

PINNER PARISH
ELECTION RESULTS, 1894-1918

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1894	533		Christopher R. Nugent	96	166
			James Gregory	69	140
			John E. Lee	77	124
			Arthur Helsham-Jones	53	124
			Thomas Barnes	35	102
			George Hedges	54	100
			John Parkhouse	71	98
			Albert C. Cross	88	97
			Arthur Toovey	65	85
			Lady Elizabeth Watkin Williams	29	79
			William Williamson	28	78
			George J.A. Peake	10	75
			Walter Scott	8	74
			John E. Ewer	20	71
			Frederick Dunbar Thomas	31	70
			George C. Ellement	65	64
			Daniel W. Hill	22	59
			Thomas Ellement	45	51
			George A. Champriss	21	38
			John Evans	22	31
			Edward Trotter	14	21
			James Birch	4	21
			John E. Hammick	17	—
			James E. Hawkins	10	—

Note: The first Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 4 December with Mr. Percival Birkett in the Chair during the election. About 150 parochial electors were present. A twenty-fifth candidate, James A. Heaton, withdrew before voting took place. A poll was demanded, with Hammick and Hawkins not proceeding to the poll. The poll resulted in Barnes being elected instead of G.C. Ellement.

The figures from the poll have been obtained from the *Middlesex Courier* although the vote received by Evans was omitted. Evans' vote was sourced from the *Middlesex and Buckinghamshire Advertiser*; this newspaper also confirmed the *Middlesex Courier* figures except for Williamson, who the *Advertiser* reported received 18 votes.

Lady Watkin Williams was the widow of Sir Charles Watkin Williams (1828-1884), the Welsh judge, doctor and Liberal politician.

A report of polling day was provided by the *Watford Observer*. "Mr. J.F. Childs was the deputy returning officer and presiding officer elected by Mr. Seabrook to conduct the ... elections, and from all appearances he gave much satisfaction, as also did the result of the poll. Pinner is divided in itself, and this probably has accounted for the peculiar nature of the construction of the new Parish Council. One redeeming feature in the Board [*sic*] is that the squire, the tradesman, and the ordinary resident are about equally represented, and all in trios. The election has caused excitement even in this hamlet where excitement hitherto has been an unknown luxury, the very oldest of the inhabitants who dislike novelty in any form being the only individuals who could not be induced to take part in the great reform of 1894.....

"There were two polling stations — one for the Rural District Councillors, who are *ex-officio* Guardians, and the other for the Parish Councillors. There was not much rush here at any part of the day, but as will be seen from the subjoined figures, the electors must have polled steadily from morning to night. There were 24 candidates for nine seats so the vote was necessarily much split up. Strange to say a few of the candidates who were the most sanguine, and who were promised a good deal of support, found themselves at the foot of the list."

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1896	529	50.5	Christopher R. Nugent	53	120
			Thomas Barnes	29	117
			Walter Scott	24	109
			George T. Skilbeck	36	109
			George C. Ellement	29	106
			Arthur Helsham-Jones	17	97
			Arthur Toovey	30	97
			John Parkhouse	37	96
			Alfred W. Marshall	33	91
			Albert C. Cross	17	86
			John E. Lee	32	76
			George Hedges	7	61
			George A. Champriss	8	19
			James Gregory	11	—

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 9 March with Mr. Percival Birkett in the Chair during the election. The *Harrow Gazette* reported that "there was a good attendance of electors, about 90 being present."

The nomination of a fifteenth candidate, Thomas Ellement, was withdrawn before voting took place. A poll was demanded, with Gregory not proceeding to the poll. The poll resulted in Helsham-Jones being elected instead of Lee. A poster showing the result is available for inspection at the London Metropolitan Archives, reference DR08/2.

The *Harrow Gazette* reported that "contrary to expectations this election was carried through in a very quiet manner, only one disagreeable event occurring, when a man was ejected forcibly from the polling-room for misbehaviour." The *Watford Observer* reported that "267 voters [put] in an appearance", so that figure has been used to calculate the turnout. The *Observer* added that: "Mr. F.J. Seabrook was Returning Officer, and was assisted by Mr. J. Gurney. Voting went on slowly during the day, but towards evening was rather brisk..... The working classes and the inhabitants of the Woodridings were well to the fore. At about 10 o'clock the Returning Officer declared the [result of the] poll."

1897	534	48.9	Christopher R. Nugent	63	135
			Thomas Barnes	59	133
			George C. Ellement	53	115
			Alfred W. Marhsall	50	108
			Albert C. Cross	35	103
			Arthur Helsham-Jones	30	96
			Arthur Toovey	58	94
			George T. Skilbeck	33	92
			Walter Scott	33	87
			John Parkhouse	55	80
			George A. Champriss	1	9

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 18 March with district councillor Cllr. Augustus J.S. Eck in the Chair during the election. A poll was demanded. The poll resulted in Helsham-Jones being elected instead of Parkhouse.

