

A NOTE ON THE SOURCES

- 1 Harrow Local History Collection [HLHC] of microfilm copies of the following newspapers:

Pinner Gazette, November 1895 - 1899.

Harrow Gazette, 1894 - July 1921.

Wealdstone, Harrow and Wembley Observer, April 1895 - 1898.

Harrow Observer, 1899 - 1934. (*Harrow Observer and Gazette* from 29 July 1921.)

Harrow and Wealdstone Press, 1894 - July 1897.

Middlesex Courier, 1894 - September 1897.

Hendon and Finchley Times, 1894 - 1934. (*Hendon Times and Guardian* from 13 December 1929.) [Barnet Archive at Hendon Library]

Middlesex and Buckinghamshire Advertiser, 1894 - . [Hillingdon Archives]

Watford Observer, 1894 - 1909. [British Newspaper Archive]

Editions outside of these date ranges were examined for extra information on Parliamentary and Middlesex County Council elections. During the health emergency of 2020 a subscription to the British Library's digitised and online British Newspaper Archive (BNA) was purchased and used to corroborate/expand earlier research - see: <https://britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>. Limitations to the Archive were that not all of the titles above had been digitised, and those that had did not necessarily have unbroken 'runs'. For example, in September 2020 the availability of the *Harrow Observer* was limited to 1895-1898, 1906-1921, 1945-1962 and 1966-1980.

- 2 Minute books of Harrow and Roxeth Labour Party, Wealdstone Labour Party and Wealdstone Independent Labour Party [HLHC].
- 3 Harrow-on-the-Hill Urban District Council minute books, Wealdstone Urban District Council minute books and Hendon Rural District Council minute books [HLHC].
- 4 Pinner Parish Council minute books (5 volumes) and Pinner Parish Meeting minute book (1 volume) [HLHC].
- 5 Harrow Weald Parish Council minute books (8 volumes), Harrow Weald Parish Meeting minute book (1 volume) and Harrow Weald 'Declarations of Parish Councillors' (3 volumes) [HLHC].
- 6 Great Stanmore Parish Council minute books, covering meetings held 2 January 1895 - 23 November 1914 (1 volume) and 14 February 1933 - 28 March 1934 (1 volume) [HLHC]. The whereabouts of other minute books is unknown.

Great Stanmore Parish Meeting minutes: 4 December 1894 - 22 March 1915 (1 volume) [HLHC]. Despite many 'spare' pages this book was not used to record minutes of subsequent Parish Meetings: again, the location of these records is not known.

Great Stanmore Parish 'Councillors' Attendance' books (3 volumes). These were used to confirm that no casual vacancies occurred on the Council during the First World War; they also helped define membership for the period 1919-33 [HLHC].

It will be appreciated from the above that the compilation of a full and accurate record for Great Stanmore has only been possible for the period 1894-1918. For 1919-1933 reliance was placed on the attendance books and reports carried by the local newspapers.

- 7 Little Stanmore Parish Council minute books (4 volumes) recording meetings from 4 December 1894 - 31 January 1930 [London Metropolitan Archives]. The minute books include the minutes of Little Stanmore Parish Meetings. The location of any other volume, covering meetings held after January 1930, is not known.

Little Stanmore 'Members' Declarations' covering 1907-31 (1 volume) [London Metropolitan Archives].

- 8 Edgware Parish Council minute books (5 volumes) [Barnet Archive at Hendon Library]. These minute books include the minutes of Edgware Parish Meetings, except for the years 1896-98. The whereabouts of minutes for this three year period is not known; the record of elections held in those years has therefore been constructed from local newspaper reports.
- Edgware 'Members' Declarations on Acceptance of Office' (1 volume), covering the years 1894-1928 [London Metropolitan Archives].
- 9 Hendon Union Board of Guardians minute books [London Metropolitan Archives].
- 10 Bound copies of the *Register of Electors* for the Harrow division of Middlesex for 1890-97, 1899-1905 and 1907-13 [HLHC]. Each *Register* applied to the full calendar year, except for 1895 when the *Register* came into force on 30 November 1894 in time for the first elections to the new District and Parish Councils.
- The 'missing' *Registers* for 1889, 1898, 1906 and 1914-15 were accessed from the Library edition of the Ancestry web site at Hendon Library. All of these *Registers* concluded with useful statistical data on the numbers of Parliamentary, County and Parochial electors in each polling district. The *Registers* became available for online study at home during the 2020 public health emergency, and I would like to thank Shropshire Libraries for granting access during that period.
- 11 Digitised copies of the spring and autumn *Register of Electors* (1918-1926) and the annual *Register of Electors* (1927-1933) for the Harrow and Hendon divisions of Middlesex, using facilities at the London Metropolitan Archives or at Hendon Library. These *Registers* did not contain statistical summaries: in order to confirm electorate figures a labourious examination of the appropriate section(s) of the *Register* was necessary, and minor counting errors cannot be ruled out. I would like to thank Shropshire Libraries again for facilitating online re-examination of these *Registers* in 2020 by providing home access to <https://ancestrylibraryedition.co.uk>.
- 12 *A Special Report of the General Purposes Committee upon Rectifications of Boundaries and Consequential Matters Arising in Connection with the First General Review of County Districts Under Section 46 of the Local Government Act 1929*, presented to a meeting of the Middlesex County Council, 30 June 1932 [HLHC]. The *Report* contains various electorate data for the period between 1928 and 1932 and has been used when no other source was available; it is recorded in footnotes when electorate figures from this document differed with those from other sources.
- 13 Various *Old Ordnance Survey Maps* published by Alan Godfrey Maps, Leadgate, Consett. See: <https://www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/>.
- 14 Various editions of *Kelly's Directory* for the Harrow area [HLHC and London Metropolitan Archives].
- 15 *The Victoria History of the County of Middlesex*, Volumes 4 and 5, eds. J.S. Cockburn and T.F.T. Baker, Oxford University Press, 1971. Available at: <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/>.
- 16 Correspondence and general files from the Clerk's Department at the Middlesex County Council for the period 1890-1904 [London Metropolitan Archives]. In particular the following items:
- MCC/CL/GP/01/059: 1895 boundary change between Wealdstone and Harrow-on-the-Hill.
MCC/CL/GP/01/070: 1900 application from Harrow-on-the-Hill for land in Wembley UD.
MCC/CL/GP/01/145: 1898 application from Harrow-on-the-Hill for land at Mount Park etc.
MCC/CL/GP/01/160: June 1898 MCC by-election for Harrow electoral division.
MCC/CL/GP/01/254: 1901 defective elections Little Stanmore and Edgware parishes.
- 17 Due to the technical nature of the content of Appendix Z, an extensive list of notes, references and sources (relevant to that Appendix only) appears separately at the end of its content.