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INTRODUCTION TO THE HENDON LABOUR PARTY PAPERS
IN BARNET BOROUGH LIBRARY

The papers in this collection, on the advice of the National Labour Party Archivist, were given to Barnet Borough Library, on permanent loan, in three stages between 1984 and 1988. They include all the known minutes of the Hendon Constituency Labour Party (dissolved 1945), Hendon North CLP and Hendon South CLP (to date), together with other related material. The papers are numbered consecutively throughout, divided into sixteen sections and contained in one hundred and twenty files. It is believed to be one of the most comprehensive collections of its kind in Britain.

I HENDON CONSTITUENCY PARTY MINUTES

The Hendon Constituency (or Divisional) Labour Party was founded in 1918 and covered parts of Harrow and Wembley and what is now Hendon North and Hendon South. These minutes are of the General and Executive Committees and of the various sub-committees. They form a complete series from 1924 and include many Annual Reports and other relevant documents. The constituency was divided in 1945.

II HENDON LOCAL LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

The constituency was sub-divided into 'Local Labour Parties' comprising those wards within a single local authority area. They were primarily responsible for local government matters although in practice the 'Local Labour Party' concerned itself with a wide range of party business. The Hendon Local Party was formed in 1926 and dominated the affairs of the constituency. Only a few hand-written papers exist for the period prior to 1931. The Local Party had a General and an Executive Committee as well as various sub-committees and produced minutes, Annual Reports and other documents. They are all included in this section.

III HENDON BOROUGH CENTRAL LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

Following the dissolution of the Hendon Constituency the two new constituencies of Hendon North and South together formed the 'Borough Central Labour Party' with responsibility for local government matters. It also concerned itself with Trade Union affiliations, Annual Conference resolutions and fundraising. It had a general and an Executive Committee. These surviving minutes cover the period from its creation in 1945 to 1956. The minutes from 1947 to 1949 are missing. A few later papers can be found in Section XIV. The Borough Central Labour Party continued to operate until 1964 when it was replaced by the Barnet Local Government Committee.

IV GOLDERS GREEN WARD - CORRESPONDENCE 1938

In 1938 a dispute occurred which led to a National Party Enquiry. This correspondence forms an almost complete record of the background and progress of the affair which arose as a result of internal problems.

V CENTRAL WARD MINUTES

Central ward was among the first to be set up within the Hendon constituency (probably in 1919). These are the only known pre-1945 minutes and include the earliest surviving Hendon Labour Party papers.

VI HENDON CLP - ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Such a sub-committee as this operated in various forms throughout the party's history and most accounts of their proceedings are included in the minutes of the local and constituency parties. This series had been filed separately.

VII BURNT OAK BRANCH

This Branch was founded in 1928. It remains Hendon North's strongest electoral ward and has always returned Labour local government councillors. These are the only known surviving papers.

VIII MILL HILL & HALE BRANCH

Mill Hill Branch was formed in 1924 and has operated continuously ever since. Following boundary changes in the late 1960s Mill Hill Ward was divided and Hale Ward created. The Labour Party remained a joint branch 'Mill Hill & Hale' until it was divided in 1987. These are the only known minutes.

IX HENDON NORTH AND BURNT OAK

These papers give the background to two National Party Enquiries into the re-organisation of Burnt Oak Branch (1982) and the selection of council candidates (1985), often referred to in the CLP minutes.

X HENDON NORTH CLP MINUTES

These are the only known surviving Hendon North CLP minutes. They are of the General and Executive Committees together with Accounts, Reports and other papers.

XI MISCELLANEOUS SECRETARIAL PAPERS - TO 1956

These papers are mostly those of George Richardson and deal with various subjects. Several concern political divisions within the party during the 1930s.

XII LOCAL ELECTIONS (ORGANISATION) 1953 - 1960

In this period local elections were organised jointly between Hendon North and Hendon South. These miscellaneous papers give additional information on the administrative machinery of elections to that contained in the party's minutes.