The *Pinner Gazette* reported on the count that "after the hour of closing the polling station, viz. eight p.m., there were a great many eager faces peering through the windows into the room where the tellers were assembled."

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1898	535	60.7	Thomas Barnes	57	167
			Frederick Dunbar Thomas	68	167
			Alfred W. Marshall	56	130
			Arthur Toovey	67	127
			Arthur Helsham-Jones	42	126
			Albert C. Cross	50	110
			George C. Ellement	48	108
			Henry S. Collet	22	101
			Arnold Inman	19	87
			Cecil B.F. Mount	17	80
			Frederick H. Mabbett	30	77
			Henry W. Messenger	13	74
			James Birch	3	—

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 14 March with district councillor Cllr. Augustus J.S. Eck in the Chair during the election.

The nomination of a fourteenth candidate, Rev. Joseph S. Bruce, was ruled to be invalid due to the lack of a residential qualification. A poll was demanded, with Birch not proceeding to the poll. The poll resulted in the election of Inman instead of Mabbett.

The turnout at this election was not specifically reported by the *Pinner Gazette*. However, it was held concurrently with the election of Rural District Councillors, for which the *Harrow Gazette* reported the number voting as 325 in Pinner Parish.

1899	576	Thomas Barnes	Unopp.
		Henry S. Collet	Unopp.
		George C. Ellement	Unopp.
		Arthur Helsham-Jones	Unopp.
		Arnold Inman	Unopp.
		Frederick H. Mabbett	Unopp.
		Frederick Dunbar Thomas	Unopp.
		Arthur Toovey	Unopp.
		Edward Trotter	Unopp.

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 6 March with district councillor Cllr. Augustus J.S. Eck in the Chair during the election.

1901	551	Thomas Barnes	Unopp.
		George W. Beaumont	Unopp.
		Henry S. Collet	Unopp.
		George C. Ellement	Unopp.
		Arnold Inman	Unopp.
		Arthur Helsham-Jones	Unopp.
		Frederick Dunbar Thomas	Unopp.
		Arthur Toovey	Unopp.
		Herbert White	Unopp.

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 4 March with former parish councillor Mr. Christopher R. Nugent in the Chair during the election.

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1904	652		George C. Ellement	40	
			Arthur Toovey	39	
			Thomas Barnes	37	
			George W. Beaumont	37	
			James A. Heaton (junr.)	28	
			Arnold Inman	26	
			John H. How	23	
			Henry S. Collet	22	
			George J. Prince	20	
			Harry Phillips	4	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 7 March with retiring parish councillor Cllr. Arthur Helsham-Jones in the Chair during the election. After the election Phillips withdrew his candidature, signing a declaration to that effect; a poll was therefore not required.

[Resignation of Heaton]

1904 (4/10)			Ernest W. Margetts Henry J. Hildige Philip C. Odell	Co-opt.	
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Note: Margetts was co-opted to replace Heaton after a complicated series of votes by the continuing Parish Councillors. Cllr. Inman proposed and Cllr. Collet seconded that Hildige be chosen to fill the vacancy. An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Barnes and seconded by Cllr. How that Margetts be chosen, and this was carried by 3 votes to 2. On the amendment becoming the substantive motion, an amendment was proposed by Cllr. Ellement and seconded by Cllr. Beaumont that Odell be chosen to fill the vacancy, but this was defeated by 3 votes to 2. The originally amended motion (that Margetts be chosen to fill the vacancy) was then put to the vote and carried by 3 votes to 2.

[Failure of Margetts to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office]

1905 (12/1)			Philip C. Odell Horace A. Beach	Co-opt.	
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Note: The *Minutes* of the Council reported that ill health prevented Margetts from accepting his election as a Parish Councillor. Cllr. Beaumont proposed and Cllr. Ellement seconded that Odell be chosen to fill the vacancy. Cllr. How proposed and Cllr. Prince seconded that Beach fill the vacancy. The *Minutes* stated that both Odell and Beach received 2 votes in favour and 2 votes against their selection. The Chairman gave a casting vote in favour of Odell.

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1907	793		Thomas Barnes	Unopp.	
			Horace A. Beach	Unopp.	
			George W. Beaumont	Unopp.	
			Henry S. Collet	Unopp.	
			George C. Ellement	Unopp.	
			John H. How	Unopp.	
			Philip C. Odell	Unopp.	
			George J. Prince	Unopp.	
			Arthur Toovey	Unopp.	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 4 March with district councillor Cllr. Augustus J.S. Eck in the Chair during the election.

1910	1,072		Arthur Toovey	32	
			Philip C. Odell	23	
			Arthur C. Morton	22	
			Michael A. Macdonald	21	
			George W. Beaumont	19	
			George C. Ellement	19	
			Horace A. Beach	15	
			Henry S. Collet	14	
			John H. How	14	
			Allen Gimson	13	
			Thomas Barnes	10	
			George J. Prince	9	
			Frederick A. West	7	
			Arnold Inman	6	

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 14 March with district councillor Cllr. Augustus J.S. Eck in the Chair during the election. A poll was not demanded.

