

## Appendix J

### PARLIAMENTARY AND MCC ELECTIONS IN HARROW, 1937-1952

This Appendix sets out results for Parliamentary and Middlesex County Council (MCC) Elections. The format is similar to the main results tables except for the inclusion of an extra column showing the % share of the vote achieved by each candidate. 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 (\*) 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.

#### 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>
					<u>6,536</u>	<u>14.9</u>
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>
					<u>8,024</u>	<u>18.6</u>

### 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 election in favour of the Labour Party candidate. Lawson claimed that before Harrow West Labour Party adopted Mrs. Thompson as their candidate that 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]

<b>Election</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>T'out</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>%</b>
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