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Sir Peter Bottomley (centre), who until May was Father of the House, was among the guests, seen here with Sir Michael Hirst, Vice-Chairman of the Scottish branch, and the Association's administrator, Laura Blake.

SUMMER RECEPTION IN THE SPEAKERS HOUSE



While the all-member meeting the Association had planned for the summer had to be dropped – a casualty of an election that came earlier than expected – we were pleased to be able to go ahead with a reception for members, including those who had been serving MPs only weeks earlier.

Two special guests were Mary Flaherty and Pat Breen, former members of the Dail. The Association had begun what promises to be a fruitful relationship with its sister organization in Ireland.

Addressing the assembled guest, the Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, said: "After the General Election we have just had, the services of this great organisation are needed more than ever.

So, I would like to thank the Association for the incredible work it has done to create a community of our former Parliamentarians.

"It does this on a shoestring budget and is successful thanks to the dedication of your chairman, Eric Martlew, his volunteer leadership team, and, of course, Laura Blake, your professional member of staff.

"It is the case that, for almost all of us, our service to Parliament and our country is the most important thing we will do in our lifetime.

"And this is how it should be. We walk in the shadow of Disraeli, Lloyd George, Churchill, Attlee and Margaret Thatcher. We serve in a Parliament and Democracy that is celebrated and revered around the world.

"And while we may have been political opponents during our time of service, the thing that united us then, and continues to unite us now, is our belief in the power of this place to effect positive change.

"For many, leaving Parliament is often traumatic and, because of the immediacy of our electoral system, sometimes brutal; but I am pleased that in recent years the House has made great strides in improving the levels of support available to defeated

and departing Members.

"I know there is a willingness and desire on behalf of the Association to play a greater role in supporting former colleagues as they transition into a new phase of their life - because, it will not have escaped anyone's attention here today, that Parliamentary careers are growing shorter.

"We have seen enormous turnover in recent years, both through retirements and the huge swings in electoral fortunes, in particular 2010, 2015, 2019 and now in 2024. I understand from Eric, who sadly cannot be here tonight, that the Association is already contacting those that left this House just a few days ago – and membership numbers are swelling fast.

"I would say be patient with them. As so many of you in this room know, the 'bruises' left by defeat take time to heal.

"But it is my sincere hope, as I know it is yours, that many of those who are coming to terms with their loss of office, come to see the Association as a way to keep up with friends and participate in the wider promotion of our Parliamentary democracy.

"So again, thank you for joining me here today, both as former colleagues and current friends."

NIGEL EVANS

AN APPRECIATION BY NICHOLAS BENNETT, VICE CHAIRMAN

We were delighted that Nigel Evans, who until the General Election, had been Deputy Speaker and MP for Ribble Valley was present at the Speaker's Reception for former members on July 15th. For a number of years Nigel has been the House of Commons Liaison representative of our Executive Committee. In this role he not only kept the Committee abreast of any changes which might affect former members, but he was a good friend to the Association in ensuring that members' interests were supported in any discussions he had with the House authorities.

I am fortunate that I have known Nigel since he was first a parliamentary candidate back in 1987 for Swansea West. I campaigned for him as Conservative candidate for the Pontypridd by-election in 1989 when another of our members, Dr Kim Howells, was elected as MP. Undaunted by his second defeat, Nigel was selected to fight another by-election, this time Ribble Valley in the north of England in 1991 following the elevation of David Waddington to the House of Lords. At the time a Liberal Democrat revival was taking place and Nigel lost the seat to Michael Carr. The following year Nigel's stamina and determination was rewarded and he was returned as member defeating Michael Carr by more than 6,000 votes.

Nigel's parliamentary career included time as a PPS to various cabinet ministers and later as shadow Secretary of State for Wales. On the backbenches he was a member of the Trade and Industry Select Committee and served on the Western European Union and Council of Europe. He was elected by the whole House as First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means in 2010. In 2017 he was elected Executive Secretary of the 1922 Committee, a post he relinquished on his appointment as Deputy Speaker in 2020.

Nigel's 32 years' experience as a member of the House have been invaluable and we are delighted he has now joined the Association as a member.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

By Andy McSmith

The extraordinary general election of 2024 will be remembered for many things, not least how Labour won an astonishing majority on a comparatively low vote. More people voted in 2019, when the party went down to a crashing defeat, than in the 2024 landslide that took Sir Kier Starmer to Downing Street. With turn out down, it can be assumed that a battalion of potential Tory voters stayed at home. Four million votes cast for Reform are also likely to have predominantly votes taken from the Tories, and the Lib Dems appear to have benefitted from large scale tactical voting.

With so many new faces on the Labour benches, five brand new MPs were given jobs in government before they had time to swear in.

Meanwhile, in the two weeks after the election, 49 MPs who had stood down or lost their seats joined the Association. and find an office. Welcome to them all.

Richard Bacon

Richard was Conservative MP for South Norfolk in 2001.

Previously an investment banker financial journalist and public relations consultant, he was a member of the Public Accounts Committee 2001-17, and its Deputy Chairman in 2010-17. His book, co-written with the journalist Christopher Hope 'Conundrum: Why Every Government Gets Things Wrong – and What We Can Do About It', published by Biteback Publishing in 2013, was based on his PAC experience. He also contributed to the book 'How to Run a Country', published by the Reform think tank. His fellow MPs voted him *House Magazine's* 'Backbencher of the Year' in 2006 and 'Commons Select Committee Member of the Year' in 2012. In 2006 and again in 2013, he was also named *The Spectator* magazine's Parliamentarian of the Year. Though he was not a serial rebel, he was one of only 15 Tory MPs to vote against the Iraq war in 2003, but in 2015, he voted in favour of military action against Da'esh in Syria.

John Baron

John was Conservative MP for Basildon and Billericay from 2001. He joined The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers after reading law at Cambridge. After Sandhurst, he served on a number of tours and postings including Berlin, Northern Ireland and Cyprus, before finishing in Germany as the Battalion Operations Officer. On leaving the Army, he entered the City and ran a wide range of portfolios for charities and private clients as a Director of Hendersons and then Rothschild Asset Management.

He was Shadow Health Minister in 2002-03, but resigned to free himself to vote against the Iraq war. He later returned to the opposition front bench, but turned down a PPS position in the coalition government, preferring to run for the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs committee, of which he was a member in 2010-17. He also opposed the morphing of the Afghan mission into one of nation building after 2001, the bombing of Libya in 2011 and the policy of arming the Syrian rebels in 2013.

Simon Baynes

Simon was Conservative MP for Clwyd South from 2019.

He grew up at Lake Vyrnwy, near to his constituency, where his father, Sir John Baynes, ran the hotel. He and his father co-wrote a book *Lake Vyrnwy: The Story of a Sporting Hotel*, published in 2019.

After studying history at Cambridge, he worked in finance and business for 25 years before running his own bookshop in Shrewsbury, and wrote another book *The Forgotten Country House: The Rise and Fall of Roundway Park*. He and his wife, Maggie set up the nationwide charity, 'Concertina – Music for the Elderly', which provides live music in care homes and day centres across England and Wales.

He was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration from July to September 2022, and a PPS before and after that.

After his seat was abolished in a boundary change, he contested North Shropshire, which the Liberal Democrats had previously won in a by-election in December 2021, caused by Owen Paterson's resignation.

Aaron Bell

Aaron was Conservative MP for Newcastle-Under-Lyme from 2019.

Brought up in Dulwich, he was educated at St Olave's Grammar School, in Kent, and studied at St John's College, Oxford, which he represented in the final of University Challenge -which St John's lost. He had more success appearing on Deal Or No Deal with Noel Edmunds, when he had a 50p box, but convinced the banker to buy it for £25,000 - cash he used to put down a deposit on a house. He was also a winner of the 2009 series of the Krypton Factor. He was also a member of the winning team on Only Connect.

He was a trading development manager for Ladbrokes from 2003, then moved to Staffordshire in 2006 to work for the Stoke-on-Trent based firm bet365, designing software. During Covid, he took care to follow the restrictions during his grandmother's funeral, in Kent, and after the publication of Sue Gray's report into the rule breaking in Downing Street, he asked: "Does the Prime Minister think I'm a fool?"

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sir Peter Bottomley

Sir Peter was Conservative MP for Woolwich West, 1975-83, Eltham 1983-97, and Worthing West from 1997.

He was Father of the House, having very nearly completed a half century as an MP. His victory in a by-election in June 1975 was the first electoral success for the newly elected Leader of the Conservative Party, Margaret Thatcher. His uncle, Sir Robin Turton, was also Father of the House, in 1965-74.

He was a Minister in Thatcher's government in 1984-90, at the departments of Employment, and Transport, and in the Northern Ireland, but he claims that "in each department I was in, I would say - you have at least one minister too many. If you want a vacancy let me know, and I'll go." He was on the back benches while his wife, Virginia – now Baroness Bottomley – served in John Major's Cabinet. They married in 1967.

One of the many causes he took up was that of the murdered Stephen Lawrence, who was his constituent.

Sir Graham Brady

Sir Graham was Conservative MP for Altrincham and Sale West from 1997.

Born in Salford, and educated at Altrincham Grammar School, and Durham University, where he studied law, he first became active in the Conservative party at the age of 16, when he joined a campaign to save the local grammar schools. When first elected, a few days before his 30th birthday, he was the youngest sitting Tory MP.

He was on the opposition front bench for several years, but left in 2007 to renew his campaign to save grammar schools. In 2010, was voted Backbencher of the Year by the Spectator magazine in 2010, and by Conservative Home.

As Chairman of the 1922 committee from 2010 until 2024, he held the letters from Tory MPs calling for Prime Ministers May, Johnson, Truss or Sunak to resign. He has never revealed how many there were, though he has said privately that there were fewer than many people thought. His memoirs will be out soon.

Sir Graham was knighted in 2018, and awarded a peerage in Rishi Sunak's Dissolution Honours.

Sir Ben Bradshaw

Sir Ben was Labour MP for Exeter from 1997.

The son of an Anglican priest, he worked as a teacher after university, then as a journalist. He joined the BBC in 1986, and was in Berlin as their correspondent when the Berlin Wall came down.

He set a precedent during the selection contest in Exeter by announcing that he was gay. He was the first new candidate from a major party to take that risk, though one Labour MP, Chris Smith, had come out after being elected, and was re-elected. Ben faced a Tory candidate who was vitriolic in his hostility to gays, and later was expelled from the Conservative party.

Ben was a minister from 2001, initially in the Foreign Office. He was Culture Secretary in 2009-10. He supported Tony Blair consistently, recently telling The Guardian "I still think Tony was right on Iraq, I know that's a very unfashionable view." He was also close to Gordon Brown, but in 2010 he thought that "we've chosen the wrong brother" out of the two Milibands.

He was knighted in the 2023 birthday honours.

Jack Brereton

Jack was Conservative MP for Stoke-on-Trent South from 2017.

Born and raised in Stoke-on-Trent, where he lives with his wife Phoebe, and their two children, he graduated with a degree in politics from Keele University, and first stood as a Conservative candidate in a council election at the age of 18. A year later, he was elected to Stone-on-Trent city council. He completed his degree while he was a councillor, then worked as parliamentary assistant to the Culture Secretary, Karen Bradley.

At 26, with Karen Bradley's support, he was selected to contest Stoke-on-Trent South, which had been held by Labour at every election since the constituency was formed in 1950. He won by 663, making him the youngest Tory MP in the 2017 intake, and saw his majority rise to 11,271 in 2019.

He was a PPS in four successive government departments from 2018, but resigned in July 2022 because of the controversies surrounding Boris Johnson's administration.

Sir William Cash

Sir William was Conservative MP for Stafford in 1984-97, and Stone from 1997.

