

LIBERAL/LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

in the

NORTH WEST REGION 1945-2024

Constituencies in the counties of Cheshire, Cumbria and Lancashire

SECTION ONE: LIBERAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024

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

PREFACE

The North West Region was barren territory for the Liberal/Liberal Democratic Party for decades from the 1920s with a high number of constituencies left unfought at many General Elections. After a brief revival in 1950, in common with most regions in the UK, when the Party widened the front considerably, there ensued a further bleak period until the 1970s. In 1983-87, as with other regions, approximately half the constituencies were fought by the SDP as partners in the Alliance.

30 or more candidates listed below have fought elections in constituencies in other regions, one in as many as five. Cross-checking of these individuals has taken time but otherwise the compilation of this regional Index has been relatively straight forward compared with others. Special note has been made of the commendable achievements of 'pioneer' candidates who courageously carried the fight into the vast swathe of Labour-held constituencies across the industrial zone of the region beginning in the 1970s. The Northwest Region has produced its fair share of personalities who have flourished in fields outside parliamentary politics. Particularly interesting are the candidates, some of whom were briefly MPs, whose long careers began just after World War I and who remained active as candidates until well after World War II.

I am greatly indebted to Michael Braham, solicitor, currently Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, who has forwarded much invaluable information on Northwest Region personalities which he has generously allowed me to incorporate into the directory. Long associated with the Southport LDA, he is the author of a comprehensive history of the Liberal/Liberal Democratic party in that town, covering the period 1885-1995. There can be few constituency parties anywhere in the country which have had such an impact upon their region in terms of parliamentary candidates, regional officers or distinguished personalities in public life.

There were two by-elections, designated (i), (ii) at Bootle in 1990, caused by the untimely demise, within a very short time span, of successive Labour MPs. Following the recognised practice, the Liberal Democrats did not nominate a candidate at the Speaker's seat of Chorley at the General Elections of 2019 or 2024. (omission of Rusholme by error)+++

Lionel King, October 2024

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.

Note: there were four two-member constituencies in Lancashire, and one in Cheshire, at the 1945 General Election, denoted 'n' after the date. At one of these constituencies, Preston, the Liberals nominated a single candidate.

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF CANDIDATES

SECTION ONE

LIBERAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024

ACLAND, Arthur Geoffrey Dyke, b Hanover Square, W London W 1908, of a noted Liberal family; ed Rugby s, Cambridge U, U of Grenoble; managing dir of paper manufacturing co; son of Lib MP, brother of Richard A. (Liberal MP for Barnstaple 1935-1945, who defected from the Liberals to the Commonwealth Party 1942, later Labour MP); service WW II; mainly interested in international affairs; Chair, LPO 1954-1956; returned to LPO Council early 1960s; d 1964; **Westmorland 1945, 1950, 1951, 1955, 1959**

ADAMS, Florence Emilie, b Liverpool 1905, ed St Edmund's Coll, Liverpool U; personnel manager; with Ministry of Supply; long experience as voluntary social worker, Liverpool slum areas; d 1981; **Chorley 1950**

ADDISON, (later COLEMAN-TAYLOR), Christine Ruth, née Moffett, b 1947, ed Manchester g h s, York U, Manchester U; maths teacher; Party mbr over 50 years; NLYL Chair, 1973-75, later Chair, ULS; had considerable influence in 1970s as one of the most energetic young women in the Party, contributing greatly to the rise in the importance of the YLs and its influence on Liberal policy and strategy; she opposed the call for a government of national unity after the equivocal result of the Feb 1974 General Election; author, *Women* (NLYLs, 1979); Idr North Wiltshire DC; Party officer Todmorden, later Idr grp Todmorden TC; on a famous occasion at the Brighton Assembly 1986, in a debate which took place in an electric atmosphere, she was a leading speaker in overturning official Party policy on the nuclear deterrent, having declared the arms race to be 'a lunatic competition'; stunned all present at a Blackpool Assembly when, seated at the legendary electric organ, she rose triumphantly from the bowels of the earth at The Tower during a social evening; mother of Rachel Coleman-Finch qv, a Party activist at Cambridge, who in turn has impressed as a speaker at Party Assemblies in recent years; Ruth was a contributor to *Liberator*; she re-appeared as token cand in 2019; d 13/7/2022, Greece; her obituary appeared in *Liberator*, Sept 2022; **Liverpool, Toxteth 1979, Macclesfield 1983, Woodspring 1987 (Southwest Region), Leeds Central 2005, Leeds West 2010, Barnsley East 2015 (all Yorkshire), Wolverhampton North East 2019 (West Midland Region)**

AFZAL, Qassim (Kas) H., b Manchester 1960, of Muslim background, M.A. Salford U, currently reading for PhD in International Business; business cons; TV presenter, journalist, lect; joined Party 1998; LPO Fed Exec; cllr Manchester City C 1998-; interested in building bridges between faiths; member of numerous Party and public committees; Euro cand (Northwest Region) 2004, 2009; Birmingham, Small Heath & Sparkbrook 2001 (West Midland Region), **Manchester, Gorton 2005, 2010**

AGLIONBY, Prof Julia Catherine Weir, FRGS, FRSA, b 1969, lived and worked locally 30 years; ed St Paul's g s, Oxford U, U Coll, London, Newcastle U; agricultural economist, practising Ch Surveyor, Prof in Practice, Cumbria U; has worked in Southeast Asia; active campaigner on variety of issues incl flooding, agriculture, future of local businesses; trustee of a care farm in Carlisle; experienced in

radio and press activity; mbr board Natural England 2014-19, exec dir Foundation for Common Land 2012; **Carlisle 2019, Penrith & Solway 2024**

AHMED, Irfan, b Nelson, ed Manchester U, of Muslim background; IT cons; campaigner in East Lancashire area for new primary school and against hospital closure; worked with Chris Davies qv to recruit support for Remain within the Muslim community; **Blackburn 2017**

AKBAR ALI, Mohammed, of Muslim background; b 1925, ed Osmania U, Hyderabad, Indian Inst of Science, Bangalore, Manchester U; ret Ch Eng; trustee, Pres Liverpool Muslim Society; formerly SDP; **Liverpool, Riverside 1992**

AKERROYD, (some sources 'ACKROYD') Tim J., b 1947, ed Kirkham g s, Manchester U; barrister; Guildford MBC 1971-72; after many years' absence from political campaigning, stood as 'Liberal' in Fylde 2005 in opposition to Party cand; **Bolton East 1974 Feb**

AKISTER, Edward b 1933, ed Friends' s, Lancaster, Owen's s, Manchester civil eng manager, aviation admin manager; active with the preservation of the historic ind archaeology and amenities at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire; **Whitehaven 1979**

ALCOCK, Mark, b 1964? lives Shaw; worked in several spheres, farming, production worker, shop man; Oldham MBC; **South Ribble 2001, 2005, Oldham West & Royton 2010, Bury North 2024**

ALDERSLEY, Ralph E., b 1940, ed Carlisle Tech Coll; British Rail electrician; Cumbria CC, Carlisle DC; EEPTU; **Carlisle 1992**

ALEXANDER, Peter, b 1929, ed Eton, Oxford U; writer; **Penrith & the Border 1974 Feb**

AL-HAMDANI, Sam, born/raised Saddleworth, of Muslim background; lives Lees; freelance designer, editor; has worked for CBI, WHO; dissatisfied with neglect of local economy; supports Green Revolution; **Oldham East & Saddleworth 2019, 2024**

ALTON, David Patrick Paul, KCSG, KCMLO, later Lord A. of Liverpool, b E London 1951, of Catholic background, ed Champions s, Hornchurch, Essex, Christ's Coll of Ed, Liverpool; teacher of children with special needs; attracted by community politics campaigning after working in Birmingham, Ladywood by-election for Wallace Lawler 1969; cllr Liverpool City C from 1972, Britain's youngest cllr; he first attracted wider attention when at the age of 23 he polled 26.7% at Edge Hill, a constituency deemed 'hopeless' hitherto, left uncontested for 24 years; 'baby' of House of Commons, on his by-e victory in 1979 which provided a morale boost on the eve of what proved to be a very disappointing election year for the Party; he held his seat fairly comfortably despite two rounds of boundary changes; retired relatively early from the Commons, following disagreements over Party policy; appointed Life Peer 1997, sitting as a cross bencher; has maintained steadfast opposition to Termination of Pregnancies Act; has a distinguished record of campaigning against human rights abuses; author of book and pamphlets; **Liverpool, Edge Hill 1974 Feb, Oct, by-e 1979, 1979, Liverpool, Mossley Hill 1983, 1987, 1992; MP 1979-1997; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography***

ANKERS, Catherine Louise, works for IT software co, commercial product manager; campaigned for internal Party reforms on the 'one man, one vote issue'; **Stretford & Urmston 2015, Denton & Reddish 2017**

ANKERS, Paul J., lives Stockport; data analyst with British Gas; Manchester City C; interests incl equality, diversity issues; **Bolton North East 2010, Bury South 2015, Stalybridge & Hyde 2017**

ANWAR, Shazad; of Moslem background, solicitor, purportedly living in Pendle; his Labour opponent alleged he and his family were registered electors in Burnley; subject to an Early Day Motion in the Commons after the General Election which was coupled with a demand for individual voter registration; **Pendle 2005**

ANWAR, M. Afzal, b Nelson 1974? Of Moslem background; criminal law barrister; interests incl local hospital services, increasing local economic activity; **Pendle 2010, Rossendale & Darwen 2015**

ARMITAGE, Herbert Kevin, b 1911, ed elem s; printer's auctioneer/valuer; from strongly Labour family; (father was pioneer of TGWU, mother active in Labour women's organisation); left Labour 1938, joined Liberals 1944; d 1973; **Droylesden 1950**

ARMSTRONG, Thomas N., b 1919, ed Manchester g s; marketing exec with ICI; active with Regional Party; deceased; **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1964, 1966, Northwich 1970**

ARNOLD, Peter John, JP, b 1944, ed Carlisle g s, Didsbury Coll of Education, London U, M Ed, Sunderland Poly; teacher, later education officer; joined Liberals 1967; migrated to the North East; Euro cand Tyne and Wear 1989; cllr Newcastle City C from 1995 grp ldr/ldr opposition; **Stockport North 1974 Feb, Oct, Rossendale 1979**, Newcastle-upon-Tyne East 1987 (Northeast Region)

ARNOLD, W. Ainslie, lived locally over 30 years; Cheshire East UA, Macclesfield MBC; Vice-Chair Police Authority; cand for Police Commissioner 2012; later defected to Conservatives; **Tatton 2005**

ARSTALL, Albert Edward, b 1921, ed Urmston g s, Salford Tech Coll, Manchester U, Alsager Training College; qualified pharmacist; curriculum development officer; the first Liberal cand for 24 years, he polled 17.1%; deceased; **Salford West 1974 Feb, Oct**

ASHLEY, James M., b 1940, ed Manchester College of Art and Design; display designer; **Manchester, Gorton 1970, Manchester, Blackley 1979**

ASHMORE, Lt Cdr Brian G., b 1924, ed Wallasey g s, Oxford U; naval service; economist; patent officer, housing manager of eng co, sec of housing assn; Maryport UDC; deceased; **Penrith & the Border 1959, Carlisle 1964**

ASPINALL, Denise Margaret Elizabeth, sen lect Liverpool John Moores U; originally Conservative; Party activist in St Helens; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 2010, St Helens North 2015**

ATKIN, Eric Percy, b Barton upon Irwell, Lancashire 1911, ed Bowden Coll; service Far East during WW II; ran general merchandising business in Altrincham; Hale UDC; the election at Moss Side was held some weeks late owing to the death of the Conservative cand; he bravely remained in situ after the disastrous Liberal showing at the General Election only weeks earlier; d 1977; **Manchester, Moss Side 1950**

ATKINS, Ray; previously agent in Cheshire constituencies including Cheadle, later at Southport 1987; **Leigh 2001**

AUSTICK, David, b 1940, ed Leeds; bookshop owner in York (whose employees' rates of pay were rumoured to be minimal); entered politics relatively late, in 1970s; district/county cllr in Yorkshire; Chair LCA, later Chair of Electoral Reform Society; LPO Council; his sensational victory at a by-election in the erstwhile Tory stronghold of Ripon was a great boost to Party morale; not remembered for being a strong personality; Euro cand Leeds 1979; cllr Leeds City C 1973-77; d 1997; Ripon by-e 1973, 1974 Feb (Yorkshire Region); MP for just seven months; **Cheadle 1979**

AUSTIN, Jake, born/raised in Wigan, now lives Stockport; cand Greater Manchester Mayoral election, Stockport MBC, identifies as LGBTQ+; interests incl public transport options, protecting green spaces, cleaning up rivers; **Salford 2024**

BADGER, G. William, b 1944, ed Warwick S, Exeter U, Birmingham U; educ authority officer; **Workington 1987**

BALFOUR, Honor Catherine Mary, b Liverpool 1912, ed Blackburn House s, Liverpool U, Oxford U; leading figure in University Liberal Club from mid 1930s; strong opponent of Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler; joined Party's influential Radical Action Group; Fleet Street journalist; long associated with *Time* magazine; became critic of war-time all-party truce and Sinclair's aloof, remote leadership; resigned from Party to contest war-time by-election (the seat of Liberal Leader Herbert Samuel until his defeat in 1935) without official Party support or organisation, losing by just 70 votes; later reconciled with the Liberal, adopted as official Liberal candidate for 1945 General Election; thereafter gradually withdrew from Liberal activity, concentrating on her journalistic career, becoming a revered figure; finally resigned membership in 1957, objecting to the choice of cand, J. M. Davies at the Carmarthen by-election qv (Wales), who supported Eden's line on Suez; refused to join Labour; retained all her Liberal friends; an interview with Mark Egan, at her Cotswolds home at Windrush, shortly before her death, is well worth reading; unrelated to the Conservative Prime Minister, A. J. B; d 2001; obituaries spoke of her great political potential, sadly unrealised; she figures in the Lib Dem History Group booklet *Mothers of Liberty* (2012); her leading role in the development of broadcast journalism is comprehensively covered in a scholarly article by Helen Langley, *Journal of Liberal History* (no 109, winter 2020-21); **Darwen** (as Ind Liberal) by-e 1943, **1945**

BAMBER, David, b 1949, ed Warwick Bolar CS s, Liverpool City Coll; charity area manager; Euro cand 1994; cllr Sefton MBC grp ldr; **Knowsley North & Sefton East 1997**

BANKS, Thomas Mercer, b 1910, ed Hoylake, Birkenhead, Cambridge U; studied in Geneva, reading International Law; army service WWII; called to Bar 1936, practised on Northern Circuit, Central Criminal Court; past Chair, Hoylake UDC Chair from 1947; active with YMCA national council; originally adopted as PPC to fight Wirral 1937; d 1974; Dewsbury 1945 (Yorkshire Region), **Wirral 1950, Bebington 1951**

BARLOW, Roger J., b Canterbury 1951, ed Edinburgh Acad, Oxford U, Cambridge U; particle physicist; lives Knutsford; **Warrington South 2001, Halton 2005, Macclesfield 2010**

BARNETT, Richard, b 1951, ed King George V g s, London U; solicitor; **Wirral 1979**

BARR, Bob, lived Lymm since 1982 ed partly U of Santa Barbara, California; lect, dir of research Manchester U for 30 years; urban/social geographer; Chair, Manchester Geomatics, dir of housing trust; **Warrington South 2015**

BARTON, Jo, b Chorley, attended s/coll Tarleton, Leyland; Sefton MBC; concerned with environmental issues; **Preston 2015, West Lancashire 2017, South Ribble 2019, West Lancashire by-e 2023**

BATE, Ryan, b/raised Warrington, ed Lancaster U, Manchester Metro U, in oil industry later teacher; joined Party at school aged 16; Warrington MBC; became immersed in community politics, ubiquitous campaigner; Fellow Royal Geographic Assn, Assn of Teachers and Lecturers; interests incl social mobility, equality of opportunity, education; **Halton 2015, Warrington South 2019**

BATE, Steven; Chair, Blackpool LDA; later fought as Ind cand in local elections; **Blackpool North & Fleetwood 2001, 2005**

BAUM, Richard, b Bury 1981, ed Warwick U, Birmingham U; NHS manager, Pennine Care NHS; local government officer, **Bury North 2010, 2015, 2017**

BAYLEY, (Captain) Lawrence Gordon b 1922, grandson of Edward Hodson B. 1841-1938 (MP for North Camberwell, London 1892-95); ed Kelly Coll, Tavistock, Manchester U; research dir Manchester Coll of Science & T'nology; WWII service; formerly active with ULS; d 1993; **Altrincham & Sale 1950, Manchester, Blackley 1966, Altrincham & Sale 1970**

BEALE, (Sqd Ldr) A., RAF service WW II; deceased; **Ashton-under-Lyne by-e 1945**

BEATTY, Dr Paul C. W., b 1952, ed Handsworth g s, Birmingham U, Kingston-upon-Thames Poly; medical physicist; formerly SDP (see SDP section); Party Federal Conference Comm; **Macclesfield 1992**

BEETHAM, Frank J., b 1932, ed St Joseph's and St Alban's R C schools, Blackburn Tech h s; toolmaker; Blackburn MBC from 1964; **Heywood & Royton 1970, Blackburn 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

BEGG, John L., joined Party after merger 1987; **Fylde 2001** see SDP section

BEHRENS, Leonard Frederick, b 1890, ed Rugby s, Manchester g s; shipper and merchant in family business; prominent in Manchester business world; in 1914-18 served as relief officer in Salonika, Greece; a greatly revered figure in Party, steadfast advocate of United Nations; Vice-Pres World Federation of UN organisations; prominent in inter-University affairs; Chair, LPO Exec; serious-minded, not noted for a striking sense of humour but was once erroneously introduced to a Birmingham University Liberal Society meeting as 'Harold Behrens' (a popular BBC Radio comedian of the day); he opened his address with the latter's catchphrase 'Wot a geezer!'; he was deeply resentful at the sell-out of the Liberal-inclined daily *The News Chronicle* to the right-wing *Daily Mail* in October 1960; he believed *The Chronicle* had been badly managed for some time and its million or more readers had been betrayed; the tragedy occurred when the Party was experiencing a revival in its fortunes on a national scale; it has been suggested that Behrens might have envisaged negotiations with *The Guardian*, then about to emerge as a national daily; d 1978; **Manchester, Withington 1945, 1950**

BEIRNE, John, b 1961, ed Parr h s; hairdresser; persistent campaigner; cllr St Helens MBC for 20 years, Mayor 2008-09; disagreeing with Coalition, eventually defected to UKIP; found guilty on historic sexual offences charges 2017; **St Helen's North 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010**

BELL, Alistair Watson, b 1930, ed Lanark g s, George Watson's s, Edinburgh U, Oxford U; National Service in HM Army as 2nd Lieut; barrister; later Circuit Judge 1978-97; d 2012; **Chorley 1964, Westmorland 1966**

BELL, Allan F., b 1928, ed Camphill s, Paisley Tech Coll, sales exec; **Salford East 1970, 1974 Oct**

BENJAMIN, Malvyn, b 1936, of Jewish background, ed Dulwich Coll prep s, St Paul's s, King's Coll, London U; solicitor; first Liberal cand at Barrow for 24 years, polling 19.6%; on his nomination papers his very inexperienced agent described him as a 'solicitor' rather than a 'Liberal'; Luton (East of England Region) by-e 1963, **Barrow-in-Furness 1974 Feb, Oct**

BENSON, A. (Tony), lived Cheshire; founded dyeing co; active in community as Methodist youth worker; was active in the local community in Hackney, East London; d aged 75; **Bury & Radcliffe 1974 Oct**

BENTLIFF, (Captain) Hubert David, b 1891, ed Dulwich Coll, Cambridge U; London U; severely wounded on service WWI; under-sec to former National Assistance Board, with civil service, later barrister, called to the Bar 1920; Exec, Northwest Liberal Fed; revitalised Southport LA by vigorous campaigning incl open air meetings; died 1953 following an emergency operation after lodging his nomination papers for local government elections; left reputation for passionately fighting injustice; **Southport 1951, by-e 1952**

BERRY, Anthony J., b 1939, ed St Brendan's Coll, Bristol and Us of Bath, London, Seattle, Manchester; lect at Manchester U; Disley RDC; **Macclesfield 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

BESTWICK, Francis C., b 1950, ed Manchester U, Christ Coll, Liverpool, Open U; writer of learning tapes; active with Trafford LDA; **Stretford 1992**

BESWICK, Trevor, b 1935, ed Bradford g s, Leeds U; teacher; now lives Wigan; fought Stoke-on-Trent North (West Midland Region) for SDP 1983 see SDP section; joined Lib Dems on merger; **Wigan 1997, 2001, Makerfield 2005**

BHATTI, Faraz A., b 1974; cllr Manchester City C; defected to Conservatives; later charged and cleared of threatening to murder his wife; **Stretford & Urmston 2005**

BILSON, G. Frederick, ed Harrow Co b s, London, Liverpool h s, Camb U, Pres Liberal Club; teacher; **Birkenhead 1959**

BINGHAM, Vivian (Viv), CBE, b 1932, spent early life in Alnwick, Northumberland; ed King Edward's s, Birmingham, Oxford U; personnel dir, company managing dir, management cons; worked for Co-op Wholesale Society from 1980; joined Liberals 1962; campaigned for policies on industrial democracy; supported CND; LPO President 1981-1982; plain speaking; much loved figure in Party circles; Euro cand 1979; the Viv Bingham lecture series was established in his honour; d 2012; **Heywood & Royton 1974 Feb, Oct, Hazel Grove 1979, Derbyshire West 1983 (East Midlands Region) Stalybridge & Hyde 2005**

BIRCHALL, Loraine, CT cons, union rep, AMICUS; active with Barrow & Furness LDA, much involved in public life locally; campaigner for women in business; **Carlisle 2015, Barrow & Furness 2017, 2019**

BIRTWISTLE, Gordon, b 1943, ed Hindburn Park sec mod s, Accrington Coll of FE; HNCs in Prod and Mech Eng; prop of eng business; cllr Burnley MBC 1985 grp ldr, Mayor 2002-2003, Council ldr 2006-2010; determined campaigner, successful on 4th attempt; **Burnley 1992, 1997, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024; MP 2010-2015**

BITHEL, Colin b 1935, ed Deeside comp s; prod controller, Vauxhall Motors, Cheshire; Flintshire CC, Alyn & Deeside DC; subsequently defected to SDP (see SDP Section); **Crewe 1979**

BLACK, Geoffrey, b 1948, of Jewish background, ed Quarry Bank s, Liverpool; Ch Acc; **Liverpool, Garston, 1974 Feb, Oct**

BLACKBURN, Chris G. A., b Blackpool, raised at Bamber Bridge, ed Manchester U; works in business development with Morson Int; Stockport MBC; **Leigh 2010**

BLACKBURN, Desmond, b 1920, ed Shrewsbury s; managing dir of catering co; deceased; **Altrincham & Sale 1974 Feb, Oct, Ilkeston 1979 (East Midlands)**

BLACKSHAW, Neil, b 1948, ed Hyde g s, Manchester U, Cardiff U; town planning officer; **Workington 1979, 1983**

BLAKEMAN, Arthur Kenneth, b Nantwich 1918, originally teacher, latterly in business in leather, asbestos and woollen manufacturing; active in Society of Friends; WW II involvement with Friends Rescue Service; held local/regional posts with LPO; d 1984; **Accrington 1950**

BLEAKLEY, Robert Mark, b 1970, ed Fred Longworth h s, Tyldesley, St John's Coll, Manchester; admin assist; Party Arts working group; **Leigh 1992, Worsley 1997, 2001**

BLEASE, Prof Walter Lyon, b 1884, ed Parkfield s, Shrewsbury s, Liverpool U; served with hospital units in Russia, Serbia and Romania 1915-18, in WW I; barrister, academic, called to Bar 1906; Prof of Law, Liverpool U 1919-49; Chair, 1952-60 Exec Council of NHS, Liverpool; a Governor of British Film Inst from 1936; his first two attempts to enter Parliament were 35 years apart; d 1963; Chorley 1910; **Liverpool, East Toxteth, 1945, Liverpool, Garston 1950**

BLONDE, Anthony, b 1928, of Jewish background; ed Eton, Oxford; publisher, co dir, dir Greater Manchester Ind Radio; publisher and director *Private Eye*; formerly Labour for whom he fought City of Chester 1964; d 2008; **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1974 Feb**

BODSWORTH, Stuart A., b/raised Birmingham; former immigration officer, later in diplomatic service, worked for Patsy Calton MP qv; interests incl environmental health, trading standards; **Oldham West & Royton 2005; Stockport 2010**

BONNER, Sean, born locally, ed Warwick U; works for educational charity; supports proposal for 1p increase in income tax ear-marked for NHS; against fracking; supports increased investment in tree-planting; **Rossendale & Darwen 2019**

BOOTH, (F/Lt) James, b 1914, ed Bolton h s, Manchester U, WW II RAF service; youngest barrister in Britain when called to Bar, 1936; Town Clerk at Ossett 1939-41; Recorder of Barrow-in-Furness; later circuit judge; d 2000; Leeds West 1945 (Yorkshire Region); **Darwen 1950**

BOOTH, William, b 1930, ed North Manchester g s, Manchester U; radio journalist with BBC external services; LPO Council; **Lancaster & Lunesdale 1983**

BOWEN, John, b Birmingham 1908; warden of Toc H Hostel in Liverpool, later active with Clerical and Admin U, Liverpool Engineering U; mbr ALTU; employee of telephone manufacturing co; Liverpool City C where he was prominent for several decades; d 1990; **Liverpool, Edge Hill 1950**

BOWKER, Gemma-Jane, ed Manchester U, King's Coll, London U, Trinity Coll, Dublin; marketing communications professional; Powys CC 2012-17; **Bolton South & Walkden 2024**

BOYD, Robert D., FRSC, b, ed Hymers Coll, Hull, Hull Municipal Tech Coll; Ch Chem; ret tech coll sen lect; active with NATFHE; activist with North East Regional Party; formerly SDP; Salford City C; mbr Campaign Against Toxic Waste; **Worsley 1992, Eccles 1997, 2001**

BRAHAM, Michael P., DL, b Bolton, 1949, of Jewish background, ed Sunnymede s, Clifton Coll, Chester Coll of Law; solicitor; Chair, later Pres Southport LDA 1990s; currently Dpty Lord Lieut of Merseyside; author, *History of Southport LA 1885-1995*; inexhaustible mine of information on Party history/personalities in Northwest Region, notable contributor to *Directory of Liberal Candidates*; **Huyton 1974 Oct, Preston North 1979**

BRAME, Allan J., Wirral MBC; on the ballot paper his name is reported to have appeared as 'His Royal Highness Prince Allan Brame OBE, VC, ABS (and all-round nice guy)'; he polled 20.2%; **Wirral West 1987, Birkenhead 2017**

BRENTON, P. Michael, b 1941, ed St Bede's s, Vindicatrix Training Coll; airline chief steward; **Runcorn 1974 Feb**

BRIDGES, John R., b 1961, ed Monks Walk s, Welwyn Garden City, Manchester U; Manchester City C; Gorton Community Forum; **Stretford & Urmston 1997, 2001, Manchester, Central 2017, 2019**

BRIGGS, Charles, lives locally; Burnley MBC, Idr, Lancashire CC; his wife Lynn, who died tragically in 2014, served alongside him on Burnley MBC; advocate of an increase in the number of local industrial apprenticeships; **Salford & Eccles 2015**

BROADHURST, Stephen J., b Macclesfield 1965; ed Cranfield U; engineer, business improvement cons; Macclesfield MBC 2007-11; **Denton & Reddish 2010**

BRODIE-BROWNE, Iain M. b 1953, ed Blackdown h s, City of London Poly; charity dir with Age Concern, MIND; Cheshire CC, Congleton MBC, Southport MBC, Sefton MBC, grp Idr, Mayor 2016-17; lives Southport; contributor to *Liberator*; currently Chair of the influential Social Liberal Forum; **Warrington 1979, Southport 1983, Congleton 1987, 1992**

BROOKS, K. Claire, See GRAHAM, K. Claire,

BROOKS, Robert, b 1938, ed Yew Tree sec s, Wythenshawe; chair/organiser of community assn; Macclesfield MBC; **Manchester, Gorton 1974 Feb**

BROPHY, Jane Elizabeth, b London 1963, ed Leeds U; public health dietician; long serving Trafford MBC; interests incl climate change, environment; in the by-e she managed to cling on bravely to the meagre Party percentage poll of six months earlier; cand Manchester Mayoral Election 2017; MEP 2019-20; **Eccles 2005, Altrincham & Sale West 2010, 2015, Oldham West & Royton by-e 2015, Altrincham & Sale West 2017, 2024**

BROWN, Kris, b/raised Enfield, North London; Enfield LBC; moved to Merseyside 2011; cinema employee, later worked in renewable energy sector; stresses need for more apprenticeships; **Wallasey 2015, Liverpool, Riverside 2017, Garston & Halewood 2019**

