

Appendix J

PARLIAMENTARY AND MCC ELECTIONS IN HARROW, 1937-1952

This Appendix sets out results for Parliamentary and Middlesex County Council (MCC) Elections. A cross (+) before the name of a candidate in 1945 indicates either a member of Parliament prior to the dissolution or, in 1937, a member of the previous (1934-1937) County Council. An asterisk (*) following the number of votes polled (expressed as a percentage) indicates a forfeited deposit. Turnout is based on the number of valid votes cast.

Polling dates for the elections were as follows:

| | | |
|---------------|------|----------------------|
| Parliamentary | 1945 | Thursday 5 July |
| | 1950 | Thursday 23 February |
| | 1951 | Thursday 25 October |
| MCC | 1937 | Tuesday 2 March |
| | 1946 | Tuesday 5 March |
| | 1949 | Thursday 7 April |
| | 1952 | Thursday 3 April |

Before the 1945 General Election three different Parliamentary constituencies of the county of Middlesex included parts of Harrow Urban District: Harrow, Hendon and Uxbridge. Before the 1937 MCC Election a number of different electoral divisions of Middlesex covered parts of Harrow Urban District, including Harrow-on-the-Hill, Pinner and Wealdstone. See: C.J. Gray, *Harrow Votes: The Urban and Rural District Councils, 1894-1933*.

Parliamentary Elections

HARROW CENTRAL constituency

[Created 1950]

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|-----------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| 1950 | 50,786 | 86.8 | Frank P. Bishop | C | 22,907 | 52.0 |
| | | | Robert D. Rees | Lab | 16,371 | 37.1 |
| | | | Norman W. Murrell | L | <u>4,827</u> | <u>10.9*</u> |
| | | | | | 6,536 | 14.9 |
| 1951 | 50,688 | 85.0 | Frank P. Bishop | C | 25,564 | 59.3 |
| | | | Barbara J.K. Thompson | Lab | <u>17,540</u> | <u>40.7</u> |
| | | | | | 8,024 | 18.6 |

HARROW EAST constituency

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| 1945 | 77,017 | 77.2 | Frederick W. Skinnard | Lab | 27,613 | 46.4 |
| | | | Fredman A. Lincoln | C | 20,843 | 35.1 |
| | | | Anthony F.X.T. Gibbs | L | 7,513 | 12.6 |
| | | | Gladys M. Driver | Com | <u>3,493</u> | <u>5.9*</u> |
| | | | | | <u>6,770</u> | 11.3 |
| 1950 | 60,668** | 87.2 | Ian D. Harvey | C | 23,680 | 44.7 |
| | | | Frederick W. Skinnard | Lab | 22,216 | 42.0 |
| | | | Desmond A.H. Banks | L | 6,393 | 12.1* |
| | | | William O. Seaman | Com | <u>633</u> | <u>1.2*</u> |
| | | | | | <u>1,464</u> | 2.7 |
| 1951 | 61,408 | 87.9 | Ian D. Harvey | C | 26,896 | 49.8 |
| | | | Robert D. Rees | Lab | 23,725 | 44.0 |
| | | | Geoffrey J.E. Rhodes | L | <u>3,329</u> | <u>6.2*</u> |
| | | | | | <u>3,171</u> | 5.8 |

HARROW WEST constituency

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------------|----------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| 1945 | 73,174 | 78.4 | +Norman A.H. Bower | C | 28,617 | 49.9 |
| | | | Barbara J.K. Thompson | Lab | 18,961 | 33.0 |
| | | | Sir Hubert W. Young | L | 7,364 | 12.8 |
| | | | +Hugh M. Lawson | CW | <u>2,462</u> | <u>4.3*</u> |
| | | | | | <u>9,656</u> | 16.9 |
| 1950 | 46,781** | 86.7 | Norman A.H. Bower | C | 23,744 | 58.6 |
| | | | Thomas L. Littlewood | Lab | 11,971 | 29.5 |
| | | | Philip M. Syrett | L | <u>4,846</u> | <u>11.9*</u> |
| | | | | | <u>11,773</u> | 29.1 |
| [Resignation] | | | | | | |
| 1950 (21/4) | 46,599 | 68.0 | Sir Albert N. Braithwaite | C | 22,826 | 72.0 |
| | | | Thomas L. Littlewood | Lab | <u>8,877</u> | <u>28.0</u> |
| | | | | | <u>13,949</u> | 44.0 |
| 1951 | 46,979 | 83.8 | Sir Albert N. Braithwaite | C | 26,549 | 67.5 |
| | | | Thomas L. Littlewood | Lab | <u>12,802</u> | <u>32.5</u> |
| | | | | | <u>13,747</u> | 35.0 |

Note:

1945: Prior to the election Bower had been MP for the Harrow division of Middlesex, having been elected at a by-election in December 1941. Prior to the election Lawson had been MP for the Skipton division of Yorkshire, having been elected at a by-election in January 1944.

