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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1965.

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GATE HOUSE,

CHEPSTOW.....MCN.

TEL. NO. CHEPSTOW 2657.



CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Mr. D.J. Turner

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Mr. W.A. Hood

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. E.N. Dowell.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Regent House,

CHEPSTOW.....Mon.

23rd. May. 1966.

To :- The Chairman and Members of
the Chepstow Urban District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and
Sanitary Conditions of your District for the year ended
31st. December. 1965.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory.

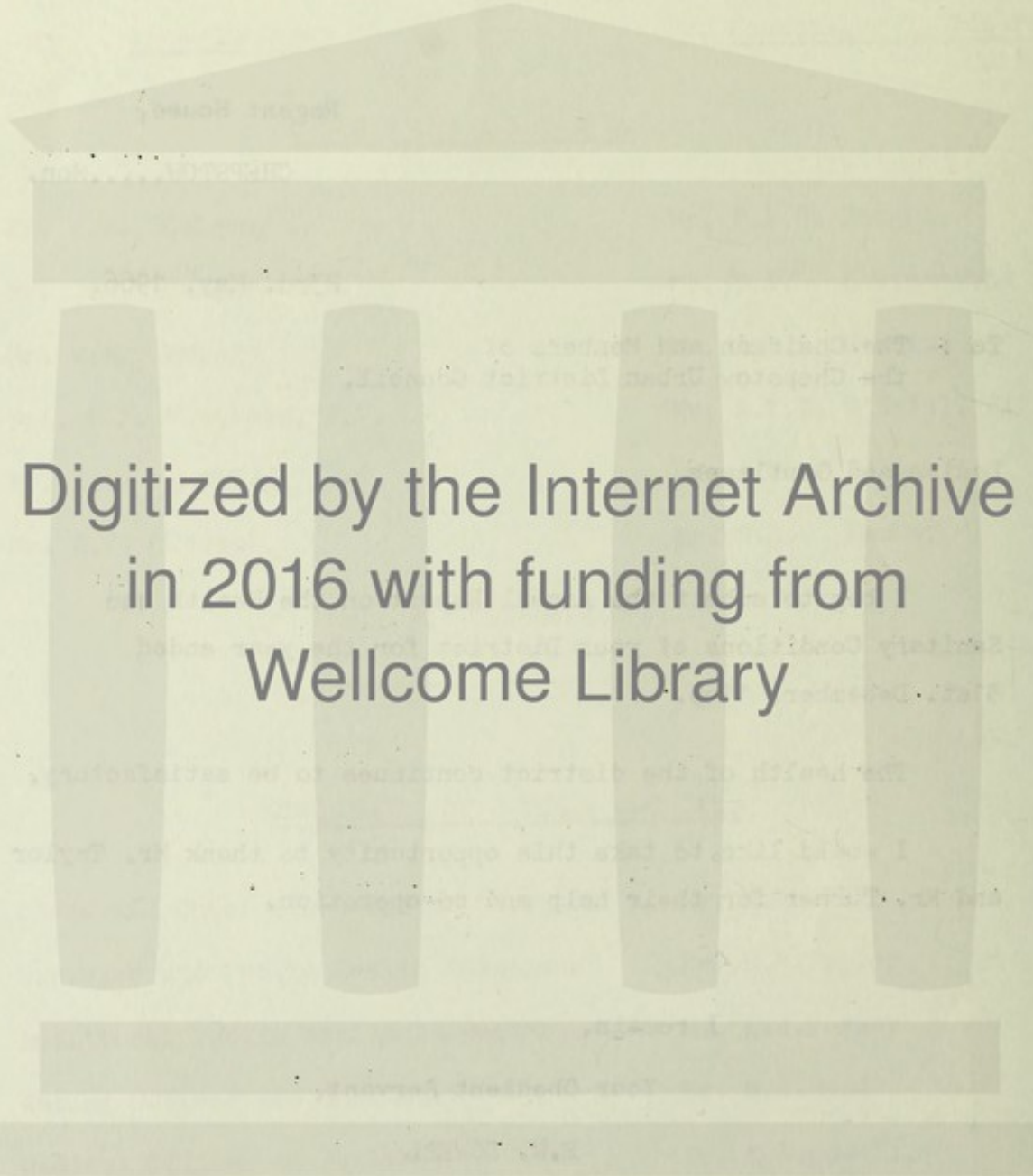
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor
and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

E.N. DOWELL

Medical Officer of Health.



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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1965.

STATISTICS.

