

LIBERAL/LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

In the

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REGION 1945-2024

Constituencies in the county of Yorkshire (Excluding Cleveland and Teesside)

SECTION ONE: LIBERAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024

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

FOREWORD

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There is no way of interpreting the twists and turns enacted by today's politicians without recourse to political history. All too often it is apparent that today's politicians have themselves but a passing acquaintance with their own history. Those of us who are aware of the importance of history and the lessons to be drawn from it, can only expect colleagues to be influenced by our experience if we can rely on the facts. Our personal libraries no doubt contain a myriad of volumes setting out electoral and parliamentary facts, figures and names but hitherto there has been no publication with a comprehensive biographical record of every Liberal and Liberal Democrat candidate in the UK since 1945. Now we have such a record painstakingly compiled by Lionel King - himself a candidate at the 1964, 1970 and 1987 General Elections. I know that it will be kept close at hand to facilitate my future work and I commend it to colleagues.

PREFACE

A number of difficulties have been encountered in compiling this Index which have not been resolved in an entirely satisfactory manner. Local government boundary changes in the early 1970s led to the creation of the Cleveland and Humberside Counties. Cleveland and adjacent constituencies have been included in the Index for the North East Region. Humberside constituencies commencing with the General Election of February 1974 are included in the Yorkshire Region.

The Yorkshire region has been home to an impressive gallery of Party personalities, several of whom receive extended entries. The spirited independence with respect to LPO HQ in London which the Yorkshire Regional Party has often demonstrated, and the relatively strong direction it has exerted over its constituency associations, would account for the formidable challenge maintained in the Region at successive general elections, even in the direst years of Party fortunes. Yorkshire appears to have been rather less willing in 1950 to heed to the dictates of the Martell Plan than other regions. Even so, until the 1970s there were several Labour-held mining and industrial constituencies where the Party always declined to fight. Information on many candidates remains sparse. SDP candidates particularly, over 1983-87, seem to have been an anonymous battalion indeed, few if any of them leaving a mark on any field of human endeavour.

The Lib Dems did not contest the constituency of Skipton & Ripon at the General Election of 2017 by semi-official agreement with the Green Party. No candidate was nominated for the by-election at Haltemprice in 2008, the sitting member having resigned over a matter of principle, with which the Lib Dems were in agreement. In common with other parties, the by-election at Batley & Spen in 2016 was not fought out of respect for the previous Labour incumbent who had died tragically at the hands of a racist murderer.

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: **Thirsk & Malton 1950**. Constituencies fought by a candidate in other regions appear in standard type. The names of constituencies have changed over the years as a result of parliamentary boundary changes.

BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF CANDIDATES

SECTION ONE

LIBERAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRAT CANDIDATES 1945-2024

ABEL, Tobie, university graduate; joined Lib Dems 2013; IT contractor with international firm, software engineer with own business; later with own artificial intelligence consultancy; opposed to Brexit; disturbed by retreat from globalisation; argues that the record of the Coalition 2010-15 proved the importance of Liberal values in government; lives Clifton, York; **Harrogate 2017, Leeds East 2024**

ABRAHAMS, Gerald, b 1907, of Jewish background; barrister; chess player at highest international level; prolific writer on chess, the law, religion and history; d 1980; **Sheffield, Hallam 1945**

ADAMS, Dr Chris, PhD, ed Aberystwyth U; worked at Lib Dem HQ, London and House of Parliament; political advisor; now director at communications company; interests incl NHS, cost of living, the sewage disposal scandal; **Keighley & Ilkley 2024**

ADAMS, John, **Leeds South 1974 Oct**

ADAMSON, J., **Kingston upon Hull East 1974 Oct**

ADAMSON, Robert M., b 1949, ed Doncaster g s, Torquay g s, St Lukes Coll, Exeter, Lancaster U; joined Party 1995, training officer, producer of videos within civil service; author of books for emergency services; former Chair, Yorkshire & Humberside Region; mbr Federal Policy Comm, Conference Comm; interested in disability issues, rural affairs; Euro Cand 1999, 2003; Darlington 2001, 2005 (Northeast Region), **East Yorkshire 2010, 2015, Doncaster North 2017**

AHMED, Imad, became political activist at Berkeley U, California 2002; worked in Rwanda for four years; takes a strong pro-Palestinian line; he fought a constituency with a large muslim community; **Bradford West 2024**

ALCOCK, Mark, b 1970, U grad; varied career in industry, shop floor to management; has been a victim of redundancy seven times; Oldham MBC; local campaigner, concerned with local impact of Brexit; **Don Valley 2019**

ALDAM, Harry, b 1885, ed Tadcaster g s, Ruskin Coll, Oxford; former lect in economics to 1946 headquarters inspector at LNER; founder of trade unions among agricultural workers; specialist on transport, trade union matters; first Liberal cand for 16 years in constituency with history of unopposed returns; d 1952; **Thirsk & Malton 1950**

ALI, Mukhtar, of Muslim background, originally Labour, defected to Lib Dems c 1999; Bradford MDC; **Bradford West 2005**

ALI, Zulfiqar, b Bradford, raised Rochdale, of Muslim background; attended coll, diploma business management; owns chain of retail clothing shops; joined Party 1992; Rochdale MBC, dpty ldr grp, Mayor 2010; **Huddersfield 2015, 2017**

ALLAN, Richard Beacroft, later Lord A. of Hallam, b Sheffield 1966, ed Oundle s, Bristol Poly, Cambridge U; grad in archaeology, information technology; long career as field archaeologist 1984-99; computer manager 1991-97 with Avon FHSH; served on Commons Liaison Select Comm, later Chair, Information Select Comm, Home Affairs Select Comm; Peerage 2010; worked with Facebook as European Dir of Policy 2009-19; **Sheffield, Hallam 1997, 2001; MP 1997-2005**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

ALLINSON, Martin b 1935, ed Manchester g s, John Bright g s, Llandudno U Coll of Wales; eng lect/teacher; service in Canada, Singapore, Brunei etc, later hill farmer; formerly Bradford MDC Lab clrr, joined SDP, then Lib Dems on merger; active with professional unions; **Scarborough & Whitby 1997**

ALLSOPP, Alan, b 1929, ed Ossett elem s, Batley Tech Coll; engineering buyer; secured a toe hold for the Liberals in local government in 1951; Dewsbury MBC; **Dewsbury 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct**

AMOR, Nigel, b 1963, ed Forest s, Horsham, Colen's Sixth Form Coll, Horsham, Central London Poly; courier/taxi driver; **Leeds West 1997**

ANDERSON, Karen J., b 1960, ed Queen Elizabeth s, Wimbourne, Oxford U; teacher, social care development officer; **York 1992**

ANGINOTTI, Sylvia, b 1949, ed Sheffield U; grad in History as mature student; lect for 23 years in Adult Education in Sheffield; clrr Sheffield City C; cabinet mbr for Children's Affairs, later Business and Enterprise; officer Sheffield City Party; **Barnsley East & Mexborough 1992**

ARMITAGE, Patricia, b 1937, ed Clader h s, Liverpool, Roundhay h s, Leeds; employed in school health services; **Leeds West 1970**

ARNOLD, Stewart D., ed Maldon g s, Essex, Buckinghamshire Chilterns U, U of London; managerial posts in sales, marketing, co dir, lect U of Hull; cand Euro elections, 2011, 2014; for 11 years policy/communications dir, Euro Parliament; interests incl civil/human rights, environment, Yorkshire devolution; m Diana Wallis qv; he was eligible to assume the seat in the European Parliament vacated by his wife on her resignation in 2012 but to avoid controversy he declined it; he was 2nd on the Party list in the previous Euro election; the vacancy was eventually filled by the third choice, Rebecca Taylor qv; **Leeds Central 2001, Don Valley 2005**

ASPDEN, Keith, lives Fulford, sec s teacher; clrr York City C 2003-, grp ldr later Council ldr; local campaigner, mbr of community groups; he raised the Party share of poll by 7.8%, the highest in the Region; **York Outer 2019**

ATKINSON, George Stanley, b 1899, formerly Labour, Hull City C to 1947, subsequently leaving that party because of its perceived 'totalitarian trend'; commercial traveller, National Exec of UK Commercial Travellers' Assn; saved his deposit by a whisker; d 1952; **Kingston upon Hull North 1950**

ATKINSON, Rebecca; a councillor, Sheffield City C; **Sheffield, Heeley 2024**

AUSTICK, David, b 1920, ed City of Leeds s; bookshop owner in Leeds; entered politics relatively late in 1970s; clrr Leeds City C, dpty ldr group West Yorkshire CC; Chair LCA, later Chair, Electoral Reform Soc; his sensational victory at a by-election in an erstwhile Tory stronghold was a great boost to Party morale; spokesman on health and social security at Westminster, later Northern Ireland; Euro cand Leeds 1979; d 1997; **Ripon by-e 1973, 1974 Feb, Oct; MP (for just seven months) 1973-74;** Cheadle 1979 (Northwest Region)

BAGSHAWE, A., **Bradford North 1979**

BAKER, James, has been a delivery driver, worker for Co-op, later manager of own small printing business; Calderdale DC, ldr grp; has sponsored several important initiatives in council re police, public petitions to the council, objections to fracking; supported NO2ID campaign; **Halifax 2017, 2019**

BAKER, Penny, b Sheffield, clrr, Sheffield City C for 13 years, dpty grp ldr, cabinet minister for housing, regeneration, planning; former army wife moving about UK and Germany; **Doncaster North 2015, Penistone & Stocksbridge 2017, Barnsley North 2024**

BANKS, (Capt) Thomas Mercer, b 1910, ed Hoylake, Birkenhead, Cambridge U; studied in Geneva, reading int law; HM Army service WWII; called to Bar 1936, practised on Northern Circuit, Central Criminal Court; Chair, Hoylake UDC; active with YMCA national council; deceased; **Dewsbury 1945, Wirral 1950, Bebington 1951** (both Northwest Region)

BARFIELD, Ian, b Singapore, lived locally; ed Manchester U; Grimsby MBCllr; favours green agenda; strongly pro-Europe in a strongly pro-Brexit area; later ran bookshop in Matlock, Derbyshire; interests incl environment; **Great Grimsby 2019, Chesterfield 2024** (East Midlands Region)

BARFORD, William, schoolmaster, active with NAS; deceased; **Leeds South 1945**

BASHIR, Javed, lived locally all his life, ed locally, later Brooksbank s, Huddersfield U; innovation and funding specialist with York U; **Calder Valley 2019**

BATEMAN, Bernard Arthur, MBE, b 1944, employed by a heating co; originally a Conservative, defected to the Lib Dems only to revert to his former allegiance some years later; his seemingly quixotic career began in South Wales where he served on Cardiff City C, moving to Yorkshire in 1978 where he was on North Yorkshire CC sometime as Chairman; Freeman of City of London; **Skipton & Ripon 2001**

BATTY, A. Edward (Ted), b 1936, ed Cockburn g s, Leeds, London U; arbitrator and quantity surveyor; clrr Selby DC grp ldr; elder, United Reform Church; **Selby 1992, 1997**

BATTYE, Janet, from old Liberal family; social worker specialising in child care, mental ill health Calderdale DC, grp; advocates localism; seeks more funding for infrastructure, roads, railways, schools; **Calder Valley 2017**

BAYLEY, Ian de C., b 1938, ed Cranleigh s, Trinity Coll, Dublin; business interests in road haulage and ins; Harrogate DC; **Harrogate 1974 Feb, Oct**

BEARD, Michael b 1947? trained as teacher; exec officer; **Brigg & Scunthorpe 1979**

BEASANT, Steve, b 1954, raised/lives Great Grimsby; originally maintenance fitter, mature student at York U; North East Lincolnshire DC; originally Labour, joined Lib Dems over Iraq War; fund raiser with epilepsy groups; volunteer with YMCA charity; interested in children's services; described as 'real community politician'; calls for reform to drug laws; seeks more accountability, transparency in public life; **Great Grimsby 2015, 2017**

BECK, Anne (Paddy), b 1938, ed Poles Convent, Ware, Channing s, Highgate, London, Parktown Convent, Johannesburg; former teacher later Ch Sec; **Elmet 1992**

BECKERLEGGE, Phillip b 1916; local businessman, dir of family firm of tool and gauge makers; sec of local L A; one of two Liberal challengers in city where the Conservatives used the 'Conservative & Liberal' tag; father of Phillip B. jnr qv (Southwest Region); d 2005; **Sheffield, Heeley 1950**

BECKETT, Michael, ed Goldsmith's Coll, London U; nursing assistant with NHS later night shelter manager subsequently charity organiser with MIND; mbr Institute of Directors; volunteer with CAB; Malton TC; lives Malton; Chair, Thirsk & Malton LDA; in 2012, he finished in 8th place with 2.1% in the by-e fought under the worst possible auspices for the Lib Dems; many interests; describes himself as 'passionate about politics and liberalism'; Dudley North 2010 (West Midland Region), **Rotherham by-e 2012, Scarborough & Whitby 2015**

BEEVER, Gordon J., b 1946? acc; Kirklees MBC; persistent if somewhat nomadic parliamentary cand; **Batley & Spen 1992, Huddersfield 1997, Colne Valley 2001, Ryedale 2005**

BELL, (Lt Cdr) C. Stanley, civil air transport operator; service WW II; inventor of appliances used in defence systems; **Kingston upon Hull Central 1945**

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

BELMORE, Alan, b Crawley 1990, ed Reigate g s, U of York; associate with Deloitte; youngest cand in Britain 2010; Chair, Lib Youth 2010; lives Horsham, Sussex, active locally; **Hemsworth 2010**

BENTLEY, Neil Darren, born/raised Yorkshire; ed U; worked for students' U 1995-96; solicitor with group of cos; joined Party at college 1992; lives Gomersal; **Huddersfield 2001, Batley & Spen 2005, 2010**

BERWIN, Stanley James, b 1926, Orthodox Jewish background, ed Roundhay s, Leeds, Cambridge U, Leeds U; WWII naval service; solicitor, founded Berwin & Co, now Berwin, Leighton, Puisner; dir NW Rothschild; NLYLs Exec, Yorkshire YL Fed; d 1988; **Wakefield 1950, Shipley 1951**

BERRY, E. A., b 1928, ed Wheelwright gs, Dewsbury; sub editor of evening newspaper; **Batley & Morley 1966**

BLACK, Barrington Malcolm, b 1932, of Russian/Lithuanian Jewish background, ed Roundhay s, Leeds U, Pres of Union, Lincoln's Inn; solicitor 1956, national service 1956-58; later barrister; Chair, Inner London juvenile Court 1991-93; appeared as defence counsel in high profile trials incl notorious 'Black Panther' (Donald Neilson) Case; District Judge, Bow Street, Marylebone; Judge of Supreme Court of Gibraltar 2012-14; Harrogate BC, first Liberal cand locally for many years; polled 21.98%; **Harrogate 1964**

BLADES, Tom b 1924, ed g s, former agent Doncaster L A; the two constituencies he contested had not been fought by the Liberals for over 40 years; he polled creditably in both; **Doncaster 1970, Sheffield, Brightside 1974 Feb, Oct**

BLANCHARD, James C., joined Party as student at Leeds U; comp scientist servicing major Yorkshire cos; Kirklees MBC; community activist assisting Yorkshire Ambulance Service etc; now lives York; Hackney North & Stoke Newington 2005 (Greater London), **Huddersfield 2010, York Outer 2015, 2017, York Central 2019**

BODDY, Stephen, **Pudsey 2001**

BONE, Emma J., b 1972 from political family, ed U of Manchester; former systems analyst, later with AXA Wealth; worked for Lembit Opik MP qv (Wales); Thornbury TC; she was later adopted for Filton & Bradley Stoke (Southwest Region) but resigned c 2008; **Huddersfield 2005**

BONHAM-CARTER, Lady Violet, DBE, née Asquith, later Baroness B-C of Yarnbury, b London 1887, daughter of Herbert Henry A., Liberal Premier 1908-16; ed privately and abroad; m Sir Maurice B-C, mother of Mark B- C qv (Devon & Cornwall Region), Laura B-C qv (Scotland); mother-in-law of Jo Grimond qv (Scotland); from her childhood immersed in politics; began speaking publicly in support of her father c 1919; after his death in 1928 dedicated her life to preservation of his memory and of Asquithian Liberalism; became one of the foremost public orators of her age; early on met Winston Churchill who became life-long friend, sharing anti-Hitler, anti-appeasement, anti-fascist platforms as mbr of the Focus Group with him in 1930s; passionate advocate of Churchill's ideal of a federal Europe; Churchill ensured her a straight fight at Colne Valley 1951 where she came within 4.3% of defeating her Labour opponent; her intense antipathy to David Lloyd-George, her father's successor, for dividing the Liberal Party in 1918, was transferred to his daughter, Lady Megan Ll-G, post-WW II; entered Lords 1964, the first new Liberal peer for decades; well-known TV/radio broadcaster; Governor of BBC, Old Vic 1945-69, Pres Women's Lib Fed 1923-25, 1939-45; LPO Pres 1945-47; kept diaries throughout her life, posthumously published; author *Winston Churchill, As I Knew Him* (1965); d 1969; she figures in *Mothers of Liberty* (Lib Dem History Group, 2012); Wells 1945 (Southwest Region), **Colne Valley 1951**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

BOOTH, (F/L) James, b 1914; RAF service WWII; youngest barrister in country when called to Bar 1936; 1939 Town Clerk of Ossett BC, Recorder of Barrow-in Furness, later circuit judge; d 2000; **Leeds West 1945**, Darwen 1950 (Northwest Region)

BOOTHROYD, A., Dennis, b 1921? accounts clerk; **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1979**

BOTTOMLEY, V., **Rotherham 1974 Oct**

BOULTON, Brian J., b 1943, ed Carlton g s, Bradford, James Graham Coll of Ed, Leeds; teacher; Euro cand 1989; **Bradford South 1992**

BOWLER, Peter J. b 1952, ed Ripley Tech s, Derbyshire; sales rep; dir Yorkshire Wild Life Trust; cllr Amber Valley DC, Ripley TC grp ldr; active with many groups; **Rotherham 1983, 1987**

BRELSFORD, Alison Elaine; book keeper; Sheffield City C, Stocksbridge TC; amateur actor, community DJ; supporter of Right to Life; **Barnsley West & Penistone 2005, Doncaster Central 2017, Spen Valley 2024**

BRIGGS, John; Chair, Shipley & Keighley LDA; **Shipley 2005**

BRISTOW, Philip J., b 1956, ed Nevin Drive sen h s, Chingford, Essex; business development manager for BT; activist in Wokingham area of Berkshire; mbr Charter 88; North East Bedfordshire 1997 (East of England), **Rother Vale 2005**

BROADHEAD, Gerald, b 1929? ed Doncaster Tech Coll, Luton Poly; managing dir; **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1974 Oct, Doncaster 1979**

BROOK, Sharron, lone Party rep on Barnsley MBC, defected to Labour 2010 over disagreement with Party joining coalition government; her decision was greatly regretted by the LDA; **Barnsley East & Mexborough 2001, 2005**

BROOKS, Michael J. L., b 1936, ed Charterhouse, Huddersfield Tech Coll; farmer and inventor with patents to his name; first Liberal cand at Thirsk and Malton for 29 years; he polled 25.52%; **Thirsk & Malton 1974 Feb, Scarborough & Whitby 1974 Oct**

BROOKS, K. Claire see GRAHAM, K. Claire

BROWN, John, ed Armthorpe h s, Doncaster Coll, Loughborough U, Lancaster U; prof eng, management cons, part-time FE lect; Doncaster Mayoral Election cand; interested in economic dvlpmnt of the Doncaster area; **Barnsley East 2010, Doncaster Central 2015**

BROWN, Dr Jonathan Michael, b London 1945, ed Leeds U, dental and management cons; Leeds City C; **Pudsey 1997, Leeds North East 2001, 2005**

BROWNE, Terry, b 1940, ed Strand s, London; Ch Sec; Bradford MDC; **Bradford North 1997**

BRYANT, John, b 1955, ed King Henry VIII s, Coventry, Hull U; former journalist; cllr Hull City C, Humberside CC; gr ldr; **Kingston upon Hull Central 1979, Beverley 1987**

