Law; adv rep; **Tynemouth 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct**

VICK, Geoffrey/Godfrey? Russell R., KC, b West Hartlepool 1892, ed Leys s, Cambridge U; service WW I; called to Bar 1917; contested Bishop Auckland 1918 under leadership of Lloyd George; distinguished career as barrister; criminal law specialist; served successively as Recorder at Richmond, Halifax and Newcastle-upon-Tyne; re-joined Liberals under Sir Archibald Sinclair qv (Scotland) at some date after 1935; presided over several major public enquiries in the 1940s and 50s, incl famous Lynskey Tribunal; his two election contests were 27 years apart, both on the immediate cessation of a World War, 1918 and 1945; d 1958; **The Hartlepoons 1945**

WADE, William P., b 1940, ed Douglas b h s, Isle of Man, Selly Oak Colls, Birmingham, Teesside Poly; resident social worker; Wear Valley DC; **Bishop Auckland 1992**

WALKER, Kenneth, b 1947, ed Darlington Tech s, Darlington Coll of FE; senior technical officer with British rail; Norton-on-Derwent TC; **Darlington 1979**

WALLACE, Dr Jonathan C., b 1963, ed Lobley Hill p s, Whickham comp s, Gateshead; Newcastle U; Gateshead MBC, formerly mbr SDP; active with Gateshead LDA, officer Regional Party; persistent campaigner; **Hexham 1992, Tyne Bridge 2001, Blaydon 2015, 2017, 2019**

WALLACE, Mary, b 1938, ed Merchant Taylors g s, Crosby, Newcastle Coll of Ed; ret teacher; **Tynebridge 1997, Stockton-on-Tees North 2001**

WARDLAW, Thomas Henry Campbell, b 1908, ed Royal g s, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; solicitor; deceased; **South Shields 1964**

WATSON, Geoffrey G., senior officer, Yorkshire Field Studies centre; broadcaster on natural history, countryside etc; **Cleveland & Whitby 1974 Feb, Oct**

WELSH, Dawn Elizabeth, born/raised Gateshead; spent 25 years in construction, energy, renewables sector; dir of local start up co; interests incl regeneration of Northeast; **Sedgefield 2019**

WEST, Carlton Lee, hails from Sunderland BAME community, lives Concord; RAF career; strongly pro-Remain; Humanist, mbr Friends of the Earth, devotee of physical fitness, extravert personality; **Washington & Sunderland West 2019**

WHITE, Stephen, ed Lancaster U; dir of fund raising, Campaign to Protect Rural England, worked for Alzheimer's Soc, Teacher's Support Network; practising Christian; interests incl affordable housing, economic development of the Northeast; as with all his colleagues locally he had to contend with a seismic percentage swing against the Party in a region where Lib Dem entry into the Coalition was widely opposed; **Bishop Auckland 2015**

WILKES, Mark A., b 1975, ed U of Sheffield, law graduate; ran a family business; Durham CC; local party activist; **Bishop Auckland 2010, City of Durham 2024**

WILKINSON, David, Jarrow born, raised at Hedworth, ed St Joseph's p s, St Joseph's comp s, Hebburn; joined Swan Hunter as apprentice; later worked in USA, Germany and for 10 years in Denmark; as mature student, graduated from university 1993; launched own property business 2001; local election cand; devoted to Nordic concept of liberalism; believes political system in UK is broken; advocate of electoral reform, devolution of powers to Northeast Region; **Jarrow 2019**

WILSON, Stan, b 1932? teacher/youth worker; former Redcar MBC Labour; defected to Liberals in 1970s, served on MBC for several years for Party; played club cricket over five decades; long-serving steward at Party Assemblies; made Life Member of Assembly; d March 2015; **Redcar 2001**

WOOD, Chris Foote, b Prestbury, Cheshire 1940, ed Bury g s, Lancashire, Kings Coll, Newcastle U, Open U; civil engineer, later pioneered free press newspapers establishing North Press News 2004; becoming an author, editor, publisher; Wear Valley DC ldr group; Durham MBC 2010, Durham CC for 12 years, Bishop Auckland MBC 1967-2007; Vice-Chair, Northeast Regional Party; Euro cand at five elections; indefatigable campaigner fighting eight parliamentary elections over 36 years; a prominent Party personality in the Northeast Region; has written books on miscellaneous subjects incl expose of T. Dan Smith's corrupt dealings on Tyneside; also 'ghost' write; cand for Mayor of Middlesbrough 2011, he stood down from the candidature at Richmond (Yorkshire Region) before the 2015 General Election; his wife Frances, a Party activist, served as voluntary full-time sec to Northeast Region for 20 years; defected to Labour 2018; ; brother of comedian and actor, the late Victoria Wood; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1974 Feb, Oct, Durham City 1979, North West Durham 1983, 1987, Bishop Auckland 2001, 2005, Middlesbrough 2010, Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East 2017**

