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A GUIDE TO THE LABOUR PARTY PAPERS IN THE BARNET BOROUGH LIBRARY

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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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
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1932	Minutes	627 - 633	25	1940	Minutes	808 - 827	33
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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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