BURGESS, Stan, b 1940, ed Central g s, Birmingham, St Peter's Coll, Saltley, Birmingham; semi-ret teacher; **Rother Valley 1997**

BURKE, Cahal, b 1977, ed Huddersfield U, teacher training coll; teacher of computing; lived locally over 20 years; Kirklees MBC; runs in fund raising marathons; involved in multiple local activities; interests incl Children and Young People's services; **Colne Valley 2015, 2017, 2019, Scunthorpe 2024**

BURNLEY, Sydney, b 1913, of Jewish background, ed Bede g s, Sunderland Tech; London Refractory Hospital; optician; pharmacist; deceased; **Haltemprice 1964, 1966**

BURNS, Jean Y. L., b 1926, ed privately, teacher training coll; teacher; **Skipton 1970**

BURRELL, Albert, b 1884; WW I service in RN; railway worker, later colliery eng in Durham; from 1908 ins agent; org Insurance Agents U; Pres of Int Federation of Insurance Workers; visited Russia 1938 as trade union delegate; deceased; **Kingston upon Hull, Haltemprice 1950**

BUSUTTIL, Gary, activist in West London; Ealing LBC; serves as opposition 'Honesty' spokesperson; **Leeds North East 2024**

BUTCHER, Anthony, b 1932, Chislehurst & Sidcup g. s., Hull Nautical Coll; served in merchant navy, later garage proprietor; some time Warwick MBC; remembered for his persistence, extrovert personality and audacious aerobatic election publicity stunts over his sedate Warwickshire constituency; still campaigning 2015; **Kingston upon Hull North 1959**; Warwick & Leamington by-e 1966 (West Midland Region), Rugby 1974 Oct (West Midland Region)

BUTLER, Francis R., b 1941, ed Owler Lane, Sheffield, Sheffield Coll of Art; mature student; Sheffield City C, South Yorkshire Metropolitan Council; in common with many other cands at the 1983 General Election in the Yorkshire Region, he polled well in hitherto untested territory; **Sheffield, Park 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, Sheffield, Brightside 1983**

BUTTERWORTH, Simone; cllr Hull City C, grp ldr, 2002-2014 losing seat in a disastrous year for the Party; cand for PCC Humberside 2012; **Kingston upon Hull North 2001**

CALLAGHAN, Daniel, born/raised locally; interests incl health and care, environment, farming, local economy; **Richmond & Northallerton 2024**

CARLIN, Derek A., b 1922, ed Heath g s, Halifax, Halifax Tech, Huddersfield Tech; managing dir of foundry materials firm; **Halifax 1966**

CARMAN, Dominic, b Hale, Cheshire 1961, ed Manchester g s, Durham U; son of eminent barrister late George Carman; journalist and writer; to annoy his father he joined the National Front in 1977, resigning in disgust three weeks later; has long campaigned courageously against the growth and influence of the British National Party and extreme right-wing organisations; outspoken in his opposition to racists, holocaust deniers; has amassed body of research on the BNP and its leaders (unpublished); author of controversial biography of his father *No Ordinary Man* (2002); the by-e in which he finished in sixth place was fought in an inimical atmosphere of physical and verbal intimidation and racist violence; Barking 2010 (Greater London), **Barnsley Central by-e 2011**

CARTER, Dr Adam, lives Rotherham, local GP formerly worked at Rotherham Hospital; cllr Rotherham MBC 2017- (first Lib dem elected); grp ldr; deplores Labour's record locally of neglect; calls for new deal for people of Rotherham; **Rotherham 2017, 2019, 2024**

CAYWOOD, Christopher J., b 1941, ed Roundhay g s, Leeds, London U; teacher; **Bradford South 1974 Oct, Batley & Morley 1979**

CHADWICK, David, b 1939, ed Blackpool Coll of T'nology, Bolton Coll of Education; lect; cllr Blackpool BC, Sheffield City C, grp ldr; persistent campaigner who fought nine parliamentary contests in 24 years; in 1987 he polled 38.5%; d 1994; Nelson & Colne by-e 1968 (North West Region), Blackpool South 1970 (Northwest Region), **Penistone 1974 Feb, Oct by-e 1978, 1979, Sheffield, Hillsborough 1983, 1987, 1992**

CHARTERS, James, b 1949, ed Creighton s, Carlisle Leeds U, Liverpool U, Cranfield U; employed in information tech; **Wentworth 1997**

CHERRY, John M., b 1932; marketing dir; East Riding CC, Beverley MBC, Humberside CC, Beverley DC; **Bridlington 1974 Feb, Oct**

CHRISTIE, Mark, former sports centre manager, later teacher of sports in HE; interests incl affordable housing, tackling crime, reviving local high streets; cand for North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner; **Bradford West 2019**

CHOUDRY, Aqila, b 1962, of Muslim Asian background, single parent; lived locally since age of 9; many years' experience volunteering; mbr Leeds Health Watch, Complex Needs Board of Leeds council, helps at local CAB; experienced election agent; latterly exec dir People in Action charity; **Leeds North East 2010, 2015**

CHOWDHURY, Dr Rajin, lived/worked Sheffield 15 years, grad Sheffield U; anaesthetist and intensive care doctor in local hospitals; Chair, Sheffield Humanists; joined Lib Dems 2015; campaigner on local issues incl controversial tree-felling decision by Sheffield City C; strongly opposed to Brexit; **Sheffield South East 2019**

CHRISTMAS, Sam, studying for Master's Degree, Sheffield U; Barnsley MBC; worked for Sheffield Chamber of Commerce; interests incl NHS, social care, housing; **Sheffield Central 2024**

CLARKE, (Brig) Terence Hugh CBE, b Ascot 1904, ed Temple Grove s, Haileybury, RMC, Sandhurst; prof soldier, long with Indian Army; served WW II, retiring 1950; after brief flirtation with Liberals defected to Conservatives; MP Portsmouth West 1950-66; became increasingly right-wing in sympathies; strong supporter of Prime Minister Anthony Eden's calamitous Suez Operation, resolutely favoured capital punishment on which he made a number of intemperate statements; d 1992; **Pudsey & Otley 1945**

CLAY, Howard Snow, b 1900; sec-acc in Hull, former Sec, Leeds L A, later served with Hull North West L. A., Pres Hull Lib Fed; d 1959; **York 1950**

CLAY, Margaret G. (Maggie), CBE, b Hailsham, Sussex 1949, teacher, careers adviser; Leeds City C; after enforced retirement through stress, kept health shop in remote Bishop's Castle, Salop; returned to political activity 2004, cllr Stockport MBC; dpty ldr 2006-07; d 2010; highly esteemed by colleagues, incl Michael Meadowcroft qv, who was her obituarist for *The Guardian*; **Leeds South East 1974 Feb, Oct 1979, Leeds East 1983, 1987**

CLEGG, Allen, b 1964, ed Heath g s, Halifax, Universities of Durham, Bradford, Salford; textile physicist; Halifax CBC, Calderdale DC; Chair, Halifax YLs; **Bradford South 1964, Halifax 1974 Feb, Oct 1979**

CLEGG, Rt Hon Sir Nicholas William Peter (Nick), Kt, b Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire 1967, his mother Dutch and grandparents of international descent including Russian. He attended Caldicott School, Farnham Royal, later Westminster School, then Cambridge U, U of Minnesota, the College of Europe at Bruges. He joined the Party in 1993, worked for the Euro Commission and about this time was first noted as a possible rising star by Paddy Ashdown. He was elected an MEP for the East Midlands, serving 1999-2004. He was Trade spokesman in the European Parliament. He began publishing pamphlets, writing articles for journals and was later a contributor to the controversial *Orange Book* in which he advocated market liberal solutions to economic problems. His book *The Liberal Moment* was published in 2009.

Clegg's family background would account for his facility with languages. He lived with his family at Putney for some years. His Spanish-born wife, Miriam Gonzalez Durantez, is a partner in a highly successful international legal practice. While at Strasbourg he campaigned for the reform of European institutions, and more transparency in administration. He meanwhile joined the Parliamentary lobbying firm Gplus. After only two years at Westminster he was elected to the Party Leadership in November 2007 at an inauspicious time as the Party's third leader in two years. He maintained that his own and the Lib Dems' orientation was to be 'radical centrist.' His first two years as leader were difficult for him and the Party. He was soon branded 'calamity Clegg' by the hostile right-wing press. His standing was to be greatly enhanced overnight, however, for his masterly showing in the innovative TV debates featuring the three party leaders, in the closing weeks of the General Election campaign of 2010. He put over Party policy effectively and countered opponents' attacks with great skill, showing himself as sincere, unassuming and convincing. Overnight he had transformed himself into a figure of national prominence. His overall performance put new heart into Party campaigning at constituency level, candidates everywhere noting on the doorstep voters' positive impressions of Clegg and the Lib Dems.

The result of the subsequent 2010 General Election however was an enormous disappointment. Some critics within the Party claimed his general style of leadership was partly to blame. Support in terms of votes was up a paltry 1% and a net five seats were lost. The Conservatives, with most seats, immediately made overtures on the possibility of forming a coalition government. The arithmetic was not quite right for a deal with Labour but after some delay, an agreement was reached with the Conservatives after intensive negotiations to form a coalition government. The background to these events is covered in *22 Days In May* (2010) by David Laws qv (Southwest Region) and *Five days to Power* (2010) by Rob Wilson. Clegg became Deputy Prime Minister, Lord President of the Council, Minister responsible for overseeing Constitutional and Political Reform. There were immediate defections of dissidents over his decision to take the Party into coalition with the Conservatives. The flag ship policy to abolish Student Fees had to be abandoned abruptly leading to public opprobrium particularly among the young. The referendum on PR, a precondition of the Party joining the coalition, resulted in an overwhelming defeat on a further key plank of policy. Early on it was suggested Clegg should resign as Party Leader while remaining deputy Prime Minister.

Clegg made a fighting speech to the Lib Dem Assembly in Birmingham in Sept 2011 in which he restated the Lib Dems' role in the coalition, predicting that coalition governments would be the future pattern of politics in Britain. Setbacks continued to occur; a close colleague, David Laws qv (Southwest Region) was obliged to resign from the government after just two weeks in office over expenses irregularities. Party support fell alarmingly in by-elections and municipal elections, though

Eastleigh was narrowly retained in 2013, in the wake of the Chris Huhne qv (South Central Region) scandal. Perhaps the most depressing feature of this period was the sight of Clegg sitting day after day with a glum expression on the Government front bench, often beside Prime Minister Cameron as the unpopular austerity programme unfolded.

As 2014 opened, Clegg was faced with the embarrassment of the accusations of sexual harassment of HQ employees, made against Lord Rennard, former Head of LPO. The downward trend in local government elections continued in May 2014, Liberal Democrat representation on municipal councils being decimated throughout Britain. Gains made over the previous twenty years were wiped away, including those in Liverpool, Birmingham and other areas where the Lib Dems had been challenging Labour. Representation in the European parliament was likewise reduced from nine MEPs to one.

Clegg's position as leader of a minor party in a coalition would have been extremely difficult at any time and particularly so in a grave economic crisis. This is totally overlooked by many within the party. In the media he was portrayed almost universally as a shield for the Prime Minister and an unconvincing and hesitant apologist for government policies with which in any case he was out of sympathy. For an agonisingly prolonged period leading up to the 2015 General Election campaign, he was universally reviled in the media and few colleagues or local constituency parties still considered him a positive campaign asset. Local Party election leaflets generally omitted mention of him.

The debt the nation and the Lib Dems owe Nick Clegg, however, is considerable though it will be many years before it is fully appreciated. Immediately after the rout in May 2015, Clegg intimated that he would resign the Leadership, as soon as his successor had been elected by a poll of the Party membership. He attributed the result of the General Election to 'grievance and fear' on the part of the electorate. He gave an inspired and well received speech to Bournemouth Assembly in Sept 2015. His memoir *Between the Extremes* (Bodley Head, 2016), was dismissed as 'banal' by critics within the party. He lost his parliamentary seat in the pro-Labour swing of 2017 to Jared O'Mara, who was almost immediately to have the Labour Whip withdrawn. He received a knighthood in New Year Honours List 2018 and was Vice-Pres Global Affairs & Communications for Facebook from 2018 to 2025. Though rarely spoken of these days, it is unlikely that a figure of his standing will remain off the political scene for long; **Sheffield, Hallam 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017; MP 2005-2017**

CLEMENT-JONES, Simon William Robert, designer with CDE systems, later managing dir; **Sheffield, Heeley 2010, 2015, Sheffield, Brightside 2017, Sheffield, Heeley 2019, Barnsley South 2024**

COCKBILL, Margaret, b 1938, ed Erdington g s, Birmingham; state registered nurse, sen lect in Humberside Coll of Health; active with Holderness LDA; active with counselling group; **Brigg & Cleethorpes 1992**

COLE, John M. C., b 1944, ed Hampton g s, Middlesex, Dundee U, Southampton U; teacher; mbr Charter 88, Friends of the Earth; **Shipley 1992, 1997**

COLEMAN-TAYLOR, Ruth, (formerly ADDISON), née Moffett, b 1947, ed Manchester g h s, York U, Manchester U, Open U; sometime maths teacher, later self-employed; contributor to *Journal of Green Economic Inst*; 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 importance of the YLs and its influence on Party policy and strategy; she opposed Jeremy Thorpe's call for a government of national unity after the equivocal result of the Feb 1974 General Election; authoress *Women* (NLYL, 1979); ldr North Wiltshire DC, later ldr 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 a 'lunatic competition,' stunned all present during a later Party Assembly at Blackpool, during a social evening, when she rose triumphantly from the bowels of the Tower seated at the legendary electric organ; mother of Rachel Coleman-Finch, Party activist at Cambridge, who in turn has impressed as a speaker at Party Assemblies in recent years; served on European Union Committee of the Regions 1997-2007; re-appeared as a token candidate in 2019; d in Greece, 2022; subject of obituary *Liberator* Sept 2022; Liverpool, Toxteth 1979, Macclesfield 1983 (both Northwest Region), Woodspring 1987 (Southwest Region); **Leeds Central 2005, Leeds West 2010, Barnsley East 2015**, Wolverhampton North East 2019 (West Midlands)

COLLINGE, Arthur, b 1939, ed Queen Elizabeth g s, Blackburn, U of Wales, Durham U; freelance lect, management cons/trainer; Euro cand 1989, North Yorkshire CC, Harrogate BC; Bishop Auckland 1983, Darlington 1987 (both Northeast Region), **Beverley 1992**

COLLINS, John, b 1931, ed Leeds g s, Oxford U; Pres, Yorkshire YLs; fdr mbr New Orbits group; first Liberal cand at Wakefield for 14 years; **Wakefield 1964, Shipley 1966**

COLLINS-TOOTH, Norman, b 1948, ed Royal Liberty g s, Essex; computer education cons; **Wakefield 1979**

COMMONS, John P. B., b 1956; former cons surgeon, trained for C of E ministry; later worked for Audit Commission; Vice-Chair ALDC; former agent to Alan Beith MP qv (Northeast Region) and David Chadwick qv, his predecessor as cand in Hillsborough; cllr for 20 years, Manchester City C; Chair, Manchester Party; has many interests, serves on several committees; lives Whaley Range, Manchester; **Sheffield, Hillsborough 2001, 2005**

COOK, Michael, b 1947, ed Kingston h s, Hull, Hull Coll of Commerce, Manchester Poly; self-employed acc, previously in production/financial management in variety of inds; **Doncaster North 1997**

COOKSEY, Stephen J., b 1944, ed Middlesbrough h s, Leeds U; university administrator, later academic sec Roehampton Inst; Horsforth UDC, West Yorkshire CC, LPO Exec; moved south; Mole Valley BC from 1992; **Leeds South 1970, Pudsey 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, Skipton & Ripon 1987**, Mole Valley 1997 (Southeast Region)

COOPER, William Ivor, b 1933, ed Preston g s, City of Leeds TTC; active with YLs; schoolmaster; **Haltemprice 1959**, Accrington 1974 Feb, Oct (Northwest Region)

COWLEY, Mabel, former head teacher; first Liberal cand locally for 16 years; deceased; **Ripon 1945**

COWTON, Stephen R., b 1949, ed in Filey; employed in road transport; involved in care of elderly; **Barnsley Central 1992**

COYLE, Laura Rose, née EDGE, b 1978? ed state s s, Cambridge U; solicitor for legal aid firm; service with CAB; Haringey LBC; cand West Berkshire DC 2015; busy campaigner; Finchley & Golders Green 2010, qv as EDGE, Laura (Greater London), **Leeds West 2015**

CRAVEN, Valerie S., b 1942, ed St James's g s, Knaresborough, Southlands Coll, London; teacher; Knaresborough UDC; **Ripon 1970**

CRAWFORD, John, b 1932, ed Holyhead g s, Bangor Normal Coll, Furzedown Coll, London; teacher; Whitby UDC 1961-64; **Howden 1964**, Devizes 1974 Feb (Southwest Region)

CROMPTON, Miles, b 1963? raised Leeds, ed Leeds Metropolitan U, with Barnsley Credit Union; previously worked in town planning, local government/corporate research; latterly with Rotherham MBC research co-ordinator; Leeds City C; **Barnsley West & Penistone 2001, Barnsley Central 2005**

CRONIN, Denis Finbarr, U grad; lives Wakefield; ran specialist recruitment agency; works in university sector, developing healthcare workforce; community volunteer; concerned about funding for local schools; mbr ERS; interests inc health, education, equality; **Wakefield 2015, 2017**

CROSSLEY, James F, b 1935, ed Hipperholme g s, Oxford U, Pres Liberal Club; solicitor; Chair, Huddersfield LA from 1967; mbr New Orbits Group from 1958, Head of LPO Research Dept 1959-60; a serious-minded character, deep voice; died tragically young; **Halifax 1964, Howden 1970**

CUMMINS, Dr Julian P. F., b North Wales 1955, ed Wellington Coll, Cambridge U, gaining PhD; joined ULS, wrote for *Liberator*, fought council seat Cambridge City C aged 21; Major in TA, Leeds City C 1982-90; founded Avista; marketing and PR cons; Vice-Pres Yorkshire & Humberside Lib Dems; ordained in holy orders 1997; numerous interests; held many offices, remembered as wholly committed to any cause or office he took up; known as an ethical businessman; d Mallorca 2007; **Pudsey 1983, 1987**

CUTHBERTSON, Ian M., ed Bradford g s, York U, Bradford U; business computing analyst; part-time lect FE/HE; York MBC; **Dewsbury 2001, Selby 2005, Penistone & Stocksbridge 2010**

DALE, Douglas, b 1930, ed Thomas Danby Coll, Leeds; Leeds Tech Coll, Sheffield U, New Coll, Durham; ret NHS district catering manager; mbr Wakefield Health Authority; **Pontefract & Castleford 1983, Wakefield 1997, 2001**

DALTON, Ernest Edgar, b 1879, police superintendent; Nonconformist; fought Sheffield, Park by-e 1926, PPC Batley & Morley late 1930s; d 1947; father of the following; **Kingston upon Hull South West 1945**

DALTON, Thomas Ernest, b Leeds 1909, son of the following; lect in economics and industry; interests incl trade union matters; signatory of Free Trade manifesto; WW II service with Coastal Command; d 1992; son of the proceeding; **Kingston upon Hull East 1950**

DARWIN, Maurice William, b 1891; auctioneer/valuer, Methodist local preacher; d 1954; **Richmond 1945**

DAVENPORT, A. Bromley, b 1933, ed Radcliffe Tech Coll, Lancashire, Queen's U, Belfast; social worker; formerly Labour for whom he fought Howden East 1979; later SDP; joined Lib Dems after merger; Skipton UDC; **Scarborough 1992**

DAVIES, Joan D., ed Leeds U, export agent, cons on education matters; former Lloyds underwriter; former lect at Sandhurst; Euro cand 1984; an outstanding example of the newly emerging, multi-talented career woman in public life; **Boothferry 1987**

DAVISON, Roger, b 1947, ed Gregg S, Sheffield, East Anglia U, Huddersfield Poly, Plater Coll, Oxford; teacher; Sheffield City C; former dir Crucible Theatre; **Sheffield, Heeley 1997**