BROWNBILL, George, b 1931, ed sec mod s; clerk; Burnley MBC; **Burnley 1970**

BRUCE, K., **Wigan 1979**

BRUNNER, Sir Felix John Morgan, 3rd Bt, b 1897 into a Liberal family of Cheshire chemical manufacturers, of Swiss background; (his grandfather 1st Bt John B. was MP for Northwich 1885-86, by-e 1887-1910; his father John Fowler B. 2nd Bt was MP successively for Leigh 1906-10, Northwich 1910-18 and Southport 1923-24); Felix B. succeeded to the baronetcy in 1929; LPO Pres 1962-63; held several LPO offices; m Elizabeth Irving d 2003 the daughter of the Victorian actor manager, Sir Henry I.; she served as Chair of the Federation of W Is; their son Sir Hugo L. J. B. 4th Bt (qv Devon & Cornwall Region), kinsman of Oswald B. qv (South Central Region); ; Sir Felix served during WW II at Air Ministry, London; he presented his home, Grey's Court, Oxfordshire, to the National Trust; cllr Henley on Thames RDC; d 1982; Hulme 1924 (Northwest Region), Chippenham 1929 (Southwest Region), **Northwich 1945**

BUNDRED, Gillian, b 1960, ed U Coll, London U; barrister; Liverpool City C; **Liverpool, West Derby 1992**

BURDEN, Donald Fletcher, b Beverley, Yorkshire 1917, ed Beverley g s, Cambridge U; naval service in WW II; solicitor in partnership at Hyde; Pres Hyde L A; solicitor to National Union of Liberal Clubs; authoritative speaker with distinctive tight-throated delivery; campaigned doggedly over three decades; returned to contest his original constituency, after an absence of nearly thirty years, where an Independent Liberal, a Mr H. White, had polled 20.62% in the preceding General Election in February 1974, though Burden's percentage poll was nearly 5% below this impressive figure; d 2001; **Stalybridge & Hyde 1945, 1950, Altrincham & Sale 1955, 1959, 1964, by-e 1965, Macclesfield 1966, Stalybridge & Hyde 1974 Oct**

BURNIE, (Major) James, MC, b Bootle 1882, ed St John's s, Bootle, Merchant Taylors' s, Crosby; WW I service being awarded MC; fought Bootle 1922, 1923, 1924, 1935; MP 1922-24; Mayor of Bootle 1935-36; adopted as PPC for Chester c1938 but the expected election did not take place owing to outbreak of WW II; d 1975; **Crosby 1950**

BURNS, J., first Liberal cand locally for over 40 years; **Workington 1974 Oct**

BURTON, Dr Muriel E., b 1934, ed Counthill g s, Oldham, Manchester U, Reading U, Oxford U; organiser of adult education; Oldham MBC, later South Oxfordshire DC; Chair, ULS; Euro cand 1979, 1984; **Oldham East 1964**

BYERS, (Lt Col) Rt Hon Charles Frank, OBE, PC, DL, later Lord B. of Lingfield, b Wallasey 1915, grew up in Potters Bar, ed Westminster s, Oxford; graduate in Politics, Philosophy and Economics; Pres ULS, Pres U Liberal Club, athletics blue; exchange scholar with Milton academy, USA; joined Grays Inn, but left early to join up; distinguished WW II service, several decorations; in Commons was Party Chief Whip 1946-50; lost his seat by 97 votes due to Labour intervention; his highly promising career was thus frustrated at a very early stage; after leaving Parliament remained a very influential figure with LPO for many years; long-time member of LPO Exec; his candidature at Bolton in which he polled a highly creditable 24.8% in a close three-corner contest, at last put paid to the long-standing, controversial entente with Bolton Conservatives qv Arthur Holt; at several general elections he chaired top level daily Party press conferences; dir of Rio Tinto 1962-73; Life Peerage 1964, ldr in Lords from 1967; regular radio and TV broadcaster; though not a profound or original Liberal thinker, a powerful speaker; latterly he appeared impatient and peppery with rank and file members, perhaps earning, a trifle unjustly, a reputation for being volatile in temper and humourless; accused of high-handed practices at LPO; d 1984; his grand-daughter, Lisa Nandy MP, was a contender for the leadership of the Labour Party in 2020; North Dorset 1945, 1950, 1951 (Southwest Region); MP 1945-50, Bolton East by-e 1960; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

CADWALLADER, Sean, hails from Wavertree; has worked to raise awareness of mental health in Liverpool; interested in community issues; **Liverpool, Walton, 2024**

CALTON, Patricia (Patsy) née Yeldon, b Egypt 1948, where her mother was accompanying her father on his RAF posting; ed Wymondham Coll, Norfolk, Manchester U; biochemist, later teacher, cllr Stockport MBC; deputy leader; died tragically early in her parliamentary career after long battle with cancer; great fund-raiser for cancer research, competing several times in London Marathon; spokesperson on Northern Ireland in Commons; deeply interested in health matters; mbr Amnesty Int; too ill to campaign in 2005, sadly she died only five days after being sworn in for her second term; **Cheadle 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005; MP 2001-2005**

CAMPBELL, John, b 1953, ed Pangbourne Nautical Coll, Berkshire; interior, designer; at Wigan he was the first Liberal cand for over 40 years; **Wigan 1974 Oct, Altrincham & Sale 1979**

CANNON, David, b 1950, ed Bideford g s, Devon, Birmingham U; comp/programmer, manager; Crewe & Nantwich DC grp ldr; **Crewe & Nantwich 1997, 2001**

CAPLIN, Abram Maxwell, MBE, b 1903, of Jewish background, ed Liverpool U and abroad; architect, involved in town planning; designer of several housing schemes; Chair, National Council of Social Services comm on social factors of planning; FRSA, Vice-Chair National Federation of Housing; subsequently defected to Conservatives 1951, contesting St Helens unsuccessfully 1955; lived Southport; d 1978; **Manchester, Gorton 1950**

CAPSTICK, Denise M., nurse, later matron to Guy's and St Thomas's Hospital Trust; mbr Territorial Army, serving in Iraq, Afghanistan; long associated with Southwark LBC, Mayor, exec mbr for Health/Adult Social Care; her career was temporarily halted by her resignation after a drink-drive conviction; **Wigan 2005**, Dagenham & Rainham 2015 (Greater London)

CARDWELL, Neil, b 1955? journalist; contested Liverpool City C elections; **Liverpool, Walton 1979**

CARR, Cyril E., b 1926, of Jewish background, ed Canada, Liverpool Coll, Upper Canada Coll, Bishop Ridley Coll, Canada, Clifton Coll, Liverpool U; sen partner in legal firm; cllr Liverpool City C from 1962 where he made a remarkable, and as it turned out, momentous breakthrough for the Party; Leader of Council 1974; proposed adding 'Social Democrat' to Party name in 1975 to attract former Labour/Conservative supporters - 13 years before this name-change was adopted; added 10% to his share of the vote over 1966, defying the trend in a poor year for the Liberals and climbing into 2nd place; LPO Council; he was the principal figure in the revival and growth in Party support on Merseyside; d 1981; **Liverpool, Wavertree 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb**

CARR, Michael (Mike), b 1946, ed St Joseph's Coll, Blackpool; Catholic Coll Preston, Margaret MacMillan Coll of Ed, Bradford; former teacher; Ribble Valley DC active with NAS-UWT; originally a Conservative he joined SDP; see SDP section; on merger became Lib-Dem continuing as parliamentary cand; his by-e victory, a remarkable achievement in itself, was largely attributable to extreme local reaction to the Conservative Government's Poll Tax proposals; spokesman on education for the North West; determined campaigner fighting seven elections over 23 years; **Ribble Valley by-e 1991, 1992, 1997, 2001, Rossendale & Darwen 2005; MP Ribble Valley 1991-1992**

CARTER, Christopher J., b 1945, ed Queen Elizabeth's g s, Bromyard, U of Warwick; Stockport MBC; Euro cand 1984, by-e 1987; **Stockport South 1974 Feb, Oct**

CARUBIA, Christopher, worked abroad as electrical eng, IT tech manager; now runs own business in Wirral; local campaigner; active with Age UK, Cancer UK, Diabetics UK; Wirral MBC; cand for Merseyside Police & Crime Commissioner 2016; **Wirral South 2017, 2019, Ellesmere Port & Bromborough 2024**

CASHMAN, Carl, ed Liverpool U; mortgage broker, set up own business; local campaigner; cllr Prescott TC 2013-15, Knowsley MBC 2016, Liverpool City C 2023- grp ldr; advocates cuts in councillor's allowances, pay of chief executives and lower council tax; cand for Mayor of Liverpool City Region 2017; **Knowsley 2015, 2017**

CAWDRON, Keith William, lived Sefton area for 32 years was a sen manager for NHS; worked in various posts in local voluntary and public sector; close associate of Bishop David Sheppard of Liverpool; active Anglican; many interests incl non exec director Sefton Primary Care Trust; **Sefton Central 2019**

CAWLEY, Hon Stephen Robert, b 1915, younger son of 2nd Baron Cawley, ed Eton, Oxford U; his grandfather, great-grandfather and two uncles were all Liberal MPs; service WW II, then seconded to Ministry of Supply; a chemist and expert in explosives, he investigated captured German documents relating to secret weapons, rockets etc; subsequently reopened family business in dyeing and bleaching, serving as managing dir; JP Herefordshire 1970-1978, Kidderminster 1979-1983; LPO Council, Exec; dogged campaigner through six successive general elections beginning when Party

was at its nadir in electoral support; he was the first Liberal challenger in Stretford for 30 years; d 1995; **Stretford 1950**, High Peak 1951, 1955, 1959 (East Midlands Region), Esher 1964, 1966 (Southeast Region)

CHADWICK, David, b 1939, ed Blackpool Tech Coll; sales rep; Chair, Blackpool Liberal Assn, former sec Northwest Liberal Fed; later first Liberal cand in Blackpool South for 20 years; (the renowned West Indian Test cricketer, Learie, later Lord, Constantine 1902- was first approached as a possible cand for the by-e in Nelson & Colne; he had played for the local Lancashire League team for many years, was mbr of the local Liberal Club and had recently made a series of speeches attacking the Government's proposed Immigration Bill; in the event he declined to stand); **Nelson & Colne by-e 1968, Blackpool South 1970**

CHADWICK, William David, b 1954, ed St Cuthbert Mayne h s, Newcastle U, Manchester Metropolitan U; head of staff development, Equal Opportunities Commission; cllr Preston City C, Lancashire CC; **Preston 1992, 1997, by-e 2000, 2001**

CHAMBERLAIN, Victor, b/raised Manchester ed LSE; Manchester City C; community campaigner; interested in climate change, int development; opposed to 'fracking'; **Wythenshawe & Sale East 2015**

CHAPPELL, (F/Lt) C. George; RAF service WW II as fighter pilot; deceased; **Manchester, Rusholme 1945**

CHAPPELL, Ian Stuart, Trafford MBC; **Altrincham & Sale West 2005**

CHILDS, Paul; cabin crewman, Liverpool John Lennon Airport; came out publicly as HIV positive; supports abolition of police commissioners, elected mayors; favours increased accountability; **Liverpool, Riverside 2015**

CHRISTIAN, Neil, ed U of St Andrews; barrister with chambers in Manchester; specialist in family law; local campaigner, exponent of community politics; interests incl environment, elimination of fossil fuels; **Macclesfield 2015, 2019, 2024**

CHRISTON, Bernard M., b 1937, ed Selby Tech Coll, Bradford Tech Coll; medical rep; Northwestern Regional Liberal Exec; **Blackpool North 1970**, Cardiff South East 1974 Feb (Wales)

CLANCY, Brian, b 1940, ed St Benedict's s, Ealing, University Coll, London; Ch Civil and Structural Eng, sen partner in cons, managing dir of cos; Sale MBC, Trafford MBC ldr group; **Altrincham & Sale 1983**

CLARK, David M., b 1941, ed Ashford g s, Middlesex, Loughborough Coll, Liverpool U, Manchester U; lecturer; a former Conservative, he polled 18.33%, an Independent Liberal, J. R. Smallwood, qv, having polled 19.18 % in 1964; **Morecambe & Lonsdale 1966**

CLARK, Paul R., b 1953, ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby, Liverpool U; partner in firm of solicitors; Euro cand 1979; **Cheadle 1983, Liverpool, Walton 1987, by-e 1991**

CLARKE, Jeff J., cllr Chester City C; Liverpool barrister; defected to Conservatives fighting Wirral South for that party 2010; **Wirral West 2005**

CLARNEY, James, b 1921, ed Wombwell s, sec mod s, Barnsley Tech Coll, Sheffield Coll of Art; dir of printing co; active with Northwest Regional Party; **Heywood & Royton 1966, Manchester, Withington 1970, Middleton & Prestwich 1974 Oct**

CLARKSON, Kate, née Harris, b Gravesend, Kent 1954, ed Manchester g h s, trained as nurse at St Bart's Hospital, London; senior child protection officer; Stockport MBC; interests incl healthcare, human rights; humanist celebrant active in Manchester/Cheshire area; strongly opposed to religious privilege; **Ashton-under-Lyme 2001, Workington 2005, Worsley & Eccles South 2015, 2017**

CLAYTON, David, b 1962, ed North Chadderton comp, St Chad's Coll, Durham; teacher; Rochdale MBC; guitarist in rock band; **Heywood & Middleton 1997**

CLAYTON, Richard Mark, b Lancashire 1955, ed King Edward VI s, Manchester U; lived Manchester throughout adult life; family connections with Wigan; data communications cons, co dir; Manchester City C, served on Transport for Greater Manchester; Euro cand 1989; particular interests human rights, civil liberties; **Manchester Central 1992, Worsley 2005, Wigan 2010, 2015, 2017, Leigh 2019, Stretford & Urmston 2024**

CLEIN, Richard Julian, b 1971, of Jewish background, Liverpool, U of Teesside, Leeds Metro U, Birmingham City U; BBC Merseyside 1988-2003, 2003-06 with Bell Pottinger; experienced agent; worked for Malcolm Bruce MP 1995-97; officer, Student Lib Dems, Federal Executive, Federal Conference rep; mbr Party Assembly Glee Club, associated with *Liberator*; **Sefton Central 2010**

CLOSE, Sue, local campaigner; Blackpool LDA Treasurer; **Blackpool North & Cleveleys 2015, 2017, 2019**

CLUCAS, Helen Flora (Flo), b 1946, has B Ed, Cert Ed etc; teacher 1973-1993; Liverpool MBC 1986-2012, dpty grp ldr 2008-2011; a dynamic figure in Liverpool politics, securing almost £1 billion in European regional development funding for city; held in turn all the major posts on the city council; awarded OBE; author of articles; Pres Northwest Region Party 2009-12; Euro cand; retired to live nearer family in Cheltenham; cllr Cheltenham BC 2014 to date; many interests; personality notable for her resilience; tried and tested, dedicated servant of the party; willing paper cand 2015-24; **Crosby 1992, Liverpool, Garston 1997, Wirral South by-e 1997, Knowsley North & Sefton East 2005, Knowsley 2010, West Bromwich East 2015, West Bromwich West 2017, 2019 (both West Midland Region), Swindon North 2024 (South West Region)**

COHEN, Howard, b 1964, ed Manchester g s; travel agent; Vice-Chair, Chair, British Group Lib Int; led international delegation to Bosnia during break-up of Yugoslavia; official election monitor in world elections from Philippines to Croatia; **Oldham West & Royton 1997**

COLEMAN, (Capt) Charles Jack, TD, OBE., b 1920, originally a Londoner; ed Chiswick Co g s, London U; service in Commandos WWII; dir of pulping firm, later economist, sen manager in glass ind at Pilkington's who he represented on the CBI; lived Glasgow, moved later to the North West; inspiring Merseyside Party Chair mid 1970s; Southport MBC; strongly pro-Europe, campaigned for Yes vote 1975; remembered as a cheerful character; d 1977; Ayrshire Central 1950 (Scotland), **Southport 1964, 1966**

COLEMAN, Patrick, **Manchester, Central 1974 Oct**

COLEMAN, Christine Ruth, see ADDISON-COLEMAN

COLLIER, A. Maureen, b 1935, ed Adelphi House g s, Salford, Sedgley Park Teacher Training Coll, Prestwich; teacher; first Liberal cand locally for 24 years; she polled 17.5%; **Eccles 1974 Feb, Oct**

COLLIER, Samuel, b 1935, ed g s, Tech Coll; quantity surveyor; **Stockport North 1970**

COLLINS, Stan B., b 1948, ed Roundhays s, Leeds; business systems analyst; originally Labour, joined Lib Dems 1974; South Lakelands DC; man of many interests; mbr MENSA; organiser at numerous local elections, persistent campaigner; 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; claims to have invented a diesel-powered pogo stick; **Westmorland & Lonsdale 1987, 1992, 1997, Workington 2010**, Jarrow 2015 (Northeast Region)

COMMONS, John P. B., b 1956, ed St Bede's s, Manchester, Manchester Poly; Manchester MBC, dpty grp ldr; political cons/agent; has held many appointments, notably agent 1997 for Alan Beith MP qv (Northeast Region); **Manchester, Moss Side 1979**

CONNELL, (Lt) Brian Reginald, b Hertford, 1916, ed Brighton g s; service RNVR WW II; was prisoner of Japanese; journalist with Reuter's, writer, ghosted memoirs of Douglas Fairbanks jnr, Kurt Waldheim, Prime Minister Harold Wilson; long career as presenter/interviewer with ITV, notably 'This Week'; of distinguished appearance, strong voice which he adapted smoothly to TV requirements; d 1999; **Bolton 1945 n**

CONNOR, Kevin, b 1946, ed Darwen Tech Coll; lab technician; Chair, Rosendale LDA; **Rosendale & Darwen 1992**

COOKE, Robert, b 1933 ed Nelson g s, colls of education; industrial eng; Saddleworth UDC; **Stalybridge & Hyde 1970**

COOKE, Stephen M., b 1983; university web developer; Salford City C; equal opportunities officer with UNISON; fdr Manchester Against Racism; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 2005, Stretford & Urmston 2010**

COOKSON, John, b 1948, ed Manchester g s, Manchester U; printer; **Manchester, Blackley 1983**

COOPER, Alan, b 1927, ed St Andrew's s, Eccles, Didsbury Training Coll, Manchester, Liverpool U; headteacher; active in local government; persistent if somewhat peripatetic general election campaigner over 20 years; attempted to impose an air of authority into debates, a move which sometimes failed embarrassingly; on occasion unwisely adopted schoolmasterly tones and attitude when admonishing the YLs over their behaviour at Party Council sessions; Eccles MBC grp ldr; LPO Council, Exec early 1960s; **Rosendale 1959, Bolton East 1964, Altrincham & Sale 1966, Darwen 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

COOPER, John, b 1913, ed Cardiff h s, U College of Wales; RAF service WW II; early studies in law for LIB, later graduate in Theology, St Andrew's U; with welfare organisation in London; active in Temperance Union; **Manchester, Exchange 1950**

COOPER, Rosemary (Rosie), b Liverpool 1950, ed St Oswald's s, Bellerine Convent g s, Liverpool U; with Littlewoods Ltd, latterly as group communications manager; 2001-2005 dir Merseyside Centre for the Deaf; cllr Liverpool City C from age 22; served 1973-1984, 1986-2000, Lord Mayor 1982; defected to Labour 1992; Euro Lab cand 2004; West Lancashire (for Labour) 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019; MP 2005-22; **Liverpool, Garston 1983, Knowsley North by-e 1986, 1987, Liverpool, Broadgreen 1992**

COOPER, William I., b 1933, ed Preston g s, City of Leeds Training Coll; dpty headmaster; Haslingden MBC 1967-74; Haltemprice 1959 (Yorkshire Region); **Accrington 1974 Feb, Oct**

CORKHILL, Andy, Wirral born and raised; ed St Saviour's p s, Wirral g s; currently reading for PhD; currently runs pasta making business; inspired by Paddy Ashdown qv (Southwest Region); well-travelled in Europe, vocal Remainer; abhors simplistic rhetoric of main parties; **Wirral West 2019**

CORRIS, Anne C., b 1954, ed Altrincham g g s; housewife former science teacher; Stockport MBC; **Stockport 1992**

COTTAM, A., **Manchester, Gorton 1974 Oct**

COTTIER, P. (David?) b 1946, ed h s, Padgate Coll of Ed, Warrington; teacher, **Huyton 1979**

COTTON, Christopher, Chair, local LDA; **Morecambe & Lunesdale 2001**

COVENEY, David, lives locally; runs a software and design co in Liverpool; interests incl housing, local transport; **Widnes & Halewood 2024**

COWPE, David A., b 1942, ed Chetham's Hospital s, Manchester; journalist; Salford City C; **Worsley 1987**

CRANE, Clive J., b 1964, ed West Suffolk Coll of FE, Bury St Edmunds; comp analyst/programmer; Kendal DC; **Barrow & Furness 1992**

CREGAN, Andrew, b 1984, ed Revoe s, Blackpool 6th Form Coll, Manchester U, Leeds U; ran b & b in Blackpool; later with British Gas, lobbyist with Centrica; formerly leading Labour activist, Tower Hamlets GLC; crossed floor to join Lib Dems 2017; interested in tackling causes of crime, poverty, social exclusion; Poplar & Limehouse 2019 (Greater London), **Blackpool South by-e 2024, 2024.**

CRILLY, Samuel, b 1920, ed Wallace h s, Lisburn, Leeds Coll of Commerce, London U; with Atomic Energy Authority, Risley; LPO Council; **Middleton & Prestwich 1964, 1966, 1970**

CRITCHLEY, Dr Edmund Michael Rhys DM, MRCP, b 1931, ed Stowe s, Oxford U; King's Coll Medical School; cons neurologist, Prof of Clinical Neurology; Central Lancashire U; examiner for medical exams; joined Party at university; early mbr of Radical Reform Group; much travelled during career, visiting/working in many Commonwealth countries; **Bolton North East 1997**

CRITCHLEY, Wilfred Eric, b 1910, ed Wigan g s, St Mary's Coll, Middlesex; headmaster; Royton UDC; of Catholic background; deceased; **Heywood & Royton 1964**

CROCKETT, Penny, **Liverpool, Scotland-Exchange 1974 Oct**

CROFT, David, b 1955, ed Oxford U; manager national freight co; Vice Chair NLYLs; Liverpool MBC, chairman of committees; **Liverpool, Walton 1983**

CROMBIE-FISHER, Brian, raised in N. Ireland; teacher; identifies as LGBTQ+; Chair, Wigan LDA; interests incl cost of living, NHS, sewage dumping; **Wigan 2024**

CROSS, Martin, b 1945, ed Bredbury b sec s, Salford Tech Coll; salesman/technical writer; later in chemical ind; **Stalybridge & Hyde 1997**

CROTTY, Prof Dr Jo, ed Nottingham U, Liverpool U, Portsmouth U; former lect Aston U now Prof Salford U Business School; Dir of MBA courses; eminent figure in her field; long-time campaigner on Third World debt cancellation, environment; very strong cand with flair for attracting publicity; author of numerous articles, papers and books; Warrington BC, (resigned on latest academic appt Oct 2011): fought election in May and June 2005; **Eddisbury 2005**, South Staffordshire by-e 2005 (West Midland Region), **Warrington South 2010**

CROWTHER, David, b Newton-Le-Willows, St Helens MBC; lives Warrington; community activist; joined Party 1977; serves on various public bodies; interests, housing, environment, education; **Makerfield 2001, Leigh 2005, Makerfield 2010, Crewe & Nantwich 2017, Warrington North 2019, 2024**

CRUDEN, Adrian H., b 1963, ed Hutchesons g s, Glasgow, Glasgow U, Bell Coll, Hamilton; personnel officer; Euro cand 1989; Vice-Chair, Bradford Party; Chair, One World Democrats; **Bury South 1992**

CRYER, Nigel, b 1957, ed Manchester Poly; scientific auditor with ICI Pharmaceuticals; Macclesfield MBC; active with Christian Forum; **Fylde 1992**

CUNNIFFE, Edward T., b 1952, ed West Park g s, St Helen's, St Helens Coll of Tech; co dir, ind financial adviser; **Wirral South 1992**

CUNNINGHAM, John; dutifully fought three parliamentary elections in two years in a notoriously difficult area for the Lib-Dems; **Bootle by-e 1990 (i), by-e 1990 (ii), 1992**

CURTIS, (Cdr) Dunstan Michael Carr, CBE, DSC, C de G, b 1910; service RNVR and Commandos WW II for much of the time serving with Ian Fleming's 30 Assault Unit; awarded decorations for gallantry during raid on enemy-occupied St Nazaire (Operation Chariot); also involved in the Dieppe Raid, Operation Torch – the allied invasion of North Africa and the Normandy Landings, in the last days of the war he accepted the surrender of the city of Kiel; lawyer, Euro civil servant,; Dpty Sec Gen of the European Movement 1947; helped draft the European Convention on Human Rights 1949; d 1983; see *Dictionary of National Biography*; **Eddisbury 1945**

CUSS, Roger N., b 1929, ed Stockport g s, Manchester U; solicitor; highly capable public speaker; LPO Council early 1960s; fdr mbr New Orbits Group (1960s Party 'think tank'); European Movement; seemed destined for higher office in Party but unaccountably left the scene early on; **Cheadle 1959, 1964, Nantwich 1970**

D'ALBERT, Victor D., b 1959, ed King's Heath Tech, Birmingham, Brooklyn Coll, Tameside Coll; acc; Bury MBC grp ldr; his wife Mary served as a Bury cllr; **Bury South 1997, 2005, 2010**

DARBY, Neil, cllr Preston City C; youthful local campaigner; favours electric cars; **Preston 2019, 2024**

DAVIES, Ian P. Alan, activist in Pendle, ldr grp Pendle DC; **Pendle 1992**

DAVIES, Christopher Graham (Chris), b Lytham St Anne's 1954, ed Cheadle Hulme s, Cambridge U, Kent U; teacher, later marketing and communications cons; joined Party 1974; cllr Liverpool City C 1980-84, holding various council chairmanships, Housing and Building Comm; Oldham MBC 1994-98; in his by-election campaign he bravely withstood a sustained, vicious onslaught waged by the local Labour Party, giving as good as he got, emerging with credit; his constituency underwent major revision in 1997; MEP North West Region 1999-2014, 2019-20; 2004-06 Leader, UK European Liberal Parliamentary Group; spokesman on environment and public health; member of EU Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Cttee, Budgetary Control Cttee; well known for his forthright opinions and as a spirited, vigorous campaigner; a combative personality prone to occasional over-the-top utterances strongly attacked MPs and MEPs involved in expenses fraud, calling for them to be hounded from public life lives Saddleworth, Greater Manchester; **Liverpool Scotland & Exchange 1979, Littleborough & Saddleworth 1983, 1987, 1992, by-e 1995; MP 1995-1997, Oldham East & Saddleworth 1997**

DAVIES, Geoffrey Vaughan, b 1928, ed Bishop Vesey's s, Sutton Coldfield, Carlisle g s, Cambridge U, Sec of Liberal Society; Inner Temple, London; barrister; sec ULS; **Manchester, Withington 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966**

DAVIES, Nan, **Manchester, Withington, 1974 Oct**

DAVISON, Wilfred John, b 1938, ed St Mary's Coll, Liverpool, Liverpool U; ret coll lect, later cons; Bury MBC, Mayor; joined Party 1958; shareholder Bury FC; Doncaster 1974 Feb, Oct (Yorkshire Region); **Liverpool, Garston 1979, Bury North 2005**

DAWSON, Tony, Southport MBC, Sefton MBC; caseworker for John Pugh MP qv; no stranger to publicity; at Oldham his nomination papers were challenged by Labour on the grounds that his name as per his birth certificate was David Anthony Dawson and he had entered a 'false' address; neither charge was upheld; he was also accused of 'cyber bullying'; the constituency has a reputation for acrimonious campaigning; **Chester 2001, Oldham East & Saddleworth 2005**

DE VINCENZO, Jemma Vella, grew up in Salford, ed Salford U; human rights volunteer; worked at carers' centre, activist for some time in Reigate, Surrey; later NHS clinician; interest incl cost of living, increased spending on NHS, schools; **Worsley & Eccles 2024**

DEAKIN, Dr Frederick J., b 1928, ed Boteler g s, Warrington, Liverpool U; general practitioner; **Warrington 1974 Feb, Oct**

DENNIS, Arthur Donald, b 1899, ed Holywell c s, Liverpool U; dir of ins broking firm; a long-term campaigner through the most difficult years for the Party; deceased; Liverpool, Edgehill 1929, Liverpool, Toxteth 1935, **Liverpool, Garston by-e 1957, Wycombe 1959, 1964 (South Central Region)**

DERBYSHIRE, Neil P., b 1951, ed Huddersfield, Liverpool Poly; lect; Merseyside DC; Dewsbury 1979 (Yorkshire Region); **St Helens North 1983, 1987**

DERRAUGH, Trish, b/raised Liverpool, moved home frequently while growing up; finally settled at Port Sunlight; worked in finance, manufacturing construction industries; joined Party 2010; Neston TC; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 2015**

DI MAURO, Mary, it was her misfortune to be contesting a by-e at a time of rapidly ebbing support for the Party; she finished 4th with 4.9%; **Wythenshaw & Sale East by-e 2014, Weaver Vale 2015**