He was born in Finsbury to a political family. In 2012, he published *John Bright: Statesman, Orator, Agitator, a biography of the Victorian radical*, who was his distant relative.

He grew up in Sheffield, and qualified as a solicitor after graduating from Oxford with a degree in history. He married in 1965, and has three children, include the journalist, William Cash.

He won Stafford in a by-election, and in Parliament established as a reputation as one of the leading scourges of the EU. He was a long serving chairman of the European Scrutiny Committee, and a founder of the campaign to hold a referendum on the Maastricht, which John Major signed in 1992. During the long-running Tory rebellion over Maastricht, he founded and chaired the European Foundation.

After his re-election in 2019, he was, at 79, the oldest sitting MP. He was knighted in the 2014 Birthday Honours.

Miriam Cates

Miriam was Conservative MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge from 2019.

Miriam was born and brought up in Sheffield, where she went to King Edward VII School, and later Cambridge, where she earned a degree in genetics.

For over a decade, she has lived with her husband and three children in Oughtibridge. She represented Oughtibridge Ward on Bradfield Parish Council in 2015-21.

With Danny Kruger, she co-founded the New Social Covenant Unit, which aimed to strengthen families, in part by reforming the tax system and housing policy to incentivise women to have more children. In 2023, she warned: "The current UK fertility rate stands at 1.6. This is significantly below the 'replacement rate' of 2.1, and continues to fall".

She was also an unspoken critic of 'gender ideology' – the belief that men who transition become women - which she described as 'insanity', declaring that "biological sex is significant, binary and immutable."

Theodora Clarke

Theo was Conservative MP for Stafford from 2019.

Having studied art history at Newcastle University, she worked at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and at Christies, and in 2011 founded the magazine Russian Art and Culture, which she edited for five years. In 2013, she published a book, Re-imagining Russia Boris Chetkov Landscape & Genre Painting.

She won Stafford with by 14,377 votes, the largest majority in the long history of that constituency. In 2020, she was appointed the Prime Minister's trade envoy to Kenya, but resigned in July 2022 because of the scandals in the Johnson administration.

During her time as MP, she suffered a birth trauma. This - she wrote - "led me to meet with inspirational groups of women, including the Birth Trauma Association, and to found the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Birth Trauma. Over the course of ten months, we held the first national inquiry into birth trauma in British history." Both of the main parties committed to carrying out the inquiry's recommendations.

Jonathan Djanogly

Jonathan was Conservative MP for Huntingdon from 2001.

He is the son of the businessman and philanthropist, Sir Henry Djanogly, who arrived in the UK as a child fleeing from the Nazi and created a vast textile business based in Nottingham, where the Djanogly City Academy is named after him.

Jonathan practised as a solicitor after studying at the Guildford College of Law, and was elected to Kensington council, before being selected to stand in Sir John Major's former seat.

Having served in opposition as a shadow Justice minister, and Shadow Attorney General, he was appointed Minister for Justice in the coalition government in May 2010, and was involved in issues such as House of Lords reform, the new Supreme Court, criminal law and voting regulations. One of his tasks was to reduce the legal aid bill.

Before the general election, the boundaries of Huntingdon constituency were redrawn, and he decided to stand down after facing opposition from within his changed constituency party.

Sir James Duddridge

Sir James was Conservative MP for Rochford and Southend East from 2010.

At Essex University, he was chairman of the student Conservative Association, and a researcher for the local MP, Bernard Jenkin. Later he worked as a banker.

He was in government for seven years, starting as a Whip in 2010-12, then at the Foreign Office in 2014-16. In July 2019, Boris Johnson appointed him a Minister in the Department for Exiting the European Union. He was transferred back to the Foreign Office in 2020-21, and then to the whips' office in July 2022. During Liz Truss's administration, he was Minister of State in the Department for International Trade.

Recommended for his knighthood by Boris Johnson in October 2022, when he returned to the backbenches, a journalist later quoted him as saying "In my eyes Boris Johnson can do no wrong."

Philip Dunne

Philip was Conservative MP for Ludlow in 2005.

Having read PPE at Oxford, he worked for investment banks in London, New York and Hong Kong. He also helped launch the bookshop chain, Ottakar's, from scratch, and was involved with it for 18 years, as it grew to a business employing 2,500 people in nearly 150 shops, before being bought by Waterstones.

In November 2001, he won a by-election to become the first Conservative on Shropshire District Council, where he led the Conservative group for three years.

In the Conservative Party, he was Deputy Chairman of the International Office with responsibility for Conservatives Abroad in 2008-2010, and a Conservative appointed Governor of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, 2008-2010.

He was in government from 2010 to 2018, initially as a Whip, and then at the Ministry of Defence. He was Minister for Health in 2016-2018, with responsibility for hospitals, workforce, financial performance, special measures, patient safety and maternity. From February 2020, he was Chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee.

George Eustice

George was Conservative MP for Camborne and Redruth from 2010.

He was born and raised in Cornwall, where the Eustice family still run a fruit farm, and where they also have a herd of South Devon cattle and the country's oldest herd of the rare breed of pig, the British Lop. He worked for the family business for nine years after finishing his education.

He supported UKIP before joining the Conservatives. In 2003, he was appointed Head of Press at Conservative party headquarters. He resigned during the 2005 leadership contest to join David Cameron's campaign team, and was reappointed by Cameron. In 2008, he joined the PR company, Portland.

He was an environment minister in 2013-15, then Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries Food, but resigned in March 2019 in protest at Theresa May's promise to allow a vote on delaying Brexit.

He was appointed to his 'dream job' as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 13 February 2020, and held it until the start of Liz Truss's premiership, on 6 September 2022. In January 2023, he announced his intention to quit to pursue a "final career outside politics".

Simon Fell

Simon was Conservative MP for Barrow and Furness from 2019.

His family have lived in and around Furness since the 1600s, and still do. He was born in Preston and, after graduating in English Literature from Warwick University, he worked in telecoms, and ran his own communications business, Irton-Fell Consultants, 2006-08. For nearly ten years from 2011, he was an assistant director, and director, at Cifas a not-for-profit anti-fraud organisation. In 2017-19, he was Chairman of the Barrow and District Credit Union.

He was contested Labour-held Barrow for three successive elections, losing the second by just 209 votes. In June 2023, he was appointed as the UK's first ever Rural Connectivity Champion. In December 2023, he was appointed the Prime Minister's Anti-Fraud Champion.

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As a backbench MP, he steered a Private Members' Bill to allow for prisoners due to be released on a Friday to be let out a day or two early, to give them access to support services when most needed. The Offenders (Day of Release from Detention) Act became law in July 2023.

Anna Firth

Anna was Conservative MP for Southend West & Leigh from 2022.

The daughter of a teacher and an engineer, she was born in Leigh-on-Sea. After obtaining a law degree from Durham University, she had a short career in financial services, before retraining to become a Barrister. After 12 years prosecuting criminals and dealing with major medical accidents, she took a career break to bring up her family and serve as a local councillor. In 2020, she co-founded and was Chief Executive of the Invicta National Academy, a not-for-profit company, helping children of the UK catch up on missed learning caused by Covid-19.

She was elected to Parliament on 3 February 2022, in a by-election caused by the murder of Sir David Amess, which the other major parties did not contest. She was a PPS during the Truss and Sunak administrations. In 2023, she introduced a Private Member's Bill to make it a criminal offence to steal a pet animal. The Pet Abduction Act became law in May 2024.

Mike Freer

Mike was Conservative MP for Finchley and Golders Green from 2010.

Born in Manchester, he spent most of his career in retail banking for Barclays Bank, as well as some time with Deloitte & Touche as a management consultant. He moved to Finchley in 1988, and was elected to Barnet Council, as councillor for Finchley Church End in 2002. He was Leader of Barnet Council between 2006 and 2009.

Before becoming a Minister, Mike was a Vice-President of the APPG on Anti-Semitism and co-chaired the first backbencher debate on this issue. A member of Conservative Friends of Israel, he resigned his position as a PPS in 2014 to vote against a motion recognising Palestine as a state. He was also Member of the APPG on Islamophobia.

During a debate on same sex marriage in 2013, he revealed that he is gay.

He was in government from 2017, first as a Whip, then as a Minister in the Foreign Office, the Department for International Trade, and finally Minister for Courts and Legal Services.

A month after his constituency office was firebombed, in December 2023, he announced that concerns for his safety meant that he would not seek re-election.

Peter Gibson

Peter was Conservative MP for Darlington from 2019.

Born in Middlesbrough and raised in Redcar and Saltburn, Peter is the son of an NHS midwife, who once worked at Darlington Memorial Hospital, and a shipwright who worked at Smiths Dock. He began work as a solicitors' firm, in York, in 1998, after graduating in law at Newcastle University. From 2001,

he was a solicitor specialising in personal injury, latterly as Managing Director of Coles Solicitors, in Northallerton.

Having backed Boris Johnson's leadership campaign in 2019, he resigned his position as a PPS in the International Trade department in July 2022, declaring he no longer had confidence in Johnson.

He added: "On Saturday last week I marched with LGBT+ Conservatives at London Pride. As a gay MP, that should have been a liberating, enjoying experience, instead due to the damage our party has inflicted on itself over the failure to include trans people in the ban on conversion therapy, it was a humiliating experience."

He was reappointed a PPS during the Truss administration.

Sir Robert Goodwill

Sir Robert was Conservative MP for Scarborough and Witney from 2005.

He was born in North Yorkshire and was educated in York. He went to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. He is a farmer on the 250-acre farm at Terrington near Malton that his family has worked since 1850.

During his time as an MEP in 1999-2004, Robert was Deputy Leader of the Conservative MEPs and spokesman on Environmental Policy. In 2006-10 he was an opposition Whip, then shadow minister for Transport.

He held government posts throughout the period when David Cameron and Theresa May were the prime ministers, as a Whip in 2010-13, minister for aviation and then Minister of State at the Department of Transport, 2013-16, Immigration Minister at the Home Office, 2016-17, and Minister of State at the departments of Education, 2017-18, and Environment, 2018-19.

Having backed Jeremy Hunt in the leadership election, he was dropped from Boris Johnson's administration. In May 2022, he was elected chairman of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs committee.

Patrick Grady

Patrick was Scottish Nationalist Party MP for Glasgow North from 2015.

Born in Edinburgh, he was educated at Inverness Royal Academy and Strathclyde University. He joined the SNP in 1997, when he was 17. He worked for the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund in 2011-15, and lived for a time in Malawi, which he revisited in November 2023 as chairman of the Malawi APPG. In 2014, he headed the 'yes' campaign in the Kelvin area of Glasgow during the independence referendum.

In 2015, he took Glasgow North off Labour, with a swing of 28.9%. He was the party's spokesperson on international development in 2015-17. He was also a member of Plaid Cymru, like several other SNP MPs. From May 2017 to June 2021, he was the SNP's Chief Whip.

He sat as an Independent from June to December 2022, after a two-day suspension from Parliament over an incident in a pub. A police investigation was dropped in July, and after six months he was reinstated as an SNP MP, but was not selected to contest his Glasgow seat again.

Richard Graham

Richard was Conservative MP for Gloucester from 2010. After graduating in Modern History from Oxford University, he worked for John Swire & Sons, becoming general manager of Cathay Pacific Airways in France at the age of 24, and General Manager in the Philippines at 26. He joined the Foreign Office in 1986, worked at the High Commission in Nairobi, and was Trade Commissioner in China, 1989-92. He then joined Barings, and was working for them in Hong Kong at the time of the handover.

He was a Cotswold District Council Councillor 2003-7.

From November 2012 he was Prime Minister's Trade Envoy, first to Indonesia, then also to ASEAN, Malaysia and the Philippines. He was the first MP to speak the Bahasa Indonesian language in Parliament.