DAVISON, Wilfrid J., b 1938, ed St Mary's Coll, Liverpool, Liverpool U; lect; **Doncaster 1974 Feb, Oct**, Liverpool, Garston 1979, Bury North 1987 (both Northwest Region)

DE FREITAS, Andrew, MBE, b Georgetown, Guyana; acc employed in shipping, ind cons; joined Liberals 1964; long serving member, later ldr North East Lincolnshire DC; **Grimsby by-e 1977, Great Grimsby 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010**

DELEPINE, Victor L. R., b 1919; cost acc, ed Leeds U, in France and Spain; WW II service with Fleet Air Arm; Hon Party Agent in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, later Sec Leeds YLs; d 1960; **Leeds Central 1950**

DELHOY, Callum, ed St Mary's Catholic b s, Hills Road Sixth Form Coll, Bishop's Stortford, York U, Chair Lib Dem Soc; has campaigned for Civil Liberties, Environmental Protection and Remain; activist at Daventry, East Midlands; Daventry 2015 (East Midlands), **Selby & Ainsty 2017**

DENHAM, Ann E., b 1941, ed Longley Hall sec tech, London U; former teacher, voluntary advice worker; **Huddersfield 1992**

DERBYSHIRE, Neil, b 1951, ed Huddersfield Poly, Liverpool Poly; lect; **Dewsbury 1979, St Helen's North 1983, 1987** (Northwest Region)

DOBBIE, David, ed Bishop Vesey's g s, Sutton Coldfield, Hallam U, Sunderland U, Gainsborough Coll, Northwest Nottinghamshire TC; lives North Lincolnshire; supply teacher in Epworth, Brigg area; clrr West Lindsey DC, Gainsborough TC 2005-; local campaigner; has expertise in neighbourhood planning; wants communities to make their voices heard on planning matters; favours dvlpmnt of rail, road, waterways in North Lincolnshire; Bassetlaw 2005, 2010, Newark 2015 (both East Midlands Region), **Brigg & Goole 2019, Sherwood Forest 2024** (East Midlands)

DOBRUCKI, Jan Alexander, of Polish parentage, has lived his whole life locally; ed Harold Wilson p; has degree in Biology from London U, Ch Acc; worked for British Telecomm, Wesco Aircraft; worked in USA and Far East; joined Lib Dems after Brexit and favours Britain's early re-entry; **Huddersfield 2024**

DOBSON, Craig, ed Essex U, Teesside U, Open U; gen practitioner; medical adviser, East Yorkshire Commissioning Group; interests incl the environment, health; **Beverley & Holderness 2010, Morley & Outwood 2017, 2019, Normanton & Hemsworth 2024**

DODD, Simon, b 1982; lives Portsmouth; solicitor; has worked for int law firms, UK, Belgium; made election appeal for a fairer society; **Scunthorpe 2015**

DOSSETT, John H., b 1931, ed Holgate g s, Barnsley, Barnsley Mining and Tech Coll; qualified mining surveyor, tech rep later eng co manager; Barnsley MBC; **Barnsley 1964, 1970**

DOWLING, Ian, Ch Acc (Management), with NHS, previously with Royal Mail, British Gas; cand in local elections; interests incl NHS, Education, social care; **Pudsey 2019**

DOWNES, Ryk, b 1964; local activist; cllr Leeds City C 2004- dpty grp ldr; runs marathons, climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in charity fund raiser; interests incl NHS, environment, policing; **Pudsey 2015, Scunthorpe 2017, 2019, Leeds North West 2024**

DOYLE, Michael (Mike) P., b 1944, ed Wyggeston b s, Leicester, Leeds U, Manchester U; teacher, writer on IT; Craven DC; **Keighley 1997, 2001, Bradford South 2005**

DRESSER, David, b Leeds, lives locally; solicitor and photographer; local campaigner; organises football for girls; Euro/local election cand; seeks to bring more young people into sport; **Leeds East 2019**

DUNCAN, Ronnie H. H., b 1928, ed Wellington Coll, Oxford U; dir of worsted spin co; remembered as a rather stiff, formal type though not without a sense of humour; attended Liberal Summer School in early 1960s; the first Liberal challenger locally for nearly 20 years, he polled a commendable 23.2%; **Ripon 1964, 1966**

DUNKERELY, George, b 1921, ed Pudsey g s, St Andrew's U; co dir; Pudsey MBC, Mayor 1967-68; **Bradford South 1966, 1970**

DUNWORTH, Arthur, b 1939, ed King Edward VII s, Sheffield, Nottingham U; ret sales/marketing dir; Sheffield City C, Bradford MBC represented Party on South Yorkshire joint authorities for passenger transport and pensions; **Sheffield, Hillsborough 1997**

DURKIN, John, local activist at Calderdale; **Halifax 2001**

ELLIS, Andrew Stephen, OBE, b 1952, ed Cambridge U, Newcastle U; self-employed printer/election organiser; LPO Vice-Chair, Tyne & Wear CC ldr grp; a prominent figure in the late 1970s to the late 80s in Liberal circles; LPO Gen Sec 1985-88, Chief Exec 1988-89; employing community politics methods used earlier in Birmingham, Liverpool and elsewhere, he revitalised the Party in the North East in regional and local government; now a highly respected cons on elections, constitutions, democracy building; has worked extensively in Third World countries, particularly Indonesia; author of many publications on his subject; Sen Cons, U of Northumbria 2014- ; Newcastle Central 1974 Oct, by-e 1976, 1979 (Northeast Region), **Boothferry 1983**

ELLIS, Arthur T., **Bradford South 1955**

ELLIS, Michael L., b 1951, ed U of Wales, Sheffield U; teacher; **Leeds East 1979**

ENGLISH, Paul Albert, b 1968; long-serving Craven DCllr, grp ldr, Skipton TC; active with many local community groups; Craven CAB; **Skipton & Ripon 2005**, Blackburn 2010 (Northwest Region)

EPPS, Gareth, b Cotswolds; joined Party 1992; worked at Westminster, later in PR; now specialist in community consultation for infrastructure project; cllr Reading MBC, grp ldr; a prominent opponent of Orange Book ideas, Chair, Social Liberal Forum, Federal Policy Comm, Federal Conference Comm; worked on several campaigns on environment, post offices etc; man of many interests incl transport, equality, Campaign for Real Ale; worked on compilation of Party Manifestos for 2001, 2005 General Elections; mbr of *Liberator* collective and regular contributor from 1997; an inveterate blogger/tweeter; Witney 2001, Reading 2010 (both South Central Region), **Keighley 2015**

EXLEY-MOORE, Tania C., b/raised Scarborough ed locally; graduate; spent four years in teens in Borneo; joined Party aged 16; later worked in Manchester, Sweden, Shetland islands; returned to Scarborough 2003; teacher; **Scarborough & Whitby 2005, 2010**

FAIRFAX, Royden J., **Sheffield, Heeley 1974 Oct**

FEKRI, Nader, of Asian background; history lect; JP Hebden TC, Calderdale DC, Mayor; defected to Labour 2012 over Coalition Goverment policies; **Keighley 2005, 2010**

FINLAY, Darren, b 1972, ed Oxford s, Keele U; barrister; **Barnsley Central 1997, Leeds West 2001, 2005**

FIRTH, Alison, ed York U, former teacher, service in Far East; later development officer, Manchester U; long-serving cllr, Manchester City C, Lord Mayor 2009-10; Euro cand 2004; an advocate of sweeping changes to business rates system; Manchester Central 1997 (Northwest Region), **Sheffield, Brightside 2001**, Wythenshawe & Sale East 2005, Hyndburn 2015 (both Northwest Region)

FLOOD, Nicholas, b 1954, ed City of London s, Leeds U; civil eng; **Bradford West 1979**

FLYNN, Helen Catherine, b Wakefield 1963, ed Wakefield g h s, Cambridge U; commissioning editor in publishing; joined Lib Dems 2009; runs a small holding; lives Harrogate; **Skipton & Ripon 2010, Harrogate & Knaresborough 2015, 2017**

FORTH, Thomas Edward, **Richmond 2001**

FOSTER, Mary, b 1896; teacher for 17 years; later national publicity officer, Old Age Pensioners' Assn, Chair, Rotherham WLA, active with Independent Traders' Assn; first Liberal cand locally for 21 years; deceased; **Rotherham 1950**

FOSTON, S. J., **Kingston upon Hull West 1979**

FOX, Michael, lives Morley; former Royal Navy Officer now works in Central Leeds as project manager on large construction programmes; joined Lib Dems 2017; **Leeds South West & Morley 2024**

FRANKISH, Pat, b 1947, ed Caistor g s, Hull U, Liverpool U, Leeds Poly, Open U; clinical psychologist; Brigg TC; **Great Grimsby 1992**

FRANKLIN, Richard, b 1936, ed Westminster s, Oxford U, RADA: theatre dir, actor, writer; mbr Equity; fought Twickenham 1973 by-e for Union of Ind People's Reps, Ribble by-e 1991 as Ind Con; **Sheffield, Brightside 1992**

FRANKS, Tom, ed Bradford U; lived locally for many years; civil engineer; worked on projects in Africa, Asia; CAB volunteer; Party mbr for many years; strong upholder of Liberal values which underpin society; deplores drift into extremism; **Keighley 2019**

FREEMAN, David, b 1970, ed Durham Johnston comp, Leeds U; mature student; interests incl Greenpeace, Charter 88; **Leeds Central 1997**

FREEMANTLE, (Major) Howard Stuart, b 1907 ed Doncaster g s ch sec/acc, teacher of business economics in Hull and Bridlington; WW II service in Armoured Corps; d 1985; **Kingston upon Hull North West 1945, Beverley 1950, 1951**

FULFORD, Sir Roger Thomas Baldwin, Kt, b 1902, ed Lancing Coll, Oxford U; qualified as a barrister but never practised; journalist, historian, writer, Liberal thinker; lect at London U, 1937-45; War Office 1942-45, personal secretary, 1942-45, to Party Leader and Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair qv (Scotland); regular writer for *The Times*; editor of diaries of Charles Greville, published in ten vols from 1938; wrote several political biographies and histories, *Votes for Women*, *Trial of Queen Caroline* etc editor of five vols of Queen Victoria's correspondence, pub 1960, *The Liberal Case* (Penguin Election Special 1959); LPO Pres 1964-65; Kt 1980, d 1983; Woodbridge 1929 (East of England), **Holderness 1945**, Rochdale 1950 (Northwest Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

FUSSEY, Antony, b 1950, ed Hymers Coll, Hull, Leeds Poly; LSE, town planning asst; Baptist lay preacher; mbr NALGO; later moved to Hereford area and dropped out of Party activity; **Wakefield 1974 Feb, Oct, Hemsworth 1979**

GALDAS, Mitchell, b 1940, ed Pitman's Coll; sales dir; Amnesty Int; **Normanton 1992, Morley & Rothwell 1997**

GALLOWAY, Steve F., b 1948, ed St Mary's g s, Darlington, Harrogate Coll of FE; telecommunications superintendent, GPO; North Yorkshire CC, York DC; **York 1974 Feb, Pontefract & Castleford 1974 Oct, Scarborough & Whitby 1979**

GELDER, Arnold, managing dir of tyre distribution co; Halifax MBC; fdr mbr National Federation of Old Age Pensioners; **Halifax 1945**

GOLD, Peter J., b 1944, ed Harrow Co b s, London; linguist, lect in poly; Chair, Lib Dem grp on higher ed policy; officer of National Council for Modern Languages; one of few leading Lib Dems interested in Latin-American affairs; **Sheffield, Hallam 1987, 1992**, Wells 1997 (Southwest Region)

GOLTON, Stewart, b Leeds 1970, ed Leeds g s, U of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; various posts in business world British Gas, Leeds Bradford International Airport; clrr Leeds City C 1998- group leader 2010; **Morley & Rothwell 2001, 2005, Elmet & Rothwell 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019, Wakefield & Rothwell 2024**

GORDON, Laura, worked in international dvlpmnt around the world for Oxfam, Save the Children etc, now self-employed; lives Sheffield, Hallam; community campaigner; attacked Sheffield City C notorious tree-felling policies; opposed to Brexit; interests incl investment in infra-structure of Sheffield, NHS funding, climate emergency; in her first contest, failed by 712 votes, 1.25%, to regain seat of former Party Leader Nick Clegg qv; contributor to *Liberator*; **Sheffield, Hallam 2019**

GORDON, Rosalyn Jayne, activist in Hart district, Hampshire; **Penistone & Stocksbridge 2015**

GORDON, Tim A., b 1971, ed William Ellis comp s, Cambridge U, Coll of Europe, Bruges; teacher, Zimbabwe; researcher for David Steel MP qv (Scotland); member various Party policy working groups; interests incl Russia, Africa globalisation; LPO Chief Exec from Jan 2012, instituting immediately a system of e-mail weekly briefings to activists; resigned 2017; **Rotherham 2005**

GORDON, Thomas Anthony, b/raised Knottingley, Wakefield, ed locally, Newcastle U; York U; chemist; recruitment cons; Wakefield MBC 2019-; lately researcher to Yorkshire and Humberside MEPs; identifies with gay community; served on Wakefield MDC, Newcastle City C; runs marathons as charity fund raiser; the by-e in July 2021 was marked by unprecedented violence and deliberate attempts to foster inter-racial hostilities, in part attributable to the intervention of George Galloway; In Commons mbr Science, Innovation & Technology Select Cttee 2024-, Human Rights Joint Select Cttee 2024-; **Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford 2019, Batley & Spen by-e 2021, Harrogate & Knaresborough 2024; MP 2024-**

GOSS, John M., b 1933, ed King's s, Rochester, LSE, U of Amsterdam; ind cons; originally Conservative contesting Plymouth, Sutton for that party 1970; joined Liberals subsequently; LPO Council; Euro cand 1979, 1989; Torbay 1974 Oct (Devon & Cornwall Region), **Boothferry 1992**

GRAHAM, Elizabeth (Beth), b 1926, ed Settle h s, Skipton h s, management centre, Bradford U; sen lect in Management; North Yorkshire CC; served on North Yorkshire health authority; North Yorkshire CC, Settle TC to 2010; (sister of the following); **Richmond 1974 Feb, York 1974 Oct, Rotherham by-e 1976**

GRAHAM, Kathleen Claire, (more widely known as Claire BROOKS); 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 embarrassing gaffes and exaggerations, often muddling her facts; her plain speaking often irritated a minority of her colleagues; instantly recognisable through TV/radio appearances; indomitable personality, much loved and admired throughout Party; campaigned to restore allegiance of Liberal clubs; often at odds with Party Leadership and on occasion even with the YLS (with whom she was generally in sympathy); unilateralist inclinations; resumed fight at Skipton after 15 year interval; thrice polled just under 40%; Euro cand 1979; was unhappy over merger of SDP and Liberals in 1988; d 2008; she figures in Lib Dem History Group booklet *Mothers of Liberty* pub 2012; (sister of the above); **Skipton 1959, 1974 Feb, Oct 1979, Skipton & Ripon 1983**, Lancaster & Lunesdale 1987 (Northwest Region)

GRAY, Gilbert QC, b Scarborough 1928, ed Scarborough b h s, Leeds U; called to Bar 1953; barrister of great eminence; prominent counsel in many high-profile trials; renowned for his mastery of the English language, skilled at cross examination and for his attacking, closing speeches; wit, raconteur; Crown Court Recorder 1972-80; d 2011; **Scarborough & Whitby 1955, 1959**

GREAVES, Walter, b 1940, ed Harrogate g s, University Coll, London U, Massachusetts Inst of T'nology; management cons; of serious demeanour, strong voice; **Harrogate 1966, 1970**, Southend West 1974 Feb (East of England Region)

GREENFIELD, Christopher, b 1948, ed Kingswood g s, U of Leeds; research officer; Leeds City C; first Liberal cand in Leeds North East for 24 years; **Leeds North East 1974 Feb, Oct, Leeds West 1979**

GREENWOOD, Eric Arthur, b Dewsbury 1910; barrister, North East Circuit, also incorporated acc; dir of woollen firms in Dewsbury and Bradford; d 2002; **Skipton 1950**

GRIFFITHS, Dr Alun O., b 1957, ed Millhouse s, Penistone g s, Woodhouse Grove s, U of Wales, Welsh School of Medicine; **Bradford West 1992, Bradford South 2010, Bradford West 2015, 2017, Bradford South 2019**

GRIFFITHS, Geoffrey J., b 1948, ed Bristol, Sheffield Coll; teacher; Sheffield City C; **Barnsley East 1987**

GRUREVITCH, (or GUREVITCH), Christine b 1947; teacher; Hull MBC; **Kingston upon Hull East 1983**

HALL, Charles, b 1943, ed Carlton-le-Willows g s, Nottingham, St John's Coll, York, Leeds U, Hull Coll of Tech; schoolmaster; Ryedale DC, Chair 1995-96; City of York Unitary Council; **Vale of York 1997, Rotherham 2001**

HALL, Richard, b 1942, ed Wennington s, Wetherby, Kitson Coll, Leeds, York U; lect in photography, York Coll of Art; Harrogate BC; joined from SDP see SDP section; **Skipton & Ripon 1992**

HALL-MATTHEWS, David, studied problems of famine, poverty in India, Malawi; sen lect Leeds U in Int Dvlpmnt; managing dir Publish What You Fund; contributor of important article on Lib Dems to *Renewal*, journal of social democracy; Chair, Social Liberal Forum; originally active with LDAs in Westminster, Camden; **Leeds North West 2001, Hemsworth 2005, Bradford West 2010**

HAMPSON, Cliff J., b 1951, ed Sale Moor sec s; aircraft fitter; **Doncaster Central 1992**

HANNAH, Jon, lived locally from 2002; enjoys living amidst great local ethnic/cultural diversity; career with M o D, later Dept of Health, NHS; ldr of teams involved in work on Mental Health Act, Social Care Act, Equality Act; disturbed by damage being done to health services; **Leeds North East 2017, 2019**

HARDCastle, Albert Richard, b 1903; managing dir of Hull firm of motor and agricultural engineers; Haltemprice UDC, Chair, Haltemprice LA, Exec Yorkshire Liberal Federation; deceased; **Kingston upon Hull Central 1950**

HARDY, Mary-Rose, b 1947, ed Chichester g h s, Bath U, East Riding U A; police lay visitor; **Brigg & Goole 1997, East Yorkshire 2001**

HARGREAVES, Peter, b 1935, ed elem s, Wombwell; general manager; achieved a respectable result as an Independent in the Dearne Valley constituency in 1966 and was subsequently adopted as the official Party cand, establishing a bridgehead in hitherto unpromising territory; **Dearne Valley 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

HARGREAVES, Ruslyn H., b 1923, ed William Hulme's g s Manchester U; solicitor; Methodist lay preacher; subsequently defected to the Conservatives for whom he fought Manchester, Ardwick 1974 Feb; **Howden 1959**, Manchester Moss Side by-e 1961,1964 (Northwest Region), **Huddersfield West 1966**

HARRIS, John b New Mills, Derbyshire 1930, ed Old Clee Lincolnshire g s, grocer and dairyman; **Brigg & Scunthorpe 1974 Feb, Oct**

HARRIS, John P. R., b Coleraine, Northern Ireland 1942; graduate, teacher Richmond s, North Yorkshire; Richmond DC, TC for 11 years, Mayor; has held various Party posts; Humber Regional Exec; husband of Baroness Hammond of Richmond; **Shipley 2010, Richmond 2015**

HARRIS, S., **Bradford West 1974 Oct**

HARROD, Sir Henry Roy Forbes, b 1900, ed St Paul's s, Westminster s, Cambridge U, Oxford U, service WW I; worked for the Admiralty WW II and in Prime Minister Winston Churchill's Stats Branch; pre-eminent economist, associate of J. M. Keynes; author of many books on subject, lect at Oxford U; his *International Economics* (1939) was a standard textbook for many years; *Keynes* (1951); d Holt, Norfolk, 1978; **Huddersfield 1945**

HARSTON, Jonathan G., b Sheffield, ed Malin b s, Myers Grove s, Stirling U; studied Japanese; lived Hong Kong three years as teacher of computing; currently comp manager; soft ware engineer, mapmaker; joined Party 1995; served on Sheffield City C 11 years; now lives Whiby, local cllr; **Sheffield, Brightside 2005, Sheffield, Brightside & Hillsborough 2010, 2015, Doncaster North 2024**