DONALDSON, Iain C., b 1964, ed Wright Robinson h s, Gorton, Openshaw Tech Coll; **Denton & Reddish 1997, Manchester, Blackley 2005, Blackley & Broughton 2019, Rochdale by-e 2024, Blackley & Middleton South 2024**

DONCASTER, (Major) Clarence Frederick, MC, b London 1894, army officer WW I; ran agricultural schemes in Europe till 1929 later dir of firm publishing tech journals and of advertising agency; President Macclesfield L A; d 1964; **Macclesfield 1950**

DORMAN-SMITH, (Brig) Eric Edward 'Chink', b Co Cavan, Ireland 1895; distinguished record World War I/II; advocate of mechanised warfare in line with Churchill, Guderian and de Gaulle; waged running battle with entrenched attitudes and the traditional military ethos; dir of military training India; adviser during campaign in Egypt and North Africa as Chief of Staff of Gen Auchinleck; described as hopelessly eccentric' by some, 'a military genius' by others; forcibly retired amid controversy 1944; after 1945 severed links with UK and colleagues in Ireland to become a follower of Sean MacBride of Clan na Poblacht; rumoured to have had connections with the IRA; d Cavan 1969; **Wirral 1945**

DOWNIE, Vicky (Victoria), lives Wirral, U grad; joined Party 2017; strongly opposed to Brexit, she advocates the Remain bonus should be used to fund public services, with a big investment in Education; interests incl mental health services, climate emergency, skills training; **Wallasey 2019, 2024**

DOWNS, Barry, b 1931, ed Heaton Moor College; active with Northwest Liberal Fed; **Stockport North 1964**

DRAKE, Timothy, ed Liverpool U, Staffordshire U; customer service admin; interests incl education, Europe; **Crosby 2001**

DRURY, Anthony W., b 1926, ed St Michael's Coll, Hitchin; Blackpool Tech Coll; freelance photographer; St Alban's RDC 1961-66; **Morecambe & Lonsdale 1970, Lancaster 1974 Feb**

DUFFY, Paul, b 1970, works in supply chain; joined Party 2016, impressed by the leadership of Charles Kennedy qv (Scotland); Congleton TC; cand Cheshire PCC; has doubts about HS2 project; concerned about local infrastructure; interest incl mental health, school funding; social care; **Congleton 2019, 2024, Runcorn & Helsby by-e 2025**

DUNN, Ann, **Oldham Central & Royton 1992** see SDP section

DUNNING, Brian F., b 1938, ed Bolton Co g s, Bolton Tech Coll, Bolton TTC; teacher; sen school manager; **Bolton North East 1992, Rossendale & Darwen 1997, 2001**

DWAN, Jamie, ed Windermere s, Manchester U; campaign asst to Party in London 2016, to Lib Dem Leader Tim Farron qv, 2015-2017, local asst Euro Election, later field organiser for Party; has written articles on Liberal themes and personalities; **Stalybridge & Hyde 2019, 2024**

EAKINS, Martin, Manchester City C; later moved to Brighton to set up business; reputation for outspoken views; **Wythenshawe & Sale East 2010**

ECCLES, David, b Chorley 1955, ed Chorley g s., Chester Coll of HE, Manchester U, teacher, later cons in Children's Services Ed., serving JP; **Warrington North 2010**

EDWARDS, Herbert Griffith, b Liverpool 1894, ed Liverpool Coll; estate agent; Chair, Liverpool Liberal Fed; fought Liverpool City C elections; d 1966; **Huyton 1950**

ELDRIDGE, Colin W., cllr Liverpool City C; controversial figure, often subject of press headlines; owner of failed laundry business; **Liverpool, Wavertree 2005, 2010**

ELLINGTON, (Major) Henry, b Blackburn, 1909; surveyor; dir with Chester firm of contractors; WW II service with HM Army in India to 1946; d 1966; **Southport 1950**

ENGLISH, Paul Albert, long serving mbr Craven DC, grp ldr, Skipton TC; active with many community groups, Craven CAV; Skipton & Ripon (Yorkshire Region) 2005, **Blackburn 2010**

EVANS, David J., b 1947, ed Teignmouth g s, Liverpool U; teacher later FE lect; noted for his dogged persistence over ten years, fighting six elections before his 40th birthday but thereafter withdrew from activity; Chester City C; **Wallasey 1970**, Oswestry 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983, (West Midland Region), Delyn 1987 (Wales)

EVANS, David Thomas Gruffydd, later Lord Evans of Claughton, b 1928, ed Friar's s, Bangor, Birkenhead s, Liverpool U; solicitor; Chair, LPO 1965-1967, Pres 1977-78; Life Peer 1978; Birkenhead MBC; founder mbr 1958 and first Chair, New Orbits Group, an early Liberal think tank/study circle of younger Party members which produced several influential reports, pamphlets; impressive speaker with powerful voice; Dpty Lieutenant for Merseyside; d 1992; **Wallasey 1964, 1966, Birkenhead 1970**

EVANS, Keith John, b 1956, ed primary s, Shropshire, Coleshill s, Warwickshire, Wolverhampton Poly, U Coll of Wales, Swansea; economist, researcher; Carmarthenshire CC grp ldr, Llanelli BC, Greater Manchester MBC; **Bury South 1983**, Llanelli 1992, Carmarthen West & Pembrokeshire South 1997 (both Wales)

EVANS, Leo, b Worcester 1994, grew up in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, ed Dalraida g s, Ballymoney, Liverpool U, 1st Class Hons Politics; originally joined Alliance Party; ULYS; parliamentary asst/organiser 2016-17 with John Pugh MP qv; interested in youth involvement in politics; mental health; **Liverpool, Wavertree 2015**

EVANS, William Hugh JP, b 1892, ed Pwllheli s, U. Coll of North Wales; lived Purley, Surrey; barrister; service WWI; in Burma 1921-42; later legal asst at Board of Trade, Treasury; originally Labour resigned 1948 to join Liberals; after 1950 joined Conservatives; d 1967? **Stockport North 1950**

FARRON, Timothy James (Tim), b Preston, Lancashire 1970, ed Lostock Hall h s, Runshawe Coll, Leyland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne U, active in student politics, President of Union; worked in college, later university administration 1992-2002; joined Party 1986; Lancashire CC 1993-2000, South Ribble BC 1995-1999, South Lakeland DC; energetic, warm, friendly personality, soon made his mark among Party members and early on was spoken of as a possible Party Leader; in Commons spokesperson Youth Affairs, mbr Education Select Comm; Private Secretary to Ming Campbell qv (Scotland) during the latter's Leadership; held no post under the Coalition 2010-15; hard-working, ubiquitous LPO Pres 2011-14; elected Party Leader in succession to Nick Clegg qv (Yorkshire Region) July 16 2015 with 56% of poll over Norman Lamb qv (East of England Region); he took on his daunting task with a sustained display of courage and energy, touring the country addressing innumerable meetings, winning respect of Party rank and file with morale boosting speeches; the early months saw a modest upturn in Party fortunes in local government by-elections and growth in Lib Dem membership; undeterred by the manner in which he was initially largely ignored by the media; taken more seriously during and after the Euro Referendum campaign, April-June 2016, when he came to be looked upon as a rallying point for everyone opposed to Brexit; became more effective media performer; led the Party to a mini-revival after an energetic campaign in June 2017, involving thousands of miles of travel, visiting targeted constituencies, despite the vulnerability of his own seat; he had been under constant attack in the media for perceived conflict between his personal Evangelical Christian beliefs on gay relationships, abortion etc and Party policy; shortly after the General Election he abruptly resigned and was succeeded by Vince Cable qv (Greater London); he was the subject of sympathetic articles in the more responsible newspapers on the rights of political figures to hold dissenting views; the debt owed him by the Party for taking on the leadership at a critical juncture in its fortunes and for raising the number of MPs from eight to twelve against the prevailing political tide, will receive due recognition from future historians; lives with his family at Milnthorpe, Cumbria; app Party Spokesperson at Westminster Jan 2020 on Housing, Local Government, Food and Rural Affairs, North of England; his majority in 2024 was a staggering 21,472; he is currently Lib Dem spokesperson on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; his autobiography, *A Better Ambition: Confessions of a Faithful Liberal* (SPCK Publishing) appeared in 2021; Durham North West 1992 (Northeast Region), **South Ribble 1997, Westmorland & Lonsdale 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024; MP 2005-**

FEARN, Ronald Cyril (Ronnie), OBE, later Lord F. of Southport, b Southport 1931, ed King George V g s, Southport; early career in banking, two years RN service; Southport MBC from 1963, later one-time grp ldr, Merseyside CC, Sefton MBC grp ldr; warm and friendly personality, resilient and tenacious campaigner; strong sense of humour; spokesman in Commons on a variety of subjects, tourism, local government (in which he rendered more than 50 years continuous service with Southport MBC later Sefton MBC 1974-2016), transport etc; in Parliament appointed Whip by David Steel Party Ldr (see Scotland from 1987; spokesman on transport, housing, tourism; mbr various all-party parliamentary panels incl children, action on smoking and health, alternative medicine etc; interests incl UK-Manx grp, tourism, Mersey barrage, Care-in-the-Community, etc, etc; he won back

his Southport constituency in 1997 after losing it in 1992; one of comparatively few Lib Dem MPs to have achieved this notable feat in modern times; Life Peer 2001, ret 2018; d 2022; **Southport 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1987, 1992, 1997; MP 1987-1992, 1997-2001** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FENN, Stephen John, b 1954, ed Northgate s, Ipswich, Bath U; mature student, later comp systems analyst; South Ribble BC, Poynton PC; mbr Amnesty, Green Peace; **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1992, Blackburn 1997, Chorley 2001, 2010, 2015, 2017**

FIRTH, Alison P., b 1957, ed York U; teacher, later development officer, Manchester U; overseas worker in Malaysia; long-service mbr, Manchester City C, Lord Mayor 2009-10; advocate of sweeping changes to current system of business rates; **Manchester, Central 1997**, Sheffield, Brightside 2001 (Yorkshire Region), **Wythenshawe & Sale East 2005, Hyndburn 2015**

FISH, John, b 1943, ed Salford g s, Durham U; cons orthodontist; **Bolton West 1979**

FISHER, Peter, lives Kirkby; South Lakeland DC; earlier had long career as Labour cllr, Liverpool MBC before defecting; denounced Militant Tendency; given police protection for a year; **South Ribble 2010**

FITTON, Rowan, has MSc in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding; works for domestic abuse charity in Stockport; active with NLYLs; fights local elections in Tameside; interests incl housing, community the environment, public services; **Rossendale & Darwen 2024**

FJORTOFT, Helen Isabel, b 1925; one-time Sec, Merseyside Regional Party; **Bootle 1974 Feb, Oct**

FLETCHER, (Major) Edward Anthony Brooke, b 1911, export manager in textile ind; army service WW II in Middle East, Italy, Austria; Chair, National League of YLs, Pres Lancashire/Cheshire YLs; d 1965; **Macclesfield 1945**, Nottingham East 1950 (East Midlands Region)

FLETCHER, Kate, b 1986; **Ashton under Lyme 2001**, see CLARKSON, Kate

FLETCHER, Roderick I., b 1943, ed King's s, Macclesfield; freight controller with British Rail; Alsager TC, Congleton MBC; **Eddisbury 1983, 1987, Denton & Reddish 2001**

FLOODGATE, Lyn-Su, addressed Party Assembly 2001 on gender balance, aged 15; opposed to 'women only' short lists for cand; aspired to be Euro cand 2007 but deemed ineligible - 17 days too young; later Tech Admin Officer, Spelthorne BC; **Stockport 2005**

FLOWERS, Richard, raised Wilmslow, Cheshire, ed Stockport g s, Cambridge U; Ch Acc; worked for Clarins in London; Chair, Tower Hamlets LDA; Lib Dem Voice; serves on Party Federal Finance Comm; award winning essayist; m Alex Wilcock qv (Greater London); **Macclesfield 2017**

FLYNN, Francis Michael, b 1941, ed St Mary's Coll, Middlesbrough, Imperial Coll, London; ret comp systems manager; Macclesfield MBC, grp ldr; linguist; **Macclesfield 1997, 2001**

FLYNN, Pete, ed Cambridge U; economist, businessman; maintains a small holding; joined Party 1991; **Stalybridge & Hyde 2015**

FORREST, Rebecca, from an old Bolton family; teacher, trained in psychology/science; local community activist/volunteer; joined Lib Dems 2016; interests incl education; believes evidence-based policies would benefit political policies; **Bolton West 2017, 2019, Bolton North East 2024**

FOTHERGILL, Charles Phillip, b Dewsbury 1906, ed Wheelwrights s, Dewsbury; family were woollen manufacturers, radical nonconformists and strong supporters of Temperance; first elected to LPO Executive in 1920s; supported Radical Action group during WW II; regional transport commissioner for Scotland 1943-45; LPO Chair 1946-1949 and 1952; Pres early 1950s; joint LPO Treasurer 1954-1959; more than any other individual his work in Party organisation and fund raising ensured the survival of the Party in its darkest hour; 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 (Scotland); his later years were marred by chronic ill health; d 1959; Forfar 1945 (Scotland), Middlesbrough West 1950 (Northeast Region); **Oldham West 1951**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FOX, Warren, b 1986; Open U student, marketing manager; charity trustee; support worker for adults with mental health/learning difficulties; **Bolton North East 2017, 2019**

FRAENKEL, Beatrice L., b 1945, of Jewish background, ed Huyton Coll, Leicester Poly, Liverpool John Moores U; ind design eng/co dir; Euro cand 1989; Liverpool City C, defecting to Labour c2010; **Liverpool, Riverside 1997**

FRANCIS, Ian; service WW II; Allerdale MBC, Workington TC, Cumbria DC; d 2015? **Workington 2001**

FRYER, Dr Anna Corrina, lives Chorlton; cons liaison psychiatrist; took part in junior doctors' strike; joined Party 2015; pro-Europe; many interests/commitments in health field; mbr All Party Group on Domestic Violence at Westminster; **Stretford & Urmston 2017, 2019, by-e 2022, Pendle & Clitheroe 2024**

FULFORD, Roger Thomas Baldwin, later Sir Roger, b 1902, ed Lancing Coll, Oxford U., journalist, historian, writer for *The Times* for many years; 1940-1942 at War Office; private secretary to Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal leader and Air Minister, 1942-1945; author of acclaimed political biographies and historical studies; editor of diaries of Charles Greville published in ten vols from 1938, *Votes for Women*, *Trial of Queen Caroline* etc; editor of five vol series of Queen Victoria's correspondence to her numerous children; wrote *The Liberal Case* (Penguin Election Special) 1959; LPO Pres 1964-1965; Knight 1980; d 1983; Woodbridge 1929 (East of England Region), Holderness 1945 (Yorkshire Region), **Rochdale 1950**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

GADSDEN, C. Richard G., b 1973, hails from St Helen's; programmer; inspired to join Party by former ldr David Steel; interested in NHS; **Worsley & Eccles South 2010, Blackley & Broughton 2015, 2017**

GALLAGHER, Danny, b 1960? Newcastle-upon-Tyne; business cons, project manager; cllr Preston City C, grp ldr; lives Coniston; interests incl architecture, built environment; **Wyre & Preston North 2010, Copeland 2015**

GASKELL, Christopher, ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby, Lancaster Poly; partner in company; local cand Trafford MBC; **Altrincham & Sale West 2001**

GAYFORD, Michael, b 1931, ed Leas s, Hoylake, Stowe s, Lawrenceville s, New Jersey, Grenoble U; managing dir cos incl chemicals, building products; Wilmslow DC 1963-66; father of Nicola Horlick qv (Greater London); **Wirral 1974, Feb, Oct, by-e 1976**

GAYLER, Mark Adrian, b 1966, ed King Edward VI g s, Chelmsford, Exeter U; management acc with Essex CC; mbr United Reform Church; joined Party 1992; interests incl green, environmental issues, public transport; grp ldr Uttlesford DC; **Copeland 2001, Ilford North 2010** (Greater London)

GEORGE, Lester, b 1924, ed elem/jun tech s s; managing dir Ferranti Instrumentation Ltd; fought Bromsgrove (West Midland Region) for Labour 1955; deceased; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 1983**

GIBB, John Kent (or Kenneth), b 1926, ed St Egbert's Coll, Chingford, King George V g s, Southport, Dolcoath Tech Coll, Camborne; co dir, fruit importer; first Liberal cand at Ince for over 40 years, polling 15.1%; Euro cand 1979; **Ince 1974 Oct, 1979, Barking 1983, 1987** (Greater London)

GIBSON, John P. K., b Sheffield, raised Rotherham; lives Merseyside, ed comp s, tech coll, Durham U, Cambridge U; called to Bar 1990, notary public; Sefton MBC; **West Lancashire 2010, Bootle 2024**

GILBERT, M., first Liberal cand locally for over 40 years; **Whitehaven 1974 Oct**

GILCHRIST, Phillip N., b 1951, ed King's s, Chester, Edgehill TTC, York U; dpty head teacher; Merseyside DC; Wirral MBC; **Liverpool, West Derby 1974 Feb, Bebington & Ellesmere Port 1979, Wirral South 1987, 1997, 2001**

GLENTON, Robert I., b 1920, ed Scarborough Coll; international rally driver, motoring correspondent with *Sunday Express* etc and author; he finished a very close third in the Worcester by-election, a result which re-invigorated the WM Regional Party; was immediately re-adopted but regrettably resigned shortly after; his abrupt departure from the West Midlands was a severe blow to morale; m Stella King 1919-82, journalist and author; d 1998; Hitchin 1959 (East of England Region), Worcester by-e 1961 (West Midlands Region), Enfield West 1964 (Greater London), **Bolton West 1966**

GLIDEWELL, Hilary, b 1923, ed St George's s, Clarens, Switzerland, Finch Coll, New York; Knutsford UDC; **Nantwich 1974 Feb, Oct**

GODWIN, Michael, b 1928; lift engineer; **Leigh 1979**

GOLDBERG, Samuel, b 1900, of Jewish background; ed Salford g s; co dir; dir Southport Rep Co; Southport MBC, ald, later Mayor; interests incl major homes for aged projects; said to have handed in nomination papers with 5 mins to spare; for finishing second with 23% in a constituency where the deposit had been lost previously, his achievement was described as 'sensational' by David Butler on *BBC TV Election Special*; his wife Madge served Southport MBC 1957-66; described by Ronnie Fearn qv as 'a little man with a big heart;' d 1970; **Southport 1959**

GORSKY, Doreen Marjorie, née Stevens, b Hammersmith, W London 1912; wife of J. A. G. qv (Greater London); ed privately at Folkestone, finishing schools in London and Brussels, London U; WW II service in medical Red Cross; was deeply involved in women's equality issues holding high office in

several organisations; joined Party 1944; worked with Thelma Cazalet and Lady Megan Lloyd-George qv (Wales) on divorce law reform proposals and policies for equal pay legislation which were presented to the Labour government but rejected; later accepted by Liberal Party Assembly in 1949, becoming official policy; on this issue the Liberals were far more radical than Labour; miscellaneous journalistic activity; Pres WLF 1950; LPO Council, Exec; joined BBC and by 1963 was one of the first woman execs responsible for 'family programmes', introducing *Listen with Mother, the Magic Roundabout*; later joined LWT for two years but resigned with colleagues in disagreement over the direction it was taking; became influential figure in religious broadcasting, chairing international congresses; very energetic campaigner for Party over relatively short period, she was one of the most talented woman recruits to the Party at the close of WW II; returned to Party to work unpaid in 1969 at the request of Leader Jeremy Thorpe, an old friend; she largely took over role vacated by Pratap Chitnis (later Lord Chitnis) as Head of LPO during 1970 General Election campaign; smoked cigars; her last years were blighted by dementia; d 2001; Hackney North 1945 (Greater London); Swindon 1950, Bristol North East by-e 1950 (both Southwest Region); **Carlisle 1951**

GOUGH, Ed, raised Stoke-on-Trent, ed U of Bath; software eng; fund raiser for charities; believes in giving back power to the community; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 2017, 2019**

GOULD, Julian H. S., b 1922, ed Catford c s, Westminster Evening Inst; sec/acc of co group; scout commissioner; Blackburn MBC; deceased; **Accrington 1966**

GOULDBOURN, (Col) John Edward, b Stockport 1915, ed Heaton Moor College; for many years on staff of Leicester shoe co, latterly shoe and slipper manufacturer; WWII service with territorial army; 1999; **Fylde South 1950**

GOWLAND, Graham, Warrington BC, also parish cllr; senior risk management officer for hospitality co; volunteer for ambulance service; main interest, NHS; **Warrington South 2024**

GRAHAM, Kathleen Claire, (more widely known in public life as Claire BROOKS); sister of Elizabeth Gaham qv (Yorkshire Region) b Settle 1931; of a Liberal family; ed Skipton h s, London U, solicitor; m Herbert Brooks, US citizen; after divorce returned to UK; Craven DC for 23 years; awarded OBE; Mayor of Skipton; excellent platform speaker, prone to occasional monumental gaffes; her plain speaking was not to everyone's taste; often muddled her facts; instantly recognisable through TV/radio appearances; indomitable personality and campaigner over three decades; much loved and admired throughout Party; campaigned to restore allegiance of Liberal clubs; often at bitter odds with Party leadership and, occasionally, with YLS, with whom she was generally in agreement; unilateralist sympathies; Euro cand 1979; was unhappy over merger of Liberals and SDPs in 1988; d 2008; she figures in Lib Dem History Group booklet *Mothers of Liberty* (2012); Skipton 1959, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, Skipton & Ripon 1983 (Yorkshire Region), **Lancaster & Lunesdale 1987**

GRAYSON, Robin b 1949, ed de la Salle Coll, Manchester U; lect; campaigner for preservation of Wigan Pier; mbr CND, **Makerfield 1983**

GREAVES, Anthony Robert (Tony), later Lord Greaves of Pendle, b Bradford 1942, ed Queen Elizabeth g s, Wakefield, Oxford U; a teacher for some years; keen hill walker, climber, geographer; joined Party in 1961, later prominent YL in 1970s, Chair, ULS, transforming the organisation into a dynamic body, the source of many radical ideas and the inspiration behind many campaigns; clashed with

Party Leader Jeremy Thorpe qv (Devon & Cornwall) over a pro-Palestinian motion at YL Conference; moved celebrated amendment at the Assembly 1970, committing Party to community politics; termed himself 'a social Liberal'; wrote witty, perceptive, thought-provoking weekly column in *Liberal Democrat News* for some years; from mid 70s was a driving force behind the ALDC at Hebden Bridge, building it into the nerve centre of the upsurge of Party activity in local government; commissioned the production of many handbooks useful to Liberal cllrs; as organising secretary he was a key figure in overseeing the rise of Liberal cllrs nationally within a short period from 750 to 2,600; long a major figure in Local Government circles serving on Colne DC later Pendle DC for 50 years, including spell as leader, Lancashire CC for 27 years etc; created Life Peer 2000, speaking regularly in the Lords where he was a major contributor to debates on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; played a key part in of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000, Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009; made major contributions on local government matters etc; when described by one commentator as 'not an outstanding orator,' he retorted 'on occasion I can orate with the best of 'em!'; indisputably an authoritative and persuasive speaker on his chosen subjects; for many years ran *Liber*, a business buying/selling books, pamphlets and memorabilia of Liberal interest which he displayed at Party Assemblies; often confused with Bernard Greaves, the prolific essayist and editor, with whom he was closely associated on theory/practice of community politics; latterly contributor of influential, seminal articles in *Liberator*, *Journal of Liberal History* in the wake of election debacles of 2015-2019, urging restatement of Liberal core values, a typical example being his Viv Bingham lecture *A Lifetime in Liberalism: where do we go now?* *Journal of Liberal History*, Issue 103, Summer 2019; generally acknowledged as profound thinker, serious minded, of a somewhat intense personality; he continued to put forward thought provoking, novel ideas to the end; spoke in Lords just a week before his untimely death at Trawden, Lancashire, March 2021; there were several lengthy obituaries in the press; his old friend and associate Michael Meadowcroft qv (Yorkshire Region) described him as 'a mainstay of the Liberal Party and then the Liberal Democrats for half a century'; on the first anniversary of his death, Gordon Lishman qv wrote "Tony had the most secure moral compass for Liberalism of anyone I have known;" his wife Heather m 1968 served alongside him on Pendle BC for over 20 years; co-author with Rachel Pitchford *Merger: The Inside Story* (1989); **Nelson & Colne 1974 Feb, Oct, Pendle 1997** see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

GREEN, Christopher F., b 1943, ed Wrekin Coll, King's Coll, London U; exec sec Young Volunteer Force Foundation later journalist and partner in ind relations co; remembered for his all-round communication skills, persistence and commitment; affable personality; Surbiton 1970 (Greater London), **Cheadle 1974 Feb, Oct**, Hereford 1979, 1983, 1987 (West Midland Region)

GREEN, Dennis Robertson, b 1909, ed Kingswood s, Bath; Cambridge U; solicitor in Liverpool; service as army officer in North Africa and Italy WW II; Sec, Birkenhead L A; Birkenhead MBC; deceased; **Birkenhead 1950**

GREEN, David A. R., b 1935, ed Manchester g s, Manchester U; solicitor; LPO Council; mbr Abortion Law Reform Assn; **Nantwich 1964, 1966, by-e Oldham West 1968**

GREEN, Ralph M., b 1932? ed Scarborough h s, Cambridge U; lect at coll of ed; **Chester 1974 Feb, Oct**

GREENE, W. (Bill) L., b 1946, ed Bristol Central Commercial s; ret comp specialist; Fylde MBC; dogged campaigner fighting eight parliamentary elections over 27 years; **Fylde 1997, Hyndburn 2001, 2005, Blackpool North & Cleveleys 2010, Blackpool South 2015, 2017, 2019, Blackpool North & Fleetwood 2024**

GREENHALGH, Ian, b 1946, ed Smithills sec s; professional fund raiser; originally SDP see SDP section; mbr Amnesty; **Warrington North 1992, 1997, Heywood & Middleton 2001**

GREENWELL June, b 1939, ed Whitehaven g s, Newcastle U; nurse/visiting lect; Lancaster CC; originally SDP see SDP section; **Morecambe & Lunesdale 1997**

GRIBBON, Stephen, b 1971, 27 years' experience as fire officer, later watch commander; active in community with Party from 2010; Stockport MBC; **Halton 2019, Chester North & Neston 2024**

GRIFFITHS, Gwyn, b 1957, ed Ysgol Maelgwn, Llandudno, Crewe City b g s, U Coll, Cardiff; clerical officer, British Rail; Crewe & Nantwich DC grp ldr; **Crewe & Nantwich 1992**

GRIFFITHS, Harold, b Wem, Shropshire 1908, from farming family; engaged in corn milling and road transport business; experience in agriculture; Market Drayton UDC, Shropshire CC; d 1980; **Runcorn 1950**

GRIFFITHS, Lee, **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1979**

GRIFFITHS, Trevor Nigel, b 1959, ed Helsby Co g s; area sales manager; Frodsham TC, Chair, 1990-91; **Weaver Vale 1997, 2001, 2005**

GUEST, John, b Stanmore, Middlesex 1951; army later psychiatric nurse; joined Party 1973; grp ldr; d 2005; **Carlisle 2001**

HACKLEY, Bryn, lives Radcliffe; local activist; private care worker in Bolton; **Bury North 2001**

HAGUE, Harry, b 1922, ed Arnold s, Blackpool, Manchester U, London U; former bank clerk; service WW II, barrister, Northern Circuit, later Crown Court Recorder; Pres Lancashire and Cheshire YLs; LPO Executive/Council; his narrow defeat at Blackpool in the by-election was a highly encouraging curtain raiser for the victory at Orpington shortly after, which prompted Prime Minister MacMillan's wholesale sacking of his Cabinet, an episode subsequently known as 'The Night of the Drawn Knives'; d 1985; **Blackburn East 1950, Blackpool North 1959, by-e 1962, 1964**

HALDANE, Andrew B., b 1947, ed Wordsley-Wardley g s, Bradford U, Salford U; sen lect; **Macclesfield 1987**

HALE, Richard S., b 1933, ed Wigan Tech Coll; West Lancashire DC; first ever Liberal cand locally; polled 18.4%; **Westhoughton 1974 Feb, Oct**

HALL, Eleanor, née Key, b Woking 1966, ed Bartlett School of Architecture, U Coll, London, Manchester U; owner/dir of architects practice, Macclesfield; winner of several prestigious awards; has undertaken several notable public commissions; architect in Harare 1992-96; with YLs in Surrey 1970s and 80s, later Camden, lives Congleton; **Congleton 2005**

HALPIN, Kayleigh, b West Derby ed Liverpool U; volunteer maths teacher; fought local council election; in 2024 she faced opposition from the former Continuing Liberal, Steve Radford who polled 6.1% to her 3.4%; **Liverpool, West Derby 2024**

HAMILTON, John Albert, b 1931; ins broker; in elections to Stormont, Northern Ireland he contested Mid Armagh 1965; Belfast South by-e 1963 (Northern Ireland), **Rossendale 1974 Feb, Oct**

HAMILTON, (Lt Cdr) Kenneth Innes, naval service WW II on Malta convoys and in hunt for the Nazi battleship Bismarck 1941; the IWM website contains an interview including recollections of his time as a Liberal candidate; d 2003; **Blackpool North 1945**

