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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT 1945-53: BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES

(Frank) Patrick Bishop

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow Central at the 1950 General Election. Born 7 March 1900, educated at Tottenham Grammar School and King's College, London. Served in the RNAS and RAF, 1917-18. Called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, 1923 and practised as a barrister-at-law, 1924-29. Author of *Advertising and the Law* (Ernest Benn, London, 1928, 2nd ed 1952) and *The Ethics of Advertising* (Robert Hale, London, 1949). Assistant manager of *The Times*, 1937-45. Served in the Home Guard, 1939-45. General Manager of the Newspaper Supply Company and chairman of the Newsprint Rationing Committee. A moderate MP, he supported a coalition between the Conservatives and Liberals. Retired, on medical grounds, from the House of Commons at the 1964 General Election. Knighted 1964. Died 5 October 1972.

Frederick William Skinnard

Elected Labour MP for Harrow East at the 1945 General Election. Born 8 March 1902, educated at Devonport High School and Borough Road Teacher Training College, Isleworth. Before entering the House was a former LCC schoolmaster who, when serving in Willesden schools, did pioneer work in citizenship training and local survey work. A lecturer to teachers' courses in England and abroad, was invited to tour the USA and Canada in 1937. Early political experience gained in the Union of Democratic Control, he joined the Labour Party in 1924. Visited Jamaica in 1946 and was a member of the Parliamentary delegation to West Africa in 1947. Defeated at the 1950 General Election. Died 5 August 1984.

Ian Douglas Harvey

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow East at the 1950 General Election. Born 25 January 1914, educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh and Christ Church College, Oxford. President of the Union, 1936. Served in the Royal Artillery, 1939-45 (AA command and in NW Europe), rising to the rank of Brigade Major. Contested Spelthorne in 1945. Member of the London County Council (Kensington South division), 1949-52, and Kensington Borough Council (Queen's Gate ward), 1947-51. Contested ILEA elections (Westminster North division), 1986. Director of an advertising agency.

In November 1958, whilst Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, was found *in flagrante delicto* with a Coldstream Guardsman in St. James's Park. Tried to escape from custody and attempted to give the police a false name. Charged with gross indecency and breaking the park's regulations. In court the indecency charge was dropped and a fine of £5 imposed on both parties. Resigned from the House of Commons and excluded from the Conservative Party. Author of *To Fall Like Lucifer* (Sidgwick and Jackson, London, 1971). Died 10 January 1987.

Norman Adolph Henry Bower

Elected Conservative MP for the Harrow division of Middlesex at a by-election in December 1941, and for Harrow West at the 1945 General Election. Born 18 May 1907. Educated at Rugby and Wadham College, Oxford. Called to the bar, Inner Temple, 1935. Contested Bermondsey West (1931) and Hammersmith North (1935). Member of Westminster City Council (Hamlet of Knightsbridge ward), 1937-45. During the war was a private in the Intelligence Corps until appointed to the Foreign Office for special work in July 1941. Resigned from the House of Commons 1951. Died 7 December 1990.

Albert Newby Braithwaite

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow West at a by-election in 1951. Born 2 September 1893, educated at Woodhouse Grove School, Leeds Grammar School and Leeds University. Enlisted as a private in August 1914, commissioned in the Yorkshire Hussars, 1915. Awarded the DSO and MC. Contested Rothwell (1922), Pontefract (1923) and Elland (1924). MP for the East Riding of Yorkshire constituency of Buckrose 1926-45. Knighted 1945. An engineer and company director. Committed suicide 20 October 1959.