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#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR

1967.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Tenby

Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Dowsett and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report upon matters affecting Public Health in the Borough during the year 1967.

#### Housing.

The demand for increased housing accommodation in the Borough continues, both for private and council houses. During the year the construction of 24 engineered homes were commenced - this was a new venture for the Council and it was hoped that the construction time would be less than for traditional homes. The demand for special accommodation for the elderly continues.

#### Infectious Diseases.

Most of the notifications of infectious diseases were as a result of Measles and it is hoped that by next year, vaccination against Measles will be available through the Clinic and Schools.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Council and its Officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

PHYLLIS M. BOWEN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.,

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The Clinic, TENBY.

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#### VITAL STATISTICS. .

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) .....

1967 ..... 4,530

	Borough of Tenby 1967		County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Live Births Live Birth Rate	69	68		
(per 1,000 pop)	15.2	15.01	17.5	17.2
Illegitimate Live Births Illegitimate Live	6	3		
Births per cent of total Live Births	8.7	4.4		
Still Births Still Birth Rate	4	Nil		
(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	55	Nil	19	14.8
Total Live & Still Births	73	68		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under lyr) Infant Mortality F (per 1,000 Live Births)		2		
- total - legitimate - illegitimate	29 29 Nil	29.41 14.7 14.7	19	18.3
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Maternal Deaths Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000	Nil	Nil		
Live & Still Births	) Nil	Nil	1.14	0.20
Deaths Death Rate	75	52		
(per 1,000 pop)	16.6	11.47	11.9	11.2

#### INFANT DEATHS.

Two infants, one male and one female, died under 1 week of age, during the year; details are as follows :-

Age at Death.	Birth Weight.	Cause of Death.
1) 3 hours (Female)	31bs.llozs.	Prematurity; twin pregnancy.
2) 10 hours (Male)	61bs.5ozs.	Atelectasis neonatorum. Aspiration of meconium.

#### DEATHS (General).

Of the total 75 deaths last year, 23 were due to Heart Disease and 16 to malignant disease. Of this latter group, only 2 died from cancer of the lung - both these were male patients but their smoking habits are not known.

Approximately 29.3% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 38.7% in persons aged over 80 years.

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Male.	Female.
TOTAL (All causes)	32	43
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4.95)-	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	3.055-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	7
Diabetes	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	7
Coronary disease, angina	5	4
Hypertension with heart disease	1	× -
Other heart disease	5	8
Other circulatory disease	3	1
Pneumonia	-	1 3
Bronchitis	2	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodonum	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	2
All other accidents	2	1
Suicide	-	1

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

I am pleased to report that there were no deaths from Tuberculosis in the Borough during 1967 and no new cases of the disease were notified.

B.C.G. Vaccination. Vaccination of contacts and school children, (13 years and over) continued during the year, sessions being held at School and at the Clinic. 146 school children were skin tested and 144 of these were vaccinated; 5 contacts were skin tested and all of these required vaccination. Dr. D. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at his Chest Clinic.

#### MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The annual visit of the Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service took place in December, when a total of 286 persons (general population volunteers) availed themselves of this service. This is a slightly higher attendance than last year and the results are as follows:-

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Total no. examined No. found to be abnormal No. requiring further observation No. with other chest abnormalities	286 14(4.9%) 3(1.05%) 11(3.85%)	141 10 1	145 4 2 2
Summary of Abnormalities.	Age Group.	Male.	Female.
Total no. found to be abnormal - 14.	25 - 34 35 - 44 45 - 59 60 & over	1 2 4 3	2 1 1
No. with abnormalities of chest - 11		Male.	Female.
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#### NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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#### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

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Primary Smallpox Vaccinations: 942 Re-vaccinations: 209

Primary Poliomyelitis

Vaccinations: 1,840 Booster doses: 1,315

Diphtheria Immunisations: 1,899 Booster doses: 2,132

Whooping Cough Immunisations: 1,716

Tetanus Immunisations: 1,960 Booster doses: 2,175

#### AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The County Council is responsible for the running of this service and there are ten ambulances based at various points throughout the county - two at Tenby.

Tenby No. 1 Ambulance conveyed a total of 1,841 sitting cases and 344 stretcher cases during the year, travelling 22,486 miles in all; an average of 10.2 miles per patient.

Tenby No. 2 Ambulance travelled a total of 22,500 miles conveying 963 sitting cases and 404 stretcher patients. The average mileage per patient being 16.4

#### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Section 47: - Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

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#### PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

I commenced my duties as your Public Health Inspector and Housing Officer on the 1st August, 1967. To accurately report on the environmental Public Health of this Borough, having only had a period of five months in which to assess the position would be, to say the least, presumptuous. However, the five months has shown me that there is room for improvement in all aspects of the work appertaining to my duties.

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#### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR

#### THE YEAR 1967

#### HOUSING.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)		75•
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for hur habitation.	man •••	Nil.
Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation		6
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority		6

#### HOUSING ACTS.

Due to the high demand in Tenby for housing of all types action under the above legislation for the purpose of improving poor living standards is to some extent curtailed.