HAMMOND, Robert Michael, b 1932, ed Stockport g s, Manchester U; financial planning cons; **Manchester, Blackley 1959, 1964, Macclesfield 1970, by-e 1971**

HAMPSON, Peter, b 1987? ed Aberystwyth U; in legal practice; local activist; interested in local economic generation; **Weaver Vale 2010**

HANCOX, Catherine, ed St Augustin's s, Liverpool; Liverpool City C; for the purposes of the by-election she chose the designation 'Liberal Against the Poll Tax;' **Knowsley South by-e 1990, Tatton 1992**

HANDLEY, Philip, b 1937, ed Helsby g s, U College, Bangor, Leicester U; lect in politics; West Lancashire DC; d? **Bebington & Ellesmere Port 1974 Feb**

HANSON, Rebecca; raised in inner city Newcastle, ed Cambridge U; teacher, h of d, Cumbria schools, later lect in education; now ins education advisory bureau; Cockermouth MBC, Cumbria CC; campaigner for local hospital provision; has made studies of nuclear ind and waste material disposal; her husband is a nuclear eng; from Cumbrian sheep raising family; a strong local cand, she doubled her share of the poll at the by-election in difficult circumstances for the Party; **Copeland by-e 2017, 2017, Bootle 2019**

HARASIWKI, Frank, b Blackburn 1959, lived Bolton his whole life, ed Lords Coll, Bolton, Bolton Tech Coll; joined Party 1976; MBA, Ch Sec, long experience in management, finance and as dir; later chief officer of Chemistry Knowledge Transfer network, co-sec for housing ass; local activist for 40 years; school governor; Bolton MBC; Euro cand 1994; **Bolton South East 1987, 1997, 2001, 2005, Halton 2010**

HARDWICK, Dominic Francis Thomas, a proud Mancunian, b Withington ed Didsbury p s, Manchester g s, Us of Manchester U, Arkansas; with family clothing co; frequent cand in local elections; strongly pro-Europe; Burton 2017 (West Midland Region), **Denton & Reddish 2019, Ashton-under-Lyne 2024**

HARGREAVES, Rushlyn H. H., b 1923, ed William Hulme's g s, Manchester U; sec Manchester Liberal Federation 1963-66; subsequently defected to the Conservatives for whom he fought Manchester, Ardwick 1974 Feb; for Liberals he contested Howden 1959 (Yorkshire Region), **Manchester, Moss Side by-e 1961, 1964, Huddersfield West 1966 (Yorkshire Region)**

HARKNESS, Garth, ed Manchester Institute, Science & T'ology; teacher specialising in learning/behaviour problems; advocate of educational reform; **Oldham West & Royton 2015, 2017, 2019**

HARRIS, C. Phil, b 1952, ed Birkenhead Tech Coll, York U, Pres of Union, Manchester Poly; snr lect, management cons; Trustee Manchester Research Exchange; activist with Manchester, Withington LA; **Manchester, Gorton 1992**

HARRISON, Ernest H., b Clitheroe, Lancashire, 1886, ed Royal g s, Whalley, Manchester U; retired bank manager; active Methodist; first Pres Bank Employees' U; worked with Royal Institute of International Affairs; ran savings comm in Bacup; d c1952; **Middleton & Prestwich 1950, 1951**

HARRISON, J. Phillip, b 1943, ed Moseley Hill g s, Didsbury Coll, Manchester; co dir in marketing, textile and paper inds; **Middleton & Prestwich 1974 Feb**

HARTLEY, John, b 1951? sen admin asst; **Stockport North 1979**

HARVEY, Charles Gordon Cummins, nephew of A. Gordon C. H. (1858-1922, former Liberal MP for Rochdale 1906-18); dir of cotton spinning firm and manufacturers; d 1963; **Rochdale 1945**

HARVEY, Erin, lives Birkdale, long experience as case worker for John Pugh MP qv; later career in diplomacy and foreign policy; lived London, Colombia and Tunisia; interests incl the environment, local transport, local economy, coastal energy; disturbed by decline of Southport; **Southport 2024**

HARVEY, Guy M. b 1918, ed Shrewsbury s, Munich U; dir of tannery; Chair, UK Leather Producers Assn; LPO Council; Nantwich UDC; deceased; **Nantwich 1959**

HAWTHORNE, Daniel, b/raised Stockport ed local s s, Cheadle Marple Sixth Form Coll, U of Liverpool, Manchester U; political assistant to Stockport MBC Lib Dem grp; worked for Andrew Stunnell MP qv; interested in local regeneration; **Stockport 2015, 2017**

HEMELRYK, Charles Joseph, b 1889, a direct descendant on his mother's side of Oliver Cromwell; ed Stoneyhurst, Oxford U; service WW I, called to Bar 1917, practising in Liverpool and Preston; past Chair, Preston L A; d 1965; **Preston North 1950**

HEMSLEY, Kenneth A., b 1926, ed Bridgnorth, Salop, Manchester U; sen lect in FE; Cheshire CC, Congleton MBC; remembered for his easy-going, good-natured affability; a little too bland to make a strong impression in an election campaign; **Eccles 1983**, Burton 1987, Shrewsbury 1992 (both West Midland Region)

HENNEL, P. Gordon, b 1959, ed Burnage h s, Manchester, Cambridge U, Inns of Court School of Law; barrister/charity organiser; **Manchester, Withington 1992**

HERBERT, Aubrey, OBE b 1905, ed Westminster, Oxford U; sometime journalist; Party Chief Agent for a period in late 1940s; LPO Exec, Council until early 1960s; persevering campaigner over four decades; genial, humorous character with intriguing repertoire of election anecdotes which he delivered in a laid-back Leslie Phillips style drawl; missed winning his very first contest by a handful of votes; hospitalised by a Conservative official who, crying "Treason!" jammed the point of an umbrella between two of his ribs during the highly charged election campaign in the crisis of 1931; was readopted for Sudbury c1964, but resigned to take on the Westmorland candidature at short notice; West Suffolk CC; Chair, East of England Party; on more than one occasion confused in press with rather more well-known A. P. Herbert MP; d 1981; m Ruth Crisp English, fought Lowestoft qv (East of England); Chester 1929, 1931, (Northwest Region), Newcastle-upon-Tyne North 1950

(Northeast Region), Sudbury & Woodbridge 1959, by-e 1963, (East of England Region), **Westmorland 1964**, Berwick-upon-Tweed 1966 (Northeast Region)

HERBERT, Peter, ed Lancashire Coll of Technology; b 1947? sen lab technician; Garstang DC, Wyre DC; **Fylde North 1979**

HERD, Robert (Rob), local teacher, Head of Modern Languages; Party activist in Flintshire; parish cllr; trustee of a local Race and Equality Centre; former co-chair Liverpool Pride; **City of Chester by-e 2022, Chester South & Eddisbury 2024**

HESSEY, James H., b 1917, ed Blackpool g s; co dir; Blackpool MBC, **Blackpool North 1966**

HEWER, Robert, b 1947, ed sec mod s, Wigan Tech Coll, Open U; watchmaker; **Makerfield 1987**

HEWITT, David, b 1948, ed Nelson Sec Tech s, Manchester Poly; conference organiser, dir of two cos; **Nelson & Colne 1979**

HEWITT, Michael, b 1935; lect; **Heywood & Royton 1979**

HEWITT, Reginald, JP, formerly Labour; sec to J. R. Clynes MP and Cabinet Minister in Labour Governments; organiser National U of General and Municipal Workers; labour manager, ind relations officer in chemical works; in 1948 represented British Chemical ind in international comm at Paris; later lecturer/writer, mbr of government comms until 1949; Chair, Wilmslow L A; deceased; **Stockport South 1950**

HEWLETT-JOHNSON, Gordon, b 1911, kinsman of Rev. H-J, (1874-1966, the notorious 'Red Dean' of Canterbury 1931-1963); ed Trinity Coll s, Ontario, McGill U, Montreal, Oxford U, ice hockey Blue, Captain British team, World Games 1936; deceased; **Macclesfield 1964**

HEYWOOD, Ewart, b Prestwich 1903, ed Central h s, Manchester, Manchester U; schoolmaster/linguist; travelled the world; 1931-48 in service of Egyptian Government; d 1973; **Liverpool, Walton 1950**

HEYWORTH, Christopher b 1946, ed Baines g s, Poulton-le-Fylde, Reading U, C. F. Mott Coll, Liverpool; lect; Blackpool BC; **Blackpool North 1979, 1983, 1987**

HICKS, Carly, b Cornwall, now lives Greater Manchester, ed comp s, Durham U; trained as solicitor in Manchester; worked in several European capitals incl Brussels; cricketer with Didsbury Ladies CC, appearing in international matches for England; campaigned on environmentally hazardous EU fishing policy; interests incl women's opportunities, social mobility, education; **Ashton-under-Lyne 2015, 2017**

HILL, Anthony, b 1942, of Jewish background, ed Merchant Taylor's s, Crosby, Liverpool Poly; lect in Law; long serving Sefton MBC, Mayor 2001-02; at the 1981 by-e at Crosby, following Roy Jenkins's narrow defeat at Warrington, in the excitement of the birth of the SDP/Liberal Alliance, he was unceremoniously shunted aside as PPC designate in favour of Shirley Williams (see SDP section); **Crosby 1974 Oct, 1979**

HILL, Beverley, b 1958 ed Fleetwood g s, St Anne's Coll; Blackpool BC; mbr League Against Cruel Sports; **Blackpool North & Fleetwood 1997**

HILYER, Christopher, b 1940, ed Prescot g s, Manchester School of Architecture; architect; **Oldham East 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

HINDLEY, Colin, b 1901, ed Bolton s, Oxford U; sen history master at Bury g s; active in adult education; Methodist lay preacher; d 1981; **Bury & Radcliffe 1950**

HINES, Ann, b 1953, ed Notre Dame Coll of Education, Liverpool U; teacher; Liverpool City C; in the 1997 election she was opposed by 'continuing Liberal' leader Steve Radford who polled 9.6% to her 9.0%; **Liverpool, West Derby 1997**

HIRST, Dr Peter J., b 1950, ed Werneth s, Oldham, Rydal s, Colwyn Bay, Manchester U Medical School; cons physician 1988-2003; joined Party 1988; held various offices Northwest Region; Congleton MBC 1999-2002; Middlewich TC; interested in environmental sustainability, foreign affairs; offended sensibilities of Board of Deputies of British Jews for his pro-Palestinian sentiments; Stroud 2005 (Southwest Region), **Congleton 2010, 2015, 2017**, High Peak 2024 (East Midlands)

HOBDAV, Dr Thomas Lyrian, b 1920, ed Holt s, Liverpool U; barrister, later principal medical officer Liverpool Corporation Health Dept; researched into smallpox in India; deceased; **Rochdale 1964**

HOBHOUSE, Wera Benedicta, née von Reden, b Hannover, Lower Saxony, Germany 1960, of distant Jewish ancestry; ed U of Munster, Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, U of Berlin; after marriage lived in UK from 1990; former teacher, radio journalist, artist; worker for UNICEF; originally Conservative, serving on Rochdale MBC from 2004 with her husband until defecting to Lib Dems, occasioned by their objection to plans to build homes on a site contaminated by asbestos, the Spodden Valley Controversy (subsequently abandoned); re-elected 2006, 2010; held council offices, group ldr; moved to Bath on election to Commons 2017, app Lib Dem spokesman on Housing, Communities and Local Government; later Environment and Climate Change; sought to amend Sexual Offences Act by adding clause outlawing up-skirting; (wife of the following); **Heywood & Middleton 2010**, North East Somerset 2015, Bath 2017, 2019, 2024 (both Southwest Region); MP 2017-

HOBHOUSE, William S., b London 1963, ed Eton, Cambridge U; manufacturing industry; former Conservative; cllr Rochdale MBC 2004-10; joined Party 2004; interested in localism, manufacturing, community; (husband of the preceding); **Blackley & Broughton 2010**

HOBSON, Phillip Andrew David, b Monmouth 1968; Monmouthshire CC, Chepstow TC, Mayor; originally Green, he contested Kensington (Greater London) by-e 1988 for that party; he was only 20 years old and if elected would have been ineligible to take his seat at Westminster as the rules then stood; later joined Lib Dems; later an influential figure in Monmouthshire affairs; **Manchester, Central 2001**, Monmouth 2005 (Wales)

HOLBROOK, Simon Andrew, b Huddersfield 1957, ed Loughborough U, with Unilever, later Environment Agency; Wirral MBC 1999, grp ldr from 2007, dpty ldr council; originally SDP; see SDP section; joined Party on merger; **Wirral West 2001, Wirral South 2005**

HOLDEN, Richard, b 1951, ed Manchester U, Swansea U; teacher; **Accrington 1979**

HOLLERAN, J. Alan, b 1936; ed St Mary's, Blackburn; representative; South Ribble MBC; **South Ribble 1987**

HOLLOWELL, Frank G. H., b 1959, ed Spencefield sec s; lived Copeland 20 years; mental health nurse; **Copeland 2005, 2010**

HOLT, Anne Durning, b 1899, daughter of Sir Richard D. H., (Liberal MP for Hexham 1907-18); ed Oxford U; active in Unitarian circles; involved in research for Ministry of Town and Country Planning; fellow of Royal Historical Soc; author of study of Joseph Priestley 1931; d 1980; **Liverpool, Toxteth 1950**

HOLT, (Major) Arthur Frederick, b 1914; native of Bolton; ed Mill Hill s, Manchester U; managing dir of a family firm; from a stalwart Liberal background; service as army officer WW II; spent three years in the captivity of the Japanese after the fall of Singapore, working on notorious Burma railway; on his return helped re-establish Bolton Reform Club and the L A; beneficiary of a local arrangement, resolutely opposed by the YLs from the outset, with the Conservatives who did not oppose him in elections 1951- 1959; managed to maintain a considerable degree of independence from local Tory influence but again provoked wrath of Party members for supporting Eden's Suez operation in 1956; at the 1959 General Election he was Jo Grimond's choice as campaign manager; he improved organisation and strategy to the extent that the number of cand s rose by 100% on 1955; Chief Whip 1962-63; Party spokesman on Health and Transport; the candidature of Frank Byers, in neighbouring Bolton East by-e 1960, put paid to the local agreement which had been a running source of embarrassment to the Party; he finished third in 1964, on a commendable 25% vote share with a Conservative cand intervening; though a free trader, he was an early convert to the principles of European Union; later served as Party Pres 1974; remembered as a laid-back, genial, easy going individual; retired to live near Ambleside; d 1995; **Bolton East 1950, Bolton West 1951, 1955, 1959, 1964; MP 1951-1964; see Dictionary of Liberal Biography**

HOLT, Doreen, b 1938, ed Bacup & Rossendale g s; registered foster mother; Blackpool MBC; school governor; persistent campaigner; **Blackpool South 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010**

HOLT, Stephen C., b 1935, ed Mill Hill s, Cambridge U; lect at Sheffield U in Euro Government, politics; Bolton MBC 1961-64; **Darwen 1964, 1966**

HOUGH, Peter, b 1954, ed Lymm h s, freelance TV writer, TV cons; **Leigh 1997**

HOWARD, Stafford V. S., or HOWARD- STEPNEY Vaughan, b 1915, ed Eton, Oxford, France, Austria; son of Sir E Stafford H. (former Liberal MP for county); Army officer WW II serving in North Africa, Italy and SW Asia; engaged in market gardening and forestry; d 1991; Gloucestershire South 1950 (Southwest Region), **Penrith and the Border 1951**

HOWE, John R., b 1939, ed Welwyn Garden City g s., Oxford U, Pres Liberal Club, joining Party 1959; schoolmaster, later college lect; Border RDC, later Gloucestershire CC, Chair, Education Comm; author of historical studies of Liberal Party in Gloucestershire; **Penrith & the Border 1966**

HUBBARD, Bruce, b 1952, ed Brentwood s, Liverpool U; teacher; Maghull TC; active in Scout movement; Sefton MBC; **Makerfield 1997**

HUGHES, John, b 1946, ed King James's g s, Huddersfield, Hyde Co g s, Manchester U; retail cons; mbr Assn of Co-operatives; **Stalybridge & Hyde 1983**

HUGHES, Neil, b 1957, ed Caldby Orange g s, Open U; lived latterly Bampton nr Haweswater, Shetlands; he has featured prominently since 1964 in the highly regarded TV series *Up* in which the lives of a group of fourteen people have been followed at seven year intervals until as recently as 2019; has experienced homelessness and destitution; later worked in various jobs incl as teacher; joined Party 1982; firstly in Hackney LBC, later Cumbria CC, Shap DC, dpty ldr Eden DC; volunteer for Oxfam; has worked in Poland, Germany; mbr Charter 88, Liberty; tireless standard bearer for the Party over three regions; interests incl sustainable energy, farming housing assn; lay preacher; Tottenham 1997 (Greater London), Stockton-on-Tees North 2005 (Northeast Region), **Carlisle 2010, Penrith & The Border 2015, Workington 2019**

HULLAND, Dereck J., b 1941; leather merchant; active with Crewe Chamber of Trade; **Crewe 1974 Feb**

HULLS, Dr Kenneth, b 1944, ed London U, Warwick U; project manager; **Westmorland 1979, Westmorland & Lonsdale 1983**

HULSE, Peter J., b 1951, ed Smallwood Manor s, Denstone s, Oxford U; project eng; Preston City C; **Rossendale & Darwen 1987**

HUMBERSTONE, John C., b 1943, ed Hertford g s, Goldsmith's Coll, Birkbeck Coll, London; teacher; mbr Amnesty, Charter 88; **Lancaster 1992, Lancaster & Wyre 1997**

HUMPHREYS, A., **Liverpool, West Derby 1979**

HUNKIN, Michael J., b 1926, ed Leighton Park s, LSE; organisation and methods officer; deceased? **Knutsford 1964**

HUNTER, Mark James, b 1957, ed Audenshaw b g s; marketing exec with Guardian Media Group; Stockport MBC 1996-2005; Council Leader 2002-05; in Commons mbr shadow Home Affairs team, mbr Trade and Industry Select Comm, spokesman successively on Communities and Local Government, Foreign Affairs 2007-10, later Transport; 2007-10 served as PPS to Nick Clegg; from 2010 dpty Chief Whip and asst Government Whip; **Ashton-under-Lyne 1987, Stockport 2001, Cheadle by-e 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017; MP 2005-2015**

HYLAND, John, grew up in Wavertree; local charity worker, former co-chair Liverpool Pride; previously served as a cllr for Alliance Party in Northern Ireland; **Liverpool, Garston 2024**

INGHAM, Robert Vincent, b 1931, ed Llangollen g s, Bangor U; UKAEA, Harwell; physicist, control/safety in nuclear power stations; Macclesfield MBC; **Knutsford by-e 1979, 1979, Clwyd North West 1992 (Wales)**

IREDILL, (Lieut) Godfrey William, b 1915, ed St Bees s, Cambridge U; army service WW II; solicitor, lect in Law at Law Society's Coll, London; later joined the Conservatives for whom he contested Whitehaven 1955, Blaydon 1959 (Northeast Region), Carlisle 1966; d 1989; **Carlisle 1945, 1950**

IVISON, David J., b 1945, ed Carlisle g s, Newcastle U; teacher at Dumfries Acad; **Penrith & the Border 1987**

JACKSON, D., **Manchester, Blackley 1974 Oct**

JACKSON, Peter James, b 1951; Chair, local LDA; owns small business; cand in local/county elections; disturbed by local poverty and inequality; supports ban on diesel vehicles; advocates carbon neutral, insulated homes, doubling of renewable power generation; **Lancaster & Fleetwood 2019, Morecambe & Lonsdale 2024**

JACKSON, William, b 1906, ed Harrow, Oxford U; barrister, later farmer; deceased; **Penrith & The Border 1964, 1970**

JALLAND, Marjorie Wainwright, b 1915, daughter of A. E. J. (1889-1958, judge and former Party cand); barrister; in 1930s a regular speaker for the Liberals in Lancashire; interested in housing construction on the Continent and the development of domestic appliances; d 2008; **Mossley 1945**

JAMES, Arthur Walter, b 30/6/1910, ed Uckfield g s, Oxford U; journalist/author of several books; on staff of *The Manchester Guardian* later editor, *Times Educational Supplement* 1952-69; Reader in Journalism, U of Canterbury, BBC Advisory Council; his first wife, Elizabeth Howroyd, campaigned for the Liberals in the Manchester area; probably the first Liberal centenarian parliamentary candidate; certainly one of the last three survivors of the roster of Party cands of 1945; he was re-adopted at Bury but resigned in 1947 upon his move to London; he favoured grammar schools; interested in Party profit-sharing policy; wrote an article for *Sunday Times* aged 100; a personality deserving further research; d Aug 2015 aged 103; **Bury 1945**

JARDINE, Herbert Alexander Anderson, b Liverpool 1909, ed Bootle g s; WW II service in India; insurance superintendent at Barrow-in-Furness; d 1977; **Barrow-in-Furness 1950**

JEFFERS, Stephen, b 1956, ed Upholland g s, Bath U; pharmacist; Wigan MBC grp ldr; West Lancashire DC, Chair, Wigan & Leigh L A; **Makerfield 1992**

JEWELL, Mark G., Lancashire CC; prominent local personality involved in Preston City Deal; makes maximum use of media; exposed abuses of anti-terror measures by local council officials; hospice fund raiser; activist Preston & Wyre LDA; **Preston 2010, Denton & Reddish 2015, Fylde 2019, 2024**

JEWKES, Elizabeth B. (Lizzy), b 1957, ed g s, Poly? Open U; administrator charity care home; joined Party 1980s; head of policy WLDs, Vice-Chair, Lib Dem Christian Forum; entrepreneur with own manufacturing business; later worked in business improvement; stalwart parliamentary campaigner over three decades; **Ellesmere & Neston 1992, Vale of Clywyd 2005 (Wales), Chester 2010, Wirral South 2015, City of Chester 2017, Cannock Chase 2024 (West Midland Region)**

JOHNSON, Eric Seymour Thewlis, b 1897; defected to Conservatives after 1945 and for them fought Droylsden 1950; MP Manchester, Blackley 1951-64; d 1978; **Lancaster 1945**

JOHNSON-TOD, Joe, originally from York; lived locally two years; student Salford U; Sec, Salford LDA, local campaigner; interests incl mental health, the young, social services; **Worsley & Eccles South 2019**

JONES, Audrey, b 1933, ed Levenshulme g h s; co dir of local newspaper; JP; Manchester MBC, grp ldr; **Manchester, Withington 1987**

JONES, Ashwood Everett E., advertising cons; LPO council; member in early 1940s of influential Radical Action group within Liberal Party; qqv Lancelot Spicer (Greater London), Donald Johnson (West Midlands); deceased; **Chester 1945**

JONES, Arthur Ward, b Chester? 1905, active Congregationalist; managing dir firm of wholesale merchants; service overseas WWII; Hoole UDC, Chair 1941; deceased; **Rossendale 1945, Wallasey 1950**

JONES, Dr Brendon, ed Manchester U; teaching assist Manchester U; Manchester City C, **Stalybridge & Hyde 2001**

JONES, Clifford L., b 1934, ed sec mod s, Manchester Coll of Science & T'nology; travel agent, co dir; Eccles MBC; **Newton 1964, Stretford 1966**

JONES, D. Trevor, b 1944, ed Counthill g s, Oldham, LSE; town planning asst; mbr Exec NALGO; Eccles MBC; **Preston North 1970**

JONES, Geraldine, b 1946, ed Calden Girls h s Liverpool, Muscatine h s, Iowa, USA, Oxford U; first woman Pres Union 1967; Sec, Union of Women Teachers; **Wirral 1970**

JONES, Janet, b 1939, ed Hawarden g s, Froebel Inst, Roehampton; ret head mistress; served on national committees; Halton MBC; **Halton 1997**

JONES, J. G., first Liberal cand to stand locally for 29 years, he polled 20.7%; **Ashton-under-Lyne 1974 Feb**

JONES, Rev. John Herbert, b 1911? ed Bristol U, Oxford U; WW II service with Western Command; active Baptist in Wakefield; moved to social welfare work; helped establish craft centres and OAP clubs; WEA lect on sociology; deceased; **Eccles 1950**

JONES, Les, activist in Hyndburn; strong advocate of 50% tax rate on incomes over £100,000; **Hyndburn 1997, Ashton-under-Lyne 2005, Morecambe & Lunesdale 2010**

JONES, Mia, b Malaya, of Chinese background, daughter-in-law of Sir Trevor J. qv; raised Toxteth, ed local p s, s s; Liverpool Poly; manages own business, Alpha Partnerships, an international transportation co; local campaigner for ethnic minorities; joined Party c 2000 after meeting Shirley Williams qv; cllr Chester City C; **Chester 2005**

JONES, Simon Nicholas, b 1955, ed Beechen Cliff s, Bath, U Coll of Wales, Cardiff; Worcester Coll of HE; in music business; mbr Friends of the Earth; Chorley MBC gr ldr; Clayton-le-Woods PC; **South Ribble 1992, Chorley 1997**

JONES, Sir Trevor Owen, b Bootle 1927, of Welsh parentage; went to sea with merchant navy at close of WWII; graduated to ownership of leading Liverpool firm of ships' chandlers; spurred into political activity, through opposition to Liverpool Labour Party's wholesale redevelopment plans; became a friend and associate of Cyril Carr qv; cllr Liverpool City C 1968-91, 2003-10 dpty ldr & Chair of Housing 1975 Council ldr 1978-83; Merseyside MDC, later ldr party grp, ldr of council; he transformed Party's by-election campaigning, leading to by-election victories at Liverpool, Edge Hill, Sutton & Cheam, Ripon and spectacular advances everywhere; the Party entered 1974 Feb General Election campaign in better heart and state of preparation perhaps since 1929; became known as 'Jones the vote'; over 850 councillors were elected in May 1973; Party took control of Liverpool City C with 49 of 99 cllrs, sweeping aside the extreme left-wing Militant Tendency which had earlier taken over the Labour Party in that city; the new Lib Dem council encouraged home-ownership, building thousands of properties in inner city areas; suspended resettlement of Liverpoolians in distant Lancashire towns; forged working relationship with Michael Heseltine, Conservative Secretary of State for the Environment, urging practical policies to end inner city dereliction; not fully trusted by Party hierarchy because his primary concern was not sending more MPs to Westminster but rather to campaign for more local activists and 'coal face' politicians; in a famous exchange the Lib Dem Leader David Steel remarked 'I don't think the Party is quite ready for your methods' to which Jones replied 'No, but they're ready for my results'; his style of campaigning closely followed the community politics approach of Wallace Lawler qv (West Midland Region) in the previous decade, later enthusiastically endorsed by a Party Assembly resolution proposed by the YLs under Tony Greaves qv; considered by some pundits as Britain's first 'spin doctor'; his droning, monotone Scouse voice proved tedious to some in Party circles, as did his unbridled optimism; gave up leadership 1989 so as not to encumber his successor generation of cllrs; polled a creditable 25.73% on his single foray south of Merseyside; his wife Doreen served as Mayor of Liverpool; latterly they lived at Tattenhall, Eddisbury; died, unaccountably largely forgotten by the Party, of cancer in Sept 2016; **Liverpool, Toxteth 1974 Feb**, Gillingham 1974 Oct (Southeast Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

JONES, Trevor, OBE, b Oldham 1944, ed Counthill g s, Oldham, LSE; local government officer; active with NALGO; joined Party 1967; LPO Exec; later ldr Party group West Dorset DC, Dorchester TC Mayor; Chair, Hebden Royd Publications; from 1981 ran his own post office at Fordington; **Preston North 1970**, West Dorset 1979, 1983, 1987 (Southwest Region)

JONES, Trevor T (or G.), b 1932, ed Stockport s, Cheshire TTC, Alsager; teacher; **Stockport South 1970, Ashton-under-Lyne 1974 Oct**

JONES, William, raised inner City Liverpool, ed Breckfiche comp s, John Moores U; local community campaigner; joined Party 2005, Chair, Trafford LDA; interested in education, health services; **Wythenshawe & Sale East 2017**

JORDAN, Robert W., b 1914, ed Boteler g s, Warrington, Chester Coll; schoolmaster; deceased; **Runcorn 1964**

KEAVENEY, Paula Clare, b 1960? former journalist later with national/international charities; one-time Ldr of Lib-Dems, Liverpool City C; author of publications, reports etc; **Liverpool, Garston 2001, 2005, Garston & Halewood 2010, Sefton Central 2015**

KELLY, Andy; Rochdale MBC, LDA Chair; frequently at odds in media with local Labour MP, Simon Danczuk who was virulently anti-Lib Dem; was prospective candidate for Greater Manchester Mayoral Election, 2020 but was obliged to withdraw due to change of employment; **Rochdale 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024**

KELLY, Stuart E., electrician, electronics tutor; Wirral MBC; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 2001, Birkenhead 2005, 2010, 2019, 2024**

KEMP, Richard, CBE, b 1953, ed Leyland g s, Leeds Poly; employment creation cons, dir of cos; Chair, local housing association; Liverpool City C 1975-1984, from 1992; cand for office of elected Mayor 2016; awarded CBE 2011; long serving activist in Liverpool; has held several important posts incl Vice-Chair Local Government Assn, Chair, Local Authority Mutual Investment Trust, UK Rep on World Council of United Cities and Local Government; major figure in Northwest Region and the Party nationally; his wife Erica, also CBE, served on Liverpool City C for 20 years, Mayor in 2014-15; **Runcorn 1979, Birkenhead 1987, Liverpool, Wavertree 1997, West Lancashire 2005, Liverpool, Wavertree 2017, 2019**

KENNEDY, (Sir) Ludovic Henry Coverley, b Edinburgh 1919, (his father, Edward, a career naval officer, was captain of the armed merchantman HMS Rawalpindi, sunk early in WW II with nearly all hands in a valiant attempt to delay and take on two German battleships); ed Eton, where he played in a jazz group with Humphrey Lyttleton, Oxford U, completing his studies after naval service World War II. A journalist, he joined BBC Radio, became a TV presenter, appearing on numerous prestigious programmes, e g *Panorama*, and in several highly praised series. One of the most respected media personalities of his day. He campaigned relentlessly for many victims of miscarriages of justice over the years. His voice adapted very well to the public platform, where he proved to be a powerful and persuasive speaker. He wrote a long list of acclaimed books on crimes and trials. M Moira Shearer, ballet dancer and film actor. Perhaps his best-known book is *10 Rillington Place* (1960) which led eventually to the posthumous pardon for Timothy Evans, unjustly hanged for the murder of his wife and child. The crime had been committed by the serial murderer, John Christie, who was later hanged. The revelations in the book were a major contribution to the campaign for the abolition of capital punishment in the UK. He became a fearless opponent of Britain's adversarial system of justice, calling for its replacement by an inquisitorial system though he never formulated his ideas in a full-length study. His ideas on this subject permeate *36 Murders and Two Immoral Earnings* (2003), which includes studies of the cases of Derek Bentley and the Birmingham Six. Increasingly he questioned whether the police were worthy of the traditional trust of the public, casting doubts upon the integrity of officers of all ranks in many cases involving injustice. His *Trial of Stephen Ward* (1964) is a devastating indictment of the corruption of the judiciary and its manipulation by political interests. (qv A. P. Marshall, West Midland Region)

Though generally a low-key interviewer and presenter, he was adept at making pertinent, dramatic interventions in TV discussion programmes e. g. when the career of a recently deceased, errant Conservative MP who happened to be a relative of Kennedy and his intimacy with notorious criminal gang leaders was being discussed, Kennedy added "and he was also a shit of the highest order."