The Common Wealth Movement had adopted Wilfred Brown as prospective candidate for the Harrow division in 1943, and he was re-adopted for the Harrow West constituency in February 1945. Brown withdrew in favour of Lawson in April 1945, who himself had withdrawn from the Skipton division election in Yorkshire in favour of the Labour Party candidate. Lawson claimed that, before Harrow West Labour Party adopted Mrs. Thompson as their candidate, they had approached him and asked him to resign from Common Wealth with a view to being the Labour candidate.

Middlesex County Council Elections
HARROW CENTRAL electoral division

[Created 1949]

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1949 | 13,502 | 45.6 | Joan E. Layton Lillian L. Grimsley | Lab | 3,204 | 52.1 |
| | | | | C | <u>2,941</u> | <u>47.9</u> |
| | | | | | 263 | 4.2 |
| [Seat vacant — Resignation] | | | | | | |
| 1952 | 12,717 | 54.0 | Victor F. Beacham Reginald J.A. White | Lab | 4,104 | 59.8 |
| | | | | C | <u>2,754</u> | <u>40.2</u> |
| | | | | | 1,350 | 19.6 |

Note:

1949: The Conservative Party considered, but did not pursue, legal action regarding this election because Mrs. Layton's and Mrs. Grimsley's names were not printed alphabetically on the ballot papers.

HARROW EAST electoral division

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1937 | 24,290 | 30.0 | Neville Crosby Joseph Barrow Herbert H. Crabb | C | 3,400 | 46.7 |
| | | | | Lab | 2,195 | 30.2 |
| | | | | RA | <u>1,685</u> | <u>23.1</u> |
| | | | | | 1,205 | 16.5 |
| [Death] | | | | | | |
| 1943 (29/4) | | | Charles Brown | C | Co-opt. | |
| 1946 | 33,570 | 32.5 | Herbert H. Elvin Sidney H. Bean | Lab | 6,458 | 59.1 |
| | | | | C | <u>4,467</u> | <u>40.9</u> |
| | | | | | 1,991 | 18.2 |
| 1949 | 20,657** | 43.5 | Herbert H. Elvin William Owen | Lab | 5,076 | 56.5 |
| | | | | C | <u>3,903</u> | <u>43.5</u> |
| | | | | | 1,173 | 13.0 |
| [Death] | | | | | | |
| 1949 (15/12) | 20,025 | 42.7 | Joseph Barrow Oliver A. Rowlinson | Lab | 5,071 | 58.7 |
| | | | | C | <u>3,536</u> | <u>41.3</u> |
| | | | | | 1,481 | 17.4 |
| 1952 | 19,840 | 52.8 | Joseph Barrow Ronald Holmes | Lab | 6,899 | 66.0 |
| | | | | C | <u>3,551</u> | <u>34.0</u> |
| | | | | | 3,348 | 32.0 |

Note:

1937: Crabb was the nominee of the Kenton and Northwick Park Ratepayers' Association.

HARROW EAST-CENTRAL electoral division

[Created 1949]

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|--|-------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1949 | 20,013 | 51.0 | Frederick C. Battey William G. White | C | 6,866 | 68.6 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>3,150</u> 3,716 | <u>31.4</u> 37.2 |
| 1952 | 19,336 | 51.7 | Frederick C. Battey Mabel C.B. Morley | C | 6,583 | 65.9 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>3,403</u> 3,180 | <u>34.1</u> 31.8 |

HARROW NORTH electoral division

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|---|-------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1937 | 15,203 | 23.7 | +Philip W. White Charles E. Brady Cecil A. Colyer | Lab | 1,462 | 40.7 |
| | | | | C | 1,266 | 35.2 |
| | | | | C | <u>866</u> 196 | <u>24.1</u> 5.5 |

[Resignation]

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|------|----------------------------------|-----|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1941 (25/9) | | | Archer Hoare | Lab | Co-opt. | |
| 1946 | 24,590 | 23.3 | Edward Jones Charles E. Brady | Lab | 3,285 | 57.2 |
| | | | | C | <u>2,454</u> 831 | <u>42.8</u> 14.4 |

Harrow North was divided in 1949.

Note:

1937: White was County Councillor for the Chestnuts division of Tottenham prior to the election, having been first elected in March 1931.