In October 2014, as chairman of the China APPG, he spoke in a parliamentary debate in support of protestors in Hong Kong, for which he was barred from entering China. This led to an all-party visit to China being cancelled. More recently, he has criticised fellow Tory members such as Iain Duncan Smith for being too hostile to the Chinese regime.

Peter Grant

Peter was Scottish Nationalist Party MP for Glenrothes from 2015.

He was brought up in Coatbridge, studied at Glasgow University, and moved to Glenrothes in 1983. He joined the SNP in 1987, and was a councillor for the Glenrothes and Kinglassie ward on Fife council, 1992-2015. He was SNP Group Leader from 2007 until 2015, including five years as Leader of the Council, 2007-12, in coalition with the Lib Dems. He later said that leading the council was more rewarding than being an MP.

His wife, Fiona, a GP, was also one of Fife's longest serving councillors, but stood down at the 2023 council election.

Having won Glenrothes off Labour, in a 35% swing, he was made SNP Spokesperson on Europe in 2017, and sat on the Exiting the European Union Committee. In 2019 he was appointed as the party's Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury. From 2020, he was a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

Having decided to stand down, he claimed in August 2023 that despite the SNP's problems, Scotland would be independent within ten years.

Jonathan Gullis

Jonathan was Conservative MPs for Stoke-on-Trent North from 2019.

Born in Salisbury, the son of a former school caretaker, he went to a college near Rugby, and studied law at Oxford Brooke University. In 2012-19, he worked as a secondary school teacher at four state schools in Birmingham, where – he later told a journalist – the pupils knew him as 'Grumpy Gullis' because "I never smiled". He was, though, a Head of Year, responsible for the achievement, behaviour and safety of over 250 students.

He oversaw whole school attendance for Years 7 to 11, and was the school trade union representative for the NASUWT.

He was aged 29 when he won his seat, which had been Labour since the constituency was formed in 1950. In Parliament, he was a vocal member of the anti-woke 'Common Sense Group', who criticised Gary Lineker's involvement in politics.

Appointed Minister for School Standards by Boris Johnson, he was Minister of State for seven weeks during the Truss administration. In March 2024, he was appointed Tory Party Deputy Chairman, after Lee Anderson's defection.

Robert Halfon

Robert was Conservative MP for Harlow from 2010.

Born in Westminster, he is the grandson of an Italian Jewish clothing manufacturer, who settled in the UK after being forced out of Libya in 1968. He walks on crutches because of cerebral palsy, which affected him in childhood.

He began work for as a researcher for Conservative MPs after graduating from Exeter University, then was political director of the Conservative Friends of Israel.

After winning Harlow, he was elected to the executive of the 1922 Committee, and began campaigning against high fuel prices, for which he was named Spectator Campaigner of the Year 2013. In 2015-16, he was Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, and Minister without Portfolio attending Cabinet.

He was Minister of State for Apprenticeships and Skills in 2016-2017, and chairman of the Education Select Committee, 2017-2022, and was the 2022 Spectator Backbencher of the Year. In October 2022, Rishi Sunak brought him back into government as Minister of State for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education. He resigned in March and announced that he was standing down.

Matt Hancock

Matt was Conservative MP for West Suffolk from 2010.

He was born in Cheshire, where his family ran a software business. Identified with dyslexia during his first year at Oxford, Matt earned a First in PPE, followed by a master's in economics from Cambridge. He was an economist at the Bank of England, and Chief of Staff to the shadow chancellor, George Osborne.

He was in government from 2012, as minister, and in 2013-15, Minister of State, for innovation and skills, and then a Minister in the Department of Energy, and Minister for Portsmouth, in 2014-2015, Paymaster General in 2015-16, and Minister for Digital Policy at the Department for Culture, 2016-18

He is best known in political circles for having handled the Covid pandemic as Secretary of State for Health in 2018-21, a time he recounted in his book, *Pandemic Diaries* released in December 2022 - though the public may remember better his appearance on *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!* in November 2022, in which he finished third. For this, he lost the Tory whip, which was restored in May 2024.

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Greg Hands

Greg was Conservative MP for Hammersmith and Fulham, 2005-10, and for Chelsea and Fulham from 2010.

Born in New York, to British parents, he lived in the USA until the family moved back to the UK when he was seven years old.

He did a gap year in West Berlin after leaving Dr Challoner's Grammar School in Amersham, in 1985. He joined the Conservative Party while he was at Cambridge, studying Modern History. After university, he worked on trading floors in London and New York.

In 1998 he was elected as a Councillor in Hammersmith and Fulham and from 1999 until 2003 he was Leader of the Conservative council group. He joined the government in 2013, as a Whip, and was Chief Secretary to the Treasury, 2015-16, Minister of State in the Department for International Trade, from 2016.

He resigned in 2018, to vote against a third runway at Heathrow, but was reappointed to his old job by Boris Johnson in 2020. He was Minister of State for Climate Change, 2021-22, then was reappointed Trade minister. He was Chairman of the Conservative Party from February 2023, and Minister for London from November 2023.

Sir Oliver Heald

Sir Oliver was Conservative MP for North Hertfordshire, 1992-97, and for North East Hertfordshire from 1997.

He was born in Reading, and studied law at Pembroke College, Cambridge. While he was training as a barrister, he ran a Southwark youth football team with Clive Efford - now a Labour MP - and started doing free legal work for the Free Representation Unit, which instilled a long-term interest in social and employment issues.

He practised as a barrister for over twenty years. In the late 1970s, he was a speaker with the Hyde Park Tories, the only major political Party to have a presence at Speakers' Corner.

As social security minister responsible for combatting benefit, in 1995-97, he brought in legislation giving more power to fraud investigators. He served on the opposition front bench for 10 years. As Solicitor General in 2012-14, he helped oversee a modernisation of criminal justice with new digital working, work he resumed as Minister for Courts and Justice in 2016-17. He successfully argued for tightening of the laws on Female Genital Mutilation.

He was knighted when he returned again to the back benches in 2014.

Gordon Henderson

Gordon was Conservative MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey from 2010.

Having failed the 11-plus, he left school at 15 and started work as a stockroom assistant in a Woolworths shop in Chatham, where he rose to be a senior store manager. He left Woolworths in 1979 after 15 years with the company, and went through a range of jobs. He and ran his own restaurant in South Africa, and was a senior contracts officer for GEC Marconi, worked for the Unwins wine company in Rochester, and as an operations manager for an alcohol-based gifts company.

He was a councillor on Swale Borough Council for years, and served twice as the council's deputy leader, and was a Kent County Councillor. He first decided that he wanted to be an MP while acting as election agent for George Gale, when he was elected in Thanet North in 1983. When asked in 2010 which non-Conservative politician he admired most, he replied that it was Nigel Farage.

Gordon was 62 years old when first elected to Parliament, and decided to stand down at 76.

Jane Hunt

Jane was Conservative MP for Loughborough from 2019. She has lived in Quorn, in Loughborough constituency, since 1995. Before entering politics, Jane worked in commercial business for 15 years, later moving into the civil service and charity work, and was an adviser to Nicky Morgan her predecessor as MP for Loughborough.

As a backbench MP, she campaigned to have a deadline for the removal of asbestos from all work places, earning praise from the charity Mesothelioma UK.

She was appointed Minister for Small Business in Boris Johnson last reshuffle, in July 2022, but was not reappointed in Liz Truss's government.

In July 2023, it was discovered that she had a cancer tumour 'the size of a satsuma', which was surgically removed in Leicester hospital. She underwent three months of chemotherapy, voting in the Commons by proxy. In November, she went to vote in person, but 'it was too much, too soon' and set back her recovery

Mark Jenkinson

Mark was Conservative MP for Workington from 2019. Raised in Workington, where his father was a refuse collector, after leaving St Joseph's RC Secondary School, he studied agriculture at Newton Rigg College, then joined British Steel as an apprentice. He settled in Seaton village, and worked as a self-employed contractor in the nuclear supply chain.

He was also a parish councillor in both Seaton, where he was Chairman of the council, and in Camerton, and borough councillor for the Seaton and Northside ward, becoming Deputy Leader of Allerdale Borough Council in May 2019.

He was a founder of the Cumbrian branch of UKIP, and their candidate in Workington in 2015, when he took almost 20% of the vote and was praised by Nigel Farage as an "excellent" candidate. He resigned from UKIP in 2016, and in 2019 became only the second Tory MP for Workington since the constituency was formed in 1918.

He was a government Whip in 2022-24, and as backbencher campaigned for the opening of a new coal mine in Cumbria – but that proposal was promptly dropped by the incoming Labour government.

David Jones

David was Conservative MP for Clwyd West from 2005. He was born in London, his parents having earlier moved there from North Wales in connection with his father's career. The family returned to North Wales when he was a young child, and he has spent most of his life living and working in the area. He went to Ruabon Grammar School, then studied law at University College London and the College of Law in Chester. He trained as a solicitor in Ruthin, and established his own legal practice in Llandudno.

When first elected, with a majority of 133, he was one of three Tory MPs in Wales. He was a minister in the Wales in 2010-12, Secretary of State for Wales in 2012-14. During 2016, he led the 'Vote Leave' campaign in Wales. After the referendum, Theresa May appointed him Minister of State for Exiting the EU, but he was replaced by a former Remainer after the 2017 general election.

One of his constituents was Alan Bates, who led the campaign for justice for sub postmasters. In 2024, David called for Bates to be awarded an OBE,

Daniel Kawczynski

Daniel was Conservative MP for Shrewsbury and Atcham from 2005.

Possibly the last ever UK MP to have been born under communism, he came to the UK from Warsaw, with his mother, at the age of six. Brought up in Surrey, he read Business Studies with French and Spanish at Stirling University, where he was president of the university Conservative Association. He worked in telecommunications for ten years as an international account manager, travelling extensively in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

As a new MP, he set up the Dairy APPG to help milk farmers in his constituency. In August 2014, he was appointed David Cameron's adviser on Central and Eastern Europe. He also took on the chairmanship of the APPG on Poland, and he was named the 'Outstanding Pole Abroad of 2016' for promoting trade between the UK and his country of birth. He was also a vocal supporter of the Saudi government, critical of what he called the "extraordinary ignorance and prejudice against Saudi Arabia."

At six foot nine inches, he is reputed to have been Britain's tallest ever MP.

Pauline Latham

Pauline was Conservative MP for Mid Derbyshire from 2010. Born in Sleaford, Lincolnshire, she has lived in Derbyshire since 1970. First elected as councillor for Breadsall Ward (later renamed as Oakwood) on Derbyshire County Council in 1987, she was later a member of Derby City Council. In 2007-8, she was Mayor of Derby.

She was also a Governor of Ecclesbourne School. It was the campaign to save the school's sixth form that drove her to enter national politics, as MP for the newly created seat of Mid Derbyshire.

In January 2020, she received the Ukrainian Order of Merit for her campaign to have the 1932-33 famine recognised as genocide against the Ukrainian people.

In 2022, she successfully piloted a Private Member's Bill through the Commons and into law. The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act raised the minimum legal age for marriage in England to 18, making it a criminal offence to seek to arrange a child marriage.

She has said she will campaign for better patient outcomes for aortic dissection - a rare medical condition that her son, Ben, died from in 2018.

Ian Liddell-Grainger

Ian was Conservative MP for Bridgwater in 2001-10, and for Bridgwater and West Somerset from 2010.

A descendant of Queen Victoria, born in Scotland, he was christened Ian Richard Peregrine, in honour of the falcons that hunted near his childhood home. After leaving Millfield School, in Somerset, he ran a 250-acre farm near the Scottish border, then worked in building and property. In 1991-95, he was a councillor in the Tynedale district of Northumberland.

He was a Major in the Territorial Army, and a consultant to Army Land Command HQ in Salisbury and to the MoD in London, and is still on the reserve list, and keeps in regular contact with his regiment. He has visited Iraq and Afghanistan several times with British forces.

