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Notified cases:-

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Pulmonary Tuberculosis
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Vital Statistics

	1970	1971
Area (in acres)	5,367	5,367
Population	4,960	5,180
Number of Inhabited Houses	1,850	1,865
Rateable