HART, A. L., see LIDDELL-HART

HARTLEY, Alan, ed Open U, originally coach driver, now registered disabled; joined Lib Dems 1994; York Community Health Council; Chair, Northern & Yorkshire Region CHCs; **Barnsley Central 2001**

HARVEY, Jane, **Richmond 1997**

HASLER, Kathleen J. L., b 1939, ed Twickenham Co s; Exeter U; wife of Methodist minister; supervisor of pre-school playgroups; Kirklees MBC; **Huddersfield West 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983**

HAYWOOD, Stuart C., b 1936, ed g s, U of Hull, university lect; cllr Beverley MBC from 1969; **Haltemprice 1970, Howden 1974 Feb, Oct**

HEALY, Denis G., lived Barnsley 25 years; long business career, latterly in food ind; business dvlpmnt manager for Inst of Mech Engs, concerning apprentice training; Beverley MBC, East Riding Council ldr of Lib Dem group; interests incl mental health; cand for Police & Crime Commissioner, Humberside 2016; **Kingston upon Hull North 2005, 2010, Beverley & Holderness 2015, 2017, 2019, 2024**

HEPPLE, James P. (Jim), b 1938, ed Carres g.s, Sleaford, Leeds, U, U of Wales, Chair, Liberal Society, City of London Poly; former teacher, later post grad student, town planner, publisher; first Party cand at Shipley for 13 years; Kent CC, Gloucestershire CC, Sleaford MBC; Euro cand Bristol 1979, London North East 1984, Lincolnshire 1989; dogged campaigner over more than thirty years; Methodist lay preacher; **Shipley 1964, 1966**, Gloucester 1970, Stroud 1979 (both Southwest Region), Grantham 1983, 1987 (East Midlands), Easington 1997 (Northeast Region)

HILL, Kingsley, b 1938, ed Leicester U, Manchester U, Cambridge Inst; cons eng/teacher; **Dewsbury 1997, 2005**

HINDLEY, Charles Ewart, b 1880; active with Liberals locally for some years; d 1951; **Bradford South 1945**

HODGSON, Gerald, b 1939, ed Sherborne s, surveyor; **Richmond 1979**

HOGLEY, Joseph Owen, b 1916, native of Huddersfield, managing dir of firm of painters and decorators; Methodist lay preacher; WW II service in army working in construction and admin; special interest in housing problems; d 1982; **Leeds North West 1950**

HOLLAND, Jack, Asst. Prof of Int Security at Leeds U; joined Party after 2016 Referendum; was earlier impressed by Party's stand on Iraq War; interests incl education, NHS, Liberal values; **Leeds Central 2019**

HOLLAND, Susan Anne M., b 1940, ed Queen Ethelburgh's s, Harrogate, Cambridge U; freelance translator; interests incl education, housing assn; **Barnsley Central 1987**

HOLLINGWORTH, Roy, b 1941, ed Osmondthorpe Co sec s; medical lab technician; served on NHS National Advisory Council; **Leeds North East 1979**

HOLLYER, Andrew, clrr York City C; interest incl NHS; **York Outer 2024**

HOLMSTEDT, Margaretta, of Swedish background, long resident in Yorkshire; Todmorden MBC, Mayor 2013-14 after 25 years' service; strong feminist; somewhat intense in demeanour; active with Hebden Bridge ALDC centre; Euro cand 1984; figure of influence in Party circles in 1970s-80s, still campaigning; m 1970-2004 to Michael Steed (qv West Midland, Devon & Cornwall and Northeast Regions); **Bradford South 1974 Feb, Keighley 1974 Oct, 1979**

HOLVEY, Tom, post grad student York U researching int economic dvlpmnt; joined Lib Dems 2009; **Selby & Ainsty 2010**

HOPE, Albert, b 1898; farmer, market gardener in district; contested Leeds MBC elections; d 1963; **Leeds South East 1950**

HORNE, Michael J., b 1956? ed Hull U; university lab technician; **Kingston upon Hull East 1979**

HOROBIN, Roy, Yorkshire born, 1969? lived Cleethorpes 20 years; teacher; Chair, local LDA; supports local dvlpmnt of renewable energy industry; strongly pro-Europe; **Cleethorpes 2015, 2017, 2019**

HORSLEY, David, b 1943? ed St David's Coll, Lampeter; Westminster Coll, Oxford; **Bridlington 1979**

HORTON, Paul, lived in South Yorkshire since 1992; has worked across Yorkshire Region; widely travelled in EU, USA, Middle East; now runs his own business supporting/advising small firms; strongly pro-Europe; **Doncaster Central 2019, Rawmarsh & Conisbrough 2024**

HOUSE, Ingrid, b 1948, ed Syne g s, Rayleigh, Essex, Sheffield City Coll of Education; teacher; active with NUT; **Rotherham 1979**

HOWARD, George William Beaumont, (Viscount Morpeth) b 1949, later 13th Earl of Carlisle, succeeded father 1994; military service; Euro cand; academic, commentator on affairs of the Baltic States; **Leeds West 1992**

HOWELL, Ian R., b 1964, ed King James s, Knaresborough; motor claims admin manager; Hebden TC; Yorkshire & Humberside party; **Halifax 1992**

HOWLEY, Chris, b North Leeds; accountant; former cllr; qualified pilot; mbr board of Leeds Playhouse; interests incl public transport; **Leeds Central & Headingley 2024**

HUDSON, Harold, **Leeds West 1955**

HUGHES, John, b 1948, ed Abbeydale g s, Sheffield; managing dir of carpet co; first Liberal cand locally for 24 years; **Rotherham 1974 Feb**

HURREN, Tim J., b 1946, ed Dartford g.s., York U; career in management; Harrogate MBC, Chair, Finance Comm; **Harrogate 1992**

HURST, F., **Leeds South 1979**

HUSSAIN, Ednan, b 1980, ed St Paulinus p s, St John Fisher h s, Dewsbury Coll, U of Huddersfield studying media and journalism; works for PC World; **Dewsbury 2015, 2017**

HUSSAIN, Kamran, born/raised West Yorkshire; solicitor; campaigned for Remain 2016; supports Leeds Lib Dems commitment to invest £100m in mass transport system for the city; interests incl environment, air quality, affordable housing; **Leeds North West 2019**

HUTCHINSON, Andrew, ed Leeds Metropolitan U; co dir of demolition firm; VP Dewsbury Chamber of Trade; left Party over opposition to the Coalition; **Dewsbury 2010**

ILYAS, Mohammed, of Pakistani background, lived in UK/Halifax since 1973; runs his own driving school; Calderdale DC; interests incl apprenticeships, creating job opportunities; **Halifax 2015**

INGLETON, Elizabeth N. D., b 1952; co dir of local firm; community activist in Calderdale where she has lived for many years; interests incl protection of the environment, sustainable local development; **Calder Valley 2005**

IRWIN, George, b 1938, ed St Cuthbert's g s, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; management cons, cha cc; Richmondshire DC; Bishop Auckland 1987 (Northeast Region), **Richmond 1992**

JACKSON, Samuel, b Calderdale, ed Leeds U; employed in local textiles industry; interests incl housing, public services, drug problems; **Halifax 2024**

JENNINGS, Brian, b 1928, ed St Mary's Coll, Blackburn, London U, Leeds U; University lect; North Riding CC; **Huddersfield East 1964**

JENNINGS, Brian, b 1960, ed Rugby, U Coll, Durham; property cons; Lambeth LBC; **Elmet 1997, Leeds East 2001**

JEVONS, Malcolm, b 1944, ed Mexborough s s, Leeds U; comp systems manager; active with Yorks Regional Party; **Don Valley 1992**

JEWELL, Mark, lives Preston, works with local Aerospace ind; Preston MBC, Lancashire CC; supporter of 1p rise in income tax for funding the NHS; has attempted to limit council powers which permit 'snooping' on residents; a last-minute replacement in 2017 for David Ward qv the former MP; **Bradford East 2017**

JOHNSON, Gary M., ed Epworth p s, South Axholme sec s, John Leggot Coll, Lancashire Poly, Keele U; acc, latterly teacher; Epworth TC; **Brigg & Goole 2005**

JOHNSON, Linda Jane, Methodist preacher, local coll governor; her family has lived locally for decades; has MA in Business Admin; biomedical scientist in pharmaceutical ind; has worked for British, American, Japanese cos; East Riding DCllr; interest incl health of planet Earth, mbr Green Lib Dems; mbr Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; deeply concerned at funding cuts in local education services; **Haltemprice & Howden 2019, Kingston upon Hull West & Haltemprice 2024**

JOHNSON, Malcolm S., b 1928, ed Aireborough g s, Leeds Coll of T'nology; rolling mill manager; Sheffield DC; **Sheffield, Hallam Feb, Oct, Sheffield, Brightside 1979**

JOHNSTON, Paul, b 1963, ed Rhodesway u s, Bradford, Trent poly; managing dir of PR cons; **Don Valley 1997**

JONES, Alfred E., b 1902/03, joiner and shop steward; Baptist lay preacher, Sunday school superintendent; from 1949 national organiser of Liberal Trade Unionists; Chair, Rotherham Liberal Assn; one of two courageous Liberal challengers in Sheffield where the Conservatives used the confusing 'Conservative & Liberal' tag at the time; deceased; **Sheffield, Hallam 1950**

JONES, Caroline, b West Yorkshire, returning to live locally 1986 after stays in Leicester and Dorset; joined Party 1985; worked for small businesses, lately primary school teacher; Ilkley PC, Burley PC; opposes over-testing of children; interests incl NHS, social care; **Shipley 2017, 2019**

JONES, William E., b 1923, ed Wath g s, Inns of court; barrister employed in ind; London Liberal Party Council; deceased; **Keighley 1964**

JONES, William George Victor, b 1914? co dir, designing exhibition stands; practises profit-sharing/co-partnership; WW II Army service; deceased; **Leeds North East 1950**

KEAL, Dinah, local activist; lived Ryedale since 1990; Rydale TC, DC; prominent in campaign for better local flood protection; (wife of the following); **Thirsk & Malton 2015, 2017, 2019**

KEAL, Howard; freelance PR cons; Rydale DC grp ldr; the election he fought in 2010 was delayed by the death of the UKIP cand; it was fought shortly after the coalition was formed; he was caused minor embarrassment by an 'Ind Liberal' who polled 3.7%;(husband of the preceding); **Thirsk & Malton 2010**

KEATES, C. Laurence, b 1929? ed Birmingham U; lect; **Leeds North West 1979**

KEELEY, James F., barrister; defected to Conservatives 2007; **Pudsey 2005**

KEIGHLEY-BELL, (Lt Col) Gilbert Henry, b 1885; professional soldier for 38 years; first Party cand locally for many years; d 1962; **York 1945**

KELLEY, Claire J., lived locally for over 20 years, local activist, associated with Harrogate CAB serving as MBCllr, CClr; she was defending the seat vacated on the retirement of Phil Willis qv, a tough assignment in her first contest; she had served as his case worker for 12 years; from 2011 was head of office to Greg Mulholland MP qv; **Harrogate & Knaresborough 2010**

KENT, Rodney, b 1932, ed Ashville College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; antique dealer; Harrogate BC 1960-74, Mayor 1973-74, ldr Party group, alderman; **Thirsk & Malton 1974 Oct, Harrogate 1979**

KHAN, Abdul, **Bradford West 2001**

KIRBY, M. S. Jacqueline, b 1956, ed Abbey Grange C of E s, Leeds, York U, Huddersfield U; registered mental nurse, lect; Ryedale DC; **Hemsworth 1997**

KIRK, Madeleine A., b 1953, ed Loreto Convent, Manchester, St John's Coll of FE, York Coll of FE; asst finance officer; York City Unitary Authority; interests incl local shelter grp; **Leeds East 1997, Elmet 2001, 2005, York Outer 2010**

KITCHING, Hannah, lives Thurlstone ed Manchester U, MA Lancaster U; sales manager, later NHS physiotherapist; now runs with her husband a precision knife manufacturing business; involved in politics since Referendum 2016; cand South Yorkshire Mayoral Election 2017; Barnsley MBC; interests incl better transport links, maintaining open spaces, funding for health-care services and schools; she raised the Party share of poll by 6.1%; **Penistone & Stocksbridge 2019**

KITCHING, Jack, b 1921, ed Thornton g s, Borough Road TTC; naval service WWII; geography/PE teacher at Pudsey g s; int Rugby League footballer with Bradford Northern; toured Australia/New Zealand with British team 1946; d 1995; **Bradford North 1950**

KNIGHT, Win, b 1933, ed Burnley g s, Washington Hall Training Coll; ret lect; East Riding CC; **Barnsley West & Penistone 1997, Rother Valley 2001**

KNOWLES, Philip, University lect; lives locally; joined Party 2010; several times local election cand; chair Richmondshire Lib Dems, Chair Policy, Yorkshire & Humberside; has campaigned against closure of mental health wards in local hospitals; interests incl devolution, funding of rural services,

supports proposal to move Parliament to York during refurbishment at Westminster; of distinguished appearance; **Richmond 2019**

KNOWLES, Richard, b 1947, ed Abbeygate g s, Sheffield, Newcastle U; lect Salford U; Oldham MBC; **Littleborough & Saddleworth 1983**

LANGE, Donald b 1942, ed Sir Perry Jackson g s, Doncaster Tech Coll; quantity surveyor; Carlton (East Midlands Region) 1974 Feb, Oct; **Don Valley 1983**

LAWRENCE, (Group Capt) Guy Kepton; b 1914; with RAF Bomber Command WW II; stockbroker; d 2000; **Colne Valley 1945**

LAWSON, John, local activist who has worked and lived in district since c2000; Cleckheaton TC, ldr group Kirklees MBC; interested in children/youth affairs, calls for greater funding of mental health services, more attention to the climate emergency; **Batley & Spen 2015, 2017, 2019**

LAWSON, John Craig, cllr and group ldr Kirklees MBC; **Great Grimsby & Cleethorpes 2024**

LEADLEY, David, b 1936, ed Scarcroft, York; originally farmer in New Zealand, later partner in firm marketing agricultural produce; **East Yorkshire 1997**

LEE, G. Malcom, b 1933, ed Huddersfield Coll of T'nology, Westminster Coll, London, Manchester U; sen lect in maths; **Huddersfield East 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct**

LEEMAN, John A., ed Riley Tech h s, Endsleigh Coll of Ed; teacher; LPO Council, active with Yorks Regional Party; Holderness MBC; **Sheffield, Brightside 1987, Bridlington 1992**

LEFFMAN, Liz P. R., ed Christ's Hospital, Hertford, Leeds U, London Business s, Oxford Brookes U; career in advertising, Satchi & Satchi; later marketing manager with leading fabrics group, lately with own cons specialising in global marketing; visiting lect Westminster U; WLDS, West Oxfordshire DC; interested in int trade, reduction of carbon footprint; Witney 2005, Meon Valley 2010 (both South Central Region), **Brigg & Goole 2015**, Witney by-e 2016 (South Central Region)

LESLIE, Dr Roy Francis, b Scotland 1922, RAF Service WW II, ed Manchester U, MA, PhD; Chair, Manchester U Liberal Society; Executive North West Liberal Assn; academic; Prof Wisconsin U 1964-68, later University of Victoria, British Columbia; 'parachuted' into Darwen as last minute candidate to offer a Liberal option on the ballot paper; received letter of support from a previous cand there, Honor Balfour qv (Northwest Region); two years later in a barren period for the Party, he presented himself as cand for a crucial by-e in a highly marginal seat with no Liberal organisation; his energy, commitment and courage would have been better suited to later decades in Liberal history; edited vols of Old English texts; author of a history of Poland; d 1992; **Colne Valley 1950**, Darwen 1951 (Northwest Region), Sunderland South by-e 1953 (Northeast Region), Oldham East 1955 (Northwest Region)

LESTER, Ivan H., b 1934, of Jewish background, ed Roundhay s, Leeds, London U School of Pharmacy; pharmaceutical chemist; Chair, NLYLs, LPO Exec, Council; **Batley & Morley 1964, 1974 Oct**

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

LISHMAN, (Arthur) Gordon, OBE, CBE, b 1947, of a Liberal family; ed Colne g s, Manchester U; joined Liberals 1962; passionate advocate of community politics; close associate of late Tony Greaves qv (Northwest Region), supporting community politics resolution at Party Assembly 1970; worked for LPO until 1972; co-author with Bernard Greaves *Theory and Practice of Community Politics*; cllr Northamptonshire CC 1981, group ldr; worked for Age Concern 1974-2009 becoming Director-General; oversaw merger with Help the Aged to form Age UK; prolific broadcaster, writer of letters, articles in press on the aged and their problems; figure of enormous energy, great intellect, an intensely serious character, not always an easy person to conduct a two-way conversation with; said to be not over-endowed with sense of humour; various important public appointments account for his absences from campaigning; Chair NLC 2024- ; **Bradford North 1974 Feb, Oct**, Pendle 1992, 1997, Blackburn North 2015, Pendle 2017, 2019 (both Northwest Region); see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

LLOYD, Denis T., b 1924, ed Wellington s, barrister; first Liberal cand to contest York for 14 years; **York 1964, Sheffield, Hallam 1966**

LLOYD-WILLIAMS, David, b 1944, ed Mount Grace s, Potters Bar, London N; antique dealer; Richmond MBC, Mayor 1985-87, North Yorkshire CC; **Richmond 1987**

LOCKWOOD, Robert Graham,, b 1962? lives Scarborough, ed Newby p s, Scalby sec s; worked as motorcycle apprentice with Suzuki GB, later RAC; mature grad in history of Goldsmith's Coll, London U; now has own business of domestic/commercial eng; mbr Greenpeace; joined Lib Dems 1989; officer Scarborough & Whitby LDA; **Scarborough& Whitby 2017, 2019, 2024**

LONGMAN, James Edward Ford, b 1928, ed Watford g s, RAF & Cambridge Tech Coll, London U, Open U, Leeds U; ret education inspector; North Yorkshire CC; **Selby 1987**

LONSDALE, Jerry, b Keighley; former publican now runs own business; received formal legal training, specialising in family law; campaigner for Family Justice System; main interests incl diversity, social justice, NHS; **Brigg & Goole 2017**

LOVE, Nick, lived York since 1985 ed York U; works for int software co; **Wentworth & Dearne 2010, York Central 2015, 2017**

LOWIS, Geoff Richard, b 1950, co dir; North East Lincolnshire DC; held portfolio for regeneration, housing; **Cleethorpes 2005**

LUPTON, W. A., b 1913? acc; of a distinguished Yorkshire Liberal family which produced at least one early C20th Liberal MP; professional soldier, confidential private secretary to Earl Wavell, WWII; was unaccountably reticent about having his photograph on his election address, opting for an artist's sketch instead; deceased; **Shipley 1950**

MacCALLUM, John J., b 1932, ed Bradford g s, Cambridge U, U of Missouri; journalist; **Kingston upon Hull East 1955, 1959, Bridlington 1964, Howden 1966**

MacCALLUM-SCOTT, (Capt) John Hutchison; b 1911; son of Alexander MacC-S (1874-1928, Liberal MP for Glasgow, Bridgetown 1910-22, who later joined Labour), barrister, author of travel books; WW II service on staff of Field Marshall Montgomery; active with Liberal Int; deceased; **Leeds North 1945, Southend West 1950 (East of England Region)**

McGREGOR, Alasdair Calder, ITIL/telecomms contractor, latterly IT services lead, National Media Museum, Bradford; interests incl education; on Lib Dem Voice drew attention to malfunctioning of local government in 'one party states' such as Rotherham and the urgent need for STV or PR to ensure an opposition to curb corruption/abuse of unbridled power; **Calder Valley 2015, Leeds West 2017**

McLUSKY, John, b 1905, ed *Halifax News*; Leeds U, London U; barrister; deceased; **Dewsbury 1959**