The estimated mid-year population was 7570. In 1964 it was 7460.

The natural increase, i.e. the figure that the number of births exceeds the number of deaths, was 82.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	81	77	158
Illegitimate	7	7	14

Of the above only 50 were registered with the Local Registrar.

The highest number of births recorded since 1950 was 197 in 1963 and the lowest was 81 in 1952.

The live birth rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 19.05.

<u>Still-Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1		1

The following are details of the transferable still-birth as supplied by the Registrar-General :-

- (i) Male 1a. Toxaemia of pregnancy.
 b. Prematurity.

There were no still-births in 1958.

INFANT MORTALITY.

<u>Deaths of Infants Under one year of age.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3

The following gives a list of the deaths of infants under one year of age, giving age at and cause of death :-

(i) Female	1 day	1a. Cerebral oedema b. Cerebral anoxia c. Accidental haemorrhage.
(ii) Male	5 days	1a. Respiratory failure. b. Pneumonia.
(iii) Female	2 hrs.	1a. Respiratory failure b. Intra-cerebral haemorrhage c. Precipitate delivery.

In 1952 and 1962 there were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age.

The infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for Monmouthshire was 21.21.

DEATHS.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	43	47	90.

Of the deaths registered in 1965, 31 died in hospitals in your district, and although they were not residents, had been in hospital for more than six months before the occurrence of death.

In 1962 there were 126 registered deaths.

For fourteen consecutive years no death has been attributed to child-birth.

The death rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 12.31.

The following table gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause.

DEATHS IN CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1965.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Other infective and parasitic diseases.		1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	1
Diabetes		1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	10
Coronary disease, angina	8	12
Other heart disease	5	10
Other circulatory disease		2
Pneumonia	1	
Bronchitis	2	
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	5
Motor vehicle accidents		1
All other accidents	1	
Total all causes	43	47

GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY.

DIPHTHERIA.

For thirteen consecutive years, no case has been notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year, 96 children were immunised against diphtheria. In 1964, the number of immunisations was 159.

Of the number immunised, 32 were babies born in 1965 and 57 were born in 1964.

VACCINATIONS (SMALLPOX).

In 1965 only 43 primary vaccinations were completed. In 1962 the year that smallpox came to South Wales, there were 3403.

POLIOMYELITIS.

As in 1964, there were no cases notified. In the last nine years, only two cases have been notified and they occurred in 1957.

Children are immunised by the local doctors and at the clinic held at Boverton House.

FOOD POISONING.

For nine years, no cases have been reported.

DYSENTERY.

For the sixth consecutive year, no notifications have been received.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The only notification received during the year of a primary case of tuberculosis was that occurring in the lungs of a male, age 37 years. In 1963, there were no notifications.

VACCINATION AGAINST ANTHRAX.

Investigation revealed that one establishment in your district was using tail or mane horse hair. This was obtained from Ripley's Yorkshire.

The County Medical Officer has been informed.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER. 1965.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is supplied with a piped water supply. As from the 1st. October. 1960, the Chepstow Water Co., a private Company which had previously supplied water to the Urban District for a long number of years, ceased to operate and was taken over by the newly constituted Board, The Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board, comprising the County Borough of Newport, Urban Districts of Caerleon, Chepstow and Cwmbran and the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Magor & St. Mellons.

Owing to the rapid development of the Council's housing schemes in the Bulwark area, difficulty had been experienced during dry summers in maintaining an adequate supply. The new Board have already carried out works of ring maining with additional supplies within their area which has considerably improved the situation.

12 samples of water were regularly taken for both chemical and bacteriological examination, the results being satisfactory. The water is not subject to plumbo-solvency.

102 samples of treated water were taken by the Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board for bacteriological examination, all the results being satisfactory.

SWIMMING & BATHING POOLS.

There are no swimming pools within the area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

With the advent of the Spencer Steel Works at Llanwern there has been an ever increasing pressure brought to bear to provide additional land within the Urban District for residential purposes, and with this in mind the Council has embarked upon a £250,000 Sewerage Scheme.

The main provisions of the scheme provide for additional lengths of new sewers to serve new residential areas, the provision of storm water over flow sewers together with rising mains to pump the effluent from the old parts of the town to the new Sewerage Works situated at Thornwell, Bulwark.