He set up five APPGs, including one on nuclear energy, which he strongly supported. Hinckley C is a major employer in his old constituency. He also chaired the Cider APPG, which promotes one of Somerset's best-known industries.

After his constituency was abolished in the 2023 boundary review, he contested the redrawn seat of Tiverton and Minehead.

Rachel Maclean

Rachel was Conservative MP for Redditch from 2017.

Born in Madras, she studied experimental psychology at Oxford. After graduation, she entered a fast track management scheme in 1989 at HSBC, which involved working in Australia, Japan and China.

She says she became interested in active politics when her teenage daughter encouraged her to stand because she was frustrated with the lack of women MPs. At the time she was a mother of four school age children - now adults - and was building Packt Publishing, which she and her husband, Dave, founded in 2003. Packt, which is headquartered in Birmingham, with offices in Mumbai, is now the UK's largest publisher of IT and technical content.

She was a minister in the Department of Transport, 2020-21, and minister for safeguarding, in the Home Office, but resigned in July 2022, because of the crisis in the Johnson administration. She was Minister for Victims and Vulnerability in the Justice department during Liz Truss's administration, and was brought back into government by Rishi Sunak, in February to November 2023, as Minister of State at the Department for Levelling Up. In November 2023, she was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party, responsible for campaigning, and women.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John McNally

John was Scottish Nationalist Party MP for Falkirk from 2015. A barber by trade from Denny, in Herbertshire, in 2005, he joined the SNP in 2000 and secured a place on Falkirk Council with a 24% swing in a by-election to Herbertshire, to become Denny's first ever SNP councillor.

In 2015, he secured the highest majority -19,701 - for any MP in Scotland, and a record tally of votes for any SNP candidate – 34,831.

Soon after becoming an MP, he suffered classic signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, including headaches, nausea, and other flu-like symptoms, caused by a faulty boiler in the house he was renting in London. Fortunately, there was an ill-fitted window letting fresh air into the property.

In 2017, on the day he first received his state pension, at 65, he spoke in Parliament's Westminster Hall in support of the fate of the WASPI women, born in the 1950s.

In 2017-22, he was SNP spokesman on the Environment.

David Morris

David was Conservative MP for Morecambe and Lunesdale from 2010.

Born in Leigh, Lancashire, the son of an ex-Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander, he spent much of his youth abroad, and went to school in Nassau, Bahamas, Hong Kong and Lowton High School in Greater Manchester.

When he was 21, he was hired as a session guitar player by the music producer, Pete Waterman, who also managed Rick Astley. In 1988, Astley's hit, She Wants to Dance With Me was featured on Tops of the Pops, and David was drafted to mime the role of the key board player.

He was also a friend of the American singer and actor, David Hasselhoff, and in 2011 got his backing for the campaign to save the Morecambe Winter Gardens.

Later, he owned his own hairdressing salon. In November 2011, he presented a ten minute rule bill that would have compelled all the roughly 250,000 hairdressers in Britain to register with the British Hairdressing Council, so that rogue hairdressers could be struck off.

In 2014-19 he was a PPS to ministers in all four parts of the UK.

Andrew Percy

Andrew was Conservative MP for Brigg and Goole from 2010. Born and raised in East Yorkshire, he is the son of a school secretary and a former foundry worker. He was educated at a local comprehensive, then Wyke Sixth Form College in Hull, and York University in York.

He was a local secondary school history teacher in various schools, including in the United States and Canada, and in what he described as some of the toughest schools in Hull. Latterly, he taught at an infant school in Scunthorpe. He was a parish councillor in his home village, Airmyn, near Goole, and was on Hull council in 2000-10.

In Parliament, he was Vice Chair of Conservative Friends of Israel, and defended the Israeli military action in Gaza.

He was Minister for the Northern Powerhouse at the Communities Department in 2016-17. In 2017-19, he was the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Canada.

He was a frequent rebel, who voted with Labour on issues such as loan sharking, Education Maintenance Allowance and student tuition fees, and admitted on GB News that rebelling gave him a "little thrill".

Victoria Prentis (

Victoria was Conservative MP for Banbury from 2015. She was born in Horton, and grew up on the mixed family farm in Aynho, and has always lived in the area. Her father, Tim Boswell, now Lord Boswell of Aynho, was MP for Daventry in 1987-2010.

Having gained degrees in English and Law at Royal Holloway, University of London and Downing College, Cambridge, she qualified as a barrister in 1995. For seventeen years, she worked in the Civil Service as a lawyer, and until November 2014 was head of the Government's Justice and Security team.

She founded the Oxford Hospital Trust's Benefactors' Board, which she chaired for over nine years.

Before the 2016 referendum, she was a founder of Conservatives for Reform in Europe, who campaigned for membership of a reformed EU.

In March 2022, she was the first MP to take in a Ukrainian refugee.

She was a minister in the Environment department, 2020-21, Minister of State for Farming Fisheries and Food, 2021-22, and Minister of State for Work and Welfare in Liz Truss's government. She was Attorney General throughout Rishi Sunak's premiership. She lost Banbury to Labour when Reform took 13% of the vote.

Barry Sheerman

Barry was Labour MP for Huddersfield East, 1979-83, and Huddersfield from 1983.

Born in Sunbury-on-Thames, and educated in Hampton, he graduated from the London School of Economics, and from 1966 to 1979, he was a lecturer at the University of Wales, in Swansea.

He was a shadow minister in 1983-94, and chaired the Education and Skills select committee from 2001 to 2007, and remained chair of the renamed Children, Schools and Families Select Committee until 2010.

In 1993, he co-wrote with Isaac Kramnick, Harold Laski: A Life on the Left

In 1995, he founded Policy Direct, which he chairs, and where he regularly chairs seminar events and research inquiries. It is an all-party group that runs political groups and provides secretarial services for APPGs.

In June 2009, he called for a secret ballot of the Labour Party on whether Gordon Brown should continue as prime minister.

When he decided to stand down, at the age 83, he was the oldest Labour MP – just months younger than the oldest MP, Sir Bill Cash – and the last MP from the 1979 intake still in the Commons.

Henry Smith

Henry was Conservative MP for Crawley from 2010. Born in Epsom, he was educated in schools in Surrey then at University College, London. He ran his own Crawley-based business, and in 1997 was elected to West Sussex County Council. In 2003 he became Leader of the Council. At 34, he was the UK's youngest county leader. He was also Chairman of the South East County Strategic Leaders group

With Gatwick in his constituency, he supported the expansion of the airport, and opposed the second covid lockdown in November 2020, because of the damaging effect of travel restrictions.

His campaigning for animal welfare earned him a personal endorsement from the Queen guitarist Brian May during the 2015 election. He campaigned for a ban on imported foie gras, and on the use of cages for laying hens.

He also campaigned for justice for Chagos islanders, including the large Chagossian community in Crawley, and in 2022 he put up a successful amendment to the Nationality & Borders Bill, which allows descendants of the islanders living in the UK to claim British citizenship.

Alexander Stafford

Alexander was Conservative MP for Rother Valley from 2019. His maternal grandfather was a Polish Ukrainian, who was arrested as a child and deported to Siberia when the Soviet Union invaded in 1939, then volunteered to fight in the war with Germany, though he was probably under age. His grandmother was an East German Pole. Both escaped to the UK.

Alexander grew up in Ealing Broadway, and was part of the Ealing Youth Orchestra and Ealing Youth Choir, and was President of the Oxford University Conservative Association. After graduating, with a history degree, he worked for the World Wildlife Fund and Shell, and for the Tory MPs Andrew Rosindell and Owen Paterson.

He was the first Conservative to represent Rother Valley since the constituency was formed in 1918. As a former Shell employee, he chaired the APPG on Hydrogen. He was Boris Johnson's PPS in July to September 2022. In 2024, he was appointed a Vice President of the Catholic Union, and in May he met the Pope in the Vatican.

Iain Stewart

Iain was Conservative MP for Milton Keynes South from 2010. He grew up in Hamilton, Scotland, went to Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow. In 2012, when he was deputy chairman of the LGBT Tory Group, he said the verbal bullying he suffered at school left him feeling "isolated and introverted".

After graduating with a politics degree in Exeter University, in 1993, he moved to Milton Keynes, for his first job as a trainee accountant with Coopers & Lybrand. Upon moving to Milton Keynes, Iain served for six years as a member of his local parish council – Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe.

He worked on the Board Practice of the Executive Search firm, Odgers, Ray & Berndtson. He also used to run a research unit in Westminster which provides a detailed analysis of Government legislation for its clients, which included members of the Shadow Cabinet. He has written articles and books on political issues.

He was on the Transport Select Committee in 2010-13 and 2015-17, and chaired the committee from November 2022. He was a Whip in 2018-20, and a minister in the Scottish Office, 2020-22.

Anne-Marie Trevelyan

Anne was Conservative MP for Berwick-on-Tweed from 2015. Born in London, she qualified as a chartered accountant working for Price Waterhouse. She moved to Northumberland in 1996, and took Berwick from the Lib Dems with a 8.3% swing.

She was on the Public Accounts Committee in 2015-17 and 2018-19, and was in government as Minister for Defence Procurement from July 2019, Minister of State for the Armed Forces from December 2019, and Secretary of State for International Development from February to September 2020, when her department was merged with the Foreign Office.

While she was on the back benches, she was appointed UK International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency, but returned to government in January 2021 as Minister at the Business Department, and then, from September, as Secretary of State for International Trade, 2021-22. She was Transport Secretary in Liz Truss's government. She was excluded from Rishi Sunak's Cabinet, but stayed in government as Foreign Minister in charge of relations with Indo-Pacific nations.

Edward Timpson

Edward was Conservative MP for Crewe and Nantwich, 2008-17, and Eddisbury, from 2019.

He was born in Knutsford, the son Sir John Timpson, owner of the chain of shoe repair and key-cutting shops, and grew up among more than 80 children fostered by his parents. He studied political sciences at Durham University and law conversion at the College of Law, London, and practised as a family law barrister in Cheshire, specialising in cases of vulnerable children.,

In May 2008, he won a by-election in Labour-held Crewe, the first seat lost by Labour during Gordon Brown's premiership, and the first Tory gain in any by-election since 1982.

As minister for children and families in 2010-12, he increased the age of leaving foster care from 18 to 21, for which he was named 'Minister of the Year' in 2014. In 2015, he was promoted Minister of State for Children, and was Minister of State for Vulnerable Children from 2016, until he lost his seat in the 2017 election.

He was appointed Solicitor General by Boris Johnson in July 2022, and so was the last QC appointed in the reign of Elizabeth II.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Dr Philippa Whitford

Philippa was Scottish Nationalist Party MP for Central Ayrshire from 2015.

Born in Belfast, her parents moved to Scotland when she was 10. After graduating from Glasgow University, she worked as a consultant breast surgeon for more than 18 years. At the age of 30, just after the First Palestinian Intifada, she served for 18 months as a medical volunteer in a United Nations hospital in Gaza.

She joined the SNP in 2012, and took Central Ayrshire off Labour on a swing of nearly 28 per cent. She served on the Health Select Committee in 2015-19, and was the SNP spokesperson on Europe, 2020-22, and Scotland 2022-23.

In July 2023, she announced her intention to quit at the election, saying that “working as an MP has changed, especially after Boris Johnson became Prime Minister and aggression and contempt towards SNP MPs, and indeed Scotland, became the norm. While he has gone his toxic legacy remains.”

In October 2023, she condemned Israel’s military campaign in Gaza, saying that “countering one atrocity with another is completely wrong.”

Craig Whittaker

Craig was Conservative MP for Calder Valley from 2010. Born in Greater Manchester, he went taken to Australia with his parents at the age of five, and stayed until he had completed his higher school certificate, returning in 1984 to settle in Yorkshire. His father was a boiler maker’s son, and his mother was a seamstress.