McMILLAN-SCOTT, Edward Hugh Christian, b Cambridge 1949, ed privately by Dominican friars; linguist; posts as tour director various parts of Africa, USSR; founded public affairs consultancy 1982; joined Conservatives 1967; MEP 1984-2014 for successively York, North Yorkshire, Yorkshire & Humberside; ldr Conservative grp Euro parliament 1997-2001, Vice-Pres European Parliament; interest incl Human Rights, European national parliaments, democracy; long record of service to emergent democracies of former Soviet bloc; active with parliaments of Arab world, in anti-fraud campaigns, children's rights; lost Conservative whip in Euro Parliament 2010 as a result of his objections to the inclusion of Michael Kaminsky, a Polish MEP suspected of extremist views, incl anti-semitism, in the European Conservatives and Reformists grp; his expulsion from the Conservatives was an arbitrary procedure in which he was not permitted to state his case formally; afterwards the victim of vicious vilification campaign by former colleagues; joined Liberal Democrats 2011 and sat out remainder of his term as mbr of Group of Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe; stood for Lib Dems as 'paper' cand at two subsequent general elections; **Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford 2015**, West Worcestershire 2017 (West Midland Region)

McPHERSON, Gavin, ed Epsom Coll, Hatfield Coll of T'nology, Leeds U; Ch Eng, traffic/transport cons; Chair Party Transport panel; **Huddersfield East 1979**

MacQUEEN, Joan Mary, ed U of London, U of Leicester, museum/antiquities conservator, latterly with Wakefield MDC; **Hemsworth 2015, 2017**

MACY, Katherine, b 1998, lives York; diagnosed as autistic; cared for mother from age of 10; part-time employment; ed York U, now post grad student; attracted by Liberal core values; interests incl young people, the disabled, LGBTQ+ community; opposed to Brexit; **Selby & Ainsty 2019, Colne Valley 2024**

MANLEY, George H., **Sheffield, Hallam 1964, Brighouse & Spenborough 1970**

MARCHINGTON, Andrew, teacher primary later sec s; interests, education, NHS, tackling crime; **Kingston upon Hull East 2017**

MARSH, Leslie, b 1926? guest house owner; **Pontefract & Castleford by-e 1978, 1979**

MARSH, Sydney, b 1941, ed at sec s; group building supervisor; **Leeds East 1974 Feb, Oct**

MARSHALL, Albert Edward; dir Yorkshire catering firm, Rugby League referee; **Kingston upon Hull East 1945**

MARTIN, Andrew Philip, born/raised Devon, ed U of East London; PR with cos, charities, latterly dir of PR agency; interests incl equalities, NHS, housing crisis, education, promotion of peace; **Shipley 2015** (possibly contested Stoke-on-Trent South (West Midland Region) 2005)

MASON, Steve, Cllr North Yorkshire CC; long experience with renewable energy and sustainable policy development; interested in green solutions; **Thirsk & Malton 2024**

MATTHEWS, Jamie, ed Cardiff U?; Leeds City C; keen to promote youth involvement in democracy; worked for Greg Mulholland MP qv; interests incl recycling, urban renewal of Horsforth & Pudsey; **Pudsey 2010**

MEADOWCROFT, Andrew b 1963, ed West Leeds b h s, Hull U; lect, Hull C of FE; Hull MBC; **Kingston upon Hull North 1992**

MEADOWCROFT, Michael b Halifax 1942, grew up in Southport, Lancashire, ed King George V g s; joined Liberals 1958, later Chair, Merseyside YLs; bank clerk; later 1962-67 appointed LPO Local Government Officer, a post in which he transformed the Party's attitude and policy towards campaigning in county and municipal elections, initiating a nation-wide bid to increase the Party's representation at all levels of local government; advocated and adopted community politics approach qv Wallace Lawler (West Midland Region); profound commitment to radical Liberalism; Leeds City C 1968-81, serving as group leader, West Yorkshire CC 1973-76, 1981-83; in Commons was Party spokesman on local government; passionately committed to devolution, decentralising and sharing of power, community development; later worked for Joseph Rowntree Trust and as Gen Sec Bradford Metropolitan Council for Voluntary Service; held many Party offices particularly associated with Yorkshire; 1976-81 served on Liberal Assembly Committee, initiating important reforms to procedure etc; as mature student gained M Phil from Bradford U; deep thinking, serious minded, able speaker, though sometimes a shade too theoretical for average audiences; appeared on TV/ Radio; after the SDP-Liberal merger in 1988, regarding it as a break with the Party's radical roots, and fearful of the Lib Dems drifting into a centrist position, he remained with the 'continuing' Liberals, for whom he contested Leeds West 1992; long time member/officer of Electoral Reform Society; now a political affairs cons acting as an advisor to emergent democracies in 52 missions to 36 countries to ensure transition to multi-party democracy; a talented jazz musician (clarinet/saxophone), formed and fronted the Granny Lee jazz group which entertained delegates at numerous Party gatherings and recorded a CD; subsequently re-joined Liberal Democrats 2007; an out-going, approachable personality with many friends in Party; prolific contributor of authoritative, topical letters to press; author of regular topical essays to *Liberator* in which he calls for greater emphasis on maintaining the core vote of the Party in every constituency, insisting on closer attention to the basic principles of Liberalism; author of pamphlets, numerous perceptive obituaries of Liberal personalities for *The Guardian*; a mine of information on Party personalities in Yorkshire; among his books, *Success in Local Government* (1971), *Liberalism Today and Tomorrow* (1989), *The Case for the Liberal Party* (1992); (brother of the following); **Leeds West 1974 Feb, Oct, 1983, 1987; MP 1983-87**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

MEADOWCROFT, Robert S., b 1950, ed King George V s, Southport, Huddersfield Poly, Leeds U; asst dir, Royal National Inst for the Blind; (brother of the preceding); cllr Kirklees MBC grp ldr; **Dewsbury 1992**

MEEKS, Edgar, b 1892; long-serving headmaster in Leeds; well-known in Yorkshire sporting circles; Chair, South Leeds LA; d 1968; **Leeds South 1950**

MEEKS, J. Brian, b 1930; bank official; ed Cockburn h s, Leeds; Chair, Leeds L A; **Leeds South 1959**

MEGSON, Valerie, b 1951; owner fast food businesses; South Elmsall PC; **Hemsworth by-e 1991, 1992**

MELLING, John, b 1934, ed Bootham s, York; ret dir of nursing services; interests incl Charter 88, European Movement; there was an interval of 23 years between his 2nd and 3rd contests; Hertford 1970 (East of England Region), Edinburgh East 1974 Feb (Scotland), **Beverley & Holderness 1997**

MELTON, Keith, **Cleethorpes 1997**

MEREDITH, Lawrence, b Yorkshire ed Bradford U, Oxford U; works for Euro Commission; Chair, 2010-12, Brussels & Europe Lib Dems; **Richmond 2010**

MICHELL, Anthony Ronald, **Kingston upon Hull West 1974 Oct**

MICKLEM, A. M. (Sam), b 1933, of the Micklem Liberal Nonconformist dynasty; (grandson of Nathaniel M., 1853-1954; Liberal MP, Watford 1906-10; his father, also named Nathaniel, 1888-1976, was a theologian who served as LPO President 1957-58); ed Mill Hill s, Oxford U; Bradford MBC 1997-2001, believed strongly that Christians had an obligation to become involved in politics; said to have been unsuited personally to the rough and tumble of politics; highly respected by colleagues; d Bradford 2012; **Shipley 1970**

MIDDLETON, Janice, life-long career in education, latterly as head; lives Rotherham; associated with Rotherham & Barnsley LDA; Yorkshire & Humberside Reg Exec; supports professional development of social care/NHS for older members of society; in 2015 she managed to double Lib Dem vote on the abysmal 2012 by-election result, raise the percentage by 0.8%, climbing from 8th to 4th place; **Rotherham 2015, Wentworth & Dearne 2017, 2019**

MILLWARD, Laurie S., b 1929, ed Milham Ford s, Oxford, Birmingham U; Hull MBC; **Kingston upon Hull North 1964, by-e 1966, 1966**

MINNS, Carl, b 1976, ed Norton, Teesside, Stockton Sixth Form Coll; Hull U, Pres of Union; with health service in Hull, later teacher; Hull MBC grp ldr, council ldr 2006-11; Middlesbrough South & Cleveland East 2005 (Northeast Region) 2005, **Haltemprice & Howden 2015, East Yorkshire 2017**

MIRFIN, Derek (Derick?), b Sheffield 1930, ed Cambridge U, Chair of the Union; associated with Radical Reform Group in 1950s and 60s; LPO Council 1960s; publisher with Liberal-inclined Pall Mall Press, one time Editor, *Pall Mall Quarterly*; author and translator; in his day a highly regarded prospect in Party circles; an unlikely choice of cand for an industrial Black Country constituency with only a residual, idiosyncratic Liberal tradition based on local Liberal clubs, he restored the local vote to a respectable level and improved upon it four years later; his adoption for the crucial Stratford-

upon-Avon by-election August 1963 (occasioned by the Profumo Affair), was engineered by LPO HQ; he polled well in a constituency with no Liberal tradition; of easy-going nature, remembered for his sharp intellect, profound grasp of issues, stinging one-liners and suave demeanour; his election speeches, possibly a trifle too subtly worded for his audience, were full of witty touches, some being taken up by the media; he informed a meeting in the by-election where his opponent was one Angus Maude, "this is one garden Maude is not coming into;" his retirement from politics for more than two decades was a major loss; believed to have been removed from the approved list of potential parliamentary candids during the 'Long Knives' purge at the outset of the Steel leadership 1977-78; later took up residence in South of England; Basingstoke MB from c 1995, Mayor 1998-99; he is one of few survivors of the cohort of Liberal candids at 1955 General Election; Oldbury & Halesowen 1955, 1959, Stratford-upon-Avon by-e 1963, 1964 (both West Midland Region); **Penistone 1970**

MITCHELL, (F/L) Ashley, b Ossett 1886, ed Ossett g s, Wakefield g s; worsted cloth manufacturer; RAF service WWI; former Sec, Yorkshire Reg Fed, Pres Huddersfield Textile Society; devoted follower of economic philosophy of Henry George, Land Value Taxation, Free Trade; Pres Yorkshire Fed of Liberal Clubs; his six contests spanned 32 years, before and after WW II; was first Party cand at Batley & Morley for 16 years where he fought on an independent anti-Beveridge platform; d 1977; Scarborough & Whitby 1923, 1924, Penistone 1929, Halifax 1935, **Batley & Morley 1945, Keighley 1955**

MOHAMMED, Shaffaq, MBE, now Lord M. of Tinsley, b New Mirpur City, Kashmir 1972, of Muslim background; came to UK when four years old; father entered steel ind; ed Park House s, Sheffield U; youth worker; clrr Sheffield City C 2004-14, 2016-; ldr Lib Dem group; MEP Yorkshire & The Humber 2019-20; values internationalism, openness; campaigned to save the trees along Sheffield streets; Life Peer Dec 2024, Lords Spokesperson Education 2025-; **Sheffield, Hillsborough by-e 2016, Sheffield Central 2017, Sheffield Hallam 2024**

MONAGHAN, James, joined Lib Dems 2011; lives/works Knaresborough; Leeds City C; **Morley & Outwood 2010, Hemsworth 2019, Wetherby & Easingwold 2024**

MOORE, Douglas Eugene, b 1896, ed Doncaster; manufacturer of metal-plate; linguist; extramural lect at Sheffield, he was lect to troops during WW II; sec Yorkshire Lib Fed, Chair Yorkshire Cands' Assn; first Liberal cand at Sowerby for 16 years; Pres NLYLs 1948-49? d 1967; **Sowerby 1945, Richmond 1950, Bridlington 1951**

MOORE, Kevin, **Sheffield, Attercliffe 2005**

MOORE, Peter, b 1947, ed Ulverton g s; self-employed electrical eng; Rotherham BC, Sheffield City C; **Sheffield, Heeley 1992**

MORGAN, Bob, b Beverley, lives locally; BSc psychology, Open U; originally Inspector, Metropolitan Police in tough area; later volunteer with Samaritans, community engagement officer; former TC ldr, Dcllr; calls for more resources for teachers/carers; **Kingston upon Hull East 2019, 2024**

MORLAND, Malcolm, b 1954? ret lect/social worker; North East Lincolnshire DC; defected to Trade Union & Socialist Coalition (TUSC), contesting Cleethorpes for that party, 2015; **Cleethorpes 2010**

MOULD, Thomas A., b 1948, ed Bedale h s, Askham Bryant Coll, York; contractor; North Yorkshire CC, Harrogate BC; **Skipton & Ripon 1997**

MULHOLLAND, Gregory (Greg) Thomas, b Manchester 1970, ed St Andrews Coll, Hale Barns, York U, son of John Mulholland qv (Northeast Region); in sales promotion for top marketing agencies 1997-2002; Leeds City C 2003-05; in Commons, mbr Work & Pensions Select Cttee 2005-10, Public Administration Select Cttee 2010-15, spokesperson for Health; **Leeds North West 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017; MP 2005-2017**

MURDAY, Dr Andrew, b c1954, lived locally 10 years; former heart surgeon, NHS, later palliative care doctor in hospice; now runs small holding; local campaigner; formerly Labour, joined Party 2017; PC; interests incl housing, environmental protection, food quality, security, employment rights, rural transport, river water quality; mbr board of Yorkshire Dales National Park, Chair, Nidderdale National Landscape; he did well to poll 14.82% in a constituency left uncontested by the Lib Dems in 2017; **Skipton & Ripon 2019, 2024**

MUSA, Ghulam, b Pakistan 1946, ed Ladyborn sec s, Manchester, Chorlton g s, Manchester; journalist; one of first cands in Yorkshire Region of Asian (Muslim) background; the constituency which had not been contested by the Liberals for 20 years, had a considerable Asian minority; the national General Election campaign was unfortunately soured by Enoch Powell's anti-immigration pronouncements which polarised the electorate, the ethnic minority vote going almost exclusively to Labour; Musa polled 662 votes, 2.52%; **Bradford East 1970**

MYERS, Hilary A., b Bristol 1956, ed Reading U, Manchester Met U; health charity organiser; Calderdale MBC; Todmorden TC; involved in major local community projects; later moved to Evesham, West Midlands; **Calder Valley 2010**, Redditch (West Midland Region) 2015

NASH, Andy, long-time Lib Dem supporter, joined Party 2015; Leeds City C; studied int business, languages; worked in technical/managerial roles, with a spell in Germany; now manages own business; his main concerns are opportunity, social justice, electoral reform; campaigned for Remain; **Leeds Central 2017**

NEAL, Jon, ed Kesgrave h s, Suffolk, Hull U; dir of agricultural comms agency; cllr East Riding Yorkshire U A; subsequently returned to Suffolk; interests incl mental health care; persistent campaigner; **Haltemprice & Howden 2001, 2005, 2010**, Central Suffolk & Ipswich North 2015 (East of England Region)

NEALE, P. A., **Sheffield, Hillsborough 1979**

NEEDHAM, Dale Richard, cand for East Ridling DC; concerned with environmental issues; net zero carbon target for Europe by 2050; calls for investment in Green Revolution, green energy, flood defences; **East Yorkshire 2019, Goole & Pocklington 2024**

NEEDLE, Dr Jamie Luke, ed Sheffield U; lives Bradford; works for renewable energy firm; rep of UK Hydropower Inds; joined Party 2016; Menston PC; cand Bradford MBC; interests incl environment, civil liberties, reform of democracy; **Wakefield 2019, by-e 2022, Pontefract, Castleford & Knottingley 2024**

NICHOLSON, I. Hugh, b 1944, ed Park Street j s, Wombwell sec mod, Open U, Royal Coll of Nursing; nurse manager; health spokesman, Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Party; **Barnsley West & Penistone 1992**

NIGHTINGALE, (Lt Col) Philip Rodney, OBE; b 1896; WW I army service; WW II service in India, North Africa; deceased; **Sheffield, Ecclesall 1945**

NIXON, Allen, originally from Kent, long-time Yorkshire resident, works in admin, Leeds U; with local financial sector for many years; mbr Lib Dem Arts Advisory Group; great supporter of local theatre; **Pudsey 2017**

NIXON, Richard A., food store manager; Messingham PC; **Brigg & Goole 2010**

NOLAN, David P., b 1959, ed Windsor b s, Goldsmiths Coll, London; market research manager; East Riding CC, Beverley MBC; **Kingston upon Hull North 1997, Brigg & Goole 2001, Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle 2005, Kingston upon Hull East 2015, Haltemprice & Howden 2017, Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle 2019**

NORTH, Rex, b 1944, ed Watford g s; British Rail clerical officer; **Thirsk & Malton 1979**

O'CARROLL, Robert Michael St John, interests incl NHS, sewage dumping, cost of living; **Bradford East 2024**

O'HANLON, Donal; runs a smallholding at Todmorden, Upper Calder Valley; risk engineer with a background in insurance; cllr at Prestwich MBC for eight years; interests incl maintaining high quality public services, NHS; **Calder Valley 2024**

OLIVER, (F/L) George Leonard Jack, b Worthing 1911; began WW II in merchant navy, later RAF Pathfinder serving under Air Vice Marshall Donald Bennett qv (Northeast, Greater London, East of England Regions); later with MI 6; wine-shipper; Yeoman of Ironmongers Co; d 1983 in Buckinghamshire; **Wakefield 1945**

ORRELL, Keith, b 1944, ed Hutton g s, Sunderland Coll of Ed; ret dpty head of school for children with special needs; South Tyneside DC, opposition ldr later grp ldr York City C, Mayor 2019; mbr ERS, Amnesty Int; Jarrow 1992 (Northeast Region), **Ryedale 1997, 2001, Wentworth 2005**

OSNER, Robin C., b 1942, of Jewish background, ed Stowe s, London U, South Bank Poly; lect; serves as tech adviser to Institute of Food, Science and T'nology; first party cand in the constituency since 1929; **Sheffield, Hillsborough 1974, Feb, Oct**

OTTEN, Joe, lived Sheffield since 1989; runs own business; joined Lib Dems 2011; Sheffield City C; interests incl the environment, devolved economic powers, investment in infrastructure, children, young people; associated with *Lib Dem Voice*; cand for South Yorks Mayor 2022; **Sheffield Central 2015, Sheffield Heely 2017**

PAGE, Alan, b London ed Nottingham U; worked for TESCO, Colgate-Palmolive in international sales; worked abroad Hong Kong, USA etc; strongly favours re-joining Europe; interests incl training and skills for new economy; **York Central 2024**

PAIGE, Duncan, **Barkston Ash 1974 Feb, Oct**

PATERSON, Gillian, b 1938, ed St Helen's s, Northwood, Middlesex, King's Coll, London; teacher former journalist; mbr Council for Social Democracy; **Elmet 1983**

PATERSON, Rene, b 1974, raised Doncaster, ed Bentley High St s, Don Valley h s; works for library service; opposed to fracking in his area; **Don Valley 2015**

PATON, Andrew R. C., b 1946, ed Shrewsbury s, Durham U; controller with British Rail; **Normanton 1979**

PAXTON, Wesley, b 1946, ed Brunts g s, Mansfield, Bilboro' g s, Nottingham, Warwick U, Hull U; lect; Inst of Management; freelance writer; mbr Salvation Army; **Glanford & Scunthorpe 1992, Pontefract & Castleford 1997, 2001, 2005, Rother Valley 2010**

PEARCE, Barbara, b 1942, ed Northumberland Heath sec mod, Erith GS, Nottingham U, Leeds U; dir of Leeds U Training, Research and Cons Unit; Leeds Comm Health Council, British Assn of Counselling; the intervention of a 'continuing' SDP cand effectively enabled the Conservative cand, later party leader, William Hague, to retain the seat at the by-election; **Richmond by-e 1989, Leeds North West 1992, 1997**

PEARCE, Thomas H., b 1934, ed Porth Co g s, Cardiff Coll of Art, Brentwood Coll of Ed; trained sculptor, design cons; asst to sculptor Dame Barbara Hepworth; latterly dpty head F/HE Coll, Worthing; lives near Horsham; involved with LDA at Billingshurst from 1979; West Sussex CC grp ldr; held numerous party/public offices; Home Counties Exec, LPO Council etc; involved in cand training courses; campaigned at by-elections; mbr Charter 88; has held exhibitions of his sculpture; his works are owned privately by collectors world wide; Old Bexley & Sidcup 1987 (Greater London), Brighton, Pavilion 1992, Hove 1997 (both Southeast Region), **Scarborough & Whitby 2001**