The scheme which provides for the alteration of the sewerage and the provision of new sewage disposal arrangements is proceeding satisfactorily.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Almost the whole of the dwelling houses within the Urban District are provided with waterclosets connected to the Council's sewerage system. A small number of dwellings are drained into cesspools, but as these are situated in the sparsely populated parts of the district, no trouble is experienced.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

At the present time, domestic and trade refuse is collected once weekly from all premises with a more frequent collection for the business premises within the Town Centre.

Disposal is effected by tipping in a large depression adjacent to the Chepstow Racecourse.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT. 1936 Section 60.
HOUSING ACT. 1961 Section 16.
MON. COUNTY COUNCIL ACT. 1956 Section 95.

Regular inspection of all premises coming within the scope of the above mentioned Acts, for the provision of adequate means of escape in case of fire, continued throughout the year. In this respect, I must record my appreciation to the County Chief Fire Officer (Cyril Thomas Esq., O.B.E.), and his Fire Prevention Officers who so readily assist my Department in this connection.

During the year under review, 5 premises were inspected for this purpose, and following upon recommendations made for the carrying out of certain work to provide adequate means of escape in case of fire, 2 premises complied with all of the recommendations made.

The understanding and cooperation of all those people concerned in this important aspect of our work has to be readily appreciated, and it is hoped that within the course of the next year, ALL premises coming within the provisions of the above mentioned Acts will be provided with adequate means of escape in case of fire.

The table below, will indicate the type of premises dealt with.

TYPE OF PREMISES	NO.
OFFICES	-
OTHER PREMISES	2

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT. 1959
 (as amended by the Housing Acts 1961 & 1964).

5 applications for Standard Grants were received and approved during the year, the amenities provided and the amount of grant being available varying in each case.

HOUSING.

	Temporary			Permanent		
	1963	1964	1965	1963	1964	1965
1. Number of Separate dwellings owned by Local Authority on 31st. December. 1965.	-	-	-	989	989	989
2. <u>Local Authority Dwellings</u>						
(a) Number of new separate dwellings completed during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Number of houses otherwise acquired						
(c) by Local Authority during the year ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Number of Local Authority houses disposed of	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Number of new separate dwellings completed by Private Enterprise during the year ...				19	52	24
4. <u>Improvement Grants.</u>						
(a) Number of Standard Improvement Grants..	5	7	5			
(b) Number of <u>Other</u> Improvement Grants ...	-	-	1			
(c) Amount of Standard Improvement Grants..	£280	£601	£406			
(d) Amount of Other Improvement Grants ...	-	-	£290			
5. <u>Improvement Loans.</u>						
(a) Number of Improvement Loans	1	2	3			
(b) Amount of Improvement Loans	£300	£750	£1440			
6. <u>Rent Act. 1957.</u>						
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	NIL	NIL	NIL			

FOOD & DRUGS ACT. 1955.

1. The enforcement of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, continued throughout the year, with the result of improving Standards in food premises to which they apply.

2. In connection with the new or modernised food premises opening within the area, the detailed plans for these premises are closely examined for compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations. As a result, discussions took place with the various Firms concerned, and many amendments and improvements were made to satisfy our requirements.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. of Visits.</u>
Butchers	16
Fried Fish shops and Fishmongers ...	6
Grocers and Provisioners	18
Greengrocers and Fruiterers... ..	12
General Confectioners	6
Cafes and Snack Bars	4
Hotels and Restaurants	12
Street Vendors	14
Licensed Premises... ..	1
School and Works Canteens	5
Unsound food visits	19
Miscellaneous food visits	7
Hospital Canteen	1
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FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS. 1960.

<u>Defects Remedied</u>	<u>Cafes Canteen Confectioners</u>	<u>Bakers and Food Preparers.</u>	<u>Grocers and Green-Grocers</u>	<u>Butchers</u>	<u>Wet and Fried Fish Shops</u>	<u>Licensed Premises</u>	<u>Hotels and Restaurants.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
General Disrepair	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	3
Cleanliness & Decorum	1	-	2	3	1	1	3	11
Hot water supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wash-hand Basins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First-Aid Kits	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sinks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	10
San. Accom.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Clothing Lockers	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>TOTAL.</u>	5	1	4	7	2	2	8	29

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the milk supplied within the district is imported, all consisting of bottled milk of the designated grades.

THREE samples of milk were abstracted from retailers during the year, and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination, and in each case satisfied the prescribed test.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS. 1959.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

Manufacturers (Cold Mix).....	....	-
Retailers .....	....	27

PET ANIMALS ACT. 1951.

2 premises are licensed to keep pet animals.

RODENT CONTROL.