XIII BOUND BOOKS

Apart from the first volume these all relate to Hendon South. They contain accounts, lists of members attending General and Executive Committee meetings, and minutes of the Young Socialist branch in the early 1970s.

XIV HENDON SOUTH CLP MINUTES

Every year is represented in this section which also contains Annual Accounts, Annual Reports and all related material.

XV HENDON NORTH LOCAL ELECTIONS 1986

As well as a complete set of printed material this section also contains administrative and financial information concerning the conduct of these elections when, for the first time, Independent Labour candidates stood.

XVI PRINTED MATERIAL

The ephemeral nature of election leaflets even to the parties concerned is underlined by the fact that the documents contained in this section are all that seem to have survived after seventy years of campaigning. This collection does however span every period, for both local and national elections, since 1920.

The Hendon Labour Party papers in this collection were found preserved in various parts of George Richardson House, the headquarters of Hendon South Constituency Labour Party, in 1983. On the advice of the National Labour Party Archivist it was agreed to deposit these papers on permanent loan in the Borough History Library. The papers have been removed from their original damaged bindings, put into order, numbered consecutively throughout and divided into 55 sections. The collection includes all the known minutes of the pre-1945 Party. The collection was given to the library in November 1984.

A. HENDON CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

The Hendon Constituency (or Divisional) Labour Party was founded in 1918 and covered parts of Harrow and Wembley and what is now Hendon North and Hendon South. These minutes are of the General and Executive Committees together with those of various sub-committees. They form a complete series from 1924 and include several Annual Reports and other relevant documents. The constituency was divided in 1945.

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1925	Minutes	31 - 58	2	1936	Minutes	270 - 308	13
1926	Minutes	59 - 90	3	1937	Minutes	309 - 343	14
1927	Minutes	91 - 115	4	1938	Minutes	344 - 376	15
1928	Minutes	116 - 138	5	1939	Minutes	377 - 404	16
1929	Minutes	139 - 174	6	1940	Minutes	405 - 445	17
1930	Minutes	175 - 190	7	1941	Minutes	446 - 471	18
1931	Minutes	191 - 207	8	1942	Minutes	472 - 496	19
1932	Minutes	208 - 220	9	1943	Minutes	497 - 531	20
1933	Minutes	221 - 236	10	1944	Minutes	532 - 575	21
1934	Minutes	237 - 244	11	1945	Minutes	576 - 588	22

B. HENDON LOCAL LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

The constituency was sub-divided into 'Local Labour Parties' comprising those wards within a single local authority area. They were primarily responsible for local government matters although in practice the 'Local Labour Party' concerned itself with a wide range of Party business. The Hendon Local Party was formed in 1926 but only a few hand-written papers exist for the period prior to 1931. The Local Party had a General and Executive Committee as well as various sub-committees and produced minutes, Annual Reports and other documents. They are all included in this section.

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1926-30	Minutes	589 - 620	23	1938	Minutes	736 - 770	31
1931	Minutes	621 - 626	24	1939	Minutes	771 - 807	32
1932	Minutes	627 - 633	25	1940	Minutes	808 - 827	33
1933	Minutes	634 - 655	26	1941	Minutes	828 - 852	34
1934	Minutes	656 - 663	27	1942	Minutes	853 - 875	35
1935	Minutes	664 - 682	28	1943	Minutes	876 - 905	36
1936	Minutes	683 - 707	29	1944	Minutes	906 - 939	37
1937	Minutes	708 - 735	30	1945	Minutes	940 - 946	38

C. HENDON BOROUGH CENTRAL LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

Following the dissolution of the Hendon Constituency the two new constituencies of Hendon North and Hendon South together formed the 'Borough Central Labour Party' with responsibility for local government matters. It also concerned itself with Trade Union affiliations, Annual Conference Resolutions and Mandating, and joint fundraising. It had a General and an Executive Committee. These surviving minutes cover the period from its creation in 1945 to 1956. The minutes from 1947 to 1949 are missing. The Borough Central Labour Party continued to operate until 1964 when it was replaced by the Barnet Local Government Committee.