He worked in retail management, as a branch manager at Wilkinsons for six years, and then retail general manager for PC World in 1998-2009. He was a member of Heptsonstall Paris Council in 1998-2003, and on Calderdale council in 2003-11.

In 2010, he contested in the Labour-held constituency that Liz Truss had tried to win in 2005, and won it on swing of 7.6%.

In 2019, he staged a rooftop protest on top of Todmorden school, in his constituency, when it and Calder High were excluded from the priority building programme.

He was a government Whip from 2017, until September 2019. Reappointed a Whip by Boris Johnson in September 2021, he was Deputy Chief Whip during Liz Truss’s administration.

William Wragg

William was Conservative MP for Hazel Grove from 2015. He grew up in Hazel Grove, and went to state schools in the constituency then to Poynton High School, and obtained a first-class degree in history at Manchester University.

At the age of 23, he was elected as councillor for Hazel Grove, on Stockport Metropolitan Council. He stood down when he was elected an MP, at 27, in a seat held by the Lib Dems for 18 years.

In January 2020, he was elected chairman of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Select Committee. He was also vice chairman of the 1922 Committee

He was a member of the steering committee of the Covid Recovery Group, formed in November 2020 to challenge the use of blanket lockdown measures. On 12 January 2022, he called for Boris Johnson’s resignation over the lockdown breaches in Downing Street. In October 2022, he was among the first Tory MPs to declare no confidence in Liz Truss.

He resigned his positions on the Public Administration committee and the Tory whip, in April 2024.

THE CASUALTIES

By Andy McSmith

Politics can be a cruel business. If hundreds of people lose their jobs in a single day, they can normally expect public sympathy at the very least, if not protests and harsh words about the people who sacked them. But on 4th July, more than 200 MPs were made to stay up late into the night to learn that they had been sacked, and listen to the cheers and celebration as the news was confirmed.

As a knock-on effect hundreds more people, most of whose names are unknown to us, have also lost their jobs, because they were employed by those MPs. And this is written up as a success story.

We can, indeed, be thankful to live in a society where a peaceful transfer of power can take place, in which the losers accept defeat gracefully, and do not shout that the vote was rigged, or whip up a violent protest. All the same, the night's casualties deserve our commiserations and thanks for going into public service in the first place, and good luck in whatever they do next.

Here is a complete list of defeated MPs. The date in brackets indicates when they first entered the Commons. Some have already joined the Association, and more detail of their careers is set out in the preceding pages.

Conservatives (175)

Sir Peter Bottomley (see page 4) The Worthing West result was, theoretically, a 16.7% swing to Labour, partly explained by a lower turn out, and by Reform taking 14.8% of the vote.

Nigel Evans (1992) The deputy speaker held Ribble Valley, which had been Tory with one brief interruption since 1983, but he lost to Labour by 856 votes, when turnout dropped by over 3,000 and Reform took 8,524 votes.

Sir Michael Fabricant (1992) A former vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, and occasional backbench rebel, he was knighted in Boris Johnson's resignations honours, but lost Lichfield to Labour, by 810, after Reform hoovered 9,734 votes.

Sir Liam Fox (1992) Twice a contender for the Tory party leadership, the former Defence Secretary, and International Trade Secretary lost North Somerset by 639 votes when turnout dropped by more than 8,000, and Reform took 5,602.

James Gray (1997) His long career was mostly on the back benches, though he was Shadow Scottish Secretary in 2005, but resigned after saying that the Scottish Parliament should be abolished. He lost the newly created Cotswold South seat in a notional 19.9% swing to the Lib Dems.

Damian Green (1997) A leading One Nation Tory, he was effectively deputy prime minister during Theresa May's tenure, but lost Ashford on a 19.6% swing to Labour when turnout dropped by more than 12,000, and Reform took over 20% of the vote.

Laurence Robertson (1997) The former, long-serving chairman of the Commons Northern Ireland Committee, praised for his defence of victims of the IRA, held Tewkesbury for 25 years before losing to the Lib Dems when turnout fell by more 12,000.

Sir Robert Syms (1997) A former Tory vice-chairman, he pleaded with David Cameron not to quit after the referendum, and was a whip, under Theresa May. He lost Poole to Labour, after multiple recounts, by 18 votes, after turnout dropped by about 6,000 and Reform took 7,429 votes.

Ian Liddell-Grainger (see page 9) His Tiverton & Minehead seat went to the Lib Dems, under changed boundaries. Turnout was down by an estimated 3.7%, and when Reform took 16.4% of the vote.

Andrew Selous (2001) A former Prisons minister under David Cameron, and member of the Conservative Christian Fellowship, he lost the newly created Dunstable & Leighton Buzzard seat to Labour, by 667, when Reform hoovered up more than 8,000 votes

Sir Bill Wiggin (2001) The son of a Tory MP, and a former Secretary of State for Wales, he lost Herefordshire North in a 32.7% swing to the Greens.

Stephen Crabb (2005) The former Welsh Secretary and Work and Pensions Secretary originally won Preseli Pembrokeshire, his home constituency, by 607 votes, and was the youngest of three Tory MPs in Wales. He lost the redrawn Mid Pembrokeshire seat to Labour.

David T.C. Davies (2005) Having opposed devolution for Wales, he was a member of the Welsh Assembly in 1999-2007. He served as a Special Constable for British Transport in 2007-15. Having taken Monmouth from Labour, he lost the redrawn Monmouthshire to Labour when Reform took 10% of the vote.

Sir Philip Davies (2005) An organiser of the Taxpayers' Alliance, serial rebel, who once spoke for 93 minutes to filibuster a Private Member's Bill, and co-presenter on GB News, with his wife Esther McVey, he lost Shipley in a 14.7% swing to Labour.

Tobias Ellwood (2005) The former soldier and foreign and defence minister was an outspoken critic of Boris Johnson, and had the Tory whip taken away for three months in 2022. He lost Bournemouth East to Labour when Reform took 14% of the vote.

THE CASUALTIES

Greg Hands (see page 8) Demographic changes in Chelsea and Fulham brought the Tory majority down at every election, until he lost to Labour, by 152 votes.

Mark Harper (2005) A manual worker's son, he was David Cameron's Chief Whip, who was removed by Theresa May, but brought back as Transport Secretary by Rishi Sunak. He lost the Forest of Dean to Labour, by 278, when more than 8,000 votes went to Reform.

Peter Hollobone (2005) He was a frequent rebel, who believed in bringing back conscription, and hanging, and privatising the BBC. He lost Kettering when Reform took nearly 17% of the vote.

Adam Holloway (2005) A former officer in the Grenadier Guards, and TV journalist. A Brexiteer, in 2023 he was one of six Tories to vote against censuring Boris Johnson. He lost Gravesham to Labour when Reform took 20% of the vote.

Daniel Kawczynski (see page 9) Turn out was noticeably lower in the redrawn Shrewsbury constituency than in his old seat of Shrewsbury and Atcham, and 7,524 votes to Reform.

Dame Maria Miller (2005) She was Culture Secretary and Minister for Equalities in 2012-14, and introduced the legislation that recognised same-sex marriage. She lost Basingstoke in a swing to Labour.

John Penrose (2005) A former banker, management consultant, and publisher, he was a Northern Ireland minister, and the Prime Minister's Anti-Corruption Champion in 2017-22, but resigned after 'partygate'. His seat, Weston-Super-Mare went to Labour.

Douglas Ross (2005) The former leader of the Scottish Tories attracted some criticism for ousting his colleague David Duguid from Aberdeenshire North, which he lost by 942 votes.

Grant Shapps (2005) Having entered Parliament when few MPs had come to terms with the internet, as the former head of a web development company he was appointed Conservative Party chairman in 2012. He was in cabinet continuously from 2019, latterly as Defence Secretary, but lost Welwyn & Hatfield to Labour when 13% of the vote went to Reform. (*shown right*)

Shailesh Vara (2005) The Ugandan-British former Northern Ireland secretary lost North West Cambridgeshire to Labour by 39 votes, when Reform took 8,741.

Theresa Villiers (2005) The former Northern Ireland Secretary was consistently pro-Brexit, though both Northern Ireland, and her seat, Chipping Barnet – long seen as a marginal – were pro-Remain; but rebelled by voting to retain the EU-imposed ban on chlorinated chicken.

Peter Aldous (2010) In 2021, he criticised his own government over cuts in Universal Benefit. In 2022, he called on Boris Johnson to resign. He lost Lowestoft to Labour when Reform took more than 10,000 votes.

Steve Baker (2010) A former RAF engineer, as Chairman of the European Research Group, he was known as the 'hard man of Brexit'. He resigned from Theresa May's Cabinet, where he had run the department for Exiting the EU, helped end bring her down time as Prime Minister. He lost Wycombe to Labour when turnout dropped by more than 10,000

Sir Jake Berry (2010) The former 'Northern Powerhouse' Minister was Liz Truss's choice as Conservative party chairman, but stood down when she resigned. He lost Rossendale and Darwen to Labour, who had held the seat for 18 years from 1992.

Fiona Bruce (2010) An evangelical Christian, appointed the PM's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief by Boris Johnson, she held Congleton, a safe Tory seat since its creation in 1983, but lost to Labour when Reform took 16.4% of the vote.

Robert Buckland (2010) A former part time crown court judge, he was Justice Secretary in the Johnson government and later Welsh Secretary under Johnson and Liz Truss. He lost Swindon South in a 16.4% swing to Labour.

Conor Burns (2010) A 'Catholic Unionist' from Belfast, and friend of Margaret Thatcher, he lost Bournemouth West when Reform took nearly 17% of the vote.

Alun Cairns (2010) A welder's son, the former Welsh Secretary was one of the first MPs to speak Welsh during a Parliamentary debate. He lost Vale of Glamorgan to Labour when Reform took nearly 7,000 votes.

Rehman Chisti (2010) Born in Pakistan, he came to the UK as a six-year-old, and worked briefly as a researcher for Benazir Bhutto. He defected from Labour to the Tories in 2006, but lost Gillingham & Rainham to Labour when Reform took 21.4% of the vote.

Dame Theresa Coffey (2010) Brought into the Cabinet by Boris Johnson, she was Deputy Prime Minister and Health Secretary in Liz Truss's government, and Environment Secretary under Rishi Sunak, but resigned in November 2023, then lost Suffolk Coastal to Labour when Reform took 16% of the vote.

Damian Collins (2010) The former Minister for the Digital Economy, and chair of the Culture Select Committee, lost Folkestone & Hythe to Labour when Reform took nearly 11,000 votes, almost beating him down to third place.

Leo Docherty (2010) A former soldier, serving in the Scots Guards, and defence minister, he lost Aldershot in a 23% swing to Labour when Reform took nearly 17% of the vote.

Dame Jackie Doyle-Price (2010) Raised in Sheffield, where her parents had trouble buying their council house, she was Minister for Mental Health, and the world's first ever Minister for suicide prevention, appointed by Theresa May. She was pushed into third place when Reform took 25% of the vote in Thurrock, behind Labour.

Richard Drax (2010) A former soldier, and journalist, whose family-owned sugar plantations in the Caribbean, he lost Dorset South to Labour after Reform took 16.7% of the vote.

Richard Graham (see page 7) Turn out dropped by more than 8,000, and 16% of the vote went to Reform in his Gloucester seat, which went to Labour.

Simon Hart (2010) The Chief Whip held Carmarthen West for 14 years, when previously it had only ever been Labour, but on redrawn boundaries came third after Plaid and Labour.

Gareth Johnson (2010) He was a Justice Minister in Liz Truss's administration, but not under Rishi Sunak. He narrowly lost Dartford to Labour when 21.4% of the vote went to Reform.

Andrew Jones (2010) A businessman for 25 years, he was a Transport minister in 2018-19. He lost Harrogate and Knaresborough with a 15.8% swing to Labour.

