

Appendix S

THE 1995 REGISTER OF ELECTORS: INTRODUCTION AND POLLING DISTRICT ANALYSIS

Scope

The *Register* contained the names, in street order, of all persons entitled to vote at Parliamentary and Local Government elections.

The 1995 *Register* was issued by Roger Vergine, Electoral Registration Officer for the London Borough of Harrow, from his department at the Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow.

Dates

The qualification date to be included in the *Register* was 10 October 1994. It came into force on 16 February 1995 and was valid until 15 February 1996.

Qualifications

For most people the principle requirement for inclusion on the *Register* was a simple one of residency on a certain date. The Representation of the People Act 1985 allowed British citizens resident outside the United Kingdom to qualify as “Overseas” electors, in the constituency for which they were last registered, for a period of 5 years after they had left. The Representation of the People Act 1989 changed the period to 20 years, whilst the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 reduced it to 15 years. Expatriate electors voted by proxy.

Marked Names

- F** Printed before a name indicated an Overseas elector not entitled to vote in respect of that entry at Local Government Elections.
- U** Printed before a name indicated a European Union Citizen entitled to vote in respect of that entry at Local Government Elections only.
- L** Printed before a name indicated a Peer or Peeress (other than an Irish Peer) not entitled to vote in respect of that entry at a (Westminster) Parliamentary Election.

Examples of ‘F’ electors were Simon J. Duckworth and Luciana Smith, entries PA2999 and PA3002, respectively, in the *Register* for Hatch End ward. The names were not assigned to an address and were listed at the end of the PA section of the *Register* among “Other Electors”.

An example of a ‘U’ elector was Hilde M.J. Liesens, entry PA2186 at 473 Uxbridge Road in the *Register* for Hatch End ward.

An example of a rare ‘L’ name was Sidney F. Greene, entry GB2022 at 26 Kynaston Wood in the *Register* for Harrow Weald ward. Greene, who had been General Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) from 1957 to 1975, was created Baron Greene of Harrow Weald in 1974.

Dated Names

A number printed immediately before an elector’s name indicated the eighteenth birthday of the voter, meaning that he or she had reached voting age on that day, and would be able to vote at elections held on or after that day. For example, a marking of 6/7 meant that the elector would be able to vote at elections held on or after 6 July 1995 whilst one of 15/1 meant that the elector would be able to vote at elections held on or after 15 January 1996.

The number of dated names found in the *Register* for a typical ward — Harrow on the Hill — is shown below:

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u> (Electors 15/2/96)	<u>Dated</u> <u>Names</u>	<u>% Dated</u> <u>Names</u>	<u>Electors 16/2/95</u>
M	1,882	14	0.74	1,868
MA	1,955	14	0.72	1,941
MB	1,531	9	0.59	1,522
MC	1,952	16	0.82	1,936
Ward Totals	7,320	53	0.72	7,267

Effect of Marked Names on Electorate Figures

The number of marked names in the *Register* of Harrow on the Hill ward are analysed below to exemplify the relative size of the numbers involved and their consequence on the total of valid electors at particular elections within the ward.

<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>'F' Voters</u>	<u>% 'F' Voters</u>	<u>'U' Voters</u>	<u>% 'U' Voters</u>
M	1,882	2	0.11	3	0.16
MA	1,955	5	0.26	8	0.41
MB	1,531	2	0.13	2	0.13
MC	2,003	0	-	5	0.26
Ward Totals	7,320	9	0.12	18	0.25

Therefore, the electorates for various elections in Harrow on the Hill ward were as follows:

<u>Type of Election</u>	<u>Electors 16 February 1995</u>	<u>Electors 15 February 1996</u>
Parliamentary	7,249	7,302
Borough	7,258	7,311

Polling District Analysis

Compared to the 1982 *Register*, polling districts had now been rationalised and reflected that there were now two Parliamentary Constituencies for the London Borough of Harrow whose boundaries did not pass through wards. However, the *Register* now had to cope with the effects of local government boundary changes (detailed in Appendix Q) that came into force in April 1993 and April 1994. A number of new polling districts had been formed in the Pinner, Pinner West, Roxbourne and Stanmore South wards to deal with those changes because properties had been transferred from either the London Borough of Brent or the London Borough of Hillingdon to Harrow. Properties that were transferred from Harrow to either the Borough of Hertsmeire or the London Borough of Hillingdon were included in the *Registers* of those boroughs but remained within the Harrow East and West constituencies until the adjustment of Parliamentary boundaries in 1997.

