

## WEALDSTONE SOUTH [14]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Party	Votes	%
1934	5,929	26.4	+Walter T. Adams	RA	1,041	66.6
			Charles E. Brady	RA	1,038	66.4
			Herbert Walker	RA	1,031	66.0
			Frederick W. Donovan	Lab	496	31.7
			John W.R. Fenning	Lab	482	30.8
			John A. Turner	Lab	473	30.3
1935	6,000	14.6	Herbert Walker	RA	566	64.9
			Victor F. Beacham	Lab	<u>306</u>	<u>35.1</u>
					260	29.8
[Resignation of Walker]						
1936	6,056	24.7	William H. Edridge	CCOM	731	48.9
			May A. Henderson	Ind	525	35.1
			William A. Price	Lab	458	30.6
			Joseph Barrow	Lab	447	29.9
			Charles E. Brady	RA	445	29.7
1937	6,289	39.6	Leonard C. Pugh	ResA	976	39.2
			Walter T. Adams	C	810	32.5
			William A. Price	Lab	<u>706</u>	<u>28.3</u>
					166	6.7
[Mrs. Henderson retires from the Council]						
1938	6,460	26.6	Reginald Evans	ResA	1,126	65.6
			Richard T. Hurt	Lab	<u>591</u>	<u>34.4</u>
					535	31.2
1939	6,834	30.7	William H. Edridge	ResA	1,453	69.3
			William A. Price	Lab	<u>644</u>	<u>30.7</u>
					809	38.6
[Disqualification of Pugh]						
1942 (10/1)			John R. Hodder	Ind		Co-opt.
			Walter B. Broomfield	ResA		
[Hodder retires from the Council]						
1946	10,080	35.9	William J.K. Crawford	C	1,971	54.6
			William A. Price	Lab	<u>1,639</u>	<u>45.4</u>
					332	9.2

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1947	10,452	41.6	Reginald Evans	C	2,168	49.8
			Joseph Barrow	Lab	1,338	30.8
			William J.C. Wagner	L	<u>844</u>	<u>19.4</u>
					830	19.0
1948	10,409	51.8	William H. Edridge	C	2,639	49.1
			Wilfrid A.E. Alford	Lab	1,714	31.8
			William J.C. Wagner	L	<u>1,031</u>	<u>19.1</u>
					925	17.3
1949	10,396	56.2	William J.K. Crawforth	C	2,944	50.4
			Wilfrid A.E. Alford	Lab	2,301	39.4
			Frank Clark	Ind C	<u>602</u>	<u>10.3</u>
					643	11.0
1950	9,843	53.6	Reginald Evans	C	3,271	62.0
			Wilfred A.E. Alford	Lab	1,921	36.4
			Leslie G. Burt	Com	<u>83</u>	<u>1.6</u>
					1,350	25.6
[Edridge retires from the Council]						
1951	9,865	50.4	John E.T. Adkins	C	3,403	68.4
			Harry J. Bentley	Lab	<u>1,569</u>	<u>31.6</u>
					1,834	36.8
1952	9,690	52.7	William J.K. Crawforth	C	3,008	58.9
			George E. Farnham	Lab	<u>2,098</u>	<u>41.1</u>
					910	17.8
[Evans retires from the Council]						
1953	9,560	51.9	Frederick W.C. Adkins	C	2,968	59.9
			Wilfred A.E. Alford	Lab	<u>1,987</u>	<u>40.1</u>
					981	19.8

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### Note:

- 1934-1936: The RA group in the ward was the Wealdstone Ratepayers' Association.
- 1937-1942: The ResA group in the ward was the South Wealdstone and District Residents' Association.
- 1936: A second Civic Centre Opposition Movement candidate, F.N. Sanderson, was nominated, but his nomination paper was ruled to be invalid owing to the omission of the seconder's name. Mrs. Henderson, a member of Wealdstone Ratepayers' Association, was nominated by the Wealdstone Chamber of Commerce. She subsequently received endorsement from the Civic Centre Opposition Movement.
- 1937: Adams was adopted by the Wealdstone Ratepayers' Association after he declared his intention to run as a Conservative.
- 1942: (10/1) Pugh was disqualified under the terms of section 63(1) of the Local Government Act 1933 for his failure, during a period of six consecutive months, to attend any meetings of the Council or its committees or sub-committees. See Appendix G for further details.
- South Wealdstone and District Residents' Association organised a petition, signed by 132 people, in support of Broomfield's nomination and presented it to the Council. However, councillors co-opted Hodder in preference to Broomfield, on a show of hands, by 16 votes to 3. (The Labour Group abstained.)
- Evans and Edridge supported Hodder's nomination. They claimed that the South Wealdstone and District Residents' Association had ceased to function, was in a "moribund" condition and did not represent the views of electors in Wealdstone South ward. Both Councillors had been struck off the Association's membership roll a week before the Council meeting.
- 1947: The result given in the *Harrow Observer* was: Evans 2,205; Barrow 1,158; Wagner 845; majority 1,047. Further, the newspaper gave the electorate of Wealdstone South ward as 10,452 and the turnout as 41.62%, thereby suggesting that 4,350 voters went to the poll. However, their published voting figures showed a total of only 4,208 valid votes.
- After the election the local Conservative Party issued copies of a poster (approximately 30 x 20 inches in size) summarising the results of all the Harrow UDC wards at the 1947 election. The poster gave voting figures for Wealdstone South ward which were significantly different from those reported in the *Observer*. The poster figures are preferred for this ward as they show a total of 4,350 valid votes.
- 1949: Clark sought election as a Conservative candidate. He complained that Crawforth's main residence was outside the Urban District.