Marcus Jones (2010) The Conservatives' Deputy Chief Whip, who previously was the first Tory to be leader of Nuneaton and Bedworth council, and then was the first Tory MP for Nuneaton since 1992, lost to Labour when Reform took 22 % of the vote.

Jack Lopestri (2010) Having held Filton & Bradley Stoke by nearly 10,000 votes in 2015, and seen off an attempt in the local party to deselect him, he lost by precisely 10,000 votes in a swing to Labour of 17.5%.

Jonathan Lord (2010) A former Director of Saatchi and Saatchi, and deputy leader of Westminster council, his seat, Woking, had been Conservative since its formation in 1950, but fell to a 20% swing to the Lib Dems.

Paul Maynard (2010) The minister for Work and Pensions, who overcame mild cerebral palsy to take the newly created seat of Blackpool North, lost to a 15% swing to Labour.

Jason McCartney (2010) A former TV sports reporter, he lost Colne Valley to Labour in 2017, regained it in 2019, then lost to Labour again when Reform took 15.8% of the vote.

Karl McCartney (2010) Appointed a Transport Minister by Boris Johnson, he was one of six Tory MPs who voted against censuring Johnson in 2023. He lost Lincoln in 2017, regained it in 2019, then lost in a 13.9% swing to Labour.

Johnny Mercer (2010) A former Army captain who entered politics to improve the treatment of veterans, and was Veterans Minister, lost Plymouth Moor View to a former Royal Marine, running for Labour, when Reform took 22.6% of the vote.

Stephen Metcalfe (2010) He was a Brexiteer, in a seat, South Basildon and East Thurrock, which voted more than 70% for Brexit in the referendum, but which was also one of five to be captured by Reform, pushing him into third place, behind Labour.



Robin Millar (2010) A civil engineer, and member of the Conservative 'Common Sense Group' he resigned his position as PPS in 2023 to oppose changes to sex education in Northern Ireland. He lost Aberconwy on redrawn boundaries, coming third behind Labour and Plaid.

Nigel Mills (2010) A chartered accountant, he twice did voluntary service in Tajikistan during recess. He narrowly won Amber Valley off Labour, but 14 years later came third behind Labour and Reform.

Penny Mordaunt (2010) The paratroopers' daughter, who was the first female Defence Secretary, and who, as Lord President of the Council carried the ceremonial sword at the funeral of The Queen, could have been a contender for the Tory party leadership, except that she lost Portsmouth North to Labour, by 780 votes. (*shown above*).

Anne Marie Morris (2010) A former Corporate lawyer, she voted against taking military action in Syria in 2013, lost the whip for six months in 2017, over a careless word, and for four months in 2022 for supporting a VAT cut on energy bills. She lost Newton Abbot to the Lib Dems, when Reform took nearly 18% of the vote.

David Morris (see page 10) On changed boundaries, turn out in Morecambe & Lunesdale was down more than 4%, and Reform took 16.2% of the vote.

James Morris (2010) A former Whip, and Minister for Primary Care, he lost Haleswoen to Labour when 22% of the vote went to Reform.

Sheryll Murray (2010) A Brexiteer, she was among those who called for the resignation of Theresa May, and later Liz Truss. Her husband, a trawlerman, died in a boating accident in 2011. She lost Cornwall South West to Labour after Reform took 18.9% of the vote.

Guy Opperman (2010). A barrister specialising in criminal law, and former Minister for roads and local transport, he lost Hexham, safely Tory since 1924, in a 14.9% swing to Labour.

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Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg (2010) One of the most recognisable faces in politics, he was Leader of the Commons, then Brexit Secretary in the Johnson and Truss administrations, and a presenter on GB News, he stars in a documentary filmed as he lost Somerset North East to Labour, as Reform took 14.5% of the vote. (*shown right*)

David Rutley (2010) A businessman, former Asda executive, and in 2022-24, he was the Foreign minister handling relations with the American continents and UK Overseas Territories. He lost Macclesfield on an 18.6% swing to Labour.

Sir Mark Spencer (2010) The Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries, who was Boris Johnson's Chief Whip took Sherwood from Labour, but lost the renamed Sherwood Forest seat to Labour, when Reform took 23.4% of the vote.

Andrew Stephenson (2010) In 2020-22 he was the Transport Minister in charge of HS2, later a Whip, and Minister for Health and Secondary Care. He lost the redrawn Pendle & Clitheroe seat to Labour by 902, when Reform took over 8,000 votes

John Stevenson (2010) He won Carlisle, which had been Labour since 1964, when the incumbent, Eric Martlew, retired, but lost it to Labour when Reform took 20% of the vote.

Iain Stewart (*see page 10*). It is reckoned that turnout was 7.5% down in the redrawn constituency of Buckingham and Bletchley, won by Labour, where Reform took 15.7% of the vote.

Julian Sturdy (2010) A farmer, he rebelled against Rishi Sunak's government, by voting to speed up compensation for blood contamination victims. He lost Outer York in a 19% swing to Labour, on a reduced turnout.

Justin Tomlinson (2010) He was Minister for the Disabled, and later Tory party vice-chairman under Boris Johnson, and Minister for Energy Security in the Sunak administration. He lost Swindon North when Reform took over 17% of the vote

Liz Truss (2010) She faced down the 'Turnip Taliban' to be selected for South West Norfolk during David Cameron's drive to modernise the party, and supported Remain, but later became a standard bearer for the Brexiteer right, and the short-serving Prime Minister whose free market beliefs spooked the markets. She lost to a Lib Dem, by 630, when turnout fell by more than 7,000, and 9,958 votes went to Reform. (*shown right*)

Heather Wheeler (2010) Appointed a government whip by Boris Johnson, she was one of six Tories to vote against censuring him following an investigation in 2023. She took Derbyshire South after Labour had held it for 13 years, but lost to Labour when 19.6% of the vote went to Reform.

Caroline Ansell (2015) A former teacher, who returned to teaching during Covid, her Eastbourne seat was Conservative for 80 years, until 1990, and has since alternated between the Tories and Lib Dems. She won it twice, and lost it twice.

Jack Brereton (*see page 4*) In one of the closest results of the night, he lost Stoke-on-Trent South to Labour by 627, when Reform took 8,851 votes.

Maria Caulfield (2015) A former NHS nurse, appointed Minister for Primary Care by Boris Johnson, she lost Lewes in a 15.6% swing to the Lib Dems.

Alex Chalk (2015) He joined the Cabinet as Lord Chancellor and Justice Secretary in April 2023, but lost Cheltenham to the Lib Dems, in what used to be a Lib Dem seat. (*shown right*)

Chris Green (2015) He resigned from the government in 2019 over the Covid restrictions, claiming the 'cure is worse than the disease'. His seat, Bolton West, is a 'bellwether' usually held by the governing party.

Dr James Davies (2015) A GP, specialising in treating dementia, he lost the Vale of Clwyd in 2017, regained it in 2019, but lost the redrawn Clwyd East to Labour.

Michelle Donelan (2015) The former Secretary of State for Science and Technology, who first spoke at a Conservative conference at the age of 16, she took Chippenham off the Lib Dems, but then lost to a Lib Dem in the newly created seat of Melksham & Devizes.

Steve Double (2015) He was an environment minister in Boris Johnson's administration, and a whip in Rishi Sunak's but was dropped by Liz Truss. He called for her to resign in October 2022 after she went back on a pledge to ban fracking. He lost St Austell to Labour when Reform took 19.7% of the vote.

Flick Drummond (2015) Born in Yemen, the daughter of a diplomat, and a Remainer, she took Portsmouth off the Lib Dems, but lost to Labour in 2017, then took Meon Valley, which was abolished under a boundary review, and stood against the Lib Dems in Winchester.

Kevin Foster (2015) The son of a labourer in the Devonport Dockyard, he was Transport Minister responsible for railways in Liz Truss's government. He lost Torbay when it was retaken by the Lib Dems.

Lucy Frazer (2015) The Culture Secretary's old seat had been Tory since it was created in 1983, but on redrawn boundaries she lost Ely and East Cambridgeshire to the Lib Dems, by 495 votes.

Marcus Fysh (2015) A former asset manager, who was Minister for Trade in Liz Truss's government, since losing Yeovil in a 26% per cent swing to the Lib Dems, when turnout fell by more than 10,000, he has left the Conservative Party saying it should be dissolved and "put out of its misery".

Luke Hall (2015) The Minister for Regional Growth, and later for Skills in the Sunak government lost Thornbury and Yate to the Lib Dems when Reform took 14% of the vote.

Ranil Jayawardena (2015) He was Environment Secretary while Liz Truss was Prime Minister, but was dropped by Rishi Sunak. He lost North East Hampshire to the Lib Dems by 634, after Reform took 6,673 votes.

Dame Andrea Jenkyns (2015) A Brexiteer, who called for Theresa May to resign, and declared no confidence in Rishi Sunak, but was Skills minister under Liz Truss, she took Morley and Outwood off Ed Balls, but lost the redrawn Leeds South West and Morley to Labour.

Scott Mann (2015) A former junior Environment minister, appointed by Liz Truss, when first elected, he took his oath in the Cornish language. He lost Cornwall North in a 24.9% swing to the Lib Dems.

Dame Amanda Milling (2015) She was appointed Tory party co-Chairman by Boris Johnson, who later dropped her from the Cabinet, but made her a Dame in his resignation honours list. She lost Cannock Chase on a 25.1% swing to Labour.

Victoria Prentis (see page 10) She lost Banbury – held by the Tories since 1922 – to Labour, when Reform took 13% of the vote.

Kelly Tolhurst (2015) She reclaimed Rochester off UKIP, who won a 2014 by-election, and was an Education Minister under Rishi Sunak, but lost to Labour when turnout dropped by more 8,000, and nearly 10,000 votes went to Reform.

Tom Pursgrove (2015) He was the Justice Minister in Rishi Sunak's government in charge of tackling illegal migration. He lost Corby when Reform took 17.7% of the vote.

Sir Jeremy Quin (2015) The former Managing Director of Deutsche Bank, and Paymaster General, lost Horsham to the Lib Dems when Reform took 11% of the vote.

Mary Robinson (2015) She took Cheadle off the Lib Dems, who had held it for 14 years, and tried to bring in legislation to combat economic crime by protecting whistleblowers. The Lib Dems took the seat back on a swing of 14.1%

Amanda Solloway (2015) A former Minister for Energy Security, she took Derby North from Labour, lost it in 2017, and regained it in 2019, finally losing to Labour again when Reform took 18.3% of the vote.

Derek Thomas (2015) A property developer with his own construction business, he took St Ives off the Lib Dems., but they won it back on a swing of 19.2%

Maggie Throup (2015) She was appointed Minister for Vaccines after the Covid pandemic, but was dropped from the government by Liz Truss. She lost Erewash to Labour when Reform took 21.3% of the vote.



Michael Tomlinson (2015) The Home Office Minister in charge of combatting illegal immigration, he lost Mid Dorset on a 16.5% swing to the Lib Dems.

Craig Tracey (2015) Raised in Durham, in a mining family, he increased the Tory vote in the marginal North Warwickshire at each election, until it was over 17,000, but lost when Reform took 10,701 votes.

Anne-Marie Trevelyan (see page 11) In Northumberland North a new seat created under boundary changes, won by Labour turnout fell by around 4% and Reform took 15.7% of the vote.

Matt Warman (2015) The Culture Minister was a Remainer in the UK's most pro-Brexit seat, Boston and Skegness, which he lost to Richard Tice, of Reform.

Craig Williams (2015) He took Cardiff off Labour, but lost in 2017, then won Montgomeryshire in 2019. In 2022, he resigned as a PPS because of the scandals around Boris Johnson. He apologised for the bet he placed on the date of the election, but was knocked into third place behind Reform when Labour took his seat.