The provisions of the Acts governing Improvement Grants are to some extent used but it does surprise me that only 2 Standard Grants and 5 Discretionary Grants were paid this year. I would think that these numbers could be greatly increased.

#### COUNCIL HOUSE ALLOCATIONS.

Although having been here only a short time it is obvious to me that greater use can be made of our present stock of Council accommodation, by way of transfer, in order that our lengthy housing list can to some extent be lessened. The need for old-age-pensioner accommodation is very apparent but difficulty may arise in siting this type of accommodation in that the old folk prefer to live near or about the town centre.

Number o	of	houses built	Nil.
Number o	of	houses allocated	9
Number o	of	flats allocated	6
Number o	of	old-age-pensioner	
bungalo	SWC	allocated	2

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#### COUNCIL HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

The Council's total stock of houses can be arised as follows:

LOCATION.	No.	4 Beds.	Beds.	2 Beds.	Bed.	2 Bed. Flats.
Newell Hill	56	-	44	-	-	12
Maudlins	35	-	35	-	-	-
The Glebe	89	-	89	-	-	-
Knowling Mead	106	1	68	9	4	24
Augustus Place	22	-	-	-	22	-
Churchill Close	24	-	-	-	-	24
Heywood Court	71	-	-	-	23	48
Jones Terrace.	8	-	-	-	8	-
Totals:	411	1	236	9	57	108.

The Leach Way development which should be completed early next year will increase the above stock of houses by 24 three bedroomed dwellings. I would advise Council to use this valuable number of houses to bring about a "house transfer programme" in order to satisfy the needs of both our existing tenants and those people on our Housing List.

#### FOOD & DRUG ACT 1955

#### FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1961.

As Council are aware the town of Tenby is entirely dependant on its holidaying facilities and perhaps catering, in all its facets is the key, with good accommodation, to the success of Tenby as a holiday town.

It is my policy in the next two years to bring the Town's hygiene standards well above average. To do this will mean propogation of food hygiene education and perhaps it may be necessary to prosecute traders who continue to practice poor food hygiene and undoubtedly cause a serious risk to the holiday name of Tenby.

#### CONDEMNATION OF FOOD.

Class of Food.		Weigh		
	Cwts.	Qtrs.	lbs.	Ozs.
Tinned meat	2	1	0	0
Fresh meat	_	3	0	0
Tinned fruit	FB 410 211	2	0	0
" vegetables	_	-	15	0
" fish		_	10	0
Fresh vegetables	-	_	-	-
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Miscellaneous foods.	1	Q	0	0
	3	6	25	0

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#### FOOD SAMPLING.

As Council are aware we are not the Food & Drug Authority within the terms of the Food & Drug Act, 1955. Therefore, the work of routine sampling from the quality view point is the responsibility of the County Authority. This work is, I understand, carried out by the Pembrokeshire County Council's Weights and Measures Department.

#### THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The administration of shops and offices in the town presents some problems in that many of the shops only engage staff during the summer holidaying season. However, as many of the above shops are "food premises" within the definition of the Food Hygiene Regulations, most of the salient points under the Shops and Offices Act are covered. The total number of premises which I found coming within the terms of this legislation is 130.

No. of premises registered du	Total.	
Offices	1	29
Retail Shops	1	73
Wholesale Shops	Nil	3
Catering Establishments	Nil	25
	2	130

#### Analysis of Persons Employed.

Offices	Males 190 Females 444
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#### FACTORIES ACTS 1961.

Premises.	No. on Register.	Inspec-	Written Notices.	Prosec- utions.
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	6	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	35	27	1	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (dxcluding Out-workers' premises).	4	7	-	-
Totals:	46	40	1	

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#### REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The refuse disposal of the town is second to none in South
Wales as the service entails an almost daily collection from the town's
premises and twice weekly in the surrounding area. However,
it is obvious that the question of fly nuisance must be solved
before the coming of the next summer season.

My plan is to institute a "tip and cover policy" which, to my mind, is the only answer in the fight against this fly nuisance. The use of insecticides is a second line of defence and can only be relied upon in certain cases to control flies harbouring in newly tipped refuse. To discharge this plan satisfactorily it is essential to engage an earth moving vehicle and be provided with sufficient covering material to satisfactorily bury the town's refuse.

#### RODENT CONTROL.

The rodent population of the town is in my opinion small and can be controlled by a part time Rodent Operative working one day a week.

The sewers are treated twice annually and the refuse tip itself approximately every month.

It is my policy to use only a Warfarin type of rodenticide as we find that this poison serves to destroy rats satisfactorily and no evidence of immunity has shown itself.

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#### CARAVAN SITE & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

Five licenced Caravan Sites exist in the Borough Area, namely:

1.	Kiln Park and Quarry Site	-	600	Caravans.
2.	Salterns	-	58	"
3.	Zion Gardens	-	28	11
4.	Meadow Farm	-	12	"
5.	Windmills	-	10	11

During the summer season a constant supervision is afforded these caravan parks. It is esential, in the interests of Public Health that the conditions must not deteriorate and certainly, in some instances there is need for improvement.

D.H.W. GRIFFITHS

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & HOUSING OFFICER.

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