

Appendix P

THE 1977 REGISTER OF ELECTORS: INTRODUCTION AND POLLING DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Scope

The *Register* contained the names, in street order, of all persons entitled to vote at Parliamentary and Local Government elections. The 1977 *Register* was the last to be compiled using the ward boundaries first introduced for Harrow's 1949 council election. It was strikingly similar to the 1953 *Register* that was discussed and analysed in *Harrow Votes: The Urban District of Harrow 1934-1953*. Polling districts in the majority of wards were still assigned the same letters; additionally, the polling places were often the same.

The 1977 *Register* was issued by R. Hill, Electoral Registration Officer for the London Borough of Harrow, from his department at the Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow.

Dates

The qualification date to be included in the *Register* was 10 October 1976. It came into force on 16 February 1977 and was valid until 15 February 1978.

Qualifications

The principle requirement for inclusion in the *Register* was a simple one of residency on a certain date. There was also a 'Service' qualification for members of the armed forces and other persons outside the state on diplomatic or other Crown business; there was an additional qualification for Merchant Seamen.

The electorate for Local Elections was essentially the same as that for Parliamentary Elections: by 1977 non-resident qualifications had been abolished. Persons liable for jury service were no longer marked.

Marked Names

- S** Printed before the name indicated a Service voter.
- L** Printed before a name indicated a Peer or Peeress (other than an Irish Peer) and not entitled to vote in respect of that entry at a Parliamentary Election.
- M** Printed before the name indicated a Merchant Seaman.

An example of a rare 'L' name was Sidney F. Greene, entry CA1705 at 26 Kynaston Wood in the *Register* for Harrow Weald ward. Greene, who had been General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) from 1957 to 1975, was created Baron Greene of Harrow Weald in 1974.

Dated Names

The Representation of the People Act 1969 extended the franchise to 18 to 20 year olds. A number printed immediately before an elector's name indicated the eighteenth birthday of the voter, meaning that they had reached voting age on that day, and would be able to vote at elections held on or after that day. Therefore a marking of 6/7 meant that the elector would be able to vote at elections held on or after 6 July 1977 whilst one of 15/1 meant that the elector would be able to vote at elections held on or after 15 January 1978.

The number of dated names found in the *Register* for a typical ward — Stanmore South — is shown below:

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u> (Electors 15/2/78)	<u>Dated</u> <u>Names</u>	<u>% Dated</u> <u>Names</u>	<u>Electors 16/2/77</u>
B	1,558	16	1.01	1,542
BA	1,469	17	1.16	1,452
BB	2,202	19	0.86	2,183
BC	2,786	26	0.93	2,760
Ward Totals	8,015	78	0.97	7,937

Polling District Analysis

In this Appendix abbreviations have their usually accepted meanings, except for: F&M (First and Middle).

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
Belmont [1]	A	2,335	Stanburn F&M School, Abercorn Road
	AA	1,734	Park High School, Thistlecroft Gardens
	AB	932	St Anselm's Church Hall, Uppingham Avenue
	AC	1,397	St Thomas' RC School, Marsh Lane
	AD	1,661	Belmont Assembly Hall, Kenton Lane
<i>Total</i>		<i>8,029</i>	
Harrow-on-the-Hill & Greenhill [2]	G	2,350	Trinity Church Harrow Hall, Angel Road
	GA	519	Gayton High School, Gayton Road
	GB	881	Lowlands Sixth Form College, Lowlands Road
	GC	2,203	Roxeth F&M School, Roxeth Hill
	GD	1,534	St Andrew's Institute, 103 Greenford Road
<i>Total</i>		<i>7,487</i>	
Harrow Weald [3]	C	1,719	Harrow Weald Institute, Uxbridge Road
	CA	3,411	Harrow College FE Annexe, High Road
	CB	3,245	Cedars F&M School, Whittlesea Road
	CC	1,292	Hatch End High School, Tillotson Road
	CD	822	Weald F&M School, Robin Hood Drive
<i>Total</i>		<i>10,489</i>	
Headstone [4]	L	4,163	St George's Church Hall, Pinner View
	LA	2,785	Pinner Park F&M School, Headstone Lane
	LB	1,383	North Harrow Assembly Hall, Station Road
<i>Total</i>		<i>8,331</i>	
Kenton [5]	F	2,623	Priestmead F&M School, Hartford Avenue
	FA	2,356	Kenton Baptist Church Hall, Streatfield Road
	FB	2,201	St Mary's Church Hall, Kenton Road
	FC	2,253	Kenton Library, Kenton Lane
<i>Total</i>		<i>9,433</i>	
Pinner North & Hatch End [6]	M	2,218	Hatch End Free Church Hall, Rowlands Av
	MA	626	Grimsdyke F&M School, Sylvia Avenue
	MB	2,255	St Anselm's Church Hall, Hillview Road
	MC	2,470	Pinner Wood F&M School, Latimer Gdns
	MD	2,940	Pinner Methodist Church Hall, Love Lane
	ME	1,361	Pinner Centre, School Lane, off Marsh Road
	MF	750	Nower Hill High School, Pinner Road
	MG	1,862	Pinner Assembly Hall, Chapel Lane
MH	2,008	Junction Link Way / Woodhall Gate	
<i>Total</i>		<i>16,490</i>	
Pinner South [7]	N	1,086	Nower Hill High School, Pinner Road
	NA	3,022	St Alban's Church Hall, Norwood Drive
	NB	3,780	Longfield F&M School, Dukess Avenue
	NC	3,135	Cannon Lane F&M School, Cannonbury Av
	ND	1,453	The Vagabonds Pavilion, Holwell Place
<i>Total</i>		<i>12,476</i>	