Robert Courts (2016) The former barrister, who won Witney in the by-election that followed David Cameron's resignation, was Transport Minister, responsible for maritime and aviation, prior to Liz Truss becoming Prime Minister. He lost Witney to the Lib Dems when Reform took 12.5% of the vote.

Bim Afolami (2017) A member of the centrist Conservative Reform Group, he resigned the deputy chairmanship of the Tory party in July 2022 because of the scandals in the Johnson government, later serving as a Treasury Minister. He lost the redrawn Hitchin constituency in a 17.3% swing to Labour.

Ben Bradley (2017) When he was 27 when he became the first ever Conservative MP for Mansfield, which had been Labour since 1922. From 2021, he was also simultaneously Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council. He lost to Labour when Reform took nearly 23% of the vote.

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Sir Simon Clarke (2017) Awarded a knighthood in Boris Johnson's resignation honours list, the former Levelling Up Secretary warned in February that Rishi Sunak was leading the party into an election in which "we will be massacred". He lost Middlesbrough South to Labour by 214 votes.

Vicky Ford (2017) She was a Foreign Minister, then Development Minister, under Boris Johnson, and Liz Truss, but did not serve in Rishi Sunak's government. Her seat, Chelmsford, had been Tory since 1964, but went to the Lib Dems on a 19% swing

Eddie Hughes (2017) A bus driver's son, he was Boris Johnson's Minister for Housing and Rough Sleeping. He took Walsall North off Labour, and after that seat was abolished, he unsuccessfully contested Tamworth, held by Labour in a by-election in 2023.

Gillian Keegan (2017) The Education Secretary, who first got involved in politics as a councillor in Chichester in her mid-40s, was the first woman MP in a seat held by the Conservatives since 1924, which she lost on 30.9% swing to Labour.

Andrew Lewer (2017) At 27, he was the UK's youngest council leader, heading Derbyshire County Council. He became an East Midlands MEP after the Tories lost control of the council. He lost Northampton South when Reform took 18.7% of the vote.

Rachel Maclean (see page 9) Turn out in Redditch dropped by over 1,700 and Reform took more than 8,500, while Labour won by 789.

Lee Rowley (2017) Having won Derbyshire North East, which had been Labour since 1935, he was appointed Housing Minister by Rishi Sunak, but lost to Labour when Reform hoovered up 17.2% of the vote.

Damien Moore (2017) A former retail manager for Asda, he took Southport off the Lib Dems, but lost to Labour – who had never held the seat in its 139-year history – when Reform took 16.4% of the vote.

Rebecca Pow (2017) A former TV reporter specialising in the environment, farming and gardening, she was Taunton Deane's first female MP, and Minister for Nature, 2022-24. She lost Taunton & Wellington to the Lib Dems.

Bob Seely (2017) A former journalist and soldier, and outspoken critic of the Putin regime, he lost Isle of Wight West to Labour when 17% of the vote went to Reform.

Giles Watling (2017) A former actor, he reclaimed Clacton off UKIP, but never stood a realistic chance of re-election once Nigel Farage decided to be Reform's candidate in his seat.

Sarah Atherton (2019) Having joined the army after leaving school, and served in the intelligence corps, she was the UK's first female MP with a military background, the first female MP in a constituency that had existed since 1918, and Wales's first female Tory MP. She lost Wrexham when Reform took nearly 7,000 votes.

Shaun Bailey (2019) He was a 27-year-old trainee solicitor when he took West Bromwich West off Labour, but after boundary changes lost Tipton & Wednesbury to Labour when Reform took over 25% of the vote.

Siobhan Baillie (2019) A former solicitor and charity sector worker specialising in reducing parental conflict, she was Stroud's first female MP since the seat was created in 1832, but lost in 12.3% swing to Labour. (*shown right*)

Duncan Baker (2019) A former UKIP member, and Conservative leader on North Norfolk council, he resigned his PPS position in July 2022 because of the scandals surrounding Boris Johnson, and lost North Norfolk to the Lib Dems when Reform took 13.5% of the vote.

Simon Baynes (see page) Turn out in North Shropshire was down more than 6,000 compared with 2019, and Reform took 7,687 votes, in a seta the Lib Dems had already taken in a by-election.

Anthony Browne (2019) A former journalist, and Chief Executive of the British Bankers' Association, in July 2022 he called for Johnson's resignation. He lost St Neots & Mid Cambridgeshire to the Lib Dems.

Paul Bristow (2019) He was the first Tory MP to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and condemn the 'collective punishment' of Palestinians, for which he was sacked from his position as a PPS in October 2023. He lost Peterborough to Labour by 118, when Reform took 5,379 votes.

Sara Britcliffe (2019) When she won Hyndburn, which had been Labour since 1992, she was the youngest Tory MP, at 24 - but the seat went back to Labour when Reform took 20% of the vote.

Felicity Buchan (2019) The former Minister for Housing and Homelessness was defending the marginal constituency of Kensington & Bayswater, on redrawn boundaries, and lost to a swing to Labour of just 3.1%

Rob Butler (2019) He was briefly a PPS, but resigned over the scandals around Boris Johnson. His seat, Aylesbury, which had been Conservative since 1929, went to Labour, by 630 votes, when reform took more than 10,000.

Andy Carter (2019) A former journalist, and head of the Guardian Media Group's Welsh broadcasting, he took Warrington South, a Labour marginal, but lost in an 11.4% swing back to Labour.

Miriam Cates (see page 4) Turn out fell by more than 5,000, and Reform took 21.5% of the vote in Penistone & Stocksbridge, which went Labour.

Brendan Clarke-Smith (2019) A former Tory party deputy chairman, he resigned to vote in favour of overriding international law to speed up deportations to Rwanda. He was brought down by a 19.6% swing to Labour.

Theo Clarke (see page 5) In Stafford, which Labour won, turn out was down 7.5%, and Reform took 18.7% of the vote.

Chris Clarkson (2019) He was MP for Heywood and Middleton until the seat was abolished. Angela Rayner apologised for insulting him during a heated Commons debate. He contested Stratford-On-Avon, but lost to a Lib Dem.

Elliot Colburn (2019) He took Carshalton and Wallington off the Lib Dems., who had held it for 27 years, but they have now taken it back.

Virginia Crosbie (2019) Born in Wales, granddaughter of a miner, she was a director of UBS and HSBC, who retrained to become a maths teacher, took Ynys Mon off Labour, only to lose to Plaid by 637 votes.

James Daly (2019) The Conservative Party Deputy Chairman took Bury North off Labour's James Frith by 105 votes, but he took it back after five years.

Sarah Dines (2019) A former Home Office minister and government Whip, she lost her Derbyshire Dales seat to Labour by 350, when Reform took nearly eight thousand votes.

Mark Eastwood (2019) He supported Boris Johnson, who appointed him trade envoy to Pakistan. He took Dewsbury from Labour, but on redrawn boundaries lost Ossert & Denby Dale to Labour when reform claimed 21% of the vote.

Ruth Edwards (2019) She succeeded Ken Clarke, who had held Rushcliffe for 49 years, and resigned her PPS role in July 2022 because of the scandals in the Johnson administration, and lost her seat in as 12.6% swing to Labour. (*shown right*)

Ben Everitt (2019) A former management consultant, he founded an all-party group to try to simplify planning laws and get more houses built, including social housing. He lost Milton Keynes North to Labour when Reform took over 6,000 votes.

Laura Farris (2019) A barrister, former journalist, and One Nation Tory she took the Newbury seat that her father, Sir Michael McNair-Wilson had held in 1974-1992, which was lost to the Lib Dems when Reform took 11% of the vote.



Simon Fell (see page 5) Reform took more than 7,000 votes in Barrow and Furness, which went to Labour. There was also an 8.3% drop in turn out.

Katherine Fletcher (2019) The former Transport Minister and Minister for Women lost South Ribble to Labour when Reform took over 19% of the vote.

Mark Fletcher (2019) He took Bolsover from Dennis Skinner, who held it for 49 years, and in July 2022 resigned from his PPS role in a letter in which he accused Boris Johnson of being "an apologist for someone who has committed sexual assault". He lost Bolsover to Labour when Reform took more than 9,000 votes.

Nick Fletcher (2019) He won Don Valley - Labour since 1922 - but lost the redrawn Doncaster East constituency to Labour when Reform took 21.7% of the vote. A member of the 'Common Sense Group', in 2023 he was one of six Tory MPs to vote against censuring Boris Johnson.

Peter Gibson (see page 6) Labour won back Darlington when Reform took 16.2% of the vote.

Jonathan Gullis (see page 7) Turn out fell by 8.1% and Reform took 24% of the vote in Stoke-on-Trent North, which went back to Labour.

Sally-Ann Hart (2019) A former solicitor and magistrate, focusing on family law, she lost Hastings and Rye, which had been Tory since the seat was created in 1983, in a 12.8% swing to Labour.

Darren Henry (2019) The first Tory MP from a West Indian heritage, he lost Broxtowe on a 12.4% swing to Labour.

Anthony Higginbotham (2019) He was Burnley's first Conservative MP in 109 years, but was beaten down to third place, only a few votes ahead of Reform.

Paul Howell (2019) A fire officer's son, he took Tony Blair's old seat of Sedgefield, which had been Labour since 1935, but in the redrawn Newton Aycliffe & Spennymoor seat, he came third, behind Labour and Reform.

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Jane Hunt (see page 8) Turn out fell by 7.3% Reform took 17% of the vote in Loughborough, which Labour won.

Tom Hunt (2019) A supporter of the anti-woke 'Common Sense Group', who revealed that he had been diagnosed with dyslexia and dyspraxia, he took Ipswich, a swing seat, off Labour but they took it back with a 13.9% swing.

Mark Jenkinson (see page 8) The newly created Penrith & Solway seat went to Labour, when Reform took 15.5% of the vote.

David Johnston (2019) A former CEO of the Social Mobility Foundation, and Children's Minister from 2023, he held Wantage with over 50% of the vote, but lost, after boundary changes, on a 14.9% swing to the Lib Dems.

Fay Jones (2019) She took Brecon and Radnor off the Lib Dems with a large majority, but they won it back under new boundaries.

Simon Jupp (2019) A former broadcast journalist and special adviser, when contesting the redrawn Honiton & Sidmouth, he was up against Richard Foord, who won Honiton in a by-election in 2022, and enjoyed a 32% swing to the Lib Dems.

Kate Kniveton (2019) Her husband, Andrew Griffiths, who preceded her as MP, was involved in a sex scandal. She successfully ran against him in a selection contest, but lost to Labour when Reform took over 20% of the vote.

Robert Largan (2019) He was a Remainer, and One Nation Tory, and former government whip. His seat, High Peak, is generally a bellwether. He won it narrowly, then lost in an 8.6% swing to Labour.

Ian Levy (2019) He took Blyth Valley, a classic 'Red Wall' seat of Blyth Valley, Labour since 1950, but in the redrawn Cramlington & Killingworth constituency he came third, behind Labour and Reform. (*shown right*)

Chris Loder (2019) A former train guard, and a member of the Tory 'Common Sense Group', he took West Dorset, Oliver Letwin's former seat, but lost to an 18.1% swing to the Lib Dems.

Marco Longhi (2019) The son of an Italian airline worker, and President of the anti-woke Turning Point UK, he lost Dudley to Labour when Reform collected 26.4% of the vote.

Cherilyn Mackrory (2015) The wife of a Cornish fisherman, and former PPS in the justice department, she lost Truro & Falmouth in a 12% swing to Labour.

Anthony Mangnall (2019) He took Totnes after his predecessor, Sarah Wollaston, had defected to the Lib Dem., but after a boundary change, lost Devon South in a 19.9% swing to the Lib Dems.