PEARSON, Stephen J., b 1955, ed Bradford U; co dir; ldr Calderdale MBC from 1990; **Calder Valley 1992, 1997, Normanton 2001**

PEDDER, Denis, b 1927, ed Lancaster Sec s, Burnley Tech, Leeds U; manufacturing chemist later cons microbiologist; joined Liberals 1961; Leeds City C, expelled from Lib Dem grp; remembered by contemporaries as an exceptionally difficult colleague, subject to unpredictable, capricious behaviour but a dogged campaigner; later attempted unsuccessfully to join Labour but that party had been forewarned; later moved to Humanby; North Yorkshire CC, Scarborough DC; in his later career sat as independent; d 2003; **Leeds West 1964, 1966, Leeds South 1974 Feb**

PEMBERTON, Martin, b 1942, ed Stowe s; co sec; school governor in Leeds; active with British Junior Chamber of Commerce; **York 1979**

PETERS, Barry, b 1944, ed Us of Birmingham, Bristol and Bath; lect; Leeds City C; **Leeds North West 1987**

PHOENIX, Jayne, **Bridlington & The Wolds 2024**

PICKARD, Wilfrid E. H., b 1934, ed Skipton g s, Bootham s, York, LSE; journalist and investment analyst; Barnoldswick UDC 1962-69; **Skipton 1964, 1966**; Harborough 1970 (East Midlands), Bexley, Bexley Heath 1974 Feb, Oct (Greater London)

PICKETT, Doug V., b 1947, entrepreneur; North East Lincolnshire DC, Grimsby MBC; interests incl environment, education; **Doncaster North 2005**

PICKLES, Arthur, OBE, JP b 1901, ed Parkinson Lane s, Rishworth s; originally articled to local architect from age of 14, established own firm from 1930; later enjoyed highly successful career in finance and business; founded a unit trust which he sold in a multi-million pound deal with Save and Prosper; elder brother of popular actor/broadcaster Wilfred Pickles; during WWII Chair civil defence comm; lead post war drive for building new homes; cllr Halifax MBC for 34 years; JP, long time Chair of Halifax Bench; Alderman, Mayor; his daughter Christina b 1935 is an actor who made her name in American TV appearing in series *St Elsewhere, Get Real, Friends* etc; his wife Gladys 1901-89 was WLF President; d 1984; (father of the following); **Halifax 1950**

PICKLES, James, later Judge b Halifax 1925, son of preceding, ed Worksop Coll, Leeds U, Oxford U; barrister, originally Labour fighting Barkston Ash by-e 1958, later joining Liberals; Recorder of Bradford 1972, Judge 1975; colourful and outspoken figure who made many newsworthy comments from the Bench eg 'Who are the Beatles?' He won wide approval in some quarters for his harsh sentences, in others his equivocal sentencing policy was criticised; once referred to Duchess of York as a 'scrubber;' remembered for his on-going disputes with Quintin Hogg (Lord Hailsham), the Lord Chancellor who he referred to as a 'brooding, quixotic dictator;' behaviour developed into buffoonery; embarrassed viewers of *Breakfast TV*; published raunchy novel; later wrote columns for *The Sun* etc; the constituency he fought had a long Liberal National history and had not been contested by the Liberals for many years; d 2010; (son of the preceding); **Brighouse & Spenborough 1964**

PINNOCK, Kathryn Mary (Kath), now Baroness P. of Cleckheaton, b 1946, ed City of Bath g h s, Keele U; teacher; cllr Kirklees MBC 1987-, grp ldr, council ldr; Life Peer 2014, spokesperson for Children 2015, Shadow S of S Communities & Local Government 2016; her son Richard P. qv (Scotland) contested Midlothian in 1997; **Batley & Spen 1997, 2001**

PITTS, Michael F., b 1936, ed Scarborough h s, Oxford U; teacher; Scarborough RDC from 1968; a dogged campaigner through difficult period in Liberal fortunes; Scarborough RDC, Scarborough DC; Chair, Liberal Cands' Assn 1970-73; Euro cand 1999; Warrington 1964 (North West Region), Cleveland 1966 (Northeast Region), **Scarborough & Whitby 1970, Scarborough 1974 Feb**, Cleveland & Whitby 1979 (Northeast Region), **Beverley 1983**

POOLE, Neil, North Lincolnshire DC, holding in turn portfolios for neighbourhoods, policy and resources; defected to Conservatives 2010; **Scunthorpe 2005, 2010**

PORTER, Stephen Neil, cand Sheffield City C elections; **Sheffield, Brightside & Hillsborough 2019**

POWNEY, Ian b 1950, ed Bishop Vesey's s, Sutton Coldfield, Kent U; Ch Acc; Sutton Coldfield MBC, West Midlands CC, both 1970s; worked zealously behind the scenes with Roy Lewthwaite qv (West Midland Region) to ensure the broadest possible front in general/local elections in Birmingham; prominent as organiser in Brecon & Radnor by-e victory 1985; worked briefly in West Africa; subject to sudden unexplained exits and long absences from political activity, followed by dramatic reappearances; after another long absence he re-appeared in South Central region; some colleagues found him a rather withdrawn personality with seemingly little sense of humour, who remained distant in company; remembered for his dedication to the Party, unbounded energy, single minded sense of purpose, studious and methodical approach to campaigning; after long absence re-emerged as an organiser at Brecon & Radnor by-e 2019 and during the subsequent General Election as Lib Dem organiser in Cheshire area; cllr Stockport MBC 2022-24; The Wrekin 1974 Feb, Birmingham, Hall Green 1974 Oct (both West Midland Region), **Brigg & Cleethorpes 1987**

PRATT, David, b 1957, ed Prince Henry's g s, Otley; employed by alarm co; Otley TC; active with YLs; **Leeds Central 1992**

PRATT, Garth V. J., b 1942, ed Wyggeston g s, Leicester, Oxford U, Pres Union, Pres Liberal Club 1963; forceful if at times over-emotional speaker; former YL, once thought destined to make his mark in politics; a rising young star of the late 1960s, early 1970s; little doubt remains over whether he was ejected from the candidature at Rochdale, the constituency where he had been a campaigning PPC for nearly four years, to make way for Cyril Smith qv (Northwest Region) in 1970 though it had been suggested he resigned of his own accord; eventually defected to Labour contesting Altrincham & Sale (Northwest Region) 1979, for that party; d 2007; Melton 1964, 1966 (East Midlands), **Pudsey 1970**

PRIESTLEY, Nigel J., b 1952, ed Lower House j s, King James's g s, Almondbury, Warwick U, Law Society Coll; solicitor; C of E lay reader; Meltham TC; was just 1,677 votes short of victory in his first contest; **Colne Valley 1987, 1992, 1997**

PRUSZYNSKI, Katie, b/ed London, U of Nottingham, later MA, Goldsmith's Coll; set up Blue Door Theatre Co; sen parliamentary asst to an MP 2011-15; later faculty engagement manager, U of Sheffield; **Rother Valley 2017**

PUGHE-MORGAN, Philip, b 1946? ed Lancaster Royal g s, York U; health service admin; **Barkston Ash 1979**

QADAR, Ali, b Pakistan 1948, ed Multan Coll, Pakistan, Punjab U; of Muslim background; Ch Acc; Sheffield City C; first Asian LD cllr in South Yorkshire; mbr executive, Ethnic Minority LDs; **Sheffield Central 1997, 2001, 2005**

RAMSDALE, William D., **Howden 1955**

RAW, David, b 1942, ed Bradford g s, London U, Wolverhampton U, B Ed, MA, FRHistorical S; headteacher, Cumbria; National Youth Officer, Party HQ 1964, Chair, Yorkshire YLs 1965-66, Vice-Chair NLYLs 1966-67; cllr Kendal MBC, group ldr; Chair, Westmorland Libs 1974-76, Eden DC 2004-07, Scots Border Council 2007-12; author, *The Bradford Pals, The Egerton Diaries, Rev T. B. Hardy VC; Richmond 1983*

RAZZALL, (Capt) Humphrey Leonard, b 1912; solicitor 1935; father of Tim R. (b 1943, prominent Lib Dem Peer); service in Royal Marines WW II; later Master of the Supreme Court (Taxing) 1954-81; originally adopted as PPC for Finchley (Greater London) for anticipated of General Election of 1939; d 1999; **Scarborough & Whitby 1945**

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

REID, Rev Geoffrey (Geoff) C., b 1946, ed Heaton g s, Newcastle U; Wesley House, Cambridge U; a Methodist minister with Salford Urban Mission, later team ldr Touchstone Centre, Bradford, working on city/inter faith affairs; ret 2009; Bradford MDC 2010, Lord Mayor 2016-17, the first Methodist Minister elected to this office for a UK city; the first Liberal cand at Rother Valley since 1918; **Rother Valley 1974 Oct, Barnsley Central 1983**, Eccles 1992 (Northwest Region)

REISS, Robert, raised in South Lincolnshire; educated in Sheffield; joined Lib Dems 2015; works in local steel industry; interests incl local transport, environment, maintaining skilled work force for new economy; **Penistone & Stocksbridge 2024**

RHODES, Cecil, b 1902; served as cllr; as youth sailed round the world; service WW I, Vice-Chair Withernsea UDC; deceased; **Leeds West 1950**

RHODES, Robert H. J., b 1915, ed Woodhouse Grove s, London U, Leeds U, Vice-Principal, head of dept, Leeds Coll of Commerce; mbr UK Advisory Council for Management Education; **Leeds North West 1964, Pudsey 1966**

RIDGWAY, J. A. David, b 1946, lives Huddersfield; Kirklees MBC, Mayor; joined Liberals 1973; fund-raiser for Yorkshire Regiment benevolent trust; strong advocate of local income tax to replace council tax; **Hemsworth by-e 1996, Normanton 1997, Wakefield 2005, Barnsley Central 2015, 2017**

RIGBY, Derek Malcolm b 1934, ed Deytheur g s, Montgomeryshire, Wigan Tech Coll; process development manager; Isle of Ely 1966 (East of England Region), **Grimsby 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**

ROBERTS, Clarke, grad in religious studies; teacher in sec s s; deeply aware of problems faced by young; believes that while people voted to leave Europe, they did not vote to become poorer; seeks to extend educational opportunities; **Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford 2017**

ROBERTS, Glyn G., b 1925, ed Monmouth s, LSE; lect; **Shipley 1974, Feb, Oct, 1979**

ROBERTSHAW, Patrick G., b 1945, ed Hipperholme g s, Southampton U; barrister; **Brighouse & Spenborough 1974 Feb**

ROBINSON, Eric; chemist; active with Bradford YLs; **Shipley 1945**

ROBINSON, Edgar; first Liberal cand locally for 14 years; **Bradford North 1964**

ROBSON, Norman; journalist who began career in Keighley; later political corr for Westminster press; **Keighley 1945**

RODERICK, Christine, b 1943, ed Sheffield U, Coll of law, York; trainee solicitor; mother of seven children; Ravenfield PC; **Wentworth 1992**

ROGERSON, Judith, ed Oxford U; specialist in healthcare law, barrister representing patients, healthcare professionals; lives locally; joined Lib Dems 2016; interests incl promoting local economy, the disadvantaged in society, social mobility; she raised the Party percentage poll by 12.2%; **Harrogate & Knaresborough 2019**

ROLFE, David; **Leeds North West 1974 Oct**

ROSEBY, Bernard, b 1920, of Jewish background, ed Nether Edge g s, Sheffield; partner in motor firm; **Sheffield, Hallam 1959**

ROSS, Colin Arthur, b 1952, ed Easton g s, Middlesbrough, Sheffield U; teacher; joined Liberals 1983; Sheffield City C grp ldr; interests incl children, young people, skills; has written papers on geology; **Doncaster North 2001, Sheffield, Heeley 2005, Sheffield South East 2017, Sheffield Central 2019**

ROSS, Mike J., lived Hull since 2000; Hull MBC, dpty grp ldr; interests incl school building, reduction of local crime; **Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle 2010, Kingston upon Hull North 2015, 2017, 2019**

ROSSINGTON, John Edward, hails from Liverpool where he served as Cllr, Liverpool City C; has lived locally 20 years; Chair, Dewsbury & District LDA; formerly manager of service caring for alcohol/drug abusers, later of facility for rough sleepers; calls for defence of NHS from outside predators; cand Kirklees MBC elections; **Dewsbury 2019, Dewsbury & Batley 2024**

ROWNTREE, Richard S., b 1921, member of Quaker family chocolate manufacturing dynasty, philanthropists; son of Arnold R. 1872-1951 (MP for York 1910-18); ed Earnside s, Arnside, Bootham s, York; co dir; conscientious objector; served in Friends Ambulance Unit WW II; sometime ccllr; munificent patron of Party; Dir of Rowntree Trust 1964-66; d 1997; **Scarborough & Whitby 1964, 1966**

RUBACK, Gregory, ed University Coll s, National Film/TV School; various legal appointments; lately Associate General Counsel, MBS Group; cand in Barnet LBC elections; **Doncaster Central 2024**

RUSH, Chris, **Normanton, Pontefract & Castleford 2010**

RUSHWORTH, (Major) Edward G., b 1912, of an old Bradford Liberal family; ed Bradford g s, Cambridge U; service WW II at Bletchley Park decryption centre; originally teacher Hereford Cathedral School, later Manchester g s, moving to Leicester U 1949; subsequently sen lect; Blaby RDC; in his later years he left an impression of a withdrawn, austere personality; d 1965/75?; **Bradford South 1950, 1951**, Harborough 1955, 1959, 1964 (East Midlands Region)

RYAN, David L., b 1937, ed Coatham s, Redcar, Leeds U; teacher, AMMA official; active with Brigg & Cleethorpes LDA; **Pontefract & Castleford 1992**

RYLANCE, Eleanor, ed Cambridge U, Law grad; freelance translator, language teacher; Euro cand 2019; Cllr East Devon DC; East Devon 2019 (Devon & Cornwall Region), **Brigg & Immingham 2024**

SALT, Kenneth A., b 1942? ed Open U; quantity surveyor; **Sheffield, Hallam 1979**

SANDERSON, Ed, b/raised Leeds; graduate in law; solicitor; joined Lib Dems at college 2003 impressed by Party's anti-Iraq War stance; VP Lib Dem Youth; interested in expanding apprenticeships locally and provision of more social housing; **Doncaster North 2010, Leeds East 2015, 2017**

SANDLESON, Basil Mayer, b 1921, of Jewish background; solicitor; RAF service WW II; exec NLYLs; d 2006; **Leeds Central 1945**

SANGAR, Andrew, long serving cllr Sheffield City C; spokesperson on finance; agent for Nick Clegg in the difficult circumstances attendant upon the 2015 General Election campaign; **Sheffield Central 2010**

SAPWELL, Dr Will Harvey, has lived in South Yorkshire 10 years; cardiologist at hospitals in region; sees Brexit as a threat to Britain's health; local campaigner; seeks proper funding of understaffed, under resourced NHS; **Barnsley Central 2019, Sheffield Brightside & Hillsborough 2024**

SARSBY, Charles Frederick, b 1911, aeronautical eng, lived Wraysbury; RAF service WW II in Pathfinders under Air Vice-Marshal Bennett qv (East of England, Greater London and Northeast Regions); the latter became his senior in the aircraft firm by which they were both employed; d 1983; **Bradford Central 1950**

SCHELLENBERG, Keith, b 1929, of Leichtenstein origins, with Yorkshire connections; ed Oundle; co dir; an Olympic bobsleigh medallist; county Rugby Union player, a millionaire; he bought the island of Eigg, West Scotland and raised hopes of the inhabitants with regeneration plans; very soon began to exhibit eccentricities of behaviour e.g driving around island in vintage Rolls Royce to the peril of everyone; developed rapidly into an arbitrary feudal landlord, breaking promises, abandoning projects, evicting tenants at will; grew to be despised by islanders; in a High Court action the judge described him as a 'Toad of Toad Hall character;' the islanders eventually bought him out and Eigg is now run by a Heritage Trust; **Richmond 1964, 1966**, Moray & Nairn 1974 Oct (Scotland)

SCRIVEN, Paul James., now Lord S. of Hunters Bar, b Huddersfield 1966, ed Rawthorpe h s, Huddersfield, Huddersfield Tech Coll; Manchester Poly; 1989-90 Pres of Union; worked with NHS, established travel agency later cons; Sheffield City C 2000-12, group ldr, ldr Council 2008-11; missed

election victory in 2010 by 165 votes, 0.4%; described as 'Nick Clegg's closest ally in local government;' an early casualty at the polls of Party Leader's decision to take Lib Dems into Coalition; Life Peer 2014; **Sheffield Central**

2010

SEEAR, (Beatrice) Nancy, later Baroness S. of Paddington, b Croydon 1913, ed Croydon h s, Cambridge U, LSE, in personnel management 1936-46; Life Peerage 1971, PC 1987; party leader in Lords 1984-88, deputy leader 1988-97; Pres LPO 1964-65; prominent in campaign for recognition of carers', women's rights, terming herself 'an anti-anti-feminist;' much loved figure throughout the Party; an effective, well-informed speaker, very refined diction; regular broadcaster on TV/radio, *Question Time* etc; indefatigable campaigner over 20 years fighting seven successive elections in five regions; the rarified language and argument of many of her utterances was well beyond the average audience and her academic approach ineffective on the doorstep; her style was however admirably suited to the Lords where she had many responsibilities; many interests incl Inst of Personnel Management, Fawcett Society, British Standards Inst; features in *Mothers of Liberty* (Lib Dem History Group, 2012); at Wakefield in her final contest in what was a very unpromising constituency for which she was wholly unsuited, she polled just 8.64%; sharp-witted and always good-humoured; d London, 1997; Hornchurch 1950, 1951 (Greater London), Truro 1955, 1959 (Devon & Cornwall Region), Epping 1964 (East of England Region), Rochdale 1966 (Northwest Region), **Wakefield 1970**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

SHIELDS, Elizabeth Lois, née Teare b 1928, ed Whyteleafe g g s, U Coll, London, Avery Hill Coll of Ed, U of York; teacher, lecturer; clrr Ryedale DC 1980-2019, sometime group leader, DC Chair 1989-90; at Westminster spokesperson on the disabled; her by-e victory, which earned her the distinction of becoming the first woman on the Liberal bench in the Commons since 1951 (and only the 5th in the Party's history to that date), was a great tonic for the Party In the Yorkshire Region and her defeat a year later, a great disappointment; **Howden 1979, Ryedale 1983, by-e 1986, 1987, 1992; MP 1986-87**

SHUTT, Rt Hon David Trevor, OBE, PC, later Lord S. of Greetland, b Farsley, Leeds 1942, of Quaker background; ed Pudsey g s; FCA; ch acc; taxation assistant, later partner and cons to 2001; lived Calder Valley; joined Party aged 13; worked for Joseph Rowntree Trust, later trustee, dir; had a major role in setting up ALDC at Hebden Bridge, also Community Foundation for Calderdale; Chair, Yorkshire Lib Federation; Calderdale MBC 1973-90, 1995-2003, Mayor 1982-83; Life Peer 2000; spokesman on Northern Ireland, Int Development; Chief Whip Lords 2005-10, PC 2009, Government Whip 2010 -12; persistent campaigner fighting seven election in 22 years; LPO Exec; one of his last responsibilities in the Lords was to chair a select committee on the electoral system which urged the automatic registration of 16 and 17 year olds; d 2020; subject of a memorable obituary in *Liberator* Feb 2021 by his long-time friend and colleague, (Lord) Tony Greaves; **Sowerby 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, Calder Valley 1983, 1987, Pudsey 1992**

SILVERWOOD, Trevor, b 1929, ed Barnsley Holgate g s; shipping co manager, later inshore fisherman; Bridlington MBC from 1966; North Wolds DC, **Bridlington 1966, 1970, Kingston upon Hull West 1974 Feb**

SIMPSON, Edwin H., b Rotherham 1940, HND mech eng; design engineer, self-employed; clrr Tickhill TC 1978-87, Doncaster MBC 1980-88, 1996-2010, first Party cand in Don Valley for 52 years; his 2nd and 3rd contests were 31 years apart; **Don Valley 1974 Oct, 1979, 2010, Wentworth & Dearne 2015**