WOODTHORPE-BROWN, Robert b Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, 1943, ed St Ignatius Coll, Stamford Hill, London, Poitiers U (France), Barcelona U (Spain), Birkbeck Coll; FRGS, FRFS; ins broker and underwriter; lives Broad Marston, Worcestershire; multi-linguist, excellent communicator; long active in Liberal Int, ELDR, former Chair PCA; Euro cand London Central 1979, Eastern Region 1999; organiser Party week-end courses; influential figure in highest echelons of Party, prominent at Lib Dem Assemblies; universally liked; sometime Chair of Party International Comm; noted for his organising skills; affable personality with multiplicity of interests; d 2022; Harlow 1979 (East of England Region), Kensington & Chelsea 1997, by-e 1999 (Greater London), Mid Worcestershire 2001 (West Midland Region), **Sedgefield 2005**, South Staffordshire 2015 (West Midland Region)

WOODS, Carol Ann, b London 1954, ed Durham g g s, Hull U; sales marketing management; now runs small business; joined Party 1999; cllr Durham CC, Durham City C dpty ldr 2003-08; interests incl business creation, regeneration; **City of Durham 2001, 2005, 2010**

YOUNES, Natalie, law graduate, pursuing early career in social welfare law, later in NHS with primary care and mental health; now a consultant; calls for fair deal for communities in health, transport and education; **North Northumberland 2024**

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SDP CANDIDATES IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 1983 AND 1987

ANDERSON John, b 1950, ed Castleton s, corr courses; sen admin officer Tyne & Wear CC; **Sunderland South 1983**

ANDREW, Ralph I, b 1935, ed local s s; runs agricultural seed co; Hambledon DC, North Yorks CC; **Sedgefield 1987,**

ANGUS, Peter, b 1948, ed Thames Poly; ind development officer; **South Shields 1983**

BERTRAM, Norman, b 1936, ed Keele U, Leeds U; headmaster; **Hartlepool 1983**

BOSANQUET, Nicholas F. G., b 1942; Camden LBC research fellow York U; economic adviser to Prices & Incomes Board; Slough 1983 (South Central Region); **Stockton-on-Tees 1987**

BROWNLOW, Rosemary, b 1948, ed Sacred Heart g s, Newcastle, Leeds U; dpty head of comp h s; local DCllr; she added 8.8% to her share of the poll, losing in 1987 by just 853 votes, one the best results for the Party in the UK; **Blyth Valley 1983, 1987**

CARR, Maurice Carr b 1937, ed LSE, Harvard U; barrister; Gateshead MBC; **Blaydon 1983, 1987**

COOK, Anthony, presenter with Tyne Tees TV; **Darlington by-e 1983**

DUTTON, Raymond, b 1948, ed George Dixon g s, Birmingham, Hall Green Tech Coll, Keele U, City of London; investment analyst; **Darlington 1983**

HORAM, John Rhodes, later Lord H. of Grimsargh, b Preston 1939, ed Cambridge U; worked as market researcher for Rowntree's; originally Labour; fought Folkestone & Hythe 1966; MP Gateshead West 1970-83, one of earliest defectors from Labour to SDP; at Westminster Under Sec of State for Transport, Party spokesman on economic affairs; joined Conservatives 1987; MP Orpington 1992-2010; junior minister under John Major at Ministry of Health 1992-97; opposed war with Iraq 2003, one of the few Conservative MPs to do so; a 'survivor' who flourished in politics for many years as a maverick 'man of the centre'; Peerage 2013; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1983**

HUDSON, Keith Howard, b 1947, ed Dudley sec s; ins agent; **Sunderland South 1987**

JEARY, Dr Derek, b 1954, ed Durham Johnston g s, Newcastle U; general practitioner; **North Durham 1987**

KENYON, Rodney Frank (Rod), OBE, b 1945, ed Liverpool U; personnel manager; HR director British Gas, d 2013; **Houghton & Washington 1983, Tyne Bridge by-e 1985, Houghton & Washington 1987**

