

17th December 1894 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
A BRIANT (IND) UN Resigned prior to 1896 election	J LAW (IND) UN	H GLOSTER (IND) UN 323	W BULBECK (IND) UN	R HOLMES (IND) UN 54 Resigned prior to 1896 election
J KITTREDGE (IND) UN	A RYDE (IND) UN	DR A HOWLIN (IND) UN 312 Resigned 22nd April 1896	J DAVIES (IND) UN	J WHITBURN (IND) UN 54
J WEBSTER (IND) UN	G WATERER (IND) UN	W BUTT (IND) UN 310	G WERMIG (IND) UN Also returned in Woking Village & Mayford ward, deciding to stand there	G WERMIG (IND) UN 42
		T MARTIN (IND) 266		<u>W CORRIE (IND)</u> 30
		J WENHAM (IND) 266		<u>W AIRD (IND)</u> 30
		E WESTON (IND) 214		<u>G SMALLPIECE (IND)</u> 22
		<u>J COLLYER (IND)</u> 177		<u>W BAYLISS (IND)</u> 20
		<u>G HARRIS (IND)</u> 106		

(?) 1896 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
J HARDING (IND) UN taking over seat of A BRIANT	J LAW (IND) UN re-elected, resigned 13th May 1896	E WESTON (IND) UN re-elected	G COBBETT (IND) UN re-elected	W AIRD (IND) UN taking over seat of R HOLMES
J KITTREDGE (IND) UN re-elected		J WENHAM (IND) UN re-elected, resigned 9th February 1898		G WERMIG (IND) UN re-elected, resigned 12th January 1898

5th April 1897 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
J WEBSTER (IND) UN re-elected	E SQUIRES UN	W BUTT (IND) UN re-elected	106 J DAVIES (IND) re-elected UN	J WHITBURN (IND) UN re-elected
		C WALLIS (IL) 103		
		<u>T MARTIN (IND) not re-elected</u> 85		

WOKING URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 1894-1901

In October 1893, at the Goldsworth Hall in Goldsworth Road, the eighteen members of the newly elected 'Woking Local Board' met to discuss how the future of Woking should be shaped by it's own local government - free from the incompetent control of Guildford and it's Rural Highways and Sanitary Authorities.

A little over a year later another set of elections would take place to form the Woking Urban District Council - although in reality (as can be seen) only the electorate in two of the five wards got any chance of expressing a view as to whom they would like to represent them!

In the early days of Woking Council most of the councillors declared no political allegiance (although in reality most would probably now be described as 'conservative'), and the vast majority were 'elected' unopposed. Those that did face a ballot were often returned by just a small number of 'ratepayers' as universal suffrage at that time was still a long way off.

The information contained in this (and subsequent) charts is based mainly on contemporary newspaper reports and information contained in Council Minutes.

BOLD & UNDER-LINED = NOT ELECTED

UN = ELECTED UNOPPOSED

IND = INDEPENDANT (POLITICS NOT DECARED)

IL = INDEPENDANT LABOUR

9th January 1895 - By-Election

SUTTON & BRIDLEY

G COBBETT (IND) taking over seat of G WERMIG UN

8th May 1896 - By-Election

STATION & MAYBURY

G SAUL (IND) taking over seat of DR A HOWLIN UN

4th June 1896 - By-Election

ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH

G HARRIS (IND) taking over seat of J LAW UN

28th January 1898 - By-Election

WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD

C GRAHAM (IND) taking over seat of G WERMIG UN

4th April 1898 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
F REAVELL (IND) 70 won on the drawing of lots. Resigned 10th May 1899	H COX (IND) UN	E SAWYER (IND) 338	W BULBECK (IND) 78 re-elected	W AIRD (IND) UN re-elected
T SPARKES (IND) 70		A CLINTON (TA) 270	W BURNE (IND) 61	
W NORTH (IND) 21		F HUNT (IND) taking over seat of J WENHAM 227		
		H GLOSTER (IND) 203 not re-elected		
		G SAUL (IND) not re-elected 134		

27th March 1899 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
J KITTREDGE (IND) UN re-elected	G HARRIS (IND) re-elected UN	E WESTON (IND) re-elected 244	G COBBETT (IND) re-elected UN	H CARTER (IND) UN
		W HUTTON (IND) 234		
		C WATKINS (TA) 162		

2nd April 1900 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
H GLOSTER (IND) UN previously Cllr for Station & Maybury 1894-8	A GODFREY (IND) 97 resigned 12th June 1901	S LUSHINGTON (IND) 290	W BURNE (IND) UN	J WHITBURN (IND) UN re-elected
	U PADMORE (IND) 54	W BUTT (IND) re-elected 239		
		C WALLIS (IND) not re-elected 195		

(?) 1901 - Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD	ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH	STATION & MAYBURY	SUTTON & BRIDLEY	WOKING VILLAGE & MAYFORD
J BARRATT (IND) UN re-elected	H COX (IND) UN re-elected	J ASHER (IND) UN	W WEST (IND) UN	W AIRD (IND) UN re-elected
		W COLLINSON (TA) UN		



Gustave Freidrick Wermig, originally from Germany, but who became a British citizen in the 1880's, was voted as Woking Urban District Council's first Chairman. He was a local market gardener and nurseryman, owning amongst other land Egley Farm (where Barnsbury School is today).

TA = TRADESMEN'S ALLIANCE

5th June 1899 - By-Election

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD
J BARRATT (IND) 96 taking over seat of F REAVELL
W NORTH (IND) 35

21st June 1901 - By-Election

ST JOHNS & GOLDSWORTH
A GODFREY (IND) UN re-elected

As we saw on the previous page Woking's first openly political candidate was Mr Wallis who in 1897 defeated the sitting councillor Mr Martin by 28 votes in the Station & Maybury Ward (undoubtedly the most 'urban' and politically active of all the district's wards). Indeed the following year two of the seat's sitting councillors were defeated in an election that saw for the first time the 'Tradesmen's Alliance' field a candidate (even though Cllrs. Gloster and Saul were in fact local tradesmen themselves).

Indeed many of the councillors in those early days were local traders and businessmen, with few 'workers' eligible to vote—let alone stand for election!