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1950	Minutes	1045 - 1082	41
1951	Minutes	1083 - 1113	42
1952	Minutes	1114 - 1155	43
1953,54	Minutes	1156 - 1201	44
1955,56	Minutes	1202 - 1230	45

D. GOLDERS GREEN WARD LABOUR PARTY - CORRESPONDENCE 1938

A dispute occurred in Golders Green Ward in 1938 which led to an NEC Enquiry. The dispute concerned mainly organisational problems and is frequently referred to in the constituency and local party minutes. This correspondence forms an almost complete record of the background and progress of the affair. Very little other pre-1945 correspondence survives.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Sheets</u>	<u>Folder</u>
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1938	Correspondence	1310 - 1360	47
1938	Correspondence	1361 - 1428	48

E. CENTRAL WARD LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

The basic organisational unit of the party was the Ward 'Group' (now known as a Branch). It generally, but not always, consisted of all party members living within a single local authority ward boundary. They held 'Group' (all members) meetings and 'Group Committee' (executive) meetings. Central Ward Labour Party was among the first to be set up within the Hendon Constituency (probably in 1919). These are the only known pre-1945 minutes and include the earliest surviving Hendon Labour Party papers.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Sheets</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Sheets</u>	<u>Folder</u>
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1924	Minutes	1440 - 1473	50	1927	Minutes	1565 - 1605	53
1925	Minutes	1474 - 1518	51	1928	Minutes	1606 - 1648	54

F. HENDON CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY - ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Such a sub-committee as this has operated in various forms throughout the party's history and most accounts of their proceedings are included in the minutes of the constituency and local parties. This series had been filed separately.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Sheets</u>	<u>Folder</u>
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1928	Minutes	116 - 138	5
1929	Minutes	139 - 174	6
1930	Minutes	175 - 190	7
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1934	Minutes	237 - 244	11
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III. HENDON BOROUGH CENTRAL LABOUR PARTY MINUTES

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1950	Minutes	1045 - 1082	41
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IV. GOLDERS GREEN WARD - CORRESPONDENCE 1938

1938	Correspondence	1231 - 1309	46
1938	Correspondence	1310 - 1360	47
1938	Correspondence	1361 - 1428	48

V. CENTRAL WARD - MINUTES

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1925	Minutes	1474 - 1518	51
1926	Minutes	1519 - 1564	52
1927	Minutes	1565 - 1605	53
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	1956	Minutes	3466 - 3481	83
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1960	Minutes	3591 - 3674	87
1961	Minutes	3675 - 3750	88
1962	Minutes	3751 - 3817	89
1963	Minutes	3818 - 3879	90
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1965	Minutes	3933 - 4036	92
1966	Minutes	4037 - 4103	93
1967	Minutes	4104 - 4159	94
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1975	Minutes	4678 - 4774	102
1976	Minutes	4775 - 4855	103
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1982	Minutes	5340 - 5417	109
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SUPPLEMENT A (July 1989)

Supp. A . HENDON NORTH CLP MINUTES

The recently found papers in this Supplementary Section fall into two parts. First, papers of the mid to late 1960s, and second, additional papers of the early 1970s not contained in the main collection. Found together with these papers were the Hendon North Accounts for 1952 and these have been included in file 121.

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SUPPLEMENT B (February 1994)

Supp. B . HENDON SOUTH CLP MINUTES AND OTHER PAPERS

The papers in this section contain the additional Minutes of Hendon South CLP from 1988 to 1992. The Attendance Book, covering the period from October 1981 to May 1991, is included in Folder 127. Finally, copies of various Deeds and other legal documents relating to the history of the ownership of 19 (7) Sunningfields Road, George Richardson House, which was sold in March 1993, are contained in Folder 129.

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