

Appendix E

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS: BOUNDARIES AND POLLING DATES

Following the Redistribution of Seats Act 1885, Parliamentary boundaries were redrawn in time for the 1885 General Election. The whole of the current area of the modern London Borough of Harrow was contained within the **Middlesex, Harrow** division. This division, incorporating a large part of the County of Middlesex, existed until the 1918 General Election and comprised, according to the 1890 *Register of Electors*, the following polling districts:

	Polling District	Comprising
A.	Child's Hill	The Child's Hill ward in the Parish of Hendon
B.	Edgware	The Parish of Edgware The Parish of Great Stanmore The Parish of Kingsbury The Parish of Little Stanmore
C.	Hampstead	The Parish of St. John, Hampstead *
D.	Harlesden	The West Willesden ward in the Parish of Willesden The Parish of Twyford Abbey
E.	Harrow	That part of the Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill known as the Urban Sanitary District (not comprised in the Sudbury polling place) That part of the Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill known as the Rural Sanitary District (not comprised in the Sudbury polling place) The Hamlet of Pinner That part of the Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill, known as Sudbury (not comprised in the Harrow polling place)
F.	Mill Hill	The Mill Hill ward in the Parish of Hendon The Central ward in the Parish of Hendon
G.	Paddington	The Parish of St. Marylebone † The Parish of Paddington †
H.	St. Pancras	The Parish of St. Pancras ‡
I.	Willesden	The East Willesden ward in the Parish of Willesden The North Kilburn ward in the Parish of Willesden The South Kilburn ward in the Parish of Willesden

* No occupation voters. Ownership voters, and those registered by the Revising Barrister to vote at Hampstead, only.

† No occupation voters. Ownership voters, and those registered by the Revising Barrister to vote at Paddington, only.

‡ No occupation voters. Ownership voters, and those registered by the Revising Barrister to vote at St. Pancras, only.

By 1891 the Harrow polling district had been reorganised in to four polling districts as follows:

	Polling District	Comprising
a.	Harrow (Urban)	The District of the Harrow Local Board in the Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill
b.	Pinner	The Hamlet of Pinner
c.	Sudbury	The Ecclesiastical District of St. John, Wembley, in the Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill
d.	Wealdstone	Those parts of the Parish of Harrow-on-the-Hill not included in the Harrow (Urban) and Sudbury polling districts

As a result of the Representation of the People Act 1918, there was a wholesale revision of Parliamentary boundaries. The Harrow area was now covered by parts of two constituencies, the boundaries of which remained in force from the 1918 General Election up to (but not including) the 1945 General Election:

The **Middlesex, Harrow** division, as constituted in 1918, contained the Urban Districts of:

- Harrow-on-the-Hill [Abolished on 1 April 1934 and became part of Harrow UD.]
- Wealdstone [Abolished on 1 April 1934 and became part of Harrow UD.]
- Greenford [Abolished in October 1926 and became part of Ealing MB.]
- Hanwell [Abolished in October 1926 and became part of Ealing MB.]
- Wembley [Became Wembley MB in 1937.]

The **Middlesex, Hendon** division, as constituted in 1918, contained the Rural District of:

- Hendon [Edgware Parish became part of Hendon UD on 1 April 1931. The remainder was abolished on 1 April 1934 and became part of Harrow UD.]

and the Urban Districts of:

- Hendon [Enlarged on 1 April 1931 by the addition of Edgware Parish. Became Hendon MB in 1932.]
- Kingsbury [Abolished on 1 April 1934 and became part of Wembley UD. Electors from this area continued to vote in the Hendon division.]

When the South Harrow Recreation Ground and Mount Park areas of Northolt Parish of Uxbridge RD were transferred to Harrow-on-the-Hill UD on 1 October 1928 the electors concerned continued to vote in the **Middlesex, Uxbridge** division.

Polling dates for the General Elections were as follows:

Election	Date	
1885	24 November - 18 December	[Friday 4 December]
1886	1 July - 27 July	[Tuesday 6 July]
1892	4 July - 26 July	[Monday 11 July]
1895	13 July - 7 August	[Saturday 13 July]
1900	1 October - 24 October	[Thursday 4 October]
1906	12 January - 8 February	[Monday 22 January]
1910 (J)	15 January - 10 February	[Monday 24 January]
1910 (D)	3 December - 19 December	[Monday 5 December]
1918	Saturday 14 December	
1922	Wednesday 15 November	
1923	Thursday 6 December	
1924	Wednesday 29 October	
1929	Thursday 30 May	
1931	Tuesday 27 October	
1935	Thursday 14 November	

Between 1885 and 1910 polling for a Parliamentary General Election did not take place on a single day throughout the country, but typically over a two to three week period. The dates in square brackets show the actual date of polling in the Harrow division, or, in the case of an unopposed return, the nomination date.

In Appendix F which follows, the voting figures for the Harrow division before 1918 are based on those in F.W.S. Craig, *British Parliamentary Election Results, 1885-1918*, (2nd ed.), Dartmouth, Aldershot, 1989.

The voting figures for the Harrow and Hendon divisions from 1918 are based on those in F.W.S. Craig, *British Parliamentary Election Results, 1918-1949*, (rev. ed.), Macmillan, London and Basingstoke, 1977. (Results for the Middlesex, Uxbridge division can be found on page 429.)

The information supplied by Craig has been enhanced and expanded from local sources.

Election results for Members of Parliament for Middlesex prior to 1885 can be found in:

- F.W.S. Craig, *British Parliamentary Election Results, 1832-1885*, Macmillan, London and Basingstoke, 1977.
- Henry Stooks Smith, *The Parliaments of England from 1715 to 1847*, (2nd ed.), Political Reference Publications, Chichester, 1973.
- *Crosby's Parliamentary Record of Elections in Great Britain and Ireland*, George Crosby, Leeds, 1848.