MANSFIELD, Dr John C., ed Merchant Taylors's, Northwood, Oxford U, Newcastle Medical School; house medical officer; **Tyne Bridge 1987**

MARTIN, Dr Nigel, b 1945, ed Clee Humberstone Foundation s, Cleethorpes, Cambridge U; lect/Vice-Principal, Durham U; Durham CC; **Newcastle-upon-Tyne Central 1987**. (see Lib Dem section)

MELLING, Margaret, b 1945, ed St Anthony's g s, Sunderland, Bede Coll, Durham U, Open U; dpty headteacher; cllr Sunderland MBC, South Tyneside Met CC; many interest incl community health, Women's Aid; **South Shields 1987**

NIGHTINGALE, Glyn, b 1943, ed York U, Manchester U; teacher; **Redcar 1983, 1987**

NUNN, Paul, b 1948, ed Woodhouse Grove s, Bradford, Bristol U; sports journalist; Gateshead MBC; after merger joined Lib Dems; **Gateshead East 1983, Blaydon 1987** (see Lib Dem Section)

PHYLACTOU, Joan, b 1947, ed University Coll, Birkbeck Coll, London U; sen lect Newcastle Poly; **Wallsend 1983, 1987**

RIPPETH, Noel G., b 1939, ed Durham U, Open U; teacher; **Gateshead East, 1987**

RODGERS, Rt Hon William Thomas (Bill), PC, later Lord R. of Quarry Bank, b Liverpool 1928, ed Quarry Bank h s, Liverpool, Oxford U; Gen Sec Fabian Soc 1953-1960; Marylebone MBC 1958-1962; joined Labour 1945, supporter of Hugh Gaitskell against left wing; held numerous government posts, parliamentary Under Secretary to George Brown at DEA and later Foreign Office; Minister of State, Board of Trade, Ministry of Defence 1974-76, later at the Treasury and under James Callaghan, 1976-79, Secretary of State for Transport; Life Peer 1992; one of the original 'Gang of Four' (David Owen, Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams qqv) who broke with Labour to found the SDP 1981; very successful chief negotiator for SDP in division of candidatures with the Liberals for the General Elections 1983, 1987; possibly dispute in not more than three which were subsequently contested by both Parties; enthusiastic advocate of merger leading 'Yes To Unity' campaign; outside parliament posts with RIBA 1987-94, Advertising Standards Authority 1995-2000 etc; in Lords spokesman on Home Affairs 1994-97; author several books including biography *Gaitskell* (1963); autobiography, *Fourth Among Equals* (2004); Bristol West by-e 1957; Stockton-upon-Tees by-e 1962 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983; MP Labour 1962-1983; **Stockton-on-Tees North 1983**, Milton Keynes 1987 (East of England)

SHAND, David, b 1943, ed Barnsley Holgate g s, Nottingham Coll of Ed; recreation officer Easington DC; **Sedgefield 1983**

STOKER, Dr David b 1952, ed Manchester U, historical researcher at Sheffield U; at both elections he polled over 32%, one of the best results for the Party in the region; **City of Durham 1983, 1987**

THOMAS, Michael Stuart (Mike), b 1944, ed Latymer Upper s, Hammersmith, Liverpool U; formerly Labour for whom he contested Hertfordshire East 1970; MP (Labour) Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1974- Oct 1983; Strategy Cttee 1983-87; VP SDP 1988-90; in Commons mbr of select Committee on MPs' salaries; Roy Jenkins referred to him as 'the pint sized Pavarotti' on account of his stocky build & beard and his larger than life character, joined LDs 2010 in support of its decision to enter into coalition with the Conservatives; **Newcastle-upon -Tyne East 1983**, Exeter 1987 (Devon & Cornwall)

WRIGGLESWORTH, (Sir) Ian William., now Lord W. of Norton-on-Tees, b Stockton-on-Tees 1939, ed Stockton g s, Stockton Tech Coll; originally Labour, (MP Thornaby 1974-81) defected to SDP in 1981 becoming a founder member; he lost his seat by 774 votes in 1987; first President of the Social & Liberal Democrats 1988-90 during its early days of turmoil; Kt 1991; accepted numerous appointments, directorships and chair of official committees in Northeast Region; founder-chair of Newcastle Gateshead Initiative in unsuccessful bid for Euro Capital of Culture 2008; Chair, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead; Lib-Dem National Treasurer 2012-15; Life Peer 2013; **Stockton South 1983, 1987; MP SDP 1981-1987**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*