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PORTSMOUTH LABOUR PARTY

Although the first Labour candidates to stand in Portsmouth Council Elections was in 1894, the first Labour Representation Committee here was not set up till 1900.

The Portsmouth Labour Party has set up Constituency Associations and Ward Associations and records to a greater or lesser extent survive for all these as well as for Unity Hall in Fratton bought in 1951.

From 1918 until 1948 most of Portsea Island was split between three parliamentary divisions as follows:-

<u>Constituency</u>	<u>Wards</u>
Portsmouth North	North End, Mile End (called Nelson from 1928), Charles Dickens, Portsea, Meredith
Portsmouth Central	Buckland, Fratton, St Mary, Guildhall, Kingston
Portsmouth South	Havelock, Highland, St Paul (renamed St Jude), St Simon, St Thomas

After 1948 there were only two constituencies. Portsmouth North and Portsmouth Central with the exception of Kingston and Meredith Wards were combined to form Portsmouth West. Meredith Ward with Cosham Ward went to form part of Portsmouth Langstone. Portsmouth West was once more called Portsmouth North in 1971. Portsmouth South remained the same but with the addition of Kingston Ward.

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1. Register for Delegate Council and Committees 1961-68
2. Duplicated copies of minutes of Delegate Council and Party AGM:
 1. 1948-51
 2. 1954-62
 3. 1967-72
 4. 1972-75 with minutes of Executive Committee and other sub-committees
3. Annual Reports 1976, 1977
4. Income & Expenditure Accounts:
 1. Book 1952-55
 2. File 1973-74
 3. File 1976-77
 4. File 1978-81
 5. File 1982
5. Membership Subscription Book 1973-76
6. Tote Promotion - Receipt and Prizes Book 1970
7. Pontoon Returns Nos 10-13, 1978-79
8. Copy of Rules and Standing Orders c1980
9. Folder of miscellaneous papers, including autograph of James Callaghan [15 items] 1959-60, 1979-82

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Portsmouth North Constituency Labour Party
[called Portsmouth West 1948-71]

1. General Management Committee Minute Books and AGM Minutes:
 1. 1957-62
 2. 1962-70
 3. 1971-75 [loose leaf]

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2. Executive Committee Minute Books:
 1. 1956-62
 2. 1971-75
3. Finance Committee Minute Book 1934-39
4. Annual Reports 1973, 1974
5. Account Book giving general Summary of Parliamentary Account 1952-65
6. Receipt & Payment Account Books:
 1. 1962-66
 2. 1965-67
 3. 1974-75
7. Pools Scheme Account Book 1974-76

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Portsmouth South Constituency Labour Party

1. Copy of Constitution, Rules and Standing Orders 1950
2. Constituency Meeting Minute Book with AGM minutes 1962-67
3. Receipt & Payment Account Book 1956-69
4. Balance Sheets 1962-71

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Ward Labour Parties

1. Buckland Ward - North Constituency
 1. Income & Expenditure Account Books:
 1. 1958-74
 2. 1975-78
2. Cosham Ward - Langstone Constituency
 1. Account Book 1973-78

3. Fratton Ward - North Constituency
 1. Minute Book 1954-59
4. Havelock Ward - South Constituency
 1. Minute Books:
 1. 1944-49
 2. 1949-53
 3. 1953-55
 4. 1956-63
 5. 1963-71
 6. 1971-74
 2. Executive Committee Minute Book 1953-56
 3. Agenda Book and Draft Minutes 1953-57
 4. Womens' Section Minute Books:
 1. 1952-59
 2. 1959-63
 3. Agenda Book 1969-81
 5. Membership Subscription Books:
 1. 1965-66
 2. 1967-69
 3. 1973-77
 6. Correspondence File 1968-72
5. Highland Ward - South Constituency
 1. Receipt & Expenditure Account Book 1963-78
6. Kingston Ward - South Constituency
 1. Receipt & Expenditure Account Book 1969-77

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Ward Labour Parties [continued]

7. Nelson Ward - North Constituency
 1. Womens' Section Membership Register 1961-74
 2. Womens' Section Minute Book 1961-65
 3. Treasurer's Account Book 1965-78
8. North End Ward - North Constituency
 1. Ward Minute Book 1963-71
 2. Womens' Section Minute Books:
 1. 1952-55
 2. 1955-56
 3. 1956-59
 4. 1959-64
 5. 1964-68
 6. 1968-72
9. St Simon's Ward - South Constituency
 1. Receipt & Expenditure Account Book 1951-78
- 10 St Thomas' and St Jude's Wards - South Constituency
 1. Womens' Section Minute Book 1961-69

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Young Socialists

1. Minute Book 1964-67

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National Council of Labour Colleges -
Portsmouth Branch