Brady was the nominee of the Wealdstone branch of the Harrow Conservative Association, and Colyer was the nominee of the Harrow Weald branch of the Hendon Conservative Association. Efforts to persuade one of them to stand down in favour of the other failed. Brady, whose candidature was announced first, received the support of the Wealdstone Ratepayers' Association. As both Brady and Colyer were, strictly speaking, 'official' Conservative Party candidates both have been designated as such.

1941: The Labour Whip was withdrawn from Hoare in August 1945 after he had voted against Labour Group decisions on two occasions during a meeting of the County Council.

Hoare subsequently joined the Conservative Party and contested the Harrow North-West division at the 1946 election as a Conservative.

HARROW NORTH-EAST electoral division

[Created 1949]

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| 1949 | 19,806 | 47.4 | John C. Leigh William J. Davies | C | 5,987 | 63.9 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>3,382</u> | <u>36.1</u> |
| | | | | | 2,605 | 27.8 |
| 1952 | 25,887 | 24.1 | John C. Leigh Janie Pratt | C | 5,938 | 55.3 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>4,797</u> | <u>44.7</u> |
| | | | | | 1,141 | 10.6 |

HARROW NORTH-WEST electoral division

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|
| 1937 | 21,182 | 17.8 | John E. Clark Frank Clark | C | 1,966 | 52.3 |
| | | | | Ind C | <u>1,791</u> | <u>47.7</u> |
| | | | | | 175 | 4.6 |
| 1946 | 38,580 | 24.3 | Archer Hoare Frederick W. Donovan | C | 6,490 | 69.2 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>2,882</u> | <u>30.8</u> |
| | | | | | 3,608 | 38.4 |
| 1949 | 26,247** | 45.7 | John E. Odle Cyril K. Watts | C | 10,562 | 88.1 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>1,426</u> | <u>11.9</u> |
| | | | | | 9,136 | 76.2 |
| 1952 | 25,705 | | John E. Odle | C | Unopp. | |

Note:

1937: Frank Clark described himself as a "Champion of the People's Cause" in his election address. He has been designated as an Independent Conservative because he held a public meeting during the election campaign during which he described himself as "one hundred per cent Conservative." His candidature was supported by the Middlesex Municipal Association.

John E. Clark was the candidate of the Pinner Conservative Association.

1949: Hoare continued to serve on the County Council as an Alderman.

HARROW SOUTH electoral division

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------|----------|-------|---|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1937 | 11,863 | | +James P. Bennetts | C | Unopp. | |
| 1946 | 19,010 | 21.6 | James P. Bennetts Arthur H. Grattan | C Lab | 2,429 <u>1,677</u> 752 | 59.2 40.8 18.4 |
| 1949 | 20,550** | 42.9 | Arthur O'Loughlin Donald H. McGregor | C Lab | 5,918 <u>2,900</u> 3,018 | 67.1 32.9 34.2 |
| 1952 | 19,327 | 43.1 | Arthur O'Loughlin Albert Tonkin | C Lab | 5,328 <u>2,996</u> 2,332 | 64.0 36.0 28.0 |

Note:

1937: Bennetts was County Councillor for the Harrow-on-the-Hill electoral division prior to the election, having been elected at a by-election in July 1936.

1949: Bennetts continued to serve on the County Council as an Alderman.

HARROW SOUTH-WEST electoral division

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|----------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1937 | 15,207 | 23.2 | Henry H. Maddocks James Ashton | C Lab | 2,096 <u>1,424</u> 672 | 59.5 40.5 19.0 |
| [Resignation] | | | | | | |
| 1940 (25/4) | | | John S. Bleasby | C | Co-opt. | |
| 1946 | 27,030 | 20.8 | Thomas E. Parker Frank P. Bishop | Lab C | 3,230 <u>2,388</u> 842 | 57.5 42.5 15.0 |
| 1949 | 22,103** | 48.6 | Ellen E. Hewett Thomas E. Parker | C Lab | 6,090 <u>4,648</u> 1,442 | 56.7 43.3 13.4 |
| 1952 | 21,367 | 47.0 | Ellen E. Hewett Thomas E. Parker | C Lab | 5,228 <u>4,814</u> 414 | 52.1 47.9 4.2 |

HARROW WEST-CENTRAL electoral division

[Created 1949]

| Election | Electors | T'out | Candidate | Party | Votes | % |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1949 | 18,981 | 46.2 | John H. Wise John A. Worvell | C | 6,266 | 71.5 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>2,493</u> | <u>28.5</u> |
| | | | | | 3,773 | 43.0 |
| 1952 | 17,877 | 48.0 | John H. Wise Frederick Bray | C | 5,899 | 68.8 |
| | | | | Lab | <u>2,678</u> | <u>31.2</u> |
| | | | | | 3,221 | 37.6 |