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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM 2002: BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES

Anthony James McNulty

Elected Labour MP for Harrow East at the 1997 General Election. Born 3 November 1958, educated at Salvatorian College, Wealdstone; Stanmore Sixth Form College; Liverpool University and Virginia Poly Inst and State University. Before election to the House of Commons he was Principal Lecturer in Organisational Behaviour at the University of North London. Unsuccessfully contested Harrow East 1992. Harrow councillor (Stanmore South ward) 1986-97.

In June 2009 resigned as Minister for London and Minister of State at the Department for Work and Pensions following controversy surrounding expenses claimed on his second (constituency) home where his parents also lived. The Parliamentary Standards Committee reported that he had received mistaken advice from the Fees Office. He was asked to apologise to the House of Commons and repay £13,837. Defeated at the 2010 General Election.

Robert John Blackman

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow East at the 2010 General Election. Born 26 April 1956, educated at Preston Manor High School and Liverpool University. Regulatory Compliance Manager for British Telecom. Unsuccessfully contested Brent South (1992), Bedford (1997) and Brent North (2005). Brent councillor (Preston ward) 1986-2010, being Leader of the Council (1991-96) and Deputy Leader (2006-10). GLA member for Brent and Harrow 2004-08, unsuccessfully contesting the seat 2000 and 2008. A season ticket holder at Tottenham Hotspur FC, he includes playing chess and bridge amongst his hobbies.

Gareth Richard Thomas

Elected Labour MP for Harrow West at the 1997 General Election. Born 15 July 1967, educated at Hatch End High School and Lowlands College; then at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Thames Polytechnic and King's College, London. A school teacher. Harrow councillor (Wealdstone ward) 1990-97. Chair of the Co-operative Party since 2000 and President of the 2003 Co-operative Congress.

(The Honourable) Nicholas Richard Hurd

Elected Conservative MP for Ruislip-Northwood at the 2005 General Election and for the new constituency of Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner at the 2010 General Election. Born 13 May 1962, educated at Eton College and Oxford University. A small businessman, in 2002 set up the Small Business Network to advise the Conservative Party. He was the fourth generation of the male-line in his family to enter the House of Commons; his father was former Conservative cabinet minister Douglas Hurd. Announced September 2019 that he would retire at the next General Election.

David Timothy Simmonds

Elected Conservative MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner at the 2019 General Election. At the time of his election he was deputy leader of Hillingdon Council, having been a councillor for Ickenham ward since 2002 and previously for Cowley ward 1998-2002. Born 22 February 1976, early education in state schools in Pontypridd and later at Durham University, Birkbeck (University of London) and De Montford University. Professional background in finance, working for high street banks. Unsuccessfully contested Caerphilly (2001) and Erewash (2005).