SIMPSON, Ian N., b 1941, ed Skipton g s, Manchester U, New South Wales U; landowner; **Keighley 1992**

SINGH, Preetam, b 1914, of Sikh background; ed Nairobi, Mombasa, Kings Coll, London U, Inns of Court Law School; exec officer, Indian High Comm, London 1950-58; barrister; one of the first Liberal cands of Asian background in modern era; see Ghulam Musa (above), Mihir Gupta (West Midland Region); **Sheffield, Hallam 1970**

SINGLETON, Anthony J., b 1945, ed elem s, standards officer, NCB; LPO Council; mbr British Assn of Colliery Management; first Liberal cand locally for 20 years; **Sheffield, Heeley 1970, 1974 Feb**

SLACK, Granville George, b 1906, ed Accrington g s, London U; active Baptist; called to Bar 1929; service WW II with RAF/Air Ministry Intelligence; Chair, London Lib Party 1947-48, 1950-53, Chair, LPO 1956-57; appointed judge 1967; d 2003; Twickenham 1945 (Greater London), **Dewsbury 1950**

SLOAN, Dr Andy S., ed Us of Birmingham, Cambridge, Hull; PhD in macro-economics having originally qualified as an eng; clrr Hull MBC, cabinet mbr; interests incl economic regeneration, planning; resigned to take up post as economist with Guernsey Civil Service; defected to Conservatives; subsequently involved in an assault upon a police officer for which he was fined £500 by a Guernsey court; **Kingston upon Hull East 2005**

SMITH, Anthony, b Rochdale, lived Castleton 20 years; ed Salford U as mature student; works in management in financial services; **Don Valley 2017, Bradford South 2024**

SMITH, (Capt) Anthony F., b 1919, ed Giggleswick s and in Sweden, where he studied the steel ind; WW II service abroad with army; steel wire firm manager; Exec mbr, Yorkshire Lib Fed; first Liberal cand locally for 19 years; **Penistone 1950**

SMITH, David Stewart, local activist; **Wakefield 2010**

SMITH, Gail, b 1953, ed Bearer Hill h s, Sheffield School of Nursing; sales manager; Sheffield City C; **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1997, 2001, Sheffield, South East 2010, 2015**

SMITH, (F/L) Gordon, b 1938; RAF service 28 years, subsequently sub post master, quality manager; Cleethorpes MBC; long-serving Humberside Area Chair; **Scunthorpe 1997, Cleethorpes 2001**

SMITH, Kevin A., **Rother Valley 1992**

SMITHSON, John R., b 1939, ed Penistone g s, Huddersfield Poly, King's Coll, London, Huddersfield Teesside Poly; former production services officer, later manager for Age Concern, finance dir Liberal publications, editor *Radical Bulletin*; author of Party's community campaign manual; clrr Kirklees MBC, Pendle DC, ldr 1974-75, Saltburn & Mauske UDC; **Richmond 1970, Brighouse & Spenborough 1974 Oct, Huddersfield 1987**

SNOWDEN, Joseph Stanley b 1901, ed Sedbergh, Cambridge U, called to Bar 1925, Recorder of Scarborough 1951-71; active in Bradford and Yorkshire Federations; d 1980; **Bradford East 1945, 1950, Dewsbury 1951, 1955, Pudsey 1959**

SOUTHCOMBE, Mike, b 1962, ed Holyrood s, Chard, London U, Royal Holloway Coll; environmental protection officer; Chard TC 1985-90; Solihull 1992, 1997 (West Midland Region), **Doncaster Central 2001**

SPRIGGS, Emma Janet, runs her own business; activist in Reading area; strongly pro-Europe in outlook; supports extra benefits at school for children from under-privileged backgrounds; she was a paper cand, concentrating her efforts upon the ward she was contesting 300 miles away in Reading; **Leeds Central 2015**

STONE, Greg, b York 1974, ed Fulford s, York, York Sixth Form Coll, U of Newcastle; public affairs dir; Euro cand 2004, Newcastle City C; interested in urban re-generation, planning, housing, economic dvlpmnt; **Vale of York 2001**, Newcastle Central 2005, Sedgefield by-e 2007 (both Northeast Region)

SUNDERLAND, Jeannette, b Idle, Bradford; office manager; clrr Bradford MBC grp ldr; **Bradford West by-e 2012, Bradford East 2019**

SWINDEN, Ronald, b 1923, ed Thornes House g s, Wakefield; management clerk; active in Nonconformist chapel circles; **Penistone 1964, 1966**

SWINSON, Jo, now HAMES, b Milngavie, East Dunbartonshire 1980, ed Douglas Academy, Milngavie, LSE, grad in Management Science; marketing and public relations post dir, Viking FM Hull from 2000; joined party 1997; Hon Sec, later Vice-Chair, Lib Dem Youth/Students; cand for Scottish Parliament 2003; youngest Westminster MP 2005-09; opposed to war in Iraq, I D cards, 'positive discrimination'; strongly favours energy conservation; calls for a 'well-being' index to run alongside 'standard of living' index; in coalition government has served as Under Sec of State for Employment relations, consumer and postal affairs, Junior Equalities Minister; m Duncan Hames MP 2011; declined to stand in Party Leadership contest June-July 2017; finally elected Party Leader 2019; lost seat by very narrow margin at Dec 2019 General Election, immediately resigning as Ldr after just 144 days; **Kingston upon Hull East 2001**, Dunbartonshire East (Scotland) 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017, 2019; **MP 2005-15, 2017-2019**

SYKES, Colin, b 1941, ed Bentley s, Calne, Wiltshire, Bishopshill s, Hillingdon; bank official; **Rother Valley 1979**

SYKES, George, ed Leeds U; lived locally six years; software engineer; campaigner for Reclaim the Night Leeds; charity fund raiser; **Leeds South 2024**

SYKES, Martin, b 1946, ed Mill Hill s, Oxford U; lect in law, barrister, dir of brewery; he is thought to have been the first Liberal cand locally for over 50 years; he polled a respectable 21.1%; **Barkston Ash 1974 Feb**

SYKES, Ronald W., b Doncaster 1914, ed Doncaster g s, Oxford U; former teacher, called to Bar 1945; practised on Northern Circuit, also farmer; C of E lay reader; active with former Yorkshire Federation; d 2002; **Scarborough & Whitby 1950, Kingston upon Hull East 1951**

TARRY, Simon, b 1956, ed Tadcaster g s, York U; student nurse; York MBC; **Doncaster Central 1997**

TAYLOR, Colin, ed St Michael's C of E s, Bolton Tech Coll; Sheffield City C 2009-12; IT specialist; has held senior posts with HSBC; **Rother Valley 2024**

TAYLOR, Dr Michael Francis, b 1950, ed St Dunstan's Coll, Us of Ulster, Manchester, Bradford, Leeds; teacher; Calderdale MBC, Todmorden TC; said to have been one of the youngest cands ever elected to a local authority; persistent if somewhat itinerant cand over three decades; m Dr Elizabeth Wilson qv, father of Rebecca T. qv Darwen 1983 (Northwest Region), **Pontefract & Castleford 1987**, Heywood & Middleton 1992 (Northwest Region), **Calder Valley 2001**, **Halifax 2005**, **Leeds Central 2010**

TAYLOR, Rebecca Elizabeth, b Todmorden 1975, daughter of Dr Elizabeth Wilson qv and Dr Michael T. qv; ed Leeds U, grad in Japanese, Kent U, in Management Studies, MA in Int Relations from King's Coll, London U; joined Party 2002; worked for Daihatsu Diesel, various posts in Brussels in EU agencies; many interests incl environment, older people; editor of Lib Group newspaper at Brussels; Euro cand 2009 as 3rd name on Regional Party list; activist in Colne Valley LDA, Islington 2010; stepping into vacancy caused by resignation of Diana Wallis MEP qv, serving as MEP for Yorkshire and Humberside 2012-14; her professional background is in health policy; has worked for health charities; strongly pro-Europe; she supports efforts to improve training opportunities for youth; **Rotherham 2010**, **Morley & Outwood 2015**, Walthamstow 2024 (Greater London)

TAYLOR, Roderick, b 1938, ed Bradford schools; self-employed designer, craftsman and handloom weaver; the first Liberal cand at Hemsworth (Labour's safest seat) for generations; **Bradford West 1974 Feb**, **Hemsworth 1974 Oct**, **Bradford South 1979**

TEAL, Robert, ed Barnsley Coll, Sheffield Poly, Huddersfield U, Open U; local community campaigner, runs retail shop; JP, Chair, Barnsley Voice business grp; campaigned to expose failure of Rotherham authorities to protect vulnerable children; dir of Rotherham Enterprise Agency Ltd; **Rother Valley 2015**

TEAR, Andrew P., interests incl NHS; **Leeds East 2005, 2010**, **Bradford South 2015**

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

THOMAS, Claire, ed West Buckland s, Sheffield U; later lect Hull U; Hull MBC; **Hull West & Hessle 2015, 2017**

THOMAS, Roger, ed Worksop Coll, Nottinghamshire, Hull U; barrister; **Brighouse & Spenborough 1979**

THOMAS, Stuart, concerned at neglect of the North by successive governments; calls for more funding for schools; interested in the Environment; **Bradford South 2017**

THORNTON, Sophie, ed Tapton Sixth Form Coll, Birmingham U where she joined the Lib Dem Soc; worked for Cancer Research, Health Bid; local election campaigner; Sheffield MBC 2021- ; moved

motion at Party Assembly 2022; lays claim to title of Duchess of Sheaffia; **Barnsley East 2019, Sheffield South East 2024**

TOMLINSON, Peter, b 1945, ed Longcroft s, Beverley, Salford Coll of Chiropody; **Barnsley 1974 Oct, Barnsley East 1983**

TOWN, (Lt) Robert Wilson; WW II service; wool salesman; first Liberal cand locally for 20 years; he polled over 20%; deceased; **Bradford North 1945**

TOWNSEND, (Lt Col) Eric, physician; WW II service in Commandos; deceased; **Skipton 1945**
TRENCH, (Lt Col) Peter Edward b 1918; service WW II, evacuated from Dunkirk, later sent on special missions latterly on staff of Field Marshall Montgomery; first Liberal cand locally for 22 years; d 2006; **Bradford Central 1945**

TRESS, R. (Bob) D., b 1941, ed Manchester g s, Oxford U; ret lect, later dir Starting Point Services, Birmingham; East Riding Unitary Authority jt ldr, Beverley MBC ldr, Hessle TC chair; mbr RSPB; **Kingston upon Hull West 1992, Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle 1997, Scunthorpe 2001**

TURNER, Nicola, b East Yorkshire, ed South Milford p s; runs property management co; Kirklees MBC grp ldr; interests incl public transport; **Scunthorpe 2001, Colne Valley 2010, Selby & Ainsty 2015, Barnsley East 2017, Doncaster East & the Isle of Axholme 2024**

TURNER, Norman Wallace., b 1928, ed elem s, Leeds tech Coll; baker and grocer; **Kingston upon Hull East 1964, 1966, Kingston upon Hull Central 1974 Oct**

TYERS, (Lt) Clifford Henry, b 1911; formerly Labour; WW II service RNVR; d 1995; **Leeds South East 1945**

UNDERHILL, Winifred F., b 1895, lived earlier in Romford, Essex; sec Leeds Women's Lib Fed; magistrate, mbr Juvenile Court Panel; deceased; **Leeds North 1950**

VASSIE, Christian Maurice, b 1958, grew up Deighton, ed Minster Song s, Archbishop Holgate's g s, School of Oriental & African Studies, London U; writer, film /TV music composer, distinguished thirty year career as prod/dir of acclaimed environmental TV programmes, latterly with Drink Me Productions; associated with *Challenge*, the Green Lib Dem publication; author Scravir series of novels; other interests incl human rights, arts and culture; York MBC 2003-2011; he was suspended from the Party 2010 following disagreements with colleagues and attacks on the group leadership over major local projects such as a local waste incinerator and allegations in the media of irregularities in the selection of local government cand etc; later re-instated; **York Central 2010, Selby 2024**

WADE, Donald William, DL, later Lord W. of Huddersfield, b Ilkley 1904, of affluent Congregationalist family; ed Mill Hill s, Cambridge U; his health was permanently undermined by polio suffered as a

child; life-long abstainer; one time lect in Law, Leeds U; partner in firm of Leeds solicitors; member LPO Exec from 1949, long time officer officer/Chairman of Yorkshire Lib Fed; negotiated agreement with Huddersfield Conservatives which ensured him a free run against Labour at four General Elections, an arrangement which caused much lingering resentment among the Party rank-and-file; he was supported throughout by the Liberal-inclined *Huddersfield Examiner*; Chief Whip in Commons 1956-62, deputy Party Leader 1962-64; very narrowly defeated in first three corner contest in 1964; declining to be readopted as candidate, he accepted one of first Life Peerages offered to Liberals in 1965; Chief Whip in Lords 1965-67; not a great speaker; serious minded, of gaunt, taciturn appearance; highly respected across party lines; deeply revered in Party as one of its valiant stalwarts in the bleakest years; campaigned in Commons on Human Rights Legislation, World Government; early supporter of Seretse Khama (later first President of Botswana) in case against the Labour government; resolute opponent of the colour bar, racism and apartheid; d Harrogate 1988; subject of notable *Guardian* obituary by Michael Meadowcroft qv; **Huddersfield West 1950, 1951, 1955, 1959, 1964; MP 1950-64**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WADSWORTH, George, b 1902, businessman; managing dir of family lead manufacturing co; also said to have interests in paint business; Halifax MBC; in Parliament served on Public Accounts Select Comm; mbr numerous Parliamentary delegations; active though not prominent back bencher; fortunate victor in a straight fight with a Conservative in 1945, the boundaries of his constituency were much altered in the subsequent redistribution; later joined Conservatives for whom he unsuccessfully contested as a National Liberal and Conservative, Sheffield, Hillsborough 1951; d 1979; **Buckrose 1945, Bridlington 1950; MP 1945-50**

WAINWRIGHT, Richard Scurrah, b Leeds, 1918, ed Shrewsbury s, Cambridge U, joined U Liberal Club late 1930s, Pres 1939; later Vice-Chair Leeds YLS; conscientious objector; served with Friends Ambulance Unit in WW II; became Methodist lay preacher; deeply affected by pre-war social conditions in Leeds; entered merchant banking; left in favour of full-time political activity; LPO Exec 1953, Chair 1970-72, research dept 1968-70; from 1961 concentrated on local government matters at LPO HQ; in Commons spokesman in turn on finance, trade, industry, economy, employment; helped manage LPO finances; exercised restraining influence at times of crisis e.g. Thorpe affair, latterly assuming role of elder statesman of Parliamentary Party; his life was dedicated to Liberalism; he was just 187 votes short of victory 1964, lost by 1.8% in 1970; after retirement refused Life Peerage; active with multiplicity of interests, Pres Yorkshire Federation of Lib Dems; Electoral Reform Society, Charter 88, chair Wider Share Ownership; see biography *Unfinished Business*, (Matt Cole pub 2013; m Joyce Hollis d 2011 Chair of the YWLF, Colne Valley WLFC; their son Martin was Northern Editor of *The Guardian*, daughter Hilary, a political activist and writer, edits the journal *Red Pepper*; d 2003; **Pudsey 1950, 1955, Colne Valley 1959, by-e 1963, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979, 1983; MP 1966-70, 1974-87**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WALDENBERG, Stephen, b 1945, ed Roundhay s, Leeds, Leeds Coll of Commerce; company acc; **Leeds North West 1974 Feb**

WALKER, Dan, hails from Leicester; ed Leeds U; lived locally since 2007; computer programmer at Leeds U with National Centre for Atmospheric Science; interests incl equality, social justice encouragement for community-led projects; strongly opposed to Brexit; **Leeds West 2019, Leeds West & Pudsey 2024**

WALKER, G. Howard, b 1908, ed Mill Hill, Cambridge U, solicitor in Barnsley of well-known local family; WW II service as army officer, wounded at El Alamein, awarded MC; local Methodist minister; in 1950 he was one of few Liberal cands in Yorkshire to finish as runner-up, though he was 31,209 votes behind his Labour opponent; d 1983; **Barnsley 1950, 1951**

WALKER, (Sqd Ldr) John G. JP, later Sir, b 1912, ed Uppingham s, Cambridge U, graduating in economics under tuition of J. M. Keynes; Pres U Liberal Club; joined family blanket manfacturing firm; adopted by his uncle Ronald W. (1880-1971, six times a Liberal cand 1922-35, Knight 1953, owner of *Dewsbury Reporter*); like his uncle JGW served as Pres Yorkshire Lib Federation; WW II service with coastal command as pilot, awarded DFC; JP Batley and Dewsbury; held numerous Regional Party offices, dogged campaigner, interested in economic matters, electoral reform; great raconteur of political stories; Vice-Pres Yorkshire Liberal Federation; d 2009; **Keighley 1950, Sowerby 1951, 1955, 1959**

WALKER, Matt, Yorkshire born/bred; has held various managerial posts for NHS across the country; supports various charities incl Open Country for the disabled to enjoy nature; opposed to fracking; seeks more funding for schools, interests, education, NHS; North Yorkshire DC; **Keighley 2017, Selby & Ainsty by-e 2023**

WALKER, Robert, b 1924, ed Sowerby Bridge g s, Cambridge U; diplomatic service for 25 years, later Registrar, Hull U; Euro cand 1979; deceased; **Haltemprice 1974 Feb, Oct, 1979**, South Ribble 1983 (Northwest Region)

WALLACE, Rt Hon William John Lawrence, PC, later Lord W. of Saltaire, b Leicester 1941, ed Westminster Abbey Choir s, St Edward's s, Oxford, Cambridge U; Life Peer 1995, PC 2012; lect at a succession of universities, latterly LSE 1995-2005, Emeritus Prof; assisted Party Leader Jo Grimond with press, speech writer for David Steel; many senior Party posts; in Lords spokesman on Foreign Affairs, Defence; joint deputy party leader Lords 2004-07, Government Whip 2010-15; LPO Federal Policy Comm 2005-10; Chair Centre Forum; author of books on European themes; author *Why Vote Liberal?* (Penguin Special 1997), co-writer of Party manifesto 1979, 1997; **Huddersfield West 1970**, Manchester, Moss Side 1974 Feb, Oct (Northwest Region), **Shipley 1983, 1987**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WALLER, Andrew M., b 1969, ed Hustler Comp, Middlesbrough, Acklam Sixth Form Coll, Imperial Coll, London; former scientist with Nestle-Rowntree later trainee acc; interests incl Friends of the Earth, Voting Reform Group; York MBC, grp sec/whip, Chair, York LDs; **York 1997, 2001, 2005**

WALLER, Edgar Joseph; Calderdale MBC; **Halifax 1997, Hemsworth 2001**

WALLIS, Diana b Hitchin, Herts 1954, ed Francis Combe s, Watford, North London Poly, U of Kent; has MA in Local Government; qualified as a solicitor 1983; originally SDP, joined Party on merger; Humberside CC, East Riding CC 1995-99, one time deputy leader; Euro cand 1994, 1998; MEP for Yorkshire & Humberside from 1999 until resignation 31/1/2012; ldr UK Lib Dem MEPs 2001-04; Vice-Pres Euro Parliament; very active in European circles; had responsibility for Euro relations with non-member states, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland; cand in 2011 for President of European Parliament as Ind, receiving 141 votes; author of papers and articles; contested Haltemprice & Howden for

Yorkshire First party, May 2015, Euro cand for Yorkshire & the Humber 2019 for Change UK; Braintree 1992 (East of England Region), **Haltemprice & Howden 1997**

WALMSLEY, Chris Roberts, b Blackpool 1943, ed St Joseph's, Blackpool, University Coll, London U; Pres of Union, 1943; BBC Radio Manchester producer; attracted to the Party by the original thinking of the Party Leader, Jo Grimond qv (Scotland); missed winning by-e by just 100 votes; at Leeds N E he was obliged to pay his Conservative opponent £10,000 after a libel action; worked with ethnic minorities; deeply interested in Foreign Affairs; died suddenly while attending meeting of Euro Liberal Democrats in Brussels; a larger than life character (he tipped the scales at 20 st.), remembered for his warmth of personality and whole-hearted endeavour; (husband of the following); d 1995; High Peak 1974 Oct, Derbyshire West 1986, by-e 1987 (all East Midland Region), **Leeds North East 1992**