Kennedy's relationship with the Party was sporadic, interrupted at one stage by his joining the Scottish Nationalists platform. After a long absence, he re-appeared in 1988-89 to support the motion at the Blackpool Special Assembly calling for the merger of the Liberals and the SDP. He again resigned from the Party to contest Deizes in 2001 as an independent, advocating the legalising of voluntary euthanasia. He subsequently re-joined the Party. An atheist, latterly mbr of the British Humanist Association he strongly opposed attempts by Catholics in the Party who sought to revise the Termination of Pregnancies Act. His crusading liberalism made him many powerful enemies in the Establishment. He was knighted for his services to journalism on the recommendation of Prime Minister, John Major, after his nomination, years before, had been vetoed by Margaret Thatcher. In hindsight, it is likely his independent mind and spirit would have precluded him from accepting the discipline required of an MP and loyal member of the Party in Parliament, had he been elected; he was a cousin of the now discredited Conservative MP and broadcaster, the late Sir Robert, later Lord Boothby; d Salisbury 2009; **Rochdale by-e 1958, 1959**

KENYON, Heric, b 1900, notable figure in the cloth and rayon trade, exporter of textiles; deceased; **Manchester, Exchange 1945**

KENYON, Neville A., b 1937, ed Stand g s, Manchester; co dir; **Bury North 1997**

KERR, Dr Donald F., b 1925, ed Edinburgh Acad, Edinburgh U; medical practitioner; Wilmslow UDC; **Stockport South 1964**

KEY, Eleanor C. A., **Congleton 2005**; see Hall, E. C. A.

KILLEA, Adam David Evan, b Blackburn 1981, ed Oxford U, Bristol U, Coll of St Mark and St John; language teacher, service in Japan 2002-04, LDYLS 2000-01; active in Party in Cornwall, holding Regional Party office; Saltash TC, Mayor 2010-11, Caradon DC 2007-09; interested in environmental issues; **Bolton North East 2005**

KILPATRICK, Richard, b 1992? hails from Middlesbrough; teacher, later sen acc exec in health sector; interests incl rail transport, education, regeneration of town centres; **Leigh 2017, Bury South 2019, Manchester, Withington 2024**

KIRK, Frank, b 1933, ed Frencheville s, Sheffield Coll of T'nology; mech eng, co dir; Rainford UDC; mbr North Western Advisory Council, Museums and Art galleries; **Liverpool, Garston 1964**

KIRK, Ian M., b 1946, ed King Edward VII s, Sheffield, Oxford U; co dir/software cons; Chair, Cheadle L A; **Stalybridge & Hyde 1992**

KIRKMAN, Winifred Carrodus, b Stockport 1897, ed Hulme g s, Bingley T C; trained soprano singer; teacher active with National Union of Teachers, United Nations Ass; Oldham MBC; Pres Oldham Business and Professional Women's Club; Chair, Oldham LA; later moved to Cornwall where she remained active with Party; d 1984; **Oldham East 1950**

KITCHING, Hannah, lives Thurlstone, with husband owns a steel products manufacturing firm; joined party 2016; Barnsley MBC, grp ldr; cand for Mayor, South Yorkshire 2024; **Penistone & Stocksbridge 2019, Oldham West, Chadderton & Royton 2024**

KNIGHT, (F/L) Albert Mayne, b 1905; science master, later barrister; d 1970; **Royton 1945**

KNIGHT, Gordon, b 1911, ed Stand g s, Whitefield, Manchester, Bolton Tech Coll; commercial manager of shipping co; deceased; **Eccles 1979**

KNOWLES, Richard, b 1947, ed Abbeydale b g s, Sheffield, Newcastle U; Oldham MBC, Mayor, his term being interrupted by a two-month course of treatment for cancer; after 36 years' service as a councillor he was made Hon Alderman; **Littleborough & Saddleworth 1983**

KNOX, Allan Ian, originally from Scotland, lived Clitheroe after 1992; registered disabled; grad in chemistry, formerly in oil ind; later in IT; Lancashire CC, Ribble Valley DC, Warrington MBC? one-time agent for Chris Davies MP qv; interests incl provision of social housing, environment; **Ribble Valley 2010**

KRIZANAC, Stefan Zeljko; son of manual labourers; originally from Sussex; moved to Cheshire 2003, works for Royal Mail, Warrington; first served on Crewe & Nantwich DC, later Warrington BC; community campaigner; deeply interested in education issues; previously worked with disabled; **Warrington North 2015, 2017**

LACEY, Terry, b c 1945, ed Dover Coll, Manchester U; prominent YL in his day, generally regarded as a publicity seeker and in the late 1960s, at least, a regular thorn in the flesh of the Party or even as some critics would claim, a constant pain the neck; cast somewhat in the same mould as his contemporary, Louis Eaks; firmly on the radical wing of the YLs, earning that body the media soubriquet of 'Red Guards'; both individuals attracted often embarrassing newspaper head-lines in the early 1970s for their frequent clashes with LPO and their disillusionment with the Thorpe leadership; their activities did however draw much wider attention to the Party, the YLs and their seemingly *avant garde* demands, many of which were later absorbed into official Party policy; said to have defected to Labour in 1970s; he subsequently pursued a career in international dvlpmnt in numerous overseas countries; worked with War on Want; also lect Manchester U; **Manchester, Gorton by-e 1967**

LAHIFF, Andre P., b 1961, ind sales leader for 30 years; **Blackpool North 1992**

LAMBERT, Owen, grew up locally; worked for NHS; local campaigner; deplores the neglect of Morecambe and district by Westminster; **Morecambe & Lunesdale 2019**

LANG, Joseph, b 1924, ed St Wilfred's RC s, Manchester; pensioner; Liverpool City C grp whip; deceased; **Liverpool, Walton 1992**

LANGHORN, Stuart, b Shipley 1972, ed Bingley g s, Lancaster U, St Martin's Coll, Lancaster; Head of Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Morecambe c h s; Lancaster City C, leader of council; **Lancaster & Wyre 2005, Lancaster & Fleetwood 2010**

LARKIN, Paul, b 1976? originally Labour cllr, Sefton MBC; joined Lib Dems 2009; interested in housing; **Ashton-under-Lyne, 2010**

LAVIN, Crea A., b 1974? ed Newcastle U, Pres of U; grad in chemical eng; manufacturing manager with Princes Soft Drinks; **Heywood & Middleton 2005**

LAWRENCE, Sarah B., b 1948, ed Wardley g s, Manchester Art Coll, Salford Coll of T'nology; housewife, freelance artist, part-time secretary; **Bolton East 1979**

LAWSON, Alan, b 1930, ed Ormskirk g s, King Alfred's Coll, Winchester, Liverpool U; dir of St Alban's Teachers Centre; Rainford UDC 1968-71; **Fylde South 1974 Feb, Oct**

LEAH, A. Brian, b? ed? food technologist; Stockport MBC, grp ldr; **Cheadle 1987**

LEAK, (Capt) Dr Walter Norman, b Winsford, Cheshire 1891, ed Berkhamsted, Cambridge U; medical practitioner at Winsford, Cheshire; service in RAMC WW I under Gen Allenby in Middle East; Cheshire CC from 1936, on Mid Cheshire Education Exec; d 1963; **Northwich 1950**

LEATHER, William Nevil, b 1940, ed Wade Deacon g s, Widnes, Liverpool Poly; lect; **Newton 1974 Feb, Oct**

LEDSON, William Henry, railway admin worker; fought local Liverpool elections 1932-45; **Liverpool, Fairfield 1945**

LEE, Dennis, b 1936, ed Horwich Tech Coll, Bolton Inst of Tech, Salford U; comp eng; originally SDP see SDP section; joined Party on merger; mbr ETU; AAA athletics coach; **Bolton South East 1992**

LEECH, John Sampson MacFarlane, b Wakefield 1971, ed Manchester g s, Loreto Coll, Brunel U; trainee manager, MacDonalds later insurance claims handler; Manchester City C, dpty grp ldr, dpty ldr of opposition; in Commons mbr Transport Select Cttee 2005-10, Shadow Transport spokesperson; founded all-party Light Rail Group; drafted the 'Alan Turing Law' bill which led to a posthumous pardon for Turing and many other criminally convicted gay people; faced considerable harassment in media by a disaffected previous candidate, Yasmin Zalzal qv; **Manchester, Withington, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019; MP 2005-15**

LEEMING, (Captain) Gerald Pascal de Pfyffer, b Lancaster, 1912; of a distinguished Lancashire family; stockbroker; a Catholic, he studied for the secular priesthood; service WW II; defected to Labour and later the Conservatives; d 1998; **Morecambe & Lonsdale 1950**

LEES, John D., b 1936, ed Derby s, Bury, Oxford U, Manchester U, U of Michigan; lect, Keele U; **Fylde South 1964, 1966**

LEPORI, Simon, hails from St Albans, lives Stretford; ed Nicholas Breakspear R C s, Manchester Metro U; worked for NHS as vocational assessor; Party campaigns organiser; of impressive appearance; **Wythenshawe & Sale East 2019, 2024**

LESLIE, Dr Roy Francis, b Scotland 1922, RAF service WW II ed Manchester U, MA, PhD; academic; Prof Wisconsin U 1964-68, later U of Victoria British Columbia; parachuted into Darwen as a last minute candidate determined to offer a Liberal option on the ballot paper; received letter of support from Honor Balfour qv; two years later in a barren period for the Party, he unexpectedly arrived in Sunderland for a crucial by-election in a highly marginal seat; his enthusiasm, energy and courage, like many another candidate, would have been better put to better use in later decades in the Party's history; edited two vols of Old English texts; author of a history of Poland; d 1992; Colne Valley 1950 (Yorkshire Region), **Darwen 1951**, Sunderland South by-e 1953 (Northeast Region), **Oldham East 1955**

LEWIS, Daniel, Sefton MBC; worked for John Pugh MP qv; Northwest YLs; previously with Santander as fraud prevention officer; opposed to incursion into the Green Belt; **Lancashire West 2015, Sefton 2017**

LEWIS, R. Eric, b 1902, ed Sir John Deane g s, Northwich; local corn miller; deceased; **Northwich 1959**

LIDDELL-HART, (Lt) Adrian John, b 1922, son of military historian Sir Basil L.-H.; ed St Andrew's s, Pangbourne, Berks, Eton and Cambridge U, service WW II with naval unit in Iceland; journalist and lobby correspondent; worked for UNO; served in French Foreign Legion 1950s; later various posts in industry, Fed of British Ind etc; later worked for rehabilitation of offenders; author; d Stroud, 1991; **Blackpool South 1945**, Sowerby 1950 (Yorkshire Region)

LIMONT, Anthony, b 1942, ed Fettes, Liverpool U; barrister; Liverpool City C; his father and grandfather served previously on Southport MBC; **Oldham West 1974 Feb, Liverpool, Wavertree 1974 Oct**

LINDSAY, Gordon C., b 1933, ed Loretto s, Liverpool U; solicitor; Birkenhead MBC, Merseyside CC, Wirral MBC; **Birkenhead 1974 Feb, Oct, 1983**

LINNEY, Philip S., b 1932, ed Rivington and Blackpool g s; chair/managing dir; Turton UDC from 1963, Chair 1969-70, Blackburn DC; **Bolton West 1974 Feb, Oct**

LISHMAN, Arthur Gordon, CBE, b Bolton 1947, of a Liberal family; ed Colne g s, Manchester U; passionate advocate of community politics; joined Party 1962; held offices with NLYLs; one time close associate of Tony Greaves qv, with whom he put comm politics resolution at Party Assembly 1970; worked for LPO until 1972; co-author with Bernard Greaves *Theory and Practice of Community Politics*; Northamptonshire CC 1981, group ldr; worked for Age Concern 1974-2009, becoming Director-General; oversaw merger with Help the Aged to form Age UK; OBE 1993, CBE 2006; prolific broadcaster, great intellect, writer of pamphlets, reports, letters, essays, articles in press on the Aged and their problems; deeply interested in internationalism; mbr Liberal International; ELD etc; man of enormous energy; an intense individual, not always easy person to conduct a mutually rewarding two-way conversation with; taking on public appointments, he dropped out of campaigning for 28 years before re-appearing at Blackburn in 2015; Chair NLC 2024-; Bradford North 1974 Feb, Oct (Yorkshire Region), **Pendle 1983, 1987, Blackburn 2015, Pendle 2017, 2019**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

LITTLE, Geoffrey William, b 1950, ed Stockport s, Cambridge U; barrister later QC; lived Cheshire; **Northwich 1979**

LLEWELLYN, John Desmond Seys, b Cardiff 1912, ed Cardiff h s, Oxford U; war service; read for Bar; took part in Nuremburg Trials 1945-1946; set up chambers in Chester; various legal appointments; County Court Judge 1971-1985; d 2003; **Chester 1955, by-e 1956**

LLOYD-GRIFFITHS, David, b 1947, co dir; ldr grp Congleton TC, Cheshire CC; **Congleton 2001**

LLOYD-JOHNSON, Gareth, b Bury 1991, lived locally until 18; ed Sunnybank p s, Unsworth, Hull U, Salford U; joined Party 2009; long experience as campaigner/organiser/researcher to John Leech

MP, John Pugh MP qqv among others; believes radical measures are needed to improve quality of life in his constituency; **Bury North 2019, Sefton Central 2024**

LOMAX, Abraham, b Bolton, 1875; starting work aged 10, became an expert in technology of pottery trade, introducing a new glazing process; one of earliest to advocate de-rating of industry from 1907; at 75, one of the very oldest cands of any party at General Election 1950; d 1959; **Farnworth 1950**

LOMAX, Brian, b 1948, ed De La Salle Coll, Salford, Cambridge U; post grad theology student, later probation officer; **Oldham West 1970, Knutsford 1974 Feb, Oct**, Rugby 1979 (West Midland Region)

LOMAX, David William, b Stockport 1956; b & b owner at Whalley Bridge; head of special needs New Mills s; High Peak DC; Party grp ldr, council ldr; **Tatton 2010**, Bolsover 2015 (East Midland Region)

LONG, Dr Robin, b/raised Lincolnshire, ed Lancaster U; advocates more vocational education, apprenticeships, fewer career politicians; **Lancaster & Fleetwood 2015, 2017**

LYCETT, Alan E., b 1920, ed St Helen's sec mod s, Liverpool U; solicitor; St Helens MBC 1958-74, leader Party group, Mayor 1972-73; deceased; **St Helens 1974 Feb, Oct**

LYNNE, Elizabeth (Liz), b Woking, Surrey 1948, ed Dorking Co g s; former actor 1966-1989, who appeared on West End stage in *The Mousetrap*, speech cons, worked for BBC; said to have attended first YL meeting aged 11; joined Party 1981; a surprise choice to succeed Sir Cyril Smith qv on his retirement, she held the industrial constituency comfortably, being involved with many local groups and acquitted herself well in Commons, using her forceful voice to great effect and greatly strengthening the female element in the Parliamentary Party; spokesperson successively for Health and Community Care, Social Security, Disability; later Euro MEP for West Midlands 1999-2012; showed a flair for publicity; during a French-imposed ban on imports of British meat during 'La Vache Folle' scare, she flew to Paris carrying a carcass on her lap; diligent in her work for the West Midlands, speaking up for industry, British exports, women's issues, domestic violence, disabled people, human rights etc; many interests incl Amnesty, National Asthma campaign; according to the 'think tank' Open Europe she was ranked 35th of 789 MEPs, 9th of 78 UK MEPs; West Midlands Euro-Elections 1999, 2004, 2009; she was widely liked and admired in the region for her energy, ubiquity and affable approachability, though some thought her aloof; on her resignation it was hoped she would continue her career in the Lords, as a working peeress representing the West Midlands, but she was inexplicably passed over for a Peerage; interests incl tennis, theatre, cinema; strong sense of humour with an array of voices in her repertoire ranging from Greta Garbo to Bette Davis, via Katherine Hepburn, Hedy Lamarr and Marilyn Monroe; unsuccessful in candidature for Party President, June 2014; Harwich & North Essex 1987 (East of England Region), **Rochdale 1992, 1997; MP 1992-1997**

LYON, Derrick W., b 1942, ed Slough Tech h s, City U, London Cambridge U; dir of small cos; **Eddisbury 1992**

MacALLISTER-BELL, Robert, local activist; concerned at Liverpool's problems; interests incl health, housing, schools; **Liverpool, Riverside 2019, Liverpool, Wavertree 2024**

McGRATH, Colin F. L., b 1942 ed ? personnel dir, adviser on human resources; **Bury North 1992**

McGUIRE, Sue, ed Hatton g s, Tarleton h s, Newcastle U; co dir; Sefton MBC, grp ldr; officer Northwest Region Party; she subsequently moved to Northern Ireland; **South Ribble 2015, Southport 2017**

MacINERNEY, Marjorie Annie, b 1907; employment supervisor; mbr Women for Westminster Movement; d 1972; **Blackburn 1945 n**

McINTOSH, Donald, worked for companies building power stations; now runs technical cos; opposes erosion of power from local government; disturbed by number of children living below poverty line; seeks reform of health care systems; **Bolton West 2024**

McMANUS, Bernard, b Ireland 1887, ed elem s, Ireland; migrated to England 1917; Manchester City C 1929-50, Ald 1944; Vice-Chair Manchester area council of Anti-Partition League; deceased; **Manchester, Cheetham 1950**

MACMILLAN, Vera I., b 1932, ed King's Norton g s, Birmingham, City of Birmingham Commercial Coll; private sec/housewife; Hastings BC, **Clitheroe 1966, 1970**

McPHERSON, Geoffrey Eugene, b Stokesley, N Yorkshire 1915, ed Manchester; began career as office boy; textile technologist; director of three textile firms, one of them co-ownership; director of Notts Forest FC; made a strong impression in his two contests at Ilkeston at a low ebb in Party fortunes; d 2000; Ilkeston 1950, 1951 (East Midlands), **Heywood & Royton 1959**

McVEY, Paul, b 1948, ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby; Sefton MBC, Mayor; **Crosby 1997**

McWILLIAM-FOWLER, Ian, b 1939, ed Merchant Taylors s Crosby; journalist; **Manchester, Withington 1974 Feb**

MAFFIA, Anthony, b 1942, ed Our Lady of Grace R.C. s, Hey Boys sec mod s; company chair; **Manchester, Ardwick 1974 Feb**

MAGEE, Robert E., b 1930, ed Liverpool Coll of Commerce, Salford College of T'nology; educational technician; Kirkby UDC; **Newton 1970**

MAHER, Terry A., b 1935, ed The Halls s, Hampstead, Ardingly Coll, Xaverian Coll, Manchester; acc; Finchley LBC 1962-65; Exec NLYLs; **Accrington 1964, Runcorn 1966**

MAHON, David L., b 1939, ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby, St Joseph's Coll, Durham; organiser North West area for Shelter; formerly Labour, he contested Fylde South for that party in 1970; he was the first-ever Liberal cand in the largely Anglo-Irish-populated constituency where he polled 1,596 votes, 7.8%; **Liverpool, Scotland-Exchange 1974 Feb, Liverpool, Toxteth 1974 Oct, Bootle 1979**

MAHON, Peter, b Bootle 1909, of Catholic background, ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby, Silesian Coll, Oxford; partner in family business of newsagents; Merseyside MCC, Liverpool City C; Labour MP Blackburn West 1964-1970; expelled 1973 for standing as Ind Anti-Abortion candidate in by-election; subsequently joined Liberals; Liverpool City C; d 1980; **Liverpool, Kirkdale 1974 Feb, 1979**

MAINEY, Clifford A., b 1946, ed St Wilfrid's RC sec mod, Litherland; fire officer; Magull TC, Mayor dpty grp ldr, Sefton MBC; **Knowsley South 1997**

MAITLAND, (Major) Lawrence Lauderdale, b Ecclesall, 1905, of Scottish background; ed Acworth s, Sheffield U; service WW II partly at War Office in Mechanical Equipment control; dir of eng firm based in Glasgow and London; interested in farming; served on LPO Party Reconstruction Comm; d 1992; **Knutsford 1945, 1950**, West Dunbartonshire 1951 (Scotland)

MALBON, Frederick William, b 1886; flour salesman; local lay preacher; deceased; **Stockport 1945 n**

MANN, Derek, b 1935, ed Stockport s, Preston Manor Co s, Wembley, George Dixon's g s, Birmingham; publisher's rep; Bacup MBC; **Oldham East 1966; Blackburn 1992**

MARBROW, Richard David, contributor to *Lib Dem Link*; **Liverpool, Riverside 2001, 2005, 2010, Oldham East & Saddleworth 2015**

MARKS, Ian G., b 1948, ed Bedford s, Liverpool U, Cambridge U; marketing manager, Fibre Glass Ltd; **Warrington South 1983, 1987, 2005**

MARSHALL, Ronald P., b 1927, ed Woodhouse Grove s, Apperley Bridge, Yorkshire, Handsworth Coll, Birmingham, Manchester U; lect; cllr Preston BC; first Lib Dem Mayor since pre-WWII; first Liberal cand locally for 30 years, he polled 19.6%; **Preston South 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

MARTIN, Andrew, b 1993? ed Cambridge U, graduate in law; later fitness instructor; joined Party 2011; Bolton MBC, one of the youngest cllrs elected in UK; made strong impression; resigned from council to take up post in France c2017; **Bolton West 2015**

MARTIN, Anna, b Liverpool 1984? runs own business in Garston; campaigns for small businesses; **Garston & Halewood 2015, 2017**

MARTIN, Robert, JP; of the family firm producing famous dog medicine; managing dir of local firms; JP; mbr of Party committees; Pres Southport LA in 1950s; fought on issues of a national minimum wage and raising school leaving age to 16; enthusiastic supporter of Beveridge Plan; **Southport 1945**

MASON, Mary Rankine., b 1924, ed Manchester g h s, Cambridge U, Manchester U Training Dept; London U; dir of social services Bolton 1973-82; Chair, Greater Manchester Reg Party; first Liberal cand at Burnley since 1920s, she polled 15.38%; Bowden UDC; deceased; **Burnley 1964, 1966, Oldham West 1987**

MAYHO, Christopher A., b 1950, ed Australia, Teesside, Sunderland U, Central Lancashire U; chief admin officer at Finchale Coll; South Lakeland DC, Kendal TC; **Carlisle 1997**

MEIKLE, Wendy, Stockport born/bred; long involved in community campaigning; joined Party 2013; Stockport MBC; she received the backing of Ann Coffey, the retiring Labour MP for Stockport, who had defected to Change UK over the Brexit issue; in 2019 she raised the Lib Dem share of poll by 7.8%; **Stockport 2019, 2024**

MELIA, Anthony Peter (Tony), b 1960; worked in building trade; served Royal Fusiliers; cllr Blackburn With Darwen BC, representing Darwen; defected from Lib Dems to found For Darwen group; contested Rossendale & Darwen in 2010 for the Impact Party; d 2025; **Blackburn 2005**

METCALFE, Anne, b 1937, ed Belvedere s; Bristol U, Cambridge U; teacher; Cumbria CC, mbr Cumbria police authority, charity fundraiser; **Barrow & Furness 1997**

MEWS, S. P., **Burnley 1974 Feb, Oct**

MIDDLETON, James Taylor, JP, b Oldham 1887, ed Oldham g s; native of Oldham; solicitor since 1914, writer on political affairs; Oldham MBC during WW II; Chair, NW Liberal Federation Exec; campaigner over many years; d 1957; Ashton-under-Lyne 1931, **Oldham 1945 n, Oldham West 1950**

MITCHELL, John T., b 1932, ed Paisley Coll of T'nology; textile cons; **Manchester, Withington 1979**

MOLONEY, Patrick, in his first two contests he was opposed by the 'continuing Liberal' leader Steve Radford; in the first he polled 10.9% to Radford's 14.9%, in the second 12.85% to Radford's 9.3%; **Liverpool, West Derby 2001, 2005, Liverpool, Walton 2010, 2015, St Helens North 2019, 2024**

MOORE, Henry Donald, CBE, b 1913, ed Central h s, Manchester, Leeds TTC; teacher; Pres Manchester Teachers' Ass; WW II in Far East with Royal Navy, losing a leg; 1948-49 National Pres NLYLs; subsequently joined Conservatives contesting unsuccessfully several constituencies down to 1970; d 1991; **Manchester, Moss Side 1945, Manchester, Blackley 1950**

MORRISON, Thomas William (Tom), b 1982; lives Cheadle, holds strong views on the environment, local schools, the NHS and policing; cllr Stockport MBC; mbr Greater Manchester, Police, Fire, Crime Panel; appointed party Deputy Chief Whip in Commons 2024; mbr Procedure Cttee 2024-, Cttee of Selection 2025-; he regained the constituency for the party by a 12,235 majority on a swing of 4.9%; **Cheadle 2019, 2024 MP 2024-**

MORTIMER, (F/L) Gerald Vernon, b 1920; prior to WW II RAF service was a medical student; d 1987; **Accrington 1945**

MULHOLLAND, Gerard Anthony; ed St Joseph's Catholic s, Blackpool? after an Ind Liberal, a Mr Peter Bisbrown Nickson, had stood in the constituency seven months earlier, polling 8.6%; Mulholland raised this percentage against the trend to 18.6%; d 2009? **Blackpool North 1974 Oct**

MULHOLLAND, John H., b 1933, ed St Mary's Coll, Middlesbrough, Manchester U; Asst Principal St Helen's Coll, earlier Ind Relations Arbitrator; Runcorn RDC; Euro cand 1989; Northwest Region Exec; Stockton-on-Tees 1962 by-e, 1964 (Northeast Region), **Altrincham & Sale 1987, 1992**

MULHOLLAND, Stephen J., b 1953, ed Ushaw Coll, Durham, Kidderminster Coll of FE; Liverpool U; sen comp operative; Cheshire CC; **Wirral West 1983**

MUMFORD, Michael J., b 1939, ed Royal g s., Guildford, Liverpool U, McMaster U, Canada; university lect; lect in Africa early 1970s; Cardiganshire CC; **Lancaster 1974 Oct, 1979**

MURRAY, Jim P., originally graduated as chemist; later attended Nottingham Law School; later senior partner in law firm, now one of largest in North West; former social worker, teacher; 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 on 8.5% though 69.1% behind the Labour victor; interests incl tackling injustice, fairer taxation; care of elderly, people with mental problems; of distinctive appearance; **Knowsley North 1992, Crosby 2005, Bootle, 2001, 2010, Houghton & Sunderland South 2015** (Northeast Region)

NEALE, Christine A., b 1953? ed London; part time teacher; owner, small business; formerly business admin in City; interested in environmental questions; **Workington 1992**