1. Minute Book 1935-39
2. Notices of courses and accounts 1934-46 [1 envelope]

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Womens' Council

1. Portsmouth Womens' Council Account Book 1959-69
2. Account Book -
S. Hampshire and IOW 1965-70
Portsmouth N (formerly West) 1970-72
Portsmouth - general 1975-76

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Unity Hall, Holbrook Street, Fratton

1. Constitution and Rules of Unity Finance Management Committee 1958
2. Annual Statements of Account [8 items] 1959-66
3. Account Book of Loans and Donations 1950-52
4. Receipt & Expenditure Account Book 1966-73
5. Drinks Supply Order Book 1969-71
6. Draft notes of receipts and expenses December 1975-December 1976

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Miscellaneous

1. Election leaflets for local government and Parliament:
 1. Portsmouth Labour Candidates 1931-86 [121 items]
 2. Portsmouth and general Conservative and Liberal Candidates 1947-80 [43 items]
 3. Other constituencies c1936-79 [53 items]
2. Labour Party Election Manifestos:
 1. 1970
 2. 1971 Labour Dictionary of Achievement
 3. February 1974
 4. October 1974
 5. 1976

3. (a) Minute Book of Portsmouth Labour Representation Committee,
3 March-11 November 1909

(b) File of extracts from above,
March-July 1909
4. Magazine of Portsmouth Trades Council and Labour Party The Portsmouth Forward
Nos 1-8, September 1925-March 1926
5. Dockyard Industrial Review - Journal for Workers represented on Admiralty Industrial Councils Nos 1-7, March 1925-March 1927
6. Mr J.B.Smith's, formerly G.W.Post's, Members Pass Book of Portsmouth Labour Party [2 items] 1924-47
7. Handbook of Woolwich Labour Representation Association c1908
8. Guide Book to "The Worker" International Bazaar, Town Hall, Huddersfield, April 1908
9. Russia: Official Report of British Trade Union Delegation to Russia in November and December 1924, 1925
10. Rules of Portsmouth Printers Ltd, 1954
11. Booklet: Purpose in Socialism - An Essay by Peter Archer, Ray Carter, Arthur Davidson, Frank Judd, Joan Lestor, 1972
12. Booklet: Let Cowards Flinch - Social History of Fareham and Its Labour Movement by Brian Townsend, 1979
13. Music sheet of Jerusalem
14. Booklet of music: Twelve Labour Choruses c1930
15. Photographs:
 1. Labour Garden Party at Liphook - group photo, 1926
 2. City Council - with 3 Labour members 1927-28

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3. City Council - with 8 Labour members
1935
4. City Council 1953
5. "Conservatives Care" c1950
6. Aneurin Bevan c1950
7. A-Blast from the Air, Las Vegas,
Nevada 1955
8. Boom Number Ten, Las Vegas, Nevada
1957
9. Volunteers leaving Portsmouth for
relief work after dam burst at
Frejus, Nevada 1959
10. Mr H.Jacobs canvassing in Cosham
Ward c1960
11. Harold Wilson c1960
12. Councillor Mrs Marks canvassing in
Fratton Ward c1960
- 13-14. Young Socialists Social Evening
at Club Room, 474 Commercial Road 1960
15. James Callaghan opening HQ of
Portsmouth West Constituency in
Kingston Crescent 1962
16. Portsmouth West (later North)
Constituency HQ in Kingston Crescent
1962
17. Lord George Brown speaking c1960s
18. Mr and Mrs Frank Judd c1966
- 19-20. Harold Wilson in the Dockyard c1960s
- 21 Mrs E. Fudge canvassing in Meredith
Ward 1967
- 22-23. Frank Judd outside Unicorn Gate c1970
24. Frank Judd c1974

1. Handbook to "Merrie England Bazaar" of Middleton Labour Party 18 January 1907
2. "The Herald" National Labour Weekly Magazine 22 February 1919
3. Supplement to Christian Herald giving print of first Labour Cabinet 7 February 1924
4. Booklet: Conduct of Local Elections issued by Labour Party 1965
5. Programme of Grand Variety Concert for Portsmouth Labour Party at Town Hall 30 November 1920
6. Dinner Menus etc (mainly) Portsmouth Labour Party 1952-1974 [14 items]
7. Books:
 1. The Times Guide to the House of Commons 1964
 2. The Book of the Labour Party ed. Herbert Tracey, vols 1-3 c1930
 3. Fifty Years March - The Rise of the Labour Party by Francis Williams c1950
 4. History of the TUC 1868-1968 - A Pictorial Survey of a Social Revolution
 5. The Story of the National Union of Printing and Bookbinding and Paper Workers by Clement J. Bundock 1959
 6. Wanderings and Excursions by J.Ramsay MacDonald 1925
 7. James Ramsay MacDonald - Labour's Man of Destiny by H.Hessell Tillman c1930
 8. Selected Poems - autographed copy by Mary Wilson 1970