[Disqualification of How — declared a bankrupt]

1910 (29/11)			Henry R. Arnold	Co-opt.	
			Thomas Barnes		

Note: How was declared a bankrupt on 10 September 1910 at a hearing held in St. Albans of the Hertfordshire County Court. Under section 46(1) of the Local Government Act 1894 he was therefore disqualified from continuing as a member of the Parish Council.

Cllr. Collet proposed and Cllr. Beach seconded that Arnold be chosen to fill the vacancy, whilst Cllr. Ellement proposed and Cllr. Odell seconded that Barnes be selected. When put to the vote Arnold received 4 votes and Barnes 2 votes.

[Resignation of Collet]

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1911 (7/11)			Harry Howitt George J. Prince	Co-opt.	
<p><u>Note:</u> At the meeting of the Council held on 10 October Cllr. Beach proposed that Prince be chosen to fill the vacancy whilst Cllr. Macdonald proposed that Howitt be selected. No vote was taken on the matter, but it was reported at the next meeting of the Council on 7 November that Prince declined nomination. As Howitt was the only remaining nominee he was declared elected.</p>					
1913	1,640	36.0	George C. Ellement	56	375
			Thomas B. Tipton	24	286
			George W. Beaumont	42	271
			Frederick A. West	55	255
			Henry W. Archer	26	213
			Henry Bumstead	34	160
			Arthur Toovey	54	159
			Harry Howitt	28	154
			Robert M. Dix	42	122
			John Baucutt	22	96
			Frederick W. Hunt	25	79
			Humphrey H. King	27	69
			Cecil W. Cross	27	46
			Ernest A. Leal	3	39
			Henry M. Parry	5	37
			John D. Canning	24	27
			Reginald C. Solly	11	20
			Frederick G. Hendley	13	17

Note: The Parish Meeting to elect councillors was held at the Parish Hall on 17 March with former district councillor Mr. John S. Hogg in the Chair during the election.

A nineteenth nominee, Charles D. Billows, withdrew before voting took place. A poll was demanded. The poll resulted in the election of Archer and Tipton instead of Cross and King.

The *Harrow Observer* reported that 31 electors plumped for Ellement, 21 for Archer, 10 for Howitt and 6 for Tipton. The newspaper also reported as follows on polling day:

"The poll opened, as was expected, very slowly at eight o'clock, and the first hour did not bring many voters. A few, however, on the way to the station popped in, and by the length of time occupied in doing the duty of citizenship, were in the main plumpers. Early in the morning carriages and rosettes began to liven up the main street Motor-cars, too, were requisitioned by the more enthusiastic candidates, but with all their energies the poll at noon only showed a few over a hundred voters, which had increased at four o'clock to 200. After five o'clock, however, things grew very lively, and voters rolled in as if at a Parliamentary election."

[Resignation of Tipton]

1914 (17/3)			John Baucutt	Co-opt.	
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Note: Cllr. Bumstead proposed and Cllr. Archer seconded that Baucutt be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

[Resignation of Toovey]

PINNER PARISH COUNCIL, 1894-1918 [cont.]

Election	Electors	T'out	Candidate	Meeting Votes	Poll Votes
1914 (1/9)			Rev. Ramsay W. Couper	Co-opt.	

Note: Cllr. Bumstead proposed and Cllr. West seconded that Couper be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

[Failure of Couper to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office]

1915 (16/3)			Harold Wagstaffe	Co-opt.	
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Note: Couper wrote to the Clerk of the Council "regretting that through a misunderstanding he had failed to attend the meeting of the Council following his co-option he hoped the Council would not consider it a slight. His health prevented him giving a personal explanation."

Cllr. Archer proposed and Cllr. West seconded that Wagstaffe be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

Note: The 1916 election was postponed because of the First World War. All nine members of Pinner Parish Council continued as Councillors until the 1919 election, unless a casual vacancy was caused by death, resignation or disqualification. The following vacancies occurred during this period and were filled by the existing practice of co-option:

[Resignation of Dix]

1916 (18/4)			Stephen H. Sharman	Co-opt.	
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Note: Cllr. Archer proposed and Cllr. Bumstead seconded that Sharman be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.

[Disqualification of Wagstaffe]

1918 (5/2)			Henry Sharp George B. Richards	Co-opt.	
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Note: Wagstaffe was disqualified under the terms of the Local Government Act 1894, section 46, sub-section 7, for his failure, throughout a period of six consecutive months, to attend any meetings of the Council.

Cllr. Archer proposed and Cllr. Howitt seconded that Richards be chosen to fill the vacancy. However, Cllr. Ellement proposed and Cllr. Howitt seconded that Sharp be selected. Voting for Richards was 3 in favour and 5 against; voting for Sharp was 5 in favour and 3 against.

[Resignation of Archer]

1918 (5/11)			Douglas L. Dowsing	Co-opt.	
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Note: Cllr. West proposed and Cllr. Sharman seconded that Dowsing be chosen to fill the vacancy. There were no other nominations.