Abolished and new polling districts, compared to the 1982 *Register*, are shown below.

Abolished Polling Districts

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Entries</u>	<u>Reason for abolition</u>
Canons [1]	BC	Harrow East	891*	Area transferred to Hertsmeire
Rayners Lane [14]	UD	Harrow West	87*	Area transferred to LB of Hillingdon

* 1992 *Register*, the last inclusion of these polling districts in a Harrow *Register of Electors*.

New Polling Districts

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>Reason for creation</u>
Pinner [12]	XB	Ruislip-Northwood	10	Area transferred from LB of Hillingdon
Pinner West [13]	WC	Ruislip-Northwood	32	Area transferred from LB of Hillingdon
	WD	Ruislip-Northwood	6	Area transferred from LB of Hillingdon
Roxbourne [14]	TC	Ruislip-Northwood	2	Area transferred from LB of Hillingdon
Stanmore South [19]	AD	Brent North	894	Area transferred from LB of Brent
	AE	Brent North	865	Area transferred from LB of Brent

By 1995 the *Register* had also, compared to 1982, rationalised and merged a number of polling districts, leaving the following arrangements for the 21 wards. Abbreviations have their usually accepted meanings, except for: F&M (First and Middle).

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
Canons [1]	B	2,487	Whitchurch Institute, Buckingham Road
	BA	2,235	Aylward F&M School, Pangbourne Drive
	BB	1,523	Synagogue Community Centre, London Road
<i>Total</i>		6,245	
Centenary [2]	D	2,710	Queensbury Circle, Queensbury
	DA	2,021	Park High School, Thistlecroft Gardens
	DB	1,961	Kenton Baptist Church Hall, Streatfield Road
<i>Total</i>		6,692	
Greenhill [3]	L	1,565	Elwood Avenue Clinic, Francis Road
	LA	1,838	Gayton High School, Gayton Road
	LB	1,738	Welldon Community Centre, Welldon Crescent
	LC	718	Greenhill College, Lowlands Road
<i>Total</i>		5,859	
Harrow on the Hill [4]	M	1,882	Old Gaytonians Clubhouse, South Vale
	MA	1,955	Roxeth F&M School, Brickfields
	MB	1,531	Communal Hall, Northolt Road
	MC	1,952	Whitmore High School, Porlock Avenue
<i>Total</i>		7,320	
Harrow Weald [5]	G	1,977	Weald F&M School, Robin Hood Drive
	GA	2,015	Blackwell Hall, Uxbridge Road
	GB	3,553	Cedars First School, Whittlesea Road
<i>Total</i>		7,545	
Hatch End [6]	P	2,166	Hatch End Free Church Hall, Rowlands Avenue
	PA	3,002	Guide HQ, Grimsdyke Road
	PB	637	Grimsdyke F&M School, Sylvia Avenue
	PC	1,217	Hatch End High School, Tillotson Road
<i>Total</i>		7,022	
Headstone North [7]	R	2,610	Pinner Park Middle School, Headstone Lane
	RA	3,115	Nower Hill High School, George V Avenue
	RB	2,020	St Alban's Church Hall, Norwood Drive
<i>Total</i>		7,745	

