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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT 1978-2001: BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES

(John) Anthony Grant

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow Central at the 1964 General Election. Born 29 May 1925, educated St. Paul's School and Brasenose College, Oxford. Served in the 3rd Dragoon Guards during the Second World War, attaining the rank of Captain. A solicitor and company director. Contested Hayes and Harlington, 1959. Became MP for South-West Cambridgeshire 1983, following abolition of the Harrow Central seat. Knighted 1983. Retired from the House of Commons at the 1997 General Election. Died 9 October 2016.

Hugh John Maxwell Dykes

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow East at the 1970 General Election. Born 17 May 1939, educated at Weston-super-Mare Grammar School and Pembroke College, Cambridge. A stockbroker and financial consultant. Contested Tottenham, 1966. Member, European Parliament, 1974-77. While an MP, served in the Ministry of Defence and the Cabinet Office in Edward Heath's Government. Defeated at the 1997 General Election and shortly afterwards joined the Liberal Democrats. Contested the European Parliament Election (London region), 1999. Created a life peer June 2004: Baron Dykes of Harrow Weald in the London Borough of Harrow.

Anthony James McNulty

Elected Labour MP for Harrow East at the 1997 General Election. Born 3 November 1958, educated at Salvatorian College, Wealdstone; Stanmore Sixth Form College; Liverpool University and Virginia Poly Inst and State University. Before election he was Principal Lecturer in Organisational Behaviour at the University of North London. Unsuccessfully contested Harrow East 1992. Harrow councillor (Stanmore South ward) 1986-97. In June 2009 resigned as Minister for London and Minister of State at the Department for Work and Pensions following controversy surrounding expenses claimed on his second (constituency) home where his parents also lived. The Parliamentary Standards Committee reported that he had received mistaken advice from the Fees Office. He was asked to apologise to the House of Commons and repay £13,837. Defeated at the 2010 General Election.

(Arthur) John Page

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow West at a by-election in 1960. Born 16 September 1919, educated at Harrow and Magdelene College, Cambridge. Joined the Royal Artillery 1939, served in Europe and Middle East (wounded) and demobilised as a Major of the Norfolk Yeomanry. Contested Eton and Slough 1959. A sales manager. Knighted 1984. Retired at the 1987 General Election. Listed his recreations as painting, politics and "defending the Monarchy". Died 31 October 2008.

Robert Gurth Hughes

Elected Conservative MP for Harrow West at the 1987 General Election. Born 14 July 1951, educated at Spring Grove Grammar School and Harrow College of Technology and Art. A television news picture editor. Member of Hounslow Borough Council (Hounslow South ward) 1974-78. Greater London Councillor for Croydon Central, 1980-86. Contested Stepney and Poplar 1979, Bermondsey 1983 (by-election) and Southwark and Bermondsey 1983. Opposed the Conservative Party line by supporting a total ban on handguns following the Dunblane massacre. Defeated at the 1997 General Election. Chief executive of the Association of Optometrists since 2004.

Gareth Robert Thomas

Elected Labour MP for Harrow West at the 1997 General Election. Born 15 July 1967, educated at Hatch End High School and Lowlands College; then at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Thames Polytechnic and King's College, London. A school teacher. Harrow councillor (Wealdstone ward) 1990-97. Chair of the Co-operative Party since 2000 and President of the 2003 Co-operative Congress.