The following extracts from Form PDP/65 as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food summarises the work carried out under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				(5) Agricultural.
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (Inc. Council Houses).	(3) All Other (Inc. Business Premises).	(4) Totals of Cols(1) (2) & (3).	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	34	2124	600	2758	5
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification.	4	31	6	41	-
No. of such properties found to be infested by :-					
Common Rat (Minor)	4	30	6	40	-
House Mouse(Minor)	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL inspections carried out including re-inspections	18	143	34	195	-

FACTORIES ACTS. 1961.

The under-mentioned visits were carried out during the year in connection with the administration of the Factories Acts :-

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

(1)	M/C Line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/C Line No. (7)
			Insp. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	2	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	2	40	46	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL : -		42	48	-	-	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

(1)	M/c Line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (7)	M/c Line No.
		Found	Remedied	Referred TO H.M. BY H.M. Insp. Insp.			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	4						4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7						7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8						8
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11						11
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	12						12
N I L							
TOTAL : -							

NOTICES SERVED.

Preliminary Notices served	...	...	55
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	12

Statutory Notices served	...	...	-
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	-

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Council house repairs, rehousing etc.	...	...	129
Drainage	...	...	38
Factories	...	...	46
Rodent Infestation	...	...	195
Food Premises	...	...	95
Visits re: Unsound Food	...	...	26
Water and Milk Samples	...	...	15
Public Utilities Street Works...	...	...	25
Refuse Collection and Disposal..	...	...	26
Interviews	...	...	320
Licensed Premises	...	...	1
Moveable dwellings	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	270
HOUSING (Public Health & Housing Acts)	...	...	59
HOUSING (No. of inspections made for that purpose)..	...	...	83
Smoke observations	...	...	2
Means of escape in Case of Fire from certain high Buildings	...	...	12
Visits in connection with Applications for Standard and Discretionary Grants	...	...	10
Building Byelaws (New dwellings Etc.)	...	...	150
Overcrowding	...	...	3
Fumigations	...	...	8
Offices and Shops	...	...	16

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT. 1963.

REGISTRATIONS & GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

TABLE 'A'

(1) Class of Premises	(2) No. of premises registered during the year.	(3) Total No. of registered premises at end of the year.	(4) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspec- tion during the year.
Offices	3	36	1
Retail Shops	5	69	5
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens	2	14	4
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS : -	10	119	10

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises.

TABLE 'B'.

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Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

TABLE 'C'.

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
Offices	179
Retail Shops	445
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	94
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL :	718
Total Males :	235
Total Females:	483

Class of Premises.

	Offices	Retail Shops	Catering Est. Open to the Public.
1. <u>Temperature.</u> Thermometer provided	-	-	4
2. <u>Sanitary Conveniences.</u> Provision of Lighting Cleanliness Repairs	- - -	- - 1	- - -
3. <u>Washing Facilities.</u> Provision of W.H. Basins Hot & Cold Water	- -	- -	- -
4. <u>Seating facilities.</u> Seats provided	-	-	-
5. <u>Floors, passages, stairs.</u> Obstructed stairs	-	-	-
6. <u>First-Aid Kit.</u> Contents No. 1. Contents No. 2.	- -	1 -	4 -
7. <u>Acc. for clothing.</u> Lockers provided	-	-	-

No. of accidents reported during the year	.....	1
No. of notices served during year	.....	5
No. of notices complied with	.....	4

CONDEMNATION OF UNSOUND FOOD.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
<u>TUBERCULOSIS.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	-
Meat ...	-	-	-	-
Offal ...	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-	-	-	-	-
<u>NON-TUBERCULOSIS.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	-
Meat ...	-	-	-	-
Offal ...	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-	-	-	-	-
Total amount - Tuberculosis and Non-Tuberculosis :-	-	-	-	-
<u>OTHER FOODS.</u>				
Beef ...	-	-	-	23
Corned Beef ...	-	-	-	6
Pork ...	-	-	-	8
Ox Tongue ...	-	-	-	6
Veal ...	-	-	1	3
Cooked Ham ...	-	-	-	21
Bacon ...	-	2	-	22
Chopped Pork ...	-	-	-	4
Butter ...	-	-	1	-
TOTAL :-	-	3	1	9
TINS	989
BOTTLES	72
FISH CAKES	169

CATTLE MARKET.

The Council control the Cattle Market, markets being held on alternate Mondays.

Animals entering the Market during the twelve months ending the 31st. December. 1965 were as follows :-

<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u> <u>=====</u>
446	72	4243	569	5,330