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
Headstone South [8]	N	4,050	St George's Church Hall, Pinner View
	NA	1,352	North Harrow Assembly Hall, Station Road
	NB	1,101	Main Hall, HAVS Building, 64 Pinner Road
	<i>Total</i>	<i>6,503</i>	
Kenton East [9]	C	1,908	Greek Community Hall, Kenton Road
	CA	2,186	Glebe F&M School, D'Arcy Gardens
	CB	1,318	Kenmore Park Community Centre, Warneford Rd
	CC	785	St Mary's Church Hall, Kenton Road
	CD	1,124	Kenton Baptist Church Hall, Streatfield Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,321</i>		
Kenton West [10]	H	1,365	St Mary's Church Hall, Kenton Road
	HA	2,498	Kenton Library, Kenton Lane
	HB	2,832	Priestmead F&M School, Hartford Avenue
	HC	1,019	Sangat Community Centre, Sancroft Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,714</i>		
Marlborough [11]	K	2,516	Youth & Community Centre, Grant Road
	KA	1,190	Communal Room, Churchill Place, Barons Mead
	KB	1,279	Headstone Centre, behind Caryl Thomas Clinic, Headstone Drive
	KC	1,500	Marlborough F&M School, Marlborough Hill
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,485</i>		
Pinner [12]	X	3,105	Pinner Methodist Church Hall, Love Lane
	XA	4,333	Pinner Hill Community Centre, Pinner Hill Road
	XB	10	Pinner Hill Community Centre, Pinner Hill Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,448</i>		
Pinner West [13]	W	1,821	Vagabonds Clubhouse, Holwell Place
	WA	1,788	Pinner Village Hall, Chapel Lane
	WB	3,418	Cannon Lane F&M School, Cannonbury Avenue
	WC	32	Pinner Village Hall, Chapel Lane
	WD	6	Cannon Lane F&M School, Cannonbury Avenue
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,065</i>		
Rayners Lane [14]	U	2,125	Rayners Lane Community Centre, Rayners Lane
	UA	2,140	Rayners Lane Scout HQ, High Worples
	UB	2,368	Longfield F&M School, Dukes Avenue
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,633</i>		
Ridgeway [15]	O	3,303	St Peter's Christian Centre, Colbeck Road
	OA	1,353	Grange F&M School, Welbeck Road
	OB	2,242	Renewers Lane Baptist Church Hall, Imperial Drive
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,898</i>		
Roxbourne [16]	T	1,776	Communal Room, Coles Crescent
	TA	3,103	St Andrew's Church Hall, Malvern Avenue
	TB	2,447	Roxbourne F&M School, Torbay Road
	TC	2	St Andrew's Church Hall, Malvern Avenue
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,328</i>		

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Polling District</u>	<u>Total Entries</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
Roxeth [17]	S	2,702	South Harrow Baptist Church Rooms, Northolt Road
	SA	3,722	Earlsmead F&M School, Arundel Drive
	SB	869	Junction The Heights/Gaylor Road, Northolt
	<i>Total</i>	<i>7,293</i>	
Stanmore Park [18]	F	975	Small Hall, Stanmore Chapel, Nelson Road
	FA	1,912	St John's CofE Middle School, Stanmore Hill
	FB	2,057	Micklem Hall, Church House, Old Church Lane
	FC	1,848	Woodlands Communal Room, Binyon Crescent
	FD	805	Wykeham Hall, Bishop Ken Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,597</i>		
Stanmore South [19]	A	1,906	Edgware & District Ex-Service Men's Club, Bacon Lane
	AA	1,118	Whitchurch Edgware Boys Club, Methuen Road
	AB	1,413	Little Stanmore Middle School, St. David's Drive
	AC	2,670	Stag Lane F&M School, Collier Drive
	AD	894	Stag Lane F&M School, Collier Drive
	AE	865	Edgware & District Ex-Service Men's Club, Bacon Lane
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,866</i>		
Wealdstone [20]	J	1,216	Wykeham Hall, Bishop Ken Road
	JA	2,126	Small Hall, Wealdstone Methodist Church, Locket Road
	JB	3,337	Whitefriars F&M School, Whitefriars Avenue
<i>Total</i>	<i>6,679</i>		
Wemborough [21]	E	1,488	Canons Hall, Wemborough Road
	EA	2,073	Stanburn F&M School, Abercorn Road
	EB	1,253	St Anselm's Church Hall, Uppingham Avenue
	EC	1,519	St Joseph's RC F&M School, Dobbin Close
	ED	1,086	Stanmore Baptist Church Hall, Abercorn Road
<i>Total</i>	<i>7,419</i>		