Julie Marson (2019) A former corporate banker, she held Hertford & Stortford with a majority of 19,620, but then lost to Labour, after Reform took 15.4% of the vote.

Holly Mumby-Croft (2019) One of five Tories who broke the Whip in winter 2020 to vote for the extension of free school meals through the holiday, she took Scunthorpe off Labour, who had held it since 1987, but lost to Labour after Reform claimed 21% of the vote.

Lia Nici (2019) A college lecturer and daughter of an Italian restaurateur, she captured a seat that had been Labour since 1945, but in the redrawn Great Grimsby and Cleethorpes constituency she was pushed into third place, behind Labour and Reform.

Tom Randall (2019) His constituency, Gedling, which is also his home town, was a safe Tory seat until Labour won it in 1997. He narrowly won in 2019, but lost in a 14.4% swing to Labour.

Angela Richardson (2019) A deputy chair of the Conservative Party since March 2024, who resigned as PPS in protest over Downing Street's breaches of Covid restrictions, she lost Guildford to the Lib Dems. (*shown right*)

Dean Russell (2019) He initiated the Bill that would prevent employers from pocketing tips intended for their staff. His seat, Watford, which he lost to a 6.7% swing to Labour, has been a bellwether since Labour took it in 1945.

Gary Sambrook (2019) He took Birmingham Northfield after Labour had held it for 27 years, but Labour regained it when Reform took over a fifth of the vote. In July 2022, he publicly called upon Boris Johnson to resign, having previously criticised him for breaking Covid restrictions

Selaine Saxby (2019) Appointed a PPS, she resigned in July 2022 in protest at the scandals in the Johnson administration. During the election, she suffered being bitten by a dog while canvassing, then losing Devon North in a 19.9% swing to the Lib Dems.



Alexander Stafford (see page 11) (2019) The grandson of Polish refugees, he took Rother Valley, which had been Labour for 106 years, and briefly was Boris Johnson's PPS, but lost his seat by 998 when Reform took 7,679 votes. He lost by 998 when Reform took 7,679 votes.

Jane Stevenson (2019) A former classical singer, who performed solo soprano, she became an MP for her home city, but resigned her PPS role in January 2024 to vote for an amendment that would have prevented international law being invoked to block deportations to Rwanda. She lost Wolverhampton North East when Reform took 23.2% of the vote.

James Sunderland (2019) His Bracknell seat was Conservative throughout the years of Labour government, but he lost by 784 votes after strong showing by Reform.

Suzanne Webb (2019) She was Liz Truss's PPS during her premiership, then a whip in the Sunak government, but lost Stourbridge to Labour when Reform took almost 20% of the vote.

Jacob Young (2019) At the age of 26, he was Redcar's first ever Conservative MP, a 'socially liberal Thatcherite' who resigned his position as a PPS because of the scandals in the Johnson government. He lost to Labour when Reform took 19% of the vote.

Jill Mortimer (2021) A farmer and trainee barrister, she won Hartlepool in a by-election, a result so sensational that Kier Starmer considered resigning, but she came third, behind Reform, when Labour retook the seat.

Anna Firth (see page 6) The redrawn Southend West & Leigh constituency went to Labour when Reform took 17.6% of the vote.

Steve Tuckwell (2023) A former manager of Royal Mail, he narrowly won the by-election in Uxbridge triggered by Boris Johnson's resignation, then lost by 587 when Reform took more than 6,000 votes.

Labour (4)

Khalid Mahmood (2001) The longest serving Muslim MP was one of the political casualties of the war in Gaza, unseated in Birmingham Perry Barr by a pro-Palestinian independent.

Jon Ashworth (2011) The Shadow Paymaster General's defeat was Labour's biggest shock of election night. He lost by 979 votes to an Independent who declared "this is for Gaza".

Thangam Debbonaire (2015) A former classical cellist, she was in line to be Culture Secretary, but her defeat in a 14% swing to the Greens in Bristol West was widely predicted.

Kate Hollern (2015) In a seat held for Labour since 1945, by Barbara Castle and Jack Straw, she was another casualty of the Gaza war, losing by 132 votes to a pro-Palestinian independent.

SNP (26)

Diedre Brock (2015) When she took Edinburgh North and Leith, she was the first SNP MP and the first woman MP for that part of Edinburgh. She was unseated by an 18.4% swing to Labour.

Alan Brown (2015) He took Kilmarnock and Loudoun off Labour with a swing of 26%, but lost it to Labour on a 22% swing.

Joanna Cherry (2015) She was sacked from the SNP front bench in 2021, accused of not being a team player, after she had criticised the party's position on gender. She lost Edinburgh South in an 8.2% swing to Labour.

Ronnie Cowan (2015) He lost the redrawn Inverclyde & Renfrewshire West constituency in a 17.5% swing to Labour.

Martyn Day (2015) Under changed boundaries, he lost Linlithgow on a 22% swing to Labour.

Martin Docherty-Hughes (2015) Labour lost West Dunbartonshire to him on a swing of 34% to the SNP, but achieved an 18.1% swing to win it back.

Marion Fellows (2015) She took Motherwell and Wishaw from Labour, but after boundary changes, lost to an 18.3% swing to Labour.

Patricia Gibson (2015) She took North Ayrshire from Labour, but lost it on a swing of 21.5%.

Stewart McDonald (2015) He was aged 28 when he scored a 28.3% swing to take Glasgow South off Labour. The SNP took all seven Glasgow seats off Labour, but Labour has now taken them all back. The swing against McDonald was 14.3%.

Stuart McDonald (2015) He took Cumbernauld & Kirkintilloch off Labour with a swing of more than 31%, but eventually lost on a smaller swing, 17.5%, back to Labour

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Anne McLaughlin (2015) She took Glasgow North East off Labour, lost it in 2017, regained it in 2019, then lost on an 11.8% swing to Labour.

Carol Monaghan (2015) A physics teacher, she took Glasgow North West from Labour on a swing of more than 30%, but lost a redrawn Glasgow West on an 18.4% swing back to Labour.

Gavin Newlands (2015) He won Paisley and Renfrewshire North on a 26.5 swing to the SNP, but eventually lost to a 20.2% swing to Labour.

John Nicolson (2015) He lost his original seat in 2017, but switched to Alloa & Grangemouth, which looked safe, but saw a 26.6% swing to Labour. (*shown below*)

Kirsten Oswald (2015) She took East Renfrewshire off Labour in 2015, lost to a Tory in 2017, regained the seat in 2019, then lost to a 25% swing to Labour.

Chris Stephens (2015) He took Glasgow South West off Labour in a swing 35% swing, but

Alison Thewliss (2015) She took Glasgow Central off Anas Sarwar, the current Labour leader in Scotland, but lost the redrawn Glasgow North constituency on an 11.8% swing to Labour.

Owen Thompson (2015) At the age of 27, he was Scotland's youngest councillor. He won Midlothian in 2015, to Labour in 2017, won it back in 2019, but lost again to Labour on a 15.2% swing.

David Linden (2017) His Glasgow East constituency has alternated between Labour and the SNP He lost on a 13% swing to Labour.

Steven Bonnar (2019) His Coatbridge & Belshill seat was solidly Labour until the SNP took it in 2015. Labour regained in 2017, and have won it again, on a 13.7% swing

Amy Callaghan (2019) She took East Dunbartonshire off the Lib Dem leader, Jo Swinson, but on redrawn boundaries, lost to the Lib Dems.

Allan Dorans (2019) He took Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock back off the Tories, but lost it in a 20% swing to Labour.

Tommy Sheppard (2019) A former Labour Party full time official, he joined the SNP in 2014 and won Edinburgh East, losing to Labour on redrawn boundaries.

Alyn Smith (2019) He took Stirling off the Tories, but lost in a 22.5% swing to Labour.

Richard Thomson (2019) He narrowly won Gordon from the Conservatives, then lost the redrawn constituency of Gordon & Buchan to a Tory, by 878 votes.

Anum Qaisar (2021) She won Airdie and Shotts in a byelection, becoming Scotland's second Muslim woman MP, but lost heavily to Labour

Ex-SNP (3)

Angus MacNeil (2005) One of the SNP's most experienced MPs, he was highly critical of Nicola Sturgeon and left or was expelled in 2023 after rowing with the Chief Whip. Running for re-election as an independent in Na h-Eileanan an Iar, he came third behind Labour and the SNP.

Neale Hanvey (2019) He took Gordon Brown's former seat of Cowdenbeath & Kirkcaldy as a former SNP candidate, disowned by the party over alleged anti-semitism, then switched to Alba, and came seventh in a field of eight

Kenny MacAskill (2019) He won East Lothian for the SNP, then switched to Alba, and ran in Alloa & Grangemouth, coming eighth in a field of nine.

DUP

Ian Paisley (2010) He and his father held North Antrim for 54 years, until he lost narrowly to Jim Allister of Traditional Unionist Voice

Paul Girvan (2017) Since 2000, his former seat of South Antrim has alternated between the DUP and UUP.

Other

George Galloway (1987) He has been an MP under various party labels in Glasgow, Bradford, London, and Rochdale which he won in a by-election, but lost to Labour four months later.

Andrew Bridgen (2010) Expelled from the Conservative Party for likening the Covid vaccination programme to the Holocaust, he ran for re-election in North West Leicestershire as an independent and gave sixth, with 3.2% of the vote.

Stephen Farry (2019) The Deputy Leader of Northern Ireland's Alliance Party was the first MP since 1901 to deliver a maiden speech in Gaelic, and was under threat from loyalist paramilitaries. He lost North Down to an independent Unionist.

Claudia Webbe (2019) Prevented from running as a Labour candidate, she ran for re-election in Leicester East as an independent, and won 5,532 votes. (*shown below*)





In The Scotland Office in Edinburgh with Professor Sir John Curtice our guest speaker again

We all know the result now, but in the run up to any election it is a fascinating sport to predict the outcome and it grabs all of our attentions.

It is also extremely demanding on those providing these comments and the reasons behind their conclusions. We were therefore extremely pleased that John, one of the UK's top pollsters, was able to find time to meet with branch members.

John provided his interpretation on his findings up to the mid-June point in time, highlighting the pressures on both the SNP and the Conservatives and the likely benefits to Labour, Lib Dems and Reform.

A huge thank you to John for his presentation and giving up his time to the branch, it is hugely appreciated.

IT issues that we had on the day which prevented us from streaming the event to other branch and Association members will I am sure be overcome as we move forward.

This is an important challenge to us as we take steps to ensure we are as accessible as possible to all our members and thank you to Lawrie Quinn for his attendance and expertise.

Since the election we are delighted that the Association has had a significant growth in membership and as a result we currently have 4 new members who have either joined or are in the process of joining the Scottish branch.

It is also rewarding to see SNP members joining the Scottish branch creating a greater representation of former members in Scotland and from speaking to some of our new members I am hopeful that as other former members work through the leaving process we will see even more recruits to the branch.

Since the general election I have been in contact with Ian Murray, the new Secretary of State for Scotland and he has agreed that the branch can continue to use The Scotland Office in Edinburgh for our meetings. We are delighted that Ian has agreed to our request.

I have also made contact with the Association of Former Members of the Scottish Parliament and an exploratory meeting with officers of that Association has been agreed, to determine if we can, on occasion, in the future, work together, whilst

maintaining our different identities. I will report back on this in the next edition of Order! Order!.

The current Executive will also keep members advised of developments in respect of branch elections as soon as possible.

We will continue to develop our meeting schedule for the remainder of the year and hopefully we will be able to continue to secure high profile speakers to talk to us on what the political landscape post the general election looks like for us all.

As usual, should any of our membership have speaker suggestions or comments, please contact me on Gordonebanks@cartmore.com as interaction is always appreciated.

As a reminder our current Executive Committee members are:

Gordon Banks–Chair
Sir Michael Hirst–Vice Chair
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