

WEST HARROW [15]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1934	5,044	39.7	+Arthur Buttle	RResA	1,405	70.1
			Albert C. Andrews	RResA	1,193	59.6
			Ernest L. Cridford	RResA	1,173	58.6
			+John S. Bleasby	Ind	562	28.1
			William P. Coman	Lab	454	22.7
			Arthur W. Morrow	Lab	424	21.1
1935	5,405	38.0	Ernest L. Cridford	RResA	828	40.3
			Arthur O'Loughlin	Ind RRes	614	29.9
			George L. Brooks	Lab	<u>613</u>	<u>29.8</u>
					214	10.4
1936	5,794	26.8	Albert C. Andrews	RResA	855	55.1
			George L. Brooks	Lab	<u>697</u>	<u>44.9</u>
					158	10.2
[Buttle retires from the Council]						
1937	6,251	37.6	Arthur O'Loughlin	RResA	1,424	60.6
			Wolf Aukin	Lab	<u>924</u>	<u>39.4</u>
					500	21.2
1938	6,799	40.1	Ernest L. Cridford	RResA	1,391	51.2
			John A. Turner	Lab	<u>1,325</u>	<u>48.8</u>
					66	2.4
1939	7,355	41.6	John A. Turner	Lab	1,429	46.8
			John S. Bleasby	RResA	907	29.7
			Albert C. Andrews	Ind RRes	<u>719</u>	<u>23.5</u>
					522	17.1
1946	11,160	35.6	Henry H. Maddocks	C	1,880	47.4
			Albert E. Soones	Lab	1,637	41.3
			Arthur O'Loughlin	Ind R	<u>448</u>	<u>11.3</u>
					243	6.1

[Cridford contests Harrow-on-the-Hill and Greenhill ward. Resignation of Maddocks]

1947	11,203	40.9	Ernest C. Clear Hill	C	2,579	56.3
			Ivan F. Luckin	C	2,579	56.3
			Albert E. Soones	Lab	1,322	28.9
			Winifred M.M. Milner	Lab	1,204	26.3
			Horace Boyce	Ind R	560	12.2
			Arthur O'Loughlin	Ind R	394	8.6

[Turner retires from the Council]

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1948	11,329	47.0	Walter T. Lee	C	3,449	64.9
			Sydney C. Mansell	Lab	<u>1,868</u>	<u>35.1</u>
					1,581	29.8
1949	11,246	44.0	Ivan F. Luckin	C	3,158	63.8
			William J. Bentall	Lab	<u>1,792</u>	<u>36.2</u>
					1,366	27.6
[Clear Hill retires from the Council]						
1950	10,851	40.5	Anthony C.L. Bishop	C	2,960	67.4
			Cyril K. Watts	Lab	<u>1,432</u>	<u>32.6</u>
					1,528	34.8
1951	10,737	39.3	Walter T. Lee	C	2,967	70.4
			Katherine Bentley	Lab	<u>1,245</u>	<u>29.6</u>
					1,722	40.8
[Luckin contests Queensbury ward]						
1952	10,590	42.9	Bernard A. Beckworth	C	2,770	60.9
			John G. Grice	Lab	<u>1,778</u>	<u>39.1</u>
					992	21.8
[Resignation of Beckworth]						
1953	10,500	53.4	Anthony C.L. Bishop	C	3,383	60.3
			Arthur O'Loughlin	C	3,285	58.6
			George E. Farnham	Lab	2,061	36.8
			Stanley Bailey	Lab	2,054	36.6

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Note:

- 1934-1939: The main RResA group in the ward was the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association.
- 1934: A local Labour Party newsletter (*The Torch*, price 1d.) dated April 1934 gave the election result as: Buttle 1,405; Andrews 1,192; Cridford 1,173; Bleasby 562; Morrow 454; Coman 424. The figures in the table above are taken from the *Harrow Observer*.
- The March 1934 edition of *The Torch* shows that a third Labour Party candidate, A. Short, was expected to contest the election. However, his name did not appear on the list of nominated candidates issued by the Returning Officer.
- Bleasby said in his election address: "I am opposing the nominees of the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association because I feel very strongly that this Association has made grievous mistakes in putting forward two first-timers while rejecting two long-experienced Councillors.... I trust the electors of West Harrow will record their vote to show this presumptuous Association that Village Pump methods are not approved of in Harrow."
- 1935: O'Loughlin was a founder member of the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association. He was opposed to the Kynaston Court Civic Centre plan.
- 1937: A member of the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Horace Boyce, sought the nomination of the Association at this election. The Association eventually decided to nominate O'Loughlin.
- 1939: At the Annual Meeting of the West Harrow Ratepayers' and Residents' Association in February 1939 it was announced that Andrews was retiring from the Council on the grounds of poor health. Bleasby was adopted as the Association's candidate on a vote, by 29 to 25, but it was reported that there were some 200 abstentions.
- In March two further public meetings took place in the ward. At the first of these an influential group of Association members, including Cllr. O'Loughlin and County Councillor Henry H. Maddocks, attempted to reverse the decision of the Annual Meeting after Andrews had been persuaded to seek re-election. The second meeting was called by Frank Clark. At both meetings Andrews' candidature was approved (by 70 votes to 59 at the first of them), but both were declared unofficial by the Association's principal officers.
- 1947: Boyce and O'Loughlin contested the election independently of each other — indeed, in his election address O'Loughlin urged voters to 'plump' (i.e. use one vote only) in his favour.
- Because Clear Hill and Luckin had been elected with an equality of votes, at the Annual Meeting of the Council (held on 18 April) lots were drawn under the direction of the Chairman to determine the person elected to fill the casual vacancy. The result was that Luckin was determined to fill the casual vacancy (with a term of two years) and Clear Hill determined to have been elected to fill the vacancy arising from the ordinary election (with a term of three years).