NEEDOFF, Sydney b Cheetham, Manchester 1906; of Jewish background; ed Manchester g s, Manchester U, athlete, Northern U's boxing champion; dir of family firm of clothing manufacturers; activist with Southport MBC? Manchester City C 1941-45; in 1962 won Cheetham Ward at 15th attempt to return to the City Council; worker with youth organisations; d 2002; **Salford East 1950**

NEWBY, Christopher, b Bradford 1958? ed Liverpool U; 20 years military service; Liverpool MBC formerly Labour he later defected to Lib Dems; held several sen posts in Lib-Dem admin of city; later taught in Thailand; d May 2013 in Cambodia while on visit to sites of WWII POW camps; **Liverpool, Wavertree 2001, Bootle 2005**

NEWMAN, David, b 1969; career in financial services, later manager of consumer? centres; lived Woking, Surrey; joined Party 1985; Guildford BC; later moved to Liverpool; fought 2015 confidently proclaiming the positive record of the Party in coalition; Surrey Heath 1997 (Southeast Region), Mid Norfolk 2010 (East of England Region), **Bootle 2015, 2017, Liverpool, Walton 2019**

NEWSOME, Noel Francis, OBE, b Pill St George, Somerset 1906, ed Oundle s, Oxford U; short naval service 1920s; became journalist, *Bristol Times*, later leader writer with *Daily Telegraph* to 1939; 1934 spell with *Malay Times*, Kuala Lumpur; joined BBC as Assistant Overseas News; 1941 Director of European Broadcasts, on air three times a week with talks to Europe, translated into many languages; has remained an almost legendary figure for his vital work as head of radio broadcasting to Occupied Europe during WW II; his wartime broadcasting role has unaccountably scarcely been mentioned even in passing by war historians; was a diligent, factual mouth-piece for Free Europe and the Allies in countering the Nazi propaganda of Goebbels, Lord Haw Haw etc; always demanded absolute factual accuracy in his broadcast reports and those of his staff; has been described as 'the greatest ever exponent of the art of good news propaganda,' 'one of the most extraordinary broadcasters of the century;' said to have made powerful enemies among the establishment; his talents were considered 'inappropriate' for peace time radio; contract terminated on VE Day; worked briefly for LPO then joined National Coal Board as a recruiting officer, later Dir of Public Relations of Ministry of Fuel and Power; dir of PR for Harry Ferguson Tractors; spent rest of his life in comparative obscurity; doubtless with the passage of time and the release of 'secret' files (as with computer genius, Alan Turing), his tale will be told in full; his death in May 1976 passed almost unnoticed; m 1942-52 to Shiela (sic) Grant Duff 1913-2004, journalist, whose book *Europe and the Czechs* (1938) helped stoke disillusionment with Chamberlain's betrayal of Czecho-Slovakia in the Munich Agreement and the government's appeasement policies; said to have had a good chance of victory in his only parliamentary fight until last minute nomination of a 'Farmer's Candidate'

syphoned off potential supporters; was employed at Party HQ for a short time after 1945; **Penrith & Cockermouth 1945**

NIXON, Allen, b 1943, ed Beckenham and Penge g s; stockbroker; **Westmorland, Feb 1974**

NOBLE, Eric, b 1911, ed Central s, Wye; Ch Acc; merchant converter of cotton textiles; WW II service in India partly in Intelligence Corps; company sec, cotton mill firm; d 2005; **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1950**

NORTHWOOD, Chris, software engineer with national charity; identifies as transexual; cllr Manchester City C 2023- dpty grp ldr; favours more social housing, wants action to eliminate poverty; **Manchester, Central 2024**

O'BRIEN, Catherine A., **Macclesfield 2005**

O'HANLON, Donal, b Bury, lives Prestwich; formerly in ins, later risk control manager; Bury MBC; involved in regeneration projects in his own town; **Bolton South East 2010**

OLIVER, Philip Milner, CBE, b 1884; stalwart campaigner over three decades with an extraordinary record of fighting nine elections over 27 years; LPO Council 1930s; author of *Back to Balfour* (1944), dealing with creation of Jewish state; d 1954; Manchester, Blackley, 1918, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1931, Altrincham by-e 1933, **Manchester, Blackley 1935, 1945; MP 1923-24, 1929-1931**

ORRELL, Neva O., b 1915, ed Wigan h s for g; Brighton Municipal Training Coll; dpty head teacher; Leyland UDC for many years, Lancashire CC, South Ribble DC; Regional Party Chair; described as 'a remarkable personality'; said to have strongly influenced Tim Farron qv into becoming involved with the Party; d Jan 2004; **Chorley 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

OSBY, Robert, **Liverpool, West Derby 1974 Oct**

OVEREND, Jake, ed Salford U; volunteer journalist, also with Salford City Radio; local campaigner; **Salford & Eccles 2019**

OWEN, Norman J., b 1943, ed Salford tech; sen technician; mbr Charter 88; grp ldr Salford City C; said to have defected to Labour c 2014; **Salford East 1992, Salford 1997, 2001, 2005 Salford & Eccles 2010**

PAGE, Andrew; campaigner on mental health issues, LGBTQ+ rights; officer of UNISON; worked in NHS, Salvation Army homeless services; later photographer; later studied for MA, Nottingham U; **Bury South 2017, 2024**

PAGE, Dave, lived in Manchester from 1997; ed UMIST; systems admin/programmer; involved with LGBTQ+ issues; **Manchester, Gorton 2010**

PALMER, Ronald Alan, b 1911; d 1968; **Cheadle 1955**

PARK, James Campbell, b Liverpool, 1895, managing dir of Liverpool motor eng firm, run partly on co-partnership lines; keen gardener; ran small commercial nursery; service in ambulance unit Macedonia and France, WW I; bravely standing in a barren area for the Liberals, he recorded a derisory percentage vote in his first election contest, even lower eighteen months later; d 1970; **Warrington 1950, 1951**

PARKER, Daniela, of British/Italian parentage, lives Northwich; area manager for national charity; spent 13 years working in prison service in rehabilitation; active in political campaigning since 2016; concerned with deprivation and associated factors which lead to crime; other interests incl NHS, the environment; **Weaver Vale 2019**

PARKINSON, Anthony, **Manchester, Central by-e 1979**

PARKINSON, William R., b 1966? originally Conservative, concerned by the rightward lurch of the Party, he defected to the Lib Dems in 2004; Lancashire CC; **Preston 2005**

PARR, Paul, lives West Derby; management cons in financial services; local cllr; he faced the ldr of the Ind Liberal Party which continued to fight on Merseyside, sometimes outpolling Lib Dem cand; **Liverpool, West Derby 2017, 2019**

PARRY, David, b 1937, ed Bluecoat s, Liverpool, Sheffield U; architect; first Liberal cand locally for over 60 years, he polled 16.20%; **Ormskirk 1974 Feb, Oct**

PARRY, Thomas John Vernon, b 1902, his father was cousin of David Lloyd George; ed county s, Bangor U; pharmacist and optician; Methodist local preacher; Pres National Assn of Opticians; Stockport UDC; d 1970; **Liverpool, Wavertree 1950**

PATEL, Imtiaz, b 1968, of Hindu background; community health education officer; well-travelled; claims to have visited every continent save Antarctica; Blackburn With Darwen BC; defected from Labour; warned of rise of BNP support locally; **Blackburn 2001**

PAYNE, Gordon, b 1933, ed Preston g s; Ch Sec; Chair, Fulwood LA; ldr grp Lancashire CC; **Chorley 1970, Preston North 1974 Feb, Oct**

PATON, Andrew, b 1946, ed Shrewsbury s, Durham U; **Lancaster 1970**

PEARCEY, Dr Jackie, b 1963, ed Leeds g h s, Bristol U, Manchester U; systems analyst; Manchester City C 1991-2002; Vice Chair, grp whip, City of Manchester Party; well-known throughout Party nationally; it was unfortunate that the by-election occasioned by the death of the sitting Labour MP in 2017 was cancelled due to the announcement of the general election, for she was thought to have a good chance of achieving an encouraging result; contributor to *Liberator*; **Davyhulme 1992, Manchester, Gorton 1997, Bolton West 2010, Ribble Valley 2015, Manchester, Gorton 2017, 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, 1857-1939, was Liberal MP for Cleveland 1897-1902); ed Boothams, York; hotel proprietor in Lake District, author of *A Wealth of Happiness and Many Bitter Trials* 1992; Guisborough UDC 1950-53; LPO Council 1960s; VC Darlington LA, Pres Northwest Region Liberal Fed 1970-71; of formidable voice and appearance; d 2023; Bishop

Auckland 1959, Darlington 1964 (both Northeast Region), **Westmorland 1970, Penrith & The Border 1974 Oct**

PEMBERTON, Joanna L., b 1959, ed Hammond s, Chester, Pensby g sec s, Carlett Park Coll of FE; **Ellesmere Port & Neston 1997, Wallasey 2005**

PEMBERTON, Roy D., b 1946, ed Keighley b g s, Bath sen h s, Scottish Coll of Textiles; first Liberal cand locally for over 40 years, he polled 24.4%; **Leigh 1974 Feb, Oct**

PERKINS, Roy, b London 1946, ed LSE; Party agent at Southport 1987; Birkenhead MBC; Wirral DC grp ldr 1978-90; a railway enthusiast, he campaigned tirelessly to have the Carlisle to Edinburgh (Waverley) Line, abandoned in Beeching cuts of 1960s, restored through the Border Country, an area for which he had a particular affection; services have since been re-introduced on the northern section; he received encouragement from former Party Leader, David Steel qv (Scotland); d 2015; **Birkenhead 1979**

PERKINS, Timothy J., b 1963; has pursued a maverick political career, the details of which he largely managed to conceal from his Lib Dem colleagues; joined SDP in Wolverhampton before defecting to Conservatives; fought as Euro cand before defecting to Greens; subsequently joined Lib Dems; Salford City C; once more defected to Conservatives after 2005; **Bolton North East 2001, Bolton West 2005**

PERRY, Antony, **Fylde North 1974 Oct**

PHILLIPS, F., **Carlisle 1974 Oct**

PICKSTONE, Tim D., b 1968, ed Bishop Rawstorne C of E h s, Manchester Metro U; admin and contracts manager; mbr ERS, Charter 88; Bury MBC; **Ashton-under-Lyne 1997, Bury South 2001**

PICKUP, J., **Stalybridge & Hyde 1979**

PIGOTT, John, b 1947, ed Hull U, Lancaster U; product planning manager; Wigan MBC grp ldr; **Westhoughton 1979, Wigan 1983**

PINE, Richard, b 1953, ed Stowe, Oxford U; ind relation adviser; resolutely opposed to SDP/Liberal electoral arrangement in 1983; Liverpool City C dpty ldr Party grp; one of very few Liberals to stand against an SDP cand, Richard Crayshaw qv SDP section; in the event he polled better than his opponent; Liverpool, Broad Green 1983 (Ind Liberal); **Liverpool, Broad Green 1987**

PITT, Steve, ed Liverpool John Moore's U, Liverpool U; warehouse manager; served with HM Army in Iraq; lives Wirral; has worked with sufferers from autism; **Wallasey 2010**

PITTS, Michael Ford, b 1936, ed Scarborough h s, Oxford U; long career as teacher, examiner; Scarborough RDC from 1968; Warrington CBC, North Yorkshire CC grp ldr; joined YLs 1954; many interests incl North Yorkshire Historic railway; energetic and determined if somewhat ubiquitous campaigner over 20 years; Euro cand 1979, 1994, 1999; **Warrington 1964**, Cleveland 1966 (Northeast Region), Scarborough 1970, Scarborough & Whitby 1974 Feb (Yorkshire Region), Cleveland & Whitby 1979 (Northeast Region), Beverley 1983 (Yorkshire Region)

POLLITT, (Lt) Arthur Gerald, b 1911; WW II service in RNVR; Eccles MBC; carpet/blanket sales manager; d 1992; **Eccles 1945**

POTTER, John J., Preston City C, dpty ldr; community activist; **Stalybridge & Hyde 2010, Wyre & Preston North 2015, 2017, 2019, Ribble Valley 2024**

POTTS, Thomas, b 1926? co dir; **Carlisle 1979**

POWELL, (Capt) Thomas Donald Farrell, b 1911; employed in cotton ind, carpet ind; WW II service in Italy; d 1992; **Oldham 1945 n**

PRICE-HARBACH, Jack, b 1989? worked as HGV driver; U graduate aged 35; joined party after Brexit; lived at Northwich since 2019; interests incl PR, healthcare services, strongly pro-Europe; **Mid Cheshire 2024**

PRIESTNER, Ian Douglas, from an old Cheshire family, raised locally; law graduate; oil/gas eng later dir of renewable energy co; lives Taporley; joined SDP 1984, joining Lib Dems on merger; worked for Dr David Owen MP qv (Devon & Cornwall Region), Shirley Williams qv; interested in the environment; **Eddisbury 2015, 2017**

PRITCHARD, June Stannaught, b West Derby, 1928; Liverpool ins clerk; active with Walton YLs; a last-minute nomination; the first-ever Liberal cand to contest a constituency which had a long history of anti-Catholic Orange Order bigotry; some independent candidates stood until 1945 under the label 'Protestant Party'; a courageous woman cand in most unpromising territory; fought elections for Liverpool City C 1958; Chair, Liverpool YLs; **Liverpool, Kirkdale 1950**

PRUSMANN, David F., b 1938, ed Stockport g s, Manchester U; Ch Acc, lect, Manchester U; mbr Party Economic Affairs panel; **Manchester, Moss Side 1966**

PUGH, Dr John David, b Liverpool, 1948, ed Prescot g s, Maidstone g s, Durham U, PhD in Logic; long spell teaching in Crosby; joined Party 1974; cllr Sefton MBC 2017, council ldr 1992-1997; in Commons successively Shadow ministerial spokesman on Education, Transport, mbr of Shadow Health team, Shadow Treasury Minister 2006-10, mbr Transport, Local Government Select Cttees; retired from Parliament June 2017; **Southport 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015; MP 2001-17**

PUGH, Richard, dir of building firm; Salford MBC; deceased; **Salford West 1945**

PUTNAM, Roger Charles, b 1936, ed Wellingborough s, Oxford U; varied career in local government, then Principal, Outward Bound s, Eskdale 1968-88, lay inspector of schools, later guest house owner; Euro cand 1994; **Copeland 1992, 1997**

QUAYLE, M., **Stockport South 1979**

RABONE, Barry M., b 1956? teacher; **Barrow & Furness 2001, 2005, 2010**

RAMSBOTTOM, Marc S., cllr Manchester City C former grp ldr; **Altrincham & Sale West 1997, Oldham Central & Royton 2001, Manchester Central 2005, 2010, by-e 2012**

RANKINE, Andrew, b Castleford, raised Liverpool; trained as psychiatric nurse later ran tourist coach business living in Europe for eight years; returned to settle in Skipton, later mature student, graduate in Applied Psychology of Bradford U, Bolton Instit; Craven DC, Skipton TC Mayor; worked latterly in social services care; experience as a special constable; crossed council floor to join Labour 2010 in disagreement over Lib Dems joining coalition government; **Hyndburn 2010**

REAPER, R. David, b 1947, ed Robert Richardson g s, Sunderland Coll of Education; Vale Royal DC; **Northwich 1974 Feb, Oct, Halton 1992, Eddisbury 1997**

REID, Rev. Geoff C., b 1946, ed Heaton g s, Newcastle, Newcastle U, Cambridge U; Methodist minister with Salford Urban Mission; Rother Valley Oct 1974, Barnsley Central 1983, (both Yorkshire Region), **Eccles 1992**

REID, Kiron John Cuchulain, b 1971, ed Merchant Taylors' b s, Crosby, Bristol U; barrister, law lect Liverpool U, research Fellow; joined Party 1987, Euro cand 1996; Liverpool City C; resigned from Lib Dems 2012 to contest election for Crime Commissioner for Merseyside as an Independent; later re-joined Party; campaigner on civil liberties, the environment, favours inclusive, tolerant society; other interests incl CND, Charter 88; contributor to *Liberator* (mbr of Collective); visiting Professor to U of S E Ukraine; **Bootle 1997, Liverpool, Walton 2001, 2005, Manchester Central 2015, Gorton & Denton 2024**

REILLY, Peter F., b 1945, ed Lancaster U; taught economics, Christ the King Coll, later sixth form head teacher; campaigner for site value rating; defected to Labour; **West Lancashire 1992**

REISDORF, Peter T. S., b 1962, ed Calday Grange g s, West Kirby; ins broker, later comp technician; dogged campaigner; **Wallasey 1997, 2001, Wirral West 2010, 2015, 2017, 2024**

REYNOLDS, Darren, favours relaxing drug laws; interested in health and welfare of the elderly; **Bolton South East 2015**

RICE, George, student in final year at Manchester U; plans to enter teaching; joined Party 2016, attracted initially by need for parliamentary and franchise reform; **Ashton-under-Lyne 2019**

RICHARDSON, E. A., **Crewe 1974 Oct**

RIDING, Gary Anthony; cand at elections to Salford City C, 2003; **Manchester, Blackley 2001**

RIDLEY, Dr H. Fred, PhD, b 1937, ed St Albans City b g s, London U; self-employed political organiser, PR cons; joined Party 1968; active with Hazel Grove LDA; mbr Party working grp on transport; Stockport MBC, grp ldr, ldr of Council; **Denton & Reddish 1992**

ROACH, Graham, grew up in Leicestershire, later Salford; engineer; lived in Pendle since 2000; local campaigner; Pendle DC, Mayor; works with voluntary organisations; keen to promote apprenticeships; **Pendle 2015**

ROBERTS, C. William, b 1943, ed Royal Masonic s, Hertfordshire, St David's U Coll, Lampeter; ldr Barrowford UDC, Pendle DC; **Clitheroe 1974 Feb, Oct, Liverpool, Wavertree 1979**

ROBERTS, Paul David, b 1947, ed Sevenoaks s, Aston U; acc; sales marketing manager, lect Open U; ret; Euro cand 1979; Tonbridge & Maling MBC, Kent, council ldr; Tonbridge & Maling 1992 (Southeast Region), **Eddisbury by-e 1999, 2001, Crewe & Nantwich 2005**, Stoke North 2015 (West Midland Region), **Weaver Vale 2017**

ROBERTS, Phillip, b 1953, ed McKenzie sec mod, Cheadle, Huddersfield U; social worker; Allendale MBC grp ldr; **Workington 1997, Wigan by-e 1999, Workington 2015, 2017**

ROBERTS, Richard John, b 1949, ed Liverpool Collegiate; professional fundraiser; Liverpool City C dpty whip; local campaigner over many years; at Walton he finished in second place on 11.1% - 67.3% behind the Labour victor; **Liverpool, Walton 1997, Knowsley North & Sefton East 2001**

ROBERTS, Sylvia, b 1940, ed Levenshulme g h s, Manchester, Macclesfield Coll of FE; tourist guide; Macclesfield MBC; mbr Guild of Tourist Guides; **Stockport 1997**

ROBERTS, Wilfrid Hubert Wace, b 1900, son of Charles Henry R. (1865-1959, MP for Lincoln 1906-18, Derby 1922-23, Under Secretary of State for India 1914-15, m daughter of Earl of Carlisle); ed Gresham's s, Oxford U; a substantial local landowner, barrister, mbr Cumberland CC; proprietor until its demise in 1969 of the local *Carlisle Journal*; asst Party Whip to Sir Percy Harris qv (Greater London); attended trial of communist Rakosi in Budapest 1936 in the interests of justice; during Spanish Civil War 1936-39 visited Spain to organise evacuation of hundreds of Basque children; associated with action for a Popular Front against Chamberlain's Appeasement policies; with Sir Richard Acland qv (Devon & Cornwall region) members of all party Anti-Fascist Alliance; supported Left Book Club; WW II commissioned in The Border Reg, later became PPS to party leader Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air qv (Scotland); on the left of the Liberal Party; joined Liberal Action Group with Lancelot Spicer qv (Greater London); concerned over lack of direction from top during wartime coalition All-Party truce when Sinclair was unable and apparently unwilling to make political utterances; attempted to re-energise the Party as Chair of Party Organisation Comm; an enthusiastic supporter of the Beveridge Plan; became well-known for regular radio broadcasts talks on *Living in Cumberland* series 1934-35 later *The Week in Westminster*, though he rarely shone in the House; an exception was his contribution to a famous debate during the Battle of the Atlantic; a *Daily Mirror* cartoon had incurred official opprobrium, Roberts speaking in favour of press freedom; on more than one occasion subject to investigation by MI5 over 'leaked' information; from 1947 Chair, Party Press and Publicity Committee; after the HMS Amethyst incident in 1949, called for better relations with communist China; a leading authority in the Party on agricultural matters and spokesman at Westminster; lost seat 1950; shortly after joined Labour and contesting Hexham 1959 (Northwest Region) for that party; Carlisle MBC in later years; d 1991; **North Cumberland 1929, 1931, 1935, 1945, Penrith & the Border 1950; MP 1935-50**

ROBERTS, W. (Bill), b 1943, ed St David's Coll, Lampeter; snr asst registrar, personnel officer; Liverpool City C; mbr Inst of Personnel Management; **Liverpool, Garston 1992**

ROBINSON, John Wilcock, b Haslingden, Lancashire 1898, ed Grimsby g s; many interests fishing ind; Grimsby CBC from 1945; held high office in several leading fishing industry organisations; 1953, Mayor of Fleetwood; d 1975; **Fylde North 1950**

ROCHE, Harry, b 1921, ed St Anne's g s, Liverpool; production control manager, JP; vice-pres Licensed Victuallers' Assn; deceased; **Manchester, Blackley 1974 Feb**

ROCK, Steven, born/lived most of his life at Hawick ed at schools in Bolton, Bolton Coll; worked for British Rail, Aerospace, later teacher in adult education; joined Party 2000, local campaigner; Bolton MBC; **Bolton North East 2015**

ROGERSON, Harold, b Lancaster 1902, ed Lancaster g s; export manager of linoleum company; travelled widely in Europe and USA; Lancaster MBC; Pres Lancaster L A; d 1977; **Lancaster 1950**

RONSON, Barbara, née Gittins, b 1942, ed Pikes Lane s, Bolton g s, Manchester Coll of Commerce, Bolton Institute of HE; ret librarian, lect; Horwich TC 1964, Mayor 2007-08, leader Bolton MBC 2004-06; her husband Robert also served on Horwich TC and Bolton MBC; **Bolton West 1992, 1997, 2001**

ROSS-MILLS, Janet, b 1955, ed Chorley Coll of H E, Lancaster U; teacher of children with special needs; Northwest Region Exec; Euro cand 1989; **Chorley 1992**

ROTHWELL, Margaret Patricia, b 1931, ed Farnworth g s, Manchester Coll of Housecraft; teacher, later Dpty Head; Kearsley UDC Chair 1971-72; **Farnworth 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, Bolton South East 1983**

ROTHWELL, Thomas Stuttard, b 1904; d 1964; **Crewe 1955, Liverpool, Wavertree 1959**

ROWE, Chris, has lived locally all his life; foster carer, NHS worker; Halton local cllr 20 years; formerly ldr of the opposition group, Mayor; urges proper funding for NHS and social services; **Runcorn & Helsby 2024**

ROWEN, Paul John, b Rochdale 1955, of Catholic background, ed Bishop Henshaw RC s, Rochdale, Nottingham U; teacher; later dpty head teacher; in Commons spokesman on Work and Pensions; mbr Beveridge Group; associated with Mankind Initiative, a domestic violence charity; **Rochdale 2001, 2005, 2010; MP 2005-10**

RULE, Jonathan, b 1939, ed Friary Grange comp s, Lichfield, Oxford U, Pres U LDs; barrister; joined Party aged 15; Cheadle & Gatley MBC; noted pianist/comedian; son of Phillip Rule, qv (West Midlands); Stockport MBC; was politically ambitious; **Wigan by-e 1999**; Shrewsbury 2001 (West Midland Region)

SADDLER, Jamie R., b 1987, ed Leeds U; prominent in campaign against bullying; mbr Liberty, Amnesty, ERS, Unlock Democracy; interests incl environment, energy; posted an interesting campaign diary on LDV; **Wirral South 2010**

SAMUEL, Peter James, b 1939, ed Reigate g s, LSE, Chair, Liberal Society; personnel officer, formerly worked in Borstal Service Training Research, management cons dir, exec with Ford Motor Co; mbr

CBI education/training comm; there was an interval of 31 years between his second and third contests; **Chester 1964, 1966**, Reigate 1997 (Southeast Region)

SAMWAYS, George Edward, b Handford, Stockport 1910, managing dir radio electrical eng firm; RAF service WW II, later lect to RAF on radar and allied subjects; Cheadle & Gatley UDC; resigned from Party 1953; d 1974; **Cheadle 1950, 1951**

SANDBACH, Antoinette Geraldine Mackeson, b Hammersmith, London 1969, to a family of North Wales landowners; ed Haileybury & ISC, Nottingham U; barrister joined Conservatives, AM North Wales 2011-15; Exec 1922 Comm; fought Eddisbury successfully 2015, 2017; MP 2015-19; in Parliament mbr Energy & Climate Change Select Cttee, later Business, Energy & Ind Strategy Select Cttee; Remain supporter; lost Conservative Party Whip Sept 2019; Oct 31st adopted as Lib Dem cand; an imposing figure at six feet five ins; raised the Party share of poll by 12.6%, the highest in the Region; **Eddisbury 2019**

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

SANDIFORD, David, b 1933, ed Royal Liberty s, Romford, Essex, Cambridge U, Yale U; university lect; Manchester City C; **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1983**

SAVILLE, A. (Tony) J., b 1946, ed Hansom b g s, Bradford; Panal Ash Police Coll, Harrogate; management cons; Lancaster MBC; formerly SDP; former Chair, Morecambe Alliance; **Morecambe & Lunesdale 1992**

SCHOLES, Charles L., b 1911, ed Bolton s; merchant tailor; deceased; **Bury & Radcliffe 1964, 1966**

SCOTT, Elizabeth (Liz) Scott, b 1953? Lancaster MBC; **Lancaster & Wyre 2001**

SCOTT, R. N., **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1974 Oct**

SEABOURNE, Allison K., b/raised Audenshaw, ed Poplar St p s, Droylsden g h s, Fairfield h s, Tameside MBC; involved in corporate business; Euro cand 2009; strongly favours Green agenda; **Denton & Reddish 2005**

SEBIRE, Tom, lives Liverpool, management cons dealing with water/Energy cos; strongly pro-Europe; joined Lib Dems 2015; local campaigner; **Liverpool, Riverside 2017**

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; Life Peerage 1971; P C 1987; Party Leader in Lords 1984-8, dpty ldr 1988-97; Pres LPO 1964-65; prominent in campaign for recognition of carers'/women's rights, terming herself 'an anti-, anti-feminist'; 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; radio/TV guest, *Question Time* etc; immensely popular throughout the Party; her style was well suited to the Lords where she shouldered many responsibilities; sharp-witted and always good-humoured; had many interest incl Inst of Personnel Management, Fawcett Society, British Standards Inst; at Wakefield in her final contest in what was a very unpromising constituency, for which she was

wholly unsuited, she polled just 8.64%; d London 1997; she figures in the Lib Dem History Group booklet *Mothers of Liberty* (2012); Hornchurch 1950, 1951 (Greater London), Truro 1955, 1959 (Devon & Cornwall Region), Epping 1964 (East of England Region), **Rochdale 1966**, Wakefield 1970 (Yorkshire Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

SEDDON, Chantelle, of British, African, Chinese heritage; U graduate; qualified project manager in veterinary service; interests incl life-long learning, social mobility, environment; **Ribble Valley 2019**

SELF, Lesley A., b 1946? ed Liverpool Coll of Art, Leeds U; housewife part-time lect; **Widnes 1979**

SELLERS, Norman W. M., b 1919, son of Lord Justice S. (fought Liverpool, Waverley 1929) ed Merchant Taylors' s, Crosby, Silcoates s, Wakefield, Oxford, Gray's Inn; barrister; asst Recorder of Blackpool; deceased; **Crosby 1964**

SEVERN, Matthew, raised Bolton-le-Sands, ed Bolton-le-Sands p s, Ripley & St Thomas h s; York U; bookshop manager, later employed in ins ind; local campaigner; cllr 2014-23 South Lakeland DC serving as Vice-Chair; 2023- Chair, Westmorland & Furness DC; **Morecambe & Lunesdale 2015, 2017, Penrith & The Border 2019, Lancaster & Wyre 2024**

SHACKLETON, Robert, CBE b Todmorden 1919, ed Oxford U; service WW II; distinguished French scholar/linguist, later lect, university don, Prof of French; 1966-1979 Dir of Bodleian Library, Oxford; d 1986, leaving his large collection of books to John Rylands Library, Manchester; **Blackburn 1945**

SHAW, Graham, **Manchester, Gorton 1979**

SHAW, Tom, lives locally; calls for better local transport facilities, more police on streets, care for environment; contests local elections; **Heywood & Middleton North 2024**

SHEFFIELD, Bob, lives Rossendale; long career in RAF; joined Party 2006; local activist; **Rossendale & Darwen 2010**

SHENTON, Elizabeth, b 1970, ed local schools Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Orme g g s, Newcastle Coll of FE; bank employee; joined Party 2003; described during by-e as 'an energetic candidate'; defected to Labour 2013, citing policies of the Coalition Government as her reason; Newcastle City C; became Labour ldr of council; resigned 2017 over election irregularities; **Crewe & Nantwich by-e 2008**

SIBLEY, (Capt) David Cedric Gwynne, b Oundle, Northamptonshire 1907, ed Christ's Hospital, London U, teacher, Cockermouth; service WW II in RASC; first candidate in constituency since 1918; deceased; **Workington 1950**

SIMPSON, Ian A., b 1944, ed Clitheroe Royal g s; ins broker; Wyre MBC, Garstang TC; **Chorley 1987**

SIMPSON, Dr David Preston PhD, b 1942, ed Royal Naval Children's s, Malta, Portsmouth g s, U of Alberta, Imperial Coll, London; research scientist with 30 years' service in electric supply ind; joined Liberals 1974; Chester City C dpty grp ldr; author numerous technical/scientific papers; **Chester 1997**

SKIPWORTH, John, b Nottingham, former bank official, worked in New Zealand; lives locally, now works in adult education, life-long learning; formerly lived Harrow; Harrow LBC 1985-98; active Christian; **Makerfield 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024**

SLEATH, Francis James, b 1889, d 1966; **Penrith & the Border 1955**

SMALLWOOD, J. Rafton, b 1919, ed Willesden g s; valuer/surveyor; Morecambe & Heysham MBC; he stood as an Ind Liberal in Morecambe and Lonsdale Feb 1964, polling 19.18 %; **Fylde North 1966**

SMART, Lisa, lives Romiley, ed Durham U, MBA London Business s; chief exec international charity; formerly in international finance; local campaigner; community volunteer; cllr Stockport MBC 2016-24, deputy council leader; she won the constituency on her 4th attempt by a majority of 6,500 votes; Lib Dem spokesperson on Home Affairs 2024-25, Cabinet Office 2025-; she has put questions in the Commons on dog smuggling; **Hazel Grove 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024; MP 2024-**

SMEDLEY, Clive V., **Congleton 1983**

SMITH, Angela Christine, b 1961, grew up in Grimsby, ed Toll Bar s s, Nottingham U; joined Labour aged 16; worked five years for NHS; lect at Dearne Valley Coll; Sheffield MBC; as Labour MP represented Sheffield, Hillsborough 2005-10, Penistone 2010-19; Shadow Dpty Shadow Opposition Ldr of House from 2010; asst Opposition Whip; member of various parliamentary committees; her support of fracking roused her constituents' ire and disagreeing with Party's equivocal position on Europe, she left in 2019 to sit as an Independent; joined Lib Dems, Sept 2019; lives North Sheffield; **Altrincham & Sale West 2019**

SMITH, Anthony, b Rochdale 1970, ed Bishop Henshaw's RC s, studied IT Salford U; local campaigner; interested in education; **Heywood & Middleton by-e 2014, 2015, 2019**

SMITH, Cyril, later Sir Cyril, MBE, b Rochdale 1928, in his own words 'illegitimate, deprived, poor;' ed Rochdale b g s, Todmorden Tech Coll; throughout his life associated with the Unitarians; said to have made a speech in favour of a Liberal cand in 1945 general election; activist with NLYL 1948-50, agent at Stockport from 1948, he was advised to join Labour to further his career, being appointed Labour agent for Ashton-under-Lyme 1951; Rochdale MBC 1952, Mayor 1966, Freeman 1993; he campaigned against the Liberal cand Ludovic Kennedy qv at the by-election in 1958 and again in 1959; held various chairmanships including those relating to youth affairs; broke with Labour in 1966 and shortly after re-joined the Liberals; adopted as PPC for Rochdale after the well-established incumbent, Garth Pratt qv (East Midlands Region), was unceremoniously de-selected amid justifiable claims of irregular procedures.