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
Queensbury [8]	E	1,812	Kenmore Park F&M School, Moorhouse Road
	EA	2,523	Queensbury Circle, Queensbury
	EB	2,267	Glebe F&M School, D'Arcy Gardens
	EC	1,952	Church Hall, Mission Church of the Holy Spirit, Kenton Road
	<i>Total</i>	<i>8,554</i>	
Roxbourne [9]	O	3,047	Rayners Lane Assembly Hall, Rayners Lane
	OA	2,632	Roxbourne F&M School, Torbay Road
	OB	2,884	St Andrew's Church Hall, Malvern Avenue
	OC	108	Castleton Road, Eastcote
	OD	699	Roxeth Centre, Scott Crescent
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,370</i>		
Roxeth [10]	P	5,051	Roxeth Manor F&M School, Eastcote Lane
	PA	1,429	Scout Hut, adjacent Railway Arches, off Roxeth Green Avenue
	PB	3,152	Welldon Park Middle School, Wyvenhoe Rd
	PC	1,049	Junction The Heights / Gaylor Road, Northolt
	<i>Total</i>	<i>10,681</i>	
Stanmore North [11]	D	1,491	Woodlands Communal Room, Binyon Cres
	DA	924	Wykeham Hall, Bishop Ken Road
	DB	2,080	St Thomas' RC School, Marsh Lane
	DC	2,410	St John's CofE School, Stanmore Hill
	DD	1,094	Synagogue Community Centre, London Road
	DE	2,407	Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Road
	DF	762	Communal Building, Sullivan Way, Elstree
	DG	1,870	Aylward F&M School, Pangbourne Drive
	DH	1,986	Micklem Hall, Church House, Old Church Ln
<i>Total</i>	<i>15,024</i>		
Stanmore South [12]	B	1,558	Whitchurch Edgware Boys Club, Methuen Rd
	BA	1,469	Canons High School, St David's Drive
	BB	2,202	Edgware & District Ex-Service Men's Club, Bacon Lane
	BC	2,786	Stag Lane F&M School, Collier Drive
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,015</i>		
Wealdstone North [13]	J	2,607	Mountview High School, Fisher Road
	JA	1,885	Broadway Clinic, The Broadway
	JB	2,034	Whitefriars F&M School, Whitefriars Avenue
	JC	1,738	Youth Centre, Grant Road
	JD	954	Wealdstone Brotherhood Hall, Masons Av
	JE	1,313	Sancroft Road Assembly Hall, Sancroft Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,531</i>		
Wealdstone South [14]	K	1,773	Communal Room, Churchill Place, Princes Dr
	KA	1,489	Caryl Thomas Clinic, Headstone Drive
	KB	1,568	The Clinic, junction Elmwood Av / Francis Rd
	KC	1,294	Gayton High School, Gayton Road
	KD	1,955	Trinity Church Harrow Hall, Hindes Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,079</i>		
West Harrow [15]	H	1,964	West Harrow Library, Pinner Road
	HA	2,740	School Building, Wilson Road
	HB	2,051	Whitmore High School, Porlock Avenue
	HC	1,653	Grange F&M School, Welbeck Road
	HD	1,461	Roxeth Parish Hall, Northolt Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>9,869</i>		