WALMSLEY, Joan Margaret, née Watson, later Baroness W. of West Derby, b Liverpool 1943, ed Notre Dame h s, Liverpool, Liverpool U, Manchester Poly; cytologist at Christie Hospital, Manchester; teacher Buxton Coll; moved into PR, latterly with her own cons; Life Peerage 2000; m 2005 Lord Thomas of Gresford (one time Shadow Attorney General); 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 child protection issues; energetic; single minded, excellent speaker with easy style, efficient organiser; sense of humour; performed parachute jump as a fund raiser during which she claimed to have experienced an 'airgasm'; briefly involved with West Midland Region as Euro cand 1999; (widow of the preceding); continues as an active member of Party group in the Lords; **Leeds South & Morley 1992**, Congleton 1997 (Northwest Region)

WALSH, Brian, b 1935? of a distinguished Leeds legal family; ed Drinagar Coll, India, Leeds g s, Cambridge U, Pres of Union 1950; National service in RAF Fighter Command; President Yorkshire CCC 1986-91; QC 1977; strong supporter of Leeds Jewish community; rose to high eminence in legal profession, taking on numerous high profile cases; on North Eastern Circuit; Recorder of Leeds; noted defender of judicial and barristers' independence; remembered as exceptionally witty counsel; d 2000; **Leeds South by-e 1963**

WARD, David, b Lincoln 1953, ed Boston g s, Leicester U, Bradford U; qualified acc; lect at Leeds Metro U 25 years; Bradford MDC 26 years latterly as an independent cllr until 2021; persistence paid off at his fifth attempt to enter Parliament; in Commons sat on BIS select comm; the party whip was withdrawn from him, however, in July 2013 as a result of his inflammatory condemnation of Israeli policies towards Palestinians, interpreted as anti-semitic, made on the occasion of Holocaust Day; he continued to sit as an Ind MP, the Party whip later being restored; he was re-adopted by his LDA for the 2017 General Election but Party HQ stepped in for reasons yet to be fully explained, Mark Jewell qv standing as the official Lib Dem candidate; Ward, who apparently had not ceased to be a Party member, stood perhaps unwisely in opposition as an independent candidate, polling 7.84% to Jewell's 1.85%; his case was energetically taken up by Michael Meadowcroft qv and as at September 2022 had still not been satisfactorily resolved by the Party Appeals procedure; later his expulsion was upheld; he stood without success as an Ind cand in the Bradford MBC elections in 2021; **Bradford North by-e 1990, 1992, 2001, 2005, Bradford East 2010, 2015; MP 2010-2015**

WASTLING, Angela, **Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle 2001**

WASTLING, James Hilton, b 1944, ed East Riding Inst of Agriculture; farmer; Humberside CC; **Kingston upon Hull East 1992, 1997, East Yorkshire 2005**

WAUDBY, P., **Richmond 1974 Oct**

WEBB, Rodney, b 1947? ed Millbank Coll of Commerce; **Sheffield Heeley 1979**

WELLS, John H., b 1948, ed Colfe's g s, West Ham Coll of T'nology; Bradford MBC, West Yorkshire CC; educational psychologist; **Keighley 1983, 1987**

WHITAKER, Wilfred K., b 1946, ed Victoria sec s, Morley g s, Huddersfield Poly, Hull U, St John's Coll, York; lect in FE and author; active with NATFHE; many interests incl YHA, steam loco preservation; **Keighley 1974 Feb, Normanton 1974 Oct, Barnsley 1979, Selby 1983, Don Valley 1987**

WHITING, Steve, b 1965, ed Thorne g s, Doncaster Inst of HE; legal exec, probate, trust, tax specialist; **Doncaster North 1992**

WIGGIN, Christopher J., b 1986? ed York U; on-line retailer; **Barnsley Central 2010**

WIGGINGTON, Gavin b 1945, ed Nottingham h s, U of Wales, Hull U; personnel exec, Grimsby MBC; **Brigg & Cleethorpes 1983**

WILCOCK, Jeremy D., with U of Hull Business Unit; **Selby 2001, Vale of York 2005, Kingston upon Hull East 2010**

WILD, Peter, b 1963, ed Yew Tree Upper s, Manchester, Keele U; retail shop manager; Stoke-on-Trent South (West Midland Region) 1987, **Leeds Central by-e 1999**, Wolverhampton South East 2001 (West Midland Region)

WILDGOOSE, David B., b 1965, ed Oakwood comp, Rotherham Coll, Hull U; analyst/comp programmer with own co; Green Peace, Amnesty, Rare Breed Survival Trust; **Rotherham 1992, by-e 1994, 1997, Wentworth 2001**

WILKINSON, James, lived locally 30 years, ed Greenland Ccoll, Cambridge U; acc for large retail firm in Leeds; strongly opposed to Brexit for its threat to local economy; interests incl local transport infrastructure; securing the right to a quality education for all; **Huddersfield 2019, Ossett & Denby Dale 2024**

WILLIE, B. Stewart, local campaigner, cllr; **Beverley & Holderness 2001, 2005**

WILLIS, David; in the by-election in one of Labour's safest seats, he finished runner-up with 1,502 votes, 8.4%, 68% behind the winner; **Barnsley East by-e 1996, Barnsley East & Mexborough 1997, Sheffield, Heeley 2001**

WILLIS, George Philip (Phil), now Lord W.of Knaresborough, b Burnley 1941, ed Burnley g s, City of Leeds & Carnegie Coll; qualified as a teacher, taught at sec/g s in Leeds area; B Phil, Birmingham U 1978; headmaster in Cleveland and Leeds; in Commons spokesman on further/higher education and skills, later Northern Ireland; chair of Commons Science & Tech Comm; Life Peerage 2010; at Party Spring Conference 2007 his motion for dispensing with Trident was narrowly defeated by 454 to 414; his spirited opposition to 'creationism' attracted media attention and wide support from free

thinkers; an extravert personality, excellent public speaker with strong sense of humour; **Harrogate & Knaresborough 1997, 2001, 2005; MP 1997-2010**; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

WILSON, Dr Elizabeth Mary, b Wigan, ed East Anglia U, Manchester U, Huddersfield Poly, Liverpool John Moores U; has held several management posts; joined Liberals 1970; served as CCIr, member of health authority; author of numerous articles, papers on gender and diversity etc; lives Slaithwaite; mother of MEP Rebecca Taylor qv; Bury North 1983 (Northwest Region), **Colne Valley 2005, Halifax 2010**

WILSON, Frank Clay, chemist; Drug Trade Council; first Liberal cand since 1929; deceased; **Leeds North East 1945**

WILSON, John; Ch Acc, dir family brickworks; Elland UDC 1929-63; d 1963; **Elland 1945**

WILSON, John Edward; farmer, East Riding CC; deceased; **Howdenshire 1945, by-e 1947**

WILSON, J. Trevor, CBE b Huddersfield 1927, son of John (see above) ed Elland g s, Giggleswick s, Oxford U where he joined the Liberal Club in 1943; brick manufacturer; LPO Council; county alderman, ldr Liberal group West Riding CC until 1986; mountaineer; served on Age UK, CAB; d 2024; **Pudsey 1964**

WILSON, Patrick J., former cabinet mbr for housing, Doncaster MBC; later left Party, sitting out term as Ind cllr; **Doncaster Central 2005, 2010**

WILSON-FLETCHER, Alexander, b 1971, ed Grange u s, Bolton Inst of HE; student; Charter 88; **Bradford South 1997, 2001**

WINLOW, Dr William, b 1945, ed Morpeth g s, Northumberland U, Newcastle U, St Andrews U; reader in neuro science at Leeds U; cllr Leeds City C grp ldr; mbr Greenpeace; **Leeds North East 1997, Fylde 2005, 2010** (Northwest Region)

WOMERSLEY, Hugh b 1910, ed Heckmondwike g s, Ch Acc; Fellow of Institute of Ch Accs; deceased; **Bradford South 1959**

WOOD, Colin, first Liberal challenger in constituency since 1929; **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1964**

WOFFINDIN, John D., b 1941, ed King James's g s, Huddersfield, Durham U; teacher; Wakefield MBC; **Hemsworth 1983, 1987**

WOOLLEY, Helen E., Sheffield, Attercliffe for SDP 1987(see SDP section), **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1992**

WOOLMER, Craig, ed Hull U; chartered town planner; Hull MBC cllr 2008-12; interests incl cost of living, local NHS, more investment in Hull; **Kingston upon Hull North 2024**

WORRALL, J. Raymond W., b 1924, ed Shrewsbury s, Leeds U; barrister; **Leeds North West 1970**

WRIGHT, Helen, b 1956, ed Newland h s, Hull; midwife, clinic manager; **Bradford South by-e 1994, Bradford West 1997, Shipley 2001**

WRIGHT, Timothy John (Tim), b 1952, ed Hessle h s, Darlington Coll of T'nology; journalist/commercial vehicle sales rep later voluntary sector manager; Humberside CC, spokesman on social services, planning and transportation, grp ldr, Beverley MBC; interests incl child poverty action, racial equality; **Kingston upon Hull East 1987, Wakefield 1992**

WRIGLEY, Peter, b 1937, ed Batley g s, London U, Bradford U; sen economics master, Batley g s; Party activist over 60 years; contributor to *Liberator*; his article on *Lib Dem Voice*, Feb 2022, 'Something is Wrong...' attracted wide notice; Euro cand 1989; voluntary service Malawi 1990-92; Pres Batley & Spen LDA; **Batley & Morley 1970, 1974 Feb, Leeds Central 1983, Leeds East 1992**

SECTION TWO

SDP CANDIDATES IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF 1983 AND 1987 AND 1989 BY-ELECTION

ADDISON, Irene, b 1943, ed Glasgow h s, Elgin Acad, St Andrew's U; dpty head teacher; **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1983**

BERKELEY, Adrian M., b 1948, ed St Joseph's Acad, Blackheath, Trent Poly; formerly with CBI admin, later sec/dep dir Building Employers' Fed, London Reg; Nottinghamshire CC; **Gedling 1983, Bradford North 1987**

BIRKBY, Peter, b 1946, ed b g s, Manchester U, Sheffield Coll of Ed, Sheffield Poly; teacher; **Bradford North 1983**

BODDY, John R., b 1930, ed Burnley g s, LSE; management cons; Euro cand 1984; **Rother Valley 1983, 1987**

BOND, Martyn, b 1942, ed Winchester, Cambridge U; Euro civil servant; BBC in Berlin; **Hull West 1987**

BURKE, Keith, b 1938, ed Liversidge sec mod s; retail sales manager; **Batley & Spen 1987**

BURLEY, Dr Peter, b 1947, ed U of New South Wales, Oxford U; lect, London U/sen psychologist; **Leeds South & Morley 1983**

BURNEY, John, b 1924, ed Rugby; co dir, freelance writer; Writers' Guild of Great Britain; **Harrogate 1983**

CABLE, Rt Hon Sir (Dr) John Vincent (Vince), b York 1943, Nunthorpe g s, Cambridge U; Pres of Union 1965, U of Glasgow PhD; ODI Nuffield Fellow; lect U of Glasgow, later Research Fellow LSE; chief economist Royal Dutch Shell 1997-97, worked for Kenyan government 1997-97; m 1968 Dr Olympia Rebelo, of Goa d 2001; m 2004 Rachel Wenban Smith; originally Labour, Glasgow City C, fought Glasgow, Hillhead 1970; joined SDP 1982; joined Lib Dems on merger (qv Greater London), Party Treasury spokesman from 2003; dpty Ldr of Party 2006-2010 including period as Acting Leader 2007, when it became known he was a ballroom dancing aficionado; pivotal figure in discussions on coalition after General Election 2010 with both Labour and Conservative leaders; in coalition government from 2010 as Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills; one of the leading economists of his day; dominant figure in economic policies of coalition government, but often shows rigorously independent line; highly capable media performer; witty speaker in Commons; Kt 2015, though he declined offer of peerage; author of many books on economics etc; *The Storm; The World Economic Crisis and What It Means* (2009), autobiography *Free Radical* (2010); contributed to

Orange Book *Reclaiming Liberalism* (2004), but styles himself a 'social democrat'; latest book, *How To Be A Politician* (2022); elected Leader of Liberal Democrats soon after re-entering House of Commons 2017, the oldest Party leader since Sir Winston Churchill; resigned July 2019; did not seek re-election to Commons, Dec 2019; VP European Movement 2022-; **York, 1983, 1987**; as Lib Dem, Twickenham 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2017 (Greater London); MP 1997-2015; 2017-19; see *Dictionary of Liberal Biography*

CALLAN, Hilary, b 1942, ed Bradford g h s, St Paul's g s, London, Oxford U and in Brazil, Australia and New Zealand; researcher/lect; **Scarborough 1987**

CARLTON, Dr David, b 1938, ed g s, LSE; poly lect; formerly Labour for whom he fought Twickenham 1966, Tynemouth 1974; **Wakefield 1983**

COCKROFT, F. Laurence, b 1943, ed Cambridge U; manager with Booker International Ltd; **Halifax 1983, 1987**

CRYSTAL, Peter Maurice, b Leeds 1948, ed Leeds g s, Oxford U, McGill U, Coll of Law; solicitor; lives Harrogate; has fought many local government elections; Chair, Lib Dem Business Forum; **Leeds North East 1983, 1987**; joined Lib Dems on merger; Fulham 1992 (Greater London)

DAWSON, Edward J. V., b 1949, ed Open U; asst dir, Conservation Society; **Leeds South & Morley 1987**

DAY, John M., b 1946, ed Roundhay s, Leeds, U of Kent, U of Bradford; personnel manager; **Sheffield, Heeley 1983**

EGLIN, David M., b 1941, ed De Aston g s, Market Rasen, West of Scotland Agric Coll; small farmer near Coventry; **Wentworth 1987**

EVANS, John, b ? ed Barnsley Coll of T'nology, Sheffield Poly; mech eng; Barnsley MBC; **Barnsley West & Penistone 1983**

GENNEY, Paul Walter b 1941, ed Winteringham h s, Grimsby, Bristol U; Middle Temple, community dentist, barrister; **Great Grimsby 1983, 1987**

GINSBURG, David, b London 1921, ed U Coll School, Hampstead, Oxford U; cons to various cos; Labour MP Dewsbury 1959-81 when he defected to SDP; mbr various Parliamentary Select Comms; d 1994; **Dewsbury 1983**

GORE-BROWNE, James A., b 1947, ed Dundee U, Aston U; solicitor; **Doncaster Central 1987**

HALL, Richard, b 1942, ed Kitson Coll, Leeds, York U; lect in art and design; York MBC; **Barnsley West & Penistone 1987**

HORNBY, Fiona C., b 1953, ed Bexhill g s, Lewes Tech Coll, Warwick U, Sussex U; teacher in Somerset; **Sheffield, Central 1987**

JONES, Norman, b 1941, ed Bideford g s, North Devon Tech Coll, Leeds U; barrister; **Leeds North West 1983**

JORDAN, Rosamund, b 1943, ed Grangefield g g s, Darlington Coll of Ed, Open U; teacher/art dealer; originally Liberal; Stockton RDC; later re-joined Party after merger; **Scarborough 1983**, Middlesbrough 1992 (Northeast Region)

KAMAL, Dr Lufte, b 1939, ed U of Dacca, Bangladesh; medical practitioner; active in BMA; Wakefield MBC grp ldr; Hemsworth TC; **Wakefield 1987**

LEACH, Jon R., b 1955, ed Ermysted's g s, Skipton, U Coll, Cardiff, Coll of Law, Guildford; solicitor; Craven DC; **Harrogate 1987**

LEE, Dr Karen E., b 1956, ed Roundhay h s, Leeds, John Wilmott g s, Sutton Coldfield, Leeds U; U lect in chemical pathology; **Leeds Central 1987**

LINDLEY, Trevor, b 1942, ed state s, Ruskin Coll, Oxford, Sheffield U; personnel manager; formerly full-time org SDP North of England; formerly Lab; Barnsley MBC; vice-chair Humberside Reg Council; **Bradford South 1987**

LYONS, Edward, QC, b Glasgow 1926, ed elem, sec s, Leeds, Leeds U; originally Labour MP Bradford East 1966-74, Bradford West 1974-81 defecting to SDP 1981; mbr Select Comms; with Control Comm, Germany 1946-48 as Russian interpreter; d 2010; **Bradford West 1983**

MACEY, Richard C., b 1944, ed Bristol g s, Sheffield Coll of Ed, Goldsmiths Coll, London U; teacher; **Normanton 1987**

MacARTHUR, John D., b 1934, ed Reed's s, Caterham s, Surrey, Reading U, Oxford U; sen lect in agric economics; **Elmet 1987**

MAJOR, Dr Patricia, b 1936, ed Cheadle Hulme s, Sheffield U; U lect in pharmacology; **Sheffield Central 1983**

MARSHALL, Dr Edmund Ian, b Manchester 1940, ed Humberstone Foundation s, Cleethorpes, Oxford U, Liverpool U; U lect; Wallasey MBC; pursued a somewhat maverick career; originally Liberal for whom he fought Louth (East Midlands Region) qv 1964, 1966; defected to Labour for whom he

contested Goole; MP 1971-83; Chair Select Committee on Trade & Industry 1976-79; defected to SDP; served as PPS to Home Secretary; mbr General Synod of C of E 2000-15; **Bridlington 1987**

MARTIN, Elaine b 1952, ed U of Essex, Latin American Inst, London, King's Coll, London; housewife, author; former consular asst in Venezuela; **Bridlington 1983**

MILLS, Alan, b 1937, ed Hemsworth g s; local government officer; **Dewsbury 1987**

MOGHAL, Manzoor, b 1936, of Muslim background, ed Uganda, U in Pakistan, Punjab U, FC Coll, Lahore; held civil offices in Uganda, managing dir family businesses there; Chair, Race Relations Comm, Leicestershire CC; JP; **Bradford West 1987**

MOORE, Peter, b 1947; power transmission eng with CEGB; **Sheffield, Heeley 1987**

NORWOOD, Peter, b 1928; former teacher later marketing cons; **Doncaster North 1987**

NOTTINGHAM, Cyril b 1927; master builder; Scunthorpe MBC; **Glandford & Scunthorpe 1983, 1987**

ORFORD, Dennis, b 1938, ed sec mod s, co dir; mbr European Movement, Campaign Against Racial Prejudice; **Doncaster North 1983**

PANTELLI, P., **Normanton 1983**

PEARL, David A., b 1954, ed Westminster City s, Birmingham U, Cambridge U; U lect in Law; Cambridge City C; Cambridgeshire CC; **Bradford South 1983**

POTTER, Michael, his candidature for the 'continuing' SDP in the by-election split the vote, unfortunately enabling the Conservative new comer, William Hague, to retain the seat for the Conservatives; **Richmond by-e 1989**

SMITH, Terence b 1934, ed Chesterfield s, U of Hull; U administrator; he polled 26.6 % to finish third in a tight contest; **Kingston upon Hull North 1983**

STABLES, Trevor, b 1957, ed Edlington com s, Doncaster School of Nursing; a charge nurse; Doncaster MBC; **Doncaster Central 1983**

TILDSLEY, Max, b 1945, ed Sheffield U; chief architect for an inner London borough; took a theatre co to Edinburgh Festival 1982; **Wentworth 1983**

UNWIN, Stephen W., b 1947, ed Bournemouth s, LSE; U lect; Hull MBC; Hammersmith & Fulham LBC; Euro cand 1984; contributor to SDP policy on Fishing; **Kingston upon Hull West 1983, Kingston upon Hull North 1987**

WOOLLERY, Stephen D., b 1948? ed g s, graduate; journalist specialising in education matters; active with SDP at Kirklees; **Batley & Spen 1983**

WOOLLEY, Helen E., on SDP/Liberal merger 1988, she remained as cand in situ (see Lib-Dem section above); **Sheffield, Attercliffe 1987**