Smith's victory at the by-election in 1972 was, however, a splendid tonic for the Party, still reeling after the setback of 1970, and helped to quicken the momentum leading up to the General Election of February 1974. Of immense presence, weighing nearly 30 stones, largely due, it was claimed in his defence, to life-long glandular problems rather than over-eating, he became an immediately recognisable public figure, his bluff, no-nonsense plain-speaking Lancashire voice and good humour, soon endearing him to a wide following through frequent media appearances. His positive appeal to working-class voters was instrumental in re-establishing a Liberal presence in industrial constituencies in the North. Endless distasteful comments over the years about his size apparently caused him little concern. He was appointed Chief Whip in the Commons by Jeremy Thorpe. He showed himself wanting in the role in times of crisis and was sacked while in hospital, by Thorpe, at the outset of the scandal which led to the latter's resignation as leader in 1976. He defied the Party line on several issues including opposing the Termination of Pregnancies Act and voicing support for

the retention of capital punishment. He was opposed to the merger with the SDP in 1988 contending that the Party would have fared better had it not taken place. He retired from the Commons in 1992 and was succeeded by Liz Lynne qv. The fact that he was not granted a Life Peerage at this stage has taken on a sinister significance in the light of subsequent events and revelations.

There had been strong suspicions during his lifetime of his alleged physical and sexual abuse over many years of youths in care homes and detention centres in his aegis which apparently were not seriously investigated by the police and/or officially covered up. Shortly after his death details of the extent of his iniquitous misconduct were made widely known, leaving an indelible stain on his memory. In 2008 it was also disclosed that Smith had made public statements claiming that the industrial practices of the asbestos firm, Turner and Newall, in his constituency, presented no danger to the public or the environment, contrary to the evidence. It was revealed later he was a substantial shareholder in the firm; d 2010; author of *Reflections from Rochdale*, a short autobiographical sketch (Lib Dem Publications 1997); Smith was the subject of book by a subsequent Labour MP for Rochdale, Simon Danczuk, (who in turn proved to have had a dubious past); Smith's half-brother Norman qv (Greater London) had a parallel career in local Liberal politics; **Rochdale 1970, by-e 1972, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983, 1987, MP 1972-92**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

SMITH, E. Anne b 1929, ed privately, g s; co dir; Lancashire CC, grp ldr? **Fylde 1983, 1987**

SMITH, Frank, former lect in economics, Oldham Tech Coll; Ch Acc, dir of cos in clothing and eng trades; mbr Royal Inst of Int Affairs; fdr of Oldham Repertory Theatre; the lone Party standard bearer in Manchester in 1951 General Election; **Manchester, Blackley 1951**

SMITH, Graham, ed Sheffield U; business coins; owner of company; interests incl NHS; **West Lancashire 2024**

SMITH, Ian, b 1951, ed Huyton Hey sec s, Liverpool Coll of Art; teacher; Whiston TC, Prescot TC; **St Helens 1979, Knowsley South 1983, by-e 1990, 1992**

SMITH, John D., b 1948, ed The Hulme g s, Oldham; comp analyst/programmer; Oldham MBC; **Oldham West 1992**

SMITH, J. Gordon, b 1941, ed Bury g s, Leeds U; civil eng; Sheriff of Chester 1986-87; Chester City C; of bluff, warm personality; North Shropshire 1987 (West Midland Region), **City of Chester 1992**

SMITH, Jonathan, has lived Bowdon for over 25 years, ed Oxford U; has worked at senior levels in Cheshire and Merseyside for NHS and local government as Director of Social services; mbr of Party for over 40 years; Chair, Trafford Liberals; concerned at paucity of resources and funds in local government; strongly pro-Europe; **Oldham East & Saddleworth 2017, Tatton 2019, 2024**

SMITH, Rodney b 1945, ed Campbell Coll, Queen's U, Belfast, Cambridge U; sales rep, later FE lect; once described on Midlands TV as being 'to the left of Andrew Faulds MP' - hardly an extreme position to occupy; emerged briefly from decades in total obscurity in May 2010 to voice opposition to the Lib-Dems joining the Coalition Government; Antrim South 1970 (Northern Ireland), Warley East 1974 Oct (West Midlands), **Newton 1979, Oldham West 1983**

SMITH, Roy, prominent figure on Warrington BC, dpty grp ldr; exec mbr successively for Neighbourhoods, Housing; **Warrington North 2001**

SMITHSON, David J. G., Knowsley MBC, Mayor; lives Halewood; local activist; his wife Sarah served alongside him as a councillor; **Knowsley South 2001, 2005**

SNOWDEN, Neil, b 1949; gen management trainee; Liverpool City C; Chair Land Management Comm; **Huyton 1974 Feb**

SPEDDING, Rev Robert Kewley, b 1890; service WW I; factory welfare officer, Unitarian minister; d 1961; **Bolton 1945 n**

SPENCER, Brian T., b 1947, ed St Helen's Coll of T'nology; ret electrician with Coal Board; cllr St Helens MBC from 1980, grp ldr; dogged campaigner fighting nine elections over more than 30 years; d 2024; **St Helens South 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, St Helens South & Whiston 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024**

STARS, Yvonne, b 1938, ed Notre Dame Convent g s, Blackburn, Manchester Coll of Tech, Lancaster School of Radiography; superintendent radiographer; Hyndburn MBC grp ldr; **Hyndburn 1992**

STEED, Dr Michael, PhD, b Kent 1940; his father was a farmer; ed St Lawrence Coll, Ramsgate, Cambridge U, Manchester U; post grad at Nuffield Coll, Oxford; joined Party while at school; one-time lect in French; political scientist who became an eminent psephologist, virtually inventing the 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 into Sharpeville by the apartheid government of South Africa to deliver aid to the victims of the notorious massacre; member Party Council/Executive, Party Pres 1978-79; lived Todmorden, Lancashire; very influential figure with enormous input into Party policy on constitutional reform etc; in 1976 devised the current system of election of the Party Leader; took important part in the Cook-MacLennan talks which led to introduction of PR for Euro Elections of 1999; associated with Liberal radical wing, often at odds with Thorpe leadership; Euro cand 1979; his activities were increasingly curtailed after 1987 by the onset of a debilitating neurological disorder; Todmorden TC 1987-91; author of numerous publications, pamphlets and articles in journals; from 1990s lived in Kent; Hon Lect in Politics & Int Relations, Kent U; cllr Canterbury City C from 2008-11; remembered as a persistent, committed and hard-working candidate, though his intellectual approach was unsuited to doorstep campaigning; m 1970-2004 Margareta Holmstedt qv (Yorkshire Region); d 2023; Truro 1970 (Devon & Cornwall Region), Brierley Hill by-e 1973 (West Midland Region), **Manchester, Exchange by-e 1973, Manchester, Central 1974 Oct, Burnley 1979, 1983**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

STEVENS, H. John, b 1943, ed Trowbidge s, Wiltshire; computer service manager; persistent campaigner over three decades; at Bristol South he was the first Liberal cand locally for 24 years; Bristol West 1970, Bristol South 1974 Feb (Southwest Region), **Fylde South 1979**, North Shropshire 1992, 1997 (West Midland Region)

STOCKS, Kenneth, b 1937, ed Knaresborough g s, Manchester U; teacher; six years' service in Pakistan; Urdu speaker; **Oldham West 1974 Oct, 1979**

STONE, Alex, b 1971; raised Blackpool, ed Devonshire Road p s, Blackpool Collegiate, later Brighton U graduating in computer science, later working in IT systems installation; later trained as a nurse, at St Martin's Coll; joined Party 1990; originally activist in Buckinghamshire; Wycombe DC; **later Lancaster City C, cabinet mbr; Morecambe & Lunesdale 2005**

STOREY, Leslie Hall, b Salford 1905, ed Manchester g s; Ch Acc; involved in the timber trade; dir of large Manchester firm; served on Hardwood Section, Timber Trade Federation; governor of Widnes Tech College; d 1974; **Liverpool, Wavertree 1945, Salford West 1950**

STOREY, Michael John (Mike), CBE, later Lord S. of Childwall, b 1949, ed St Katherine's Coll, Liverpool, Liverpool U; teacher/headmaster; joined Party 1970; agent to David Alton qv, long-serving member of Liverpool City C; group ldr 1994-97, Lord Mayor 2009-10; youngest-ever Chair of Education Comm; Life Peerage 2011; in Lords Co-Chair of Party Committee on Education, Families and Young people; **Liverpool, Kirkdale 1974 Oct**

STRANGE, Martin, b 1926, ed Society of Friends s, Ackworth, Manchester U; salesman; **Clitheroe 1964**

STUDHOLME, John, b Kendal, raised Wigton, lived locally since 1973; ret Ch Surveyor; stalwart Party activist for 40 years; Kendal MBC – Mayor, Chair South Lakeland DC; cand for Northwest, Euro election; supports PR, written constitution, pro-Europe; supports anti-tax evasion drive; radical ideas on youth crime, drug addiction, action on disproportionate distribution of wealth, more affordable housing; **Copeland 2019**

STUNNELL, Rt Hon Sir Robert Andrew, Kt, OBE, PC later Baron S. of Hazel Grove, b Surbiton, Surrey, (now Greater London) 1942, ed Surbiton co g s, Manchester U, Liverpool Poly; architect; various prof appointments 1965-1985; Chester City C 1979-1990, Cheshire CC 1981-1991; political sec Association of County Councils 1985-1990; Political Sec ALDC 1989-96 Commons dpty Chief Whip 1997-2001, Chief Whip 2001-2006; Baptist lay preacher, mbr NALGO; tireless campaigner, respected MP; spokesman on Energy 1997-2006, later Communities and Chair Party working grp on Local Government; important figure in Coalition negotiations; Parliamentary Secretary for Communities and Local Government 2010-12; PC 2012; he retired at the General Election of 2015; d 2024; **Chester 1979, 1983, 1987, Hazel Grove 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010; MP 1997-2015**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

STUTTARD, Andrew T., barrister; **Morecambe & Lonsdale 1974 Oct**

SUMNER, Christopher K., b 1943, ed King's s, Chester, Durham U; schoolmaster, later solicitor; currently HM Coroner for Sefton; Runcorn UDC; **Runcorn 1970**

SUTHERLAND, (F/L) Hugh, b 1922; WW II RAF service in Palestine; deceased; **Stockport 1945 n**

SYKES, Howard, MBE, b 1963, ed Beal Vale s, Royton & Crompton comp s; Oldham MBC, ldr of council during Con-Lib Dem coalition; chief exec Assn Lib Dem Councillors; **Oldham East & Saddleworth 2001**

TAYLOR, Douglas B., b 1935, ed Ardrossan Acad, Glasgow U, Pres Liberal Club; exec in chem ind; Scottish Party Council; **Northwich 1966**

TAYLOR, George, b 1926, ed Greenfield sec s, Hyde Technical Coll; **Ashton-under-Lyne 1979**

TAYLOR, Dr Michael, b 1950, ed Us of Ulster, Manchester, Leeds, Bradford; Calderdale MBC, Todmorden TC; persistent if somewhat itinerant campaigner over three decades; said to be the youngest ever mayor of a local council; father of Rebecca T. qv (Yorkshire Region), husband of Dr Elizabeth Wilson qv (Yorkshire Region), son of Brian Harry Taylor qv (Greater London); **Rossendale & Darwen 1983**, Pontefract & Castleford 1987 (Yorkshire Region), **Heywood & Middleton 1992**, Calder Valley 2001, Halifax 2005, Leeds Central 2010 (all Yorkshire Region)

TETLOW, Frank R., b 1921, ed King's s, Macclesfield; ins official; LPO Council, Cheshire CC, Bredbury & Romiley UDC; his softly spoken addresses from the platform failed to inspire; deceased; **Knutsford 1959, Warrington by-e 1961**

THEOBALD, Matthew, lived locally since 1997, previously East Midlands; career in dvlpmnt of medical devices/pharmaceuticals; widely travelled in Europe; Stapeley DC, later Chair; CC cand; led team creating local neighbourhood plan; campaigner for environment, mbr Green Lib Dems, wants access maintained to waterways, open spaces; seeks greater funding for education; **Crewe & Nantwich 2019, 2024**

THOMAS, Neil Ronald Lindley, b 1934, ed Wallasey g s, Cambridge U; sec, chief exec charity organisation; Wallasey MBC, Wirral MBC; **Bebington & Ellesmere Port 1974 Oct, Wallasey 1979, 1992**

THOMAS, Stuart David, b 1990; lived Wigan whole life; ed Mabbs Cross p s, Deanery s s, Manchester Metro U; works in forensic uses of IT; community campaigner; **Wigan 2019, Leigh & Atherton 2024**

THOMPSON, Simon, from Wirral; attracted to Party by its emphasis on localism, power to people ethos; seeks greener, cleaner society; favours energy from renewable sources; **West Lancashire 2019**

THOMSON, Andrew, b 1943, ed Preston Catholic Coll, Manchester U; asst production controller; **Fylde South 1970**

THOMPSON, Geoffrey, b 1924, ed St John's Coll, York, Lancaster U, Keele U; teacher and lect; **Barrow-in-Furness 1979**

THOMPSON, Robert James, b Chester 1956, ed Nottingham U; industrial economist; with Chlor Vinyls until 2007, now retired; joined Party 1974; Cheshire West CC 2008-, Chester City C; interested in social housing, chair, housing trust; lives Hoole; **Eddisbury 2010, City of Chester 2015, 2019**

THOMSON, Peter, **Manchester, Moss Side by-e 1978, Manchester, Ardwick 1979**

THORNTON, Peter C., b Kendal 1951, ed Kendall g s, Leeds TTC; taught locally, later ran own photography business; lives Kendal; South Lakeland DC gr ldr; **Penrith and the Border 2010, Carlisle 2017**, Wolverhampton North East 2024 (West Midland Region)

THORNTON, W. John L., b 1930, ed Sherborne s, Army Staff Coll; ret personnel manager; Wirral MBC; **Wirral West 1992, 1997, West Lancashire 2001**

TILLOTSON, Alan Lever, b Bolton 1919, ed Charterhouse, Oxford U commissioned in army, service WW II in France, being evacuated at Dunkirk; joined family firm of Tillotson's Newspapers, Bolton; defected to Labour fighting Southport by-e 1952; reported to have re-joined Liberals in 1970s; d 1992; **Bolton West 1950**

TINKER, Prof Hugh R., b 1921, ed Cambridge U; Indian Army WWII; academic; author of many books and studies of history and politics of Asian countries; Prof of International Politics at Cornell U later Lancaster U; mbr CND; dir of Inst of Race Relations; d 2000; **Morecambe & Lonsdale 1979**

TIPTON, Kate, maths teacher at Widnes, live-in carer; interests incl support for vulnerable children's education, NHS, social care; Charnwood 2019, **Knowsley 2024**

TOMLINSON, Lillian May, b Barton, Manchester; Chair, Urmston Women's Liberal Assn, Exec Northwest Liberal Fed; contested elections to Manchester City C; first woman cand of any party to contest constituency; d 1968; **Rossendale 1950**

TOMPKINS, Michael J. G., b 1935, ed Hutton g s, Preston, Manchester U; pharmacist; **Bebington 1964, City of Chester 1970**

TORDOFF, Geoffrey Johnson (Geoff), later Lord Tordoff of Knutsford, b Manchester 1928, of Catholic background, ed Manchester g s, Manchester U., originally salesman in chem ind; later businessman; with Shell until 1983; attracted into Party by progressive policies of Jo Grimond, joining in 1961 at Warrington; Vice-Chair, Northwest Liberal Federation 1967-68; interest in welfare of Middle Eastern refugees and youth matters; apparently was for some time an anonymous figure of influence at LPO HQ; his reputation grew as something of a 'fixer'; took up residence in Sutton Coldfield area of West Midlands but he was scarcely active locally; became more widely known during the Lib-Lab pact 1977-1978 as an adviser to Party Leader, David Steel; Chair, General Election Campaign 1979; highly influential behind scenes at the time of the SDP-Lib Dem merger; Chair, Campaigns and Elections Comm 1980-82; Peerage 1981; Chief Whip House of Lords 1983-94; LPO President 1983-84; Chair of Press Complaints Commission 1995-2002; latterly lived in Somerset; active in Lords to 2016; d 2019; m Pat Swarbrick (d 2013) herself a Party activist; his initials, uncommon surname and other biographical similarities led to him being confused with George Gerald T., (b 1929 ed Manchester g s and Cambridge U, d 2008, cricketer and captain Somerset CCC in 1955); **Northwich 1964, Knutsford 1966, 1970**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

TOULMIN, (F/L) James Maurice; of the family which founded *The Lancashire Post*; Pres Cheshire/Lancashire Master Printers' Assn; **Preston 1945 n**

TUCKER, Vanessa M., b 1960, ed Colston's Bristol, Goffs Oak s, Hertfordshire, St John's Coll, York, Avery Hill Coll, London, Open U; sec teacher; mbr Green Peace; **Wythenshawe & Sale East 1997, 2001**

TURNER, A., **Widnes 1974 Oct**

TURNER, Angela, serves on South Ribble BC; **South Ribble 2024**

TURNER, Charles W., b 1964, ed Magna Carta comp, Staines Middlesex, Strode Sixth Form Coll, Egham, Surrey, Manchester U, Manchester Poly; teacher; local Party offices; **Ashton-under-Lyne 1992**

TURNER, Rebecca, ed Liverpool U; scientist; interests incl empowerment of women, public transport, protection of environment; **Liverpool, Riverside 2024**

TWEEDIE, Steven, b 1975; Carlisle City C; re-adopted after 2005, he was censured by LPO HQ for attacking his Labour opponent on a website, whereupon he resigned; **Carlisle 2005**

TWIGGER, Paul, he faced the 'continuing Liberal' leader, Steve Radford, who polled 9.3% in 2010 compared with his own percentage of 12.54%; in 2015 Radford polled 4.99 % compared with 2.34% for Twigger; **Liverpool, West Derby 2010, 2015**

TYRER, Peter Edward, b 1947, ed Austin Friars s, Carlisle, De La Salle Coll of Education, Manchester, Exeter U, Open U; teacher, later area organiser for Oxfam; Wallasey MBC; **Wallasey 1974 Feb, Oct Bristol East 1983 (Southwest Region)**

VAN MIERLO, Frederick Isaac (Freddie), b 1989, grew up in Preston, ed Lancaster Royal g s and state g s, Bristol U; studied in Grenoble U, France and at Leiden, Netherlands; worked in Brussels for Foundations and environmental protection; strong advocate of Britain's membership of Europe; 2020 moved to Oxfordshire, becoming a strategy cons to healthcare companies and patient groups; cllr Oxford CC 2021-25, South Oxfordshire DC 2023-25, cabinet mbr Climate Change & Nature Recovery 2023-24; he fought his campaign in 2024 in the constituency where he lives largely on calling for better health care services and voicing outrage at sewage dumping in the Thames; his achievement in raising the Lib Dem vote by 17% to win by a majority of 6,267 votes in one of the traditional Tory strongholds was a major surprise of the 2024 General Election campaign; mbr HoC Science, Innovation & Technology Select Cttee 2025-; relative of Hans van Mierlo co-founder of the Dutch liberal party Democrats 66 (D66); **Fylde 2015, 2017, Henley & Thame 2024 (South Central Region); MP 2024-**

VASMER, David George, b 1955, ed Kimbolton s, Kent U; political sec for ALDC; cllr Liverpool City C; experience as agent in Southport in early 1980s, systematically building up ward organisations; cllr Shropshire CC 2017-, Shrewsbury TC 2017- Mayor of Shrewsbury 2024; **Bury North 1987**

VICKERS, Stuart, b 1950, ed North Salford sec s; acc; Chair, Radcliffe L A; **Bury & Radcliffe 1979**

VOS, Andrew, b 1956, ed Manchester g s, Cambridge U, Coll of Law, London; barrister; Stockport MBC; brother of Richard V., (long serving mbr West Midland Reg Exec, strong personality, activist with Stratford-upon-Avon LDA); **Hazel Grove 1983, 1987**

WAITE, Adrian, lives Cumbria; accountant; ran management cons; fights local elections; interests incl affordable housing, repairing broken social care services, NHS; **Barrow & Furness 2024**

WALKER, Kenneth Geyve, b 1948, ed Arnold s, Blackpool, St Peter's Coll, Oxford; solicitor; active with Penrith LDA; **Penrith & The Border 1992, 1997, 2001**

WALKER, Peter, b 1936, ed Maidenhead Co b g s, John Dalton s; ret market operations manager; cllr Cheshire CC dpty grp ldr; **Warrington South 1992, 1997, Halton 2001, Warrington North 2005**

WALKER, Robert, b 1924, ed Sowerby Bridge g s, Cambridge U; ret diplomat with 25 years' service, later administrator, Hull U; Euro cand 1979; deceased; Haltemprice 1974 Feb, Oct (Yorkshire Region); **South Ribble 1983**

WALLACE, Rt Hon William John Lawrence, PC, later Lord W. of Saltair, b Leicester 1941, ed Westminster Abbey Choir s, St Edward's s, Oxford, Cambridge U, Cornell U, USA; Life Peerage 1995; lect at succession of universities, latterly LSE 1995-2005; Emeritus Prof; asst to Party Ldr Jo Grimond qv (Scotland) with press relations; speech writer for David Steel; has held many senior Party posts; in Lords an authoritative spokesman on Foreign Affairs, Defence; joint dpty Party Ldr Lords 2004-07, LPO Federal Policy Comm 2005-10; PC 2012; Chair Centre Forum; prolific author of books on European themes etc; author *Why Vote Liberal?* (Penguin Special, 1997); co-writer Party manifesto 1979, 1997; strong debater in Lords; Huddersfield West 1970 (Yorkshire Region); **Manchester, Moss Side 1974 Feb, Oct**, Shipley 1983, 1987 (Yorkshire Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WALLER-SLACK, Adam, b Chesterfield, raised Scunthorpe, lives Oswaldtwistle; grad in Medicine; cons anaesthetist; campaigned on needs of NHS; supports Party policy to increase funding for NHS; (husband of the following); **Hyndburn 2019, Blackburn 2024**

WALLER-SLACK, Beth, grad in Law, De Montfort U 2011; concerned with equality, human rights issues; cand Salford City C elections; fund raiser for her LDA; (wife of the preceding); **Blackburn 2019, Hyndburn 2024**

WALLS, Herbert, b Moston, Prestwich 1892, solicitor in Stockport; originally articulated in Birmingham; Hazel Grove and Bramhall UDC, Chair, 1943; officer Knutsford LA; d 1962; **Manchester, Clayton 1950**

WALMSLEY, Joan Margaret, née Watson, later Baroness W. of West Kirby, b 1943, ed Notre Dame h s, Liverpool, Liverpool U, Manchester Poly; later Baroness, widow of Chris Walmsley qv (East Midlands Region); cytologist at Christie Hospital, Manchester; teacher Buxton Coll; moved into PR, latterly with own cons; Life Peerage 2001; flair for organising; excellent speaker with easy style, lively sense of humour; briefly involved in West Midland Region as Euro cand 1999; while making a sponsored parachute jump for charity she claimed to have experienced 'an airgasm', a phenomenon which has not been adequately defined nor is to be found in any book of reference; m 2005 Lord Thomas of Gresford QC, (former Shadow Attorney General), a Lib Dem colleague; in Lords has been spokesperson on Home Affairs, later Education and Skills since 2004; Pres WLDF; campaigner for Gender Balance, UNICEF, NSPCC; deeply interested in children's issues; Charter 88, Amnesty Int; Deputy Leader of Party in Lords 2017-; Leeds South & Morley 1992 (Yorkshire Region), **Congleton 1997**

WALSH, C., b 1955? ed Newcastle-upon-Tyne Poly; probation officer; **Nantwich 1979**

WALSH, Kevin, joined Party 2016; heads team fund raising for local NHS/care service in Bolton; holds strong views on ER; noted for his Tweets on the reasons for Labour's defeat and result of 2019 General Election; styles himself 'father, geek, lover of the arts'; **Bolton South East 2019**

WATES, Bernard N., b 1920, ed Mill Hill s, Camb U, Dept of Education, Oxford U; dpty dir Education for Westmorland; deceased; **Morecambe & Lonsdale 1974 Feb, Westmorland 1974 Oct; Workington by-e 1978, Penrith & the Border 1979**

WATKIN, Howard, b 1949, ed Hull g s, Manchester U; bank employee; **Salford East 1974 Feb**

WATKINS, Robert Elwyn James, b 1963, of Welsh background, ed LSE, Bradford U; career in City as business advisor, Royal Bank of Scotland, for seventeen years advisor to Saudi Arabian government; long service Rochdale MBC; sought justice for victims of local child grooming gangs; drew attention to asbestos contamination of former industrial land; he was defeated in 2010 by just 103 votes, 0.2%, by Phil Woolas (Labour) who was subsequently unseated on petition; in the following by-e he raised his vote by 0.3% but trailed Labour by 10.2%, that party having gained mainly at the expense of the Conservatives whose vote was down by 13.6%; d 2024; **Oldham East & Saddleworth 2010, by-e 2011**

WATKINSON, William Hibbert, b Prestwich 1906, ed Cheetham Collegiate s, Manchester h s of commerce; prominent figure in administration of building trade; in charge of Works and Buildings emergency organisations during WW II; was responsible for devising programmes to tackle repair work in aftermath of V1/V2 attacks on London; held posts in Manchester Liberal Fed; d 1984; **Heywood & Royton 1950**

WATTON, John, b 1952, ed City of London s, Cambridge U; acc; Merseyside MCC, Liverpool City C; **Liverpool, Walton 1974 Feb, Oct**

WEBSTER, Elizabeth Ruth, ed Liverpool Coll; WW II service as corporal in tank regiment; **Liverpool, Walton 1945**

WEBSTER, (Sub Lt) Ian Stevenson, b 1925, ed Rochdale g s, Manchester U; WW II service in Fleet Air Arm in first night fighter squadron formed by Royal Navy; saw action in North Atlantic; first Liberal to contest constituency since 1918; barrister on Northern Circuit; later judge; d 2002; **Wigan 1950**

WEIR, Joseph Daniel, b 1895, Liverpool iron and general merchant, local preacher; deceased; **Waterloo 1945**

WENHAM, Brian, Cumberland CC 2022-; **Carlisle 2024**

WHATMOUGH, David, b 1944, ed Manchester Central g s; management acc; active in community relations, on board of management of four primary schools; **Middleton & Prestwich 1979**

WHEALE, Simon D., b 1962, ed Manchester g s, Manchester U; PR cons; Manchester City C; **Manchester, Blackley 1992, 1997**

WHIPP, David Michael Baxter, lives Barnoldswick; Lancashire CC, Pendle MBC; **Pendle 2001**

WHITE, Rt Hon Henry Graham, b Birkenhead 1880, ed Birkenhead s, Liverpool U; stockbroker; stalwart campaigner in Liberal cause, fighting eight elections over 25 years; Assistant Post-Master General in National Government 1931-1932; followed Herbert Samuel into Opposition 1932; mbr League of Nations exec cttee; PC 1945; mbr of the parliamentary delegation which visited Buchenwald concentration camp in April 1945; President LPO 1954-1955; attended annual Liberal Summer School until 1962; Fellow of Royal Statistical Society; d 1965; **Birkenhead East 1922, 1923, 1924, 1929, 1931, 1935, 1945, Bebington 1950**; MP Birkenhead East 1922-1924, 1929-1945; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WHITE, Kevin J., b Maidenhead 1952, ed Furze Platt s s; acc; experience as election agent; cllr Windsor & Maidenhead BC 1979-87; campaigned against nuclear weapons; with the 'continuing' Liberal Party in early 1990s contesting the two by-elections in 1990 in Bootle, in the second of which his 1.3% share of the poll was sufficient to place him above Screaming Lord Such on 1.2% and the SDP candidate who polled 0.4%; fought Wigan in 1992 under the same designation but subsequently re-joined Lib Dems; d 2025; **Wigan 1987, 1992**

WHITMORE, Keith Arthur, b 1955, ed Chorlton h s, St John's Coll of FE; one-time clerical officer Manchester County Court; first elected 1979 to Manchester City C, completing 30 years' service before retirement 2012; grp ldr; Hon Ald; mbr Committee of the Regions, Pres Congress of Europe 2010-12, dir Manchester Airport, Chair, Greater Manchester transport heritage partnership; held many offices, man of many interests; said to have become bitterly disillusioned with Party after Lib Dem group on Manchester City C was decimated in the local elections of 2011; **Manchester, Gorton 1983, 1987**

WILLIAMS, Peter Howell, b 1926, ed Liverpool Collegiate, Rydal s, Cambridge U; solicitor; LPO Council, Exec; active with Northwest Regional Fed; Wallasey MBC ldr group; **Wirral 1964, 1966**

WILLIAMS, Pat M., b 1937, ed local p, sec s s; self-employed market researcher; Wirral MBC; **Birkenhead 1992**

WILLITT, Arthur Harvey, MBE, b 1910; asst engineer in Post Office mbr national exec of Post Office Engineering U; Pres Society of Telecommunications Engs; d 1987; **Chester 1950**

WILLS, Chris, Cumberland CC; lives Carlisle; **Whitehaven & Workington 2024**

WILMOTT, Gordon M. R., b 1930, ed Basselag g s, Oxford U; lect; **Manchester, Ardwick 1974 Oct, Manchester, Central 1979**

WILSON, Dr Elizabeth Mary, b Wigan, ed East Anglia U, Manchester U, Huddersfield Poly, Liverpool John Moores U; has held successive management posts; joined Party 1970; served as CCllr, mbr health authority; has written numerous articles, papers on gender and diversity etc; lives Slaithwaite; mother of Rebecca Taylor qv (Yorkshire Region, wife of Dr Michael Taylor qv); **Bury North 1983**, Colne Valley 2005, Halifax 2010 (both Yorkshire Region)

WILSON, Frank, b 1924, ed Wallasey g s, Cambridge U; tech representative; deceased; **Clitheroe 1979**

WILSON, Gareth, lives Mobberley; design dir of software co; interests incl environment, NHS; **Tatton 2015, 2017**

WILSON-FLETCHER, Alexander Charles Edward, **Chorley 2005**

WINLOW, Prof William (Bill), b Sunderland 1945, ed King Edward VI g s, Morpeth, Newcastle U; St Andrews U PhD; professional academic since 1971, retiring as Professor of Neuroscience 2009; joined Party 1974, cllr Leeds City C 1986-99, group leader 1996-99; Lancashire CC; Leeds North East (Yorkshire Region) 1997; lives Preston; in 2005 he was opposed by a 'continuing Liberal,' Tim Akeroyd qv, who polled 3.6%; **Fylde 2005, 2010, Leigh 2015, Heywood & Middleton 2017**

WINSKILL, Joseph Hesford, b 1907; with eng firm at Peterborough; Methodist lay preacher; Chair, United Commercial Travellers Assn; first Liberal cand locally since 1900, he was adopted 11 days before polling day; he polled 3%; deceased; **St Helens 1950**

WINSTANLEY, Dr Michael Platt, later Lord W. of Urmston, b Nantwich, Cheshire 1918 ed Manchester g s, Manchester U, Pres of Union; physician; excellent public speaker and able media broadcaster with a ready wit and voice with its warm Northeast Region strain; LPO Council/Exec early 1960s; he had a regrettably short career in Commons; mbr Select Comm on Parliamentary Commission for Administration; dpty Whip; created Life Peer 1978, d 1993; **Stretford 1964, Cheadle 1966, 1970; MP 1966-70; Hazel Grove 1974 Feb, Oct; MP Feb-Oct 1974**

WOOD, Arthur R., b 1940, ed Winnington Park s, Northwich, Manchester Coll of Science and T'nology; architectural asst, designer/photographer; **Manchester, Openshaw 1974 Feb, Oct, West Lancashire 1997**

WOOD, Roy J., b 1947, ed St Edward's Coll, Liverpool, Notre Dame Coll, Liverpool; maths teacher; Charter 88; **Birkenhead 1997, 2001, Crewe & Nantwich 2010, 2015**

WOODCOCK, Dr Geoffrey Lawrence PhD, FRSA b 1936, ed Liverpool Coll, Liverpool U, Brunel U; university lect later senior fellow Liverpool U, associate director Extension Studies; worked in study team on Mersey Estuary Management Plan; joined Liberals 1970; author of many publications on politics, democracy, environmentalism, education; Pres Huyton L A; **Crosby 1974 Feb**

WOODS, Edward J., b 1930, ed St Benedict's RC s, Warrington; plasterer; Warrington MBC; **Warrington 1966**

WOODWARD, Michael Henry, b 1915, ed Bedford s; WW II as officer in RAF; Freeman of City of London; managing dir of trust co in London and Manchester; deceased; **Blackpool South 1950**

WRIGHT, John P., b 1956, ed Preston Catholic Coll, dir of several cos dealing in coal, engineering and publishing; East Anglia U; lect; Preston City C dpty grp ldr; there was an interval of 30 years between his first two parliamentary contests; **Preston 1987, South Ribble 2017, Southport 2019**

WRIGHT, Paul, b 1956? ed Townley s; later charged with drunken assault upon his lodger, he was later found to be suffering from poisoning from a sheep dip contracted 30 years earlier while living on his parents' farm; later became campaigner for fellow victims of this disorder; **Burnley 2001**

WRIGLEY, Denis I, b 1930, ed Manchester g s, Manchester Reg School of Architecture; research manager in industry, later dir market development; irrepressible campaigner in ten elections over 26 years; Chair, Liberal Transport Comm; LPO Council; **Oldham East 1959**, High Peak by-e 1961, 1964, 1966, 1970 (East Midlands Region), **Stretford 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**, **Daveyhulme 1983, 1987**

WYERS, James Willie, b 1891; civil servant at Blackpool; active Methodist; involved in local youth movement; Vice-Chair, Blackpool North L A; d 1963; **Clitheroe 1950**

WYNNE, (Lt) Edmund Ernest, b Huddersfield 1917, ed Uddingstone g s, Scotland; WW II army service, took part in the Normandy Landings 1944; m Nancy Eden, (1918-2012 daughter of 6th Baron Henley of Chardstock); soft drinks manufacturer, sports club proprietor; Pres LPO 1966-67, LPO Chair 1968-77; cllr Blackpool BC, Mayor 1972-73, Lancashire CC, d 2013; (father of the following); **Blackpool South 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

WYNNE, Robert Edmund, b 1956, ed Thames and Arnold s s, Blackpool, Keele U; restaurateur; cllr Blackpool BC 1991-2011 Mayor; (son of the preceding); **Blackpool South 1992**

YOUNG, Sir Hubert Winthrop DSO, b Wrexham, Denbighshire 1885; soldier, diplomat, colonial governor; ed Eton, Royal Artillery from 1904, Foreign Office from 1919; author *The Independent Arab*; governor in turn of Nyasaland, Trinidad and Tobago etc; became interested in politics rather late on; his candidature in a desperately unpromising Merseyside constituency, at a very low ebb in Liberal fortunes, was strongly advocated by Edward Martell at LPO HQ, supported by other LPO 'broad front' strategists, who thought the situation was ideal for an experiment with a distinguished cand; it resulted in one of the lowest percentage share of votes a Party candidate received over the post war period; d Portugal 1950; Harrow West 1945 (Greater London), **Liverpool, Edge Hill by-e 1947**

YOUNG, Julie, b 1959? lives Barrow, works in Preston for victim support organisation; joined Party 1983; committed Christian; **Ribble Valley 2005**

YOUNG, Michael Alan OBE, b 1945, ed Wellington g s, Salop, York U; co dir, economist, mbr CBI; worked at 10 Downing Street as mbr of staff of Conservative Premier, Edward Heath 1970-74; joined ARC Ltd and their associated co, Consolidated Gold Fields in South Africa; prior to the collapse of Apartheid regime, he organised secret meetings between South African Government figures and ANC Leaders; awarded OBE 2001 for his contribution to human rights campaigning; figured in feature film *Endgame* 2009; in the snap by-e he was just 552 votes, 1.4%, short of victory; **Penrith & the Border, 1983, by-e 1983**, Isle of Wight 1987 (South Central Region)

ZALZALA, Dr Yasmin, PhD; b Bagdad, Iraq 1955, of Muslim background, ed Baghdad U, Salford U; economic development researcher, co dir; mbr Amnesty; Vice-Chair community health council, police community consultation group; joined Party 1989; active in local government affairs and elections in Manchester City C; said to be very difficult to work with; after de-selection as PPC by her constituency she caused widely publicised and protracted embarrassment, accusing the local Lib Dems publicly of racism, a claim demonstrably unfounded; contested former constituency as an

Independent 2005 and 2010 receiving minimal support; said to be first woman of Middle East descent to contest a Westminster election; **Manchester, Withington 1997, 2001**

SECTION TWO

SDP CANDIDATES IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 1983 AND 1987

Parliamentary By-Elections prior to 1983

JENKINS, Rt Hon Roy Harris, OM, PC, later Lord J. of Hillhead, b Abersychan, Monmouthshire 1920, ed Abersychan g s, Oxford U; son of a former miner, (later Pres of South West Miners Fed and Labour MP); service WW II; one of the few real statesmen to have emerged on the parliamentary scene since WW II; though never Prime Minister, or leader of a major party, he was a parliamentarian of the highest order for over 30 years, holding several great offices of state and Presidency of the European Commission; youngest MP when first elected; not an outstanding debater in his early years at Westminster, though when appointed to government office he swiftly became a master at the despatch box, exercising an ascendancy over the House scarcely known since Gladstone and Stafford Cripps; 1964 Minister of Aviation, Home Secretary 1965-67, 1974-76 during which he undertook sweeping internal reforms incl police re-organisation and important legal reforms; Chancellor of the exchequer 1967-70 when he pursued a tight fiscal policy aimed at keeping Britain's trade balance in the black; professed to be a Keynesian in outlook; defeated in successive ballots for the party leadership, served as dpty leader 1970-72 but resigned over opposition to his pro-European stance; became increasingly uncomfortable at Labour's steady leftward drift and adherence to policies he saw as outdated; critics claimed he was unsuited to the politics of class, ideology etc; that his beliefs were rooted in the Edwardian politics which he admired and wrote about; nevertheless widely respected across party lines; long a friend of Jo Grimond, David steel et alia; the Labour rank and file detested him as an academic bore; right wing critics saw him as a disruptive liberal reformer at odds with traditional moral social values eg reform of theatre censorship, abolition of capital punishment, de-criminalising homosexuality etc and thus an architect of the permissive society; for his pro-European views he was vilified as unpatriotic from left and right; increasingly disillusioned by the leftward drift of Labour he resigned from the Commons in 1977 to become President of the European Commission until 1981; after his return he used the Dimpleby Lectures as his platform for an appeal to the radical centre to change the mould of British politics causing a sensation in the media and parliament; a mbr of 'the gang of four' who left Labour to found the SDP in 1981; re-entered Parliament on second attempt at by-election 1982; Party Ldr 1982-1983; became alarmed at his successor David Owen's rightward drift; lost seat 1987; Life Peerage 1987; elected Chancellor of Oxford U 1987; OM 1993; throughout his career he was a regular radio/TC broadcaster; in later years he was taunted in the press for a life-long minor speech defect which his critics and opponents claimed was evidence of a drink problem; Ldr of Liberal Democrat peers 1987-97; author of nearly 40 highly praised political histories and biographies, including *Sir Charles Dilke* (1958), *Asquith* (1964), *Gladstone* (1995), *Winston Churchill* (2001), part-autobiography 1991 *Life At the Centre*; ironically the Jenkins legacy, the product of his efforts post 1981, was to pull down the curtain on old Labour which would never have regained office thus paving the way for the 'New Labour' of Tony Blair which won three successive general elections 1997-2005; d 2003; for Labour he contested Solihull 1945, Southwark by-e 1948, MP 1948-50, Birmingham, Stechford 1950, 1951, 1955, 1959, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, MP 1950-76,

Warrington by-e 1981, Glasgow, Hillhead by-e 1982, 1983, 1987 (Scotland) MP 1982-87; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WILLIAMS, Rt Hon Shirley Vivian Teresa Brittain, CH, PC, née Catlin, later Baroness W. of Crosby b Chester 1930,; daughter of political scientist, philosopher Sir George C., and distinguished authoress, Vera Brittain; ed at various schools incl Talbot Heath, Bournemouth, St Paul's g s, London and in Minnesota for three years during the war-time evacuation; Oxford U, Chair, Labour Club, Fulbright Scholar to Columbia U; began career as journalist with *The Daily Mirror* and *Financial Times*; gen sec Fabian Soc; contested for Labour Southampton, Test 1959, Hitchin 1964, 1966, 1970 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979 MP 1964-79; in Commons, Shadow Home Secretary 1971-73, 1974 Sec of State Prices and Consumer Protection; PC 1974; 1976 Sec of State for Education piloting through controversial legislation for comprehensive education and abolishing many grammar schools, selective education against bitter opposition; after losing her seat became regular broadcaster radio/TV on discussion programmes *Question Time* etc; 1988-2001 Prof at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government; one of the original 'Gang of Four' who left Labour to form the SDP; a highly regarded figure, once seen widely as a possible first Labour woman Prime Minister; greatly respected and loved throughout her career with Liberal Democrats; 1993 Life Peerage; Ldr Lib Dems in Lords 2001-04, remaining influential in Party and a familiar figure in the media, she campaigned during 2015 General Election; announced intention to retire from House of Lords, Jan 2016, a decision she subsequently regretted; CH 2017; author of several books incl autobiography; d 2021; **Crosby by-e 1981, 1983**; Cambridge 1987 (East of England Region), MP 1981-83; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

General Elections 1983 and 1987

Extreme difficulty has been experienced in tracking down even basic details of the biographies of most former SDP candidates. With notable exceptions, the majority appear to have made no impression anywhere in public life or indeed in any field of human endeavour, though research will continue. As commentators noted at the time, most of them were worthy but anonymous individuals, plucked from obscurity. Apart from those few who continued their political activities with the merged Parties after 1988, most of them returned to oblivion.

ADLER, John, b 1937, ed Nuneaton, Coventry Colls of T'nology; lect; **Ashton-under-Lyne 1983**

AHMED, Altaf, b 1937, ed Pakistan, Manchester Central Poly; counsellor with interest in Islamic jurisprudence; **Manchester Central 1983**

ALCOCK, John H., b 1947; solicitor; Stoke-on-Trent MBC; **Bolton North East 1983, 1987**

ALI, Mohammed Akbar, b 1925, of Moslem background, ed Osmania U, Hyderabad, Indian Inst of Science & T'nology, Manchester U; Ch Eng; **Blackburn 1987**

ALLITT, Julian B., b 1947, ed Blackpool g s, Sheffield U; Head of Dept of Journalism, Lancashire Poly, co dir, former lobby correspondent, head of news Red Rose Radio; **Blackpool South 1987**

ASHENDEN, Peter J., b 1944, ed Gravesend g s, Open U; Cert Acc, cons; High Peak MBC; **Stalybridge & Hyde 1987**

BAKER, Ronald H., b 1935, ed St Edwards g s, Liverpool, York U, Toronto, Keele U; lect, marketing/training cons; **Bolton West 1983, Burnley 1987**

BEASLEY, John, b 1935, ed Leeds U; teacher of modern langs; **Copeland 1983**

BEATTY, Dr Paul C. W., **Eccles 1987** (See Lib Dem section)

BEGG, John, b 1946, ed Oakham s, Aston Tech Coll, Leeds U; teacher; later joined merged Party; (see Lib Dem section); **Denton & Reddish 1983, Stockport 1987, Fylde 2001**

BITHEL, Colin, fought Crewe 1979 as Liberal; (see Lib Dem section); **Warrington North 1987**

BRIDGEN, John, ed Wallington co s, Cambridge U; lect Preston Poly; mbr Int Higher Ed Standing Conf; **Hyndburn 1983**

BRIERS, Philip J., b 1948; sen training adviser; formerly Labour; St Helen's MBC; **St Helen's South 1983, 1987**

BUTTERWORTH, Joan, ed Sale g g s, Manchester U, U d'Aix-Marseille, Essex U; poly lect; **Manchester, Wythenshawe 1987**

CARR, Michael (Mike) **Ribble Valley 1983, 1987** (See Lib Dem section)

CHAHAL, Baldev S., ed Punjab U, London U; unemployed telephonist; a keen motorcyclist, he contested Southall (Greater London) Feb 1974 as 'Sikh Anti-Helmet' cand; **Liverpool, Riverside 1987**

CLARE, Tom, b 1946, ed Morecambe g s, Exeter U, Liverpool U; extra mural lect; former Cumbria County Archaeological Officer; **Morecambe & Lunesdale 1983**

CLUCAS, Helen Flora, **Halton 1987** (see Lib Dem section)

COLGAN, Edward Thomas, b 1958, ed Leeds U; with East Cumbria HA; dir of psychiatric hospital, Carlisle; **Copeland 1987**

CONNOLLY, Mike, polled a respectable 21.5%; no biography found; **Preston 1983**

COTTIER, David, b 1946, ed Workington Tech, Liverpool Poly, Workington/Carlisle Colls of FE; local government officer; **Barrow & Furness 1983**

COX, Alex G., finished a close third on 24%; **Blackpool South 1983**

CRAWSHAW, Richard, OBE, b Salford 1917, later Lord C. of Aintree, ed Pendleton g s, Cambridge U, London U; barrister; Labour MP for Liverpool, Toxteth from 1964 joining SDP in 1981 on account of the Party's leftward drift; was Second Dpty Chairman of Ways and Means; became SDP spokesman on Defence; mbr Select Comm on defence; one of very few SDP candidates (possibly only three) in

country faced with a dissenting Liberal opponent at the 1983 election; Crawshaw finished bottom of the poll, with 11.2% behind the Ind Liberal, Richard Pine qv, who polled 15.3%; Liverpool City C; Life Peer 1985; a marathon walking enthusiast; d 1986; **Liverpool, Broadgreen 1983**

DENHAM, Paul, b 1948; FE lect; **Bootle 1987**

DONOVAN, A. F. Scott, b 1948, ed St Mary's Coll, Crosby, Oxford U, Washington U; barrister; Sefton MBC; **Crosby 1987**

DUNN, Ann, **Oldham Central & Royton 1987** (see Lib Dem section)

ECCLES, David, T., b 1953, ed g s, Cambridge U, barrister; **Leigh 1983, Bolton West 1987**

EVANS, Keith J., b 1956, ed Greenmore Coll, Edgbaston, Colehill s, Wolverhampton Poly; economist; Greater Manchester DC; mbr police authority; active with USDAW; **Bury South 1983**

EYRE, David A., b 1952, ed sec mod s; probation officer; earlier active with SDP in Stoke-on-Trent; **Bury South 1987**

FAIRBROTHER, Eric B., b 1942, ed Liverpool Bluecoat s, Liverpool School of Pharmacy; manager of Blackpool Boot's branch; **Blackburn 1983**

FERGUSON, Malcolm, b 1938, ed g s, Liverpool U; mech eng; **Liverpool, West Derby 1987**

GASKIN, Brigid, b 1935, ed National U of Ireland, Queen's U, Belfast, Gottingen U, Birkbeck Coll, London U; solicitor with Tameside MBC; Sayard MBC; **Tatton 1987**

GREENHALGH, Ian b 1946, fdr mbr SDP; after merger joined Lib Dems; **Heywood & Middleton 1987** (See Lib Dem section)

GREENWELL, June, (see Lib Dem section); **Morecambe & Lunesdale 1987**

HARRISON, David G., b 1939; economics graduate; head of dept, North Cheshire Coll, Warrington; **Warrington North 1983**

HOLBROOK, Simon Andrew, b 1946; fdr mbr SDP; joined Lib Dems on merger; (see Lib Dem section); **Ellesmere Port & Neston 1987**

HOLLINGWORTH, Peter James Michael, **Wirral South 1983**

HUFFER, T. Ian, b 1957, ed Ludlow g s, Oxford U, barrister; Macclesfield MBC 1984-88; **Denton & Reddish 1987**; on merger joined Lib Dems; Ludlow 1997 (West Midland Region); contested Shropshire CC elections 2010

HUNT, Richard S., b 1942, ed Montreal, Vancouver, Canberra, City of Birmingham Poly; sen careers officer, Cumbria; **Carlisle 1983, 1987**

ISAACSON, Richard, b 1950, ed Liverpool Coll, Liverpool U; barrister; **Liverpool, Garston 1987**

JACKSON, Martin, b 1947, ed Hulme g s, U of Wales, Aberystwyth; teacher; **Oldham Central & Royton 1983**

JERMYN, Robert, b 1941, ed Culford & Winers h g s; with Midland Bank; West Lancashire DC; former Liberal; SDP management comm; **West Lancashire 1987**

JONES, Steven D., b 1958, ed Liverpool Blue Coat s; acc; former national officer, Young Social Democrats; **Leigh 1987**

KEAVENEY, Patrick, b 1961; gas board service eng; worked for Jesse Jackson in US; **Salford East 1987**

LEE, Dennis, b 1936, ed St Andrew's s, Rugby, Rugby Tech Coll, Bolton Inst of T'nology; Salford U; comp eng; **Stretford 1987**

LEVER, Bernard L., b 1951, ed Clifton Coll, Oxford U; barrister; **Manchester, Withington 1983**

LEVY, David, b 1942, ed Manchester g s, Manchester U; Ch Acc, co-dir of civil eng co; liveryman, Worshipful Co of Ch Accs; **Tatton 1983**

McCOLGAN, Barry W., b 1946, ed St Thomas sec mod s, Salford, Salford Tech Coll, Hull U, Manchester U, Manchester Business s; Ch Acc; for Labour fought Knutsford 1974 Feb, Clitheroe 1974 Oct; **Knowsley North 1983, Manchester, Central 1987**

McNALLY, Rt Hon Tom, PC, later Lord McN. of Blackpool, b Thornton-Cleveleys 1943, ed St Joseph Coll, Blackpool, U Coll, London, Pres of U, vice-Pres NUS, graduate in Economics and Social History; asst gen sec Fabian Society 1966-67, Labour Party researcher 1967-69, Party International Sec 1969-74, Political Adviser to James Callaghan at Foreign Office 1974-76 and at Downing St 1976-79 during his premiership; MP Stockport South 1979-83, joined SDP 1982; joined Lib-Dems after merger 1988; held various posts in business 1984-2004; Life Peerage 1995; adviser to Paddy Ashdown 1988-98; Dpty Leader in Lords 2001-04, Leader 2004-13; mbr Fed Exec 1988-98; spokesman on Home Affairs,

Broadcasting; popular and witty raconteur; 2010-13 Minister of State, Ministry of Justice in Coalition Government; **Stockport 1983**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

OGDEN, Eric, b 1923, ed Queen Elizabeth's g s, Middleton, Leigh Tech Coll, Wigan Mining Coll; former miner; Labour MP for Liverpool, West Derby 1964-81 defected to SDP; Middleton MBC; mbr All-Party Channel Tunnel group, Select Comm on Commons Services, Stamps Advisory Comm; had strong affinity with people of Falklands Islands which he visited on three occasions; d 1997; **Liverpool, West Derby 1983**

O'NEILL, Peter, b 1946? ed Bradford U, Pres of Union, Moscow U, New Delhi U; freelance journalist; Nat Exec NUJ; Euro cand 1979? **Chorley 1983**

PHELPS, Richard W., b 1925, ed Kingswood s, Bath, Oxford U; formerly with Colonial Admin Service later manager, Central Lancashire New Town Development Corp; **Barrow & Furness 1987**

POLLARD, John, b 1952, ed King's s, Macclesfield, Hymer's Coll, Hull, Leeds U; solicitor and asst depty coroner; **Crewe & Nantwich 1983**

RICHARDSON, Jonathan Kent, b 1951, ed Lancaster U, Liverpool U, St John's Coll of Ed, York; teacher; **Wallasey 1983, 1987**

ROBERTS, Dr Kenneth N., b 1949, ed Sandbach s; med practitioner in pharm ind; **Crewe & Nantwich 1987**

ROPER, Rt Hon John Francis Hodgess, PC, later Lord R. of Thorney Island, b 1935, ed William Hulme's g s, Manchester, Reading s, Oxford U, U of Chicago; lect in economics Manchester U; originally Labour; fought High Peak 1964; MP Lab & Co-operative, Farnworth 1970-81, becoming influential figure in defence matters; finding Labour thinking on defence increasingly untenable, defected to SDP 1981, closely associated with 'Gang of Four' and present at meeting at which the 'Limehouse Declaration' was finalised; chief whip of parliamentary group; joined Lib Dems on merger; Life Peer 2000, making important contributions in the Lords; Party Chief Whip 2001-05; editor *International Affairs*, head of *Western European Inst for Security Studies*; PC 2005; involved in controversy 2003 following allegations which he strenuously denied that he had been a STASSI (East German Democratic Republic) agent in 1980s, claiming that he had been duped by a trusted research assistant who turned out to be a EGDG agent; visiting professor from 1995 of Coll of Europe, Bruges; author of books on European defence and security; d 29 Jan 2016; **Worsley 1983**

RUMBELOW Arthur A., b 1943, ed Cambridge U; barrister, practises in Manchester, Dpty Judge, Crown Court; Rochdale MBC; **Heywood & Middleton 1983**

SACKVILLE, Andrew D., b 1943, ed Keele U, U Coll, Swansea; sen lect FE; **West Lancashire 1983**

SHOWMAN, Harvey L., b 1947, ed Manchester g s, Glasgow U; dentist; **Manchester, Blackley 1987**

STRAK, Dr John, b 1951, ed Accrington g s, Aberdeen U, Manchester U; lect, farmer; Hyndburn MBC
ldr Alliance group; Chair, Assn Soc Dem Cllrs; Sec, Party Farm Policy grp; **Hyndburn 1987**

TILLING, Thomas R., b 1943, ed Helsby g s, Manchester Coll of Comm; co dir/chair; **Halton 1983**

WALL, John, b 1938, ed Bootle g s, Sheffield Coll; co dir; **Bootle 1983**

WHATMOUGH, Ruth, b 1949; part-time solicitor's clerk; cand five times for local MBC; **Knowsley South 1987**

WILKS, David, b 1954, ed Magdalen Coll s, Oxford, Oxford Coll of FE, Leicester U; production
manager with United Biscuits; with Fed of Conservative Students; joined SDP; **Stretford 1983**

WILLIAMS, Adrian C., b 1957, ed Manchester U; religious ed/pastoral care tutor; Methodist worker
Moss Side; **Salford East 1983**

ZENTNER, Peter, b 1932, ed Manchester g s, Cambridge U; management cons, author; **Liverpool, Riverside 1983**, Lincoln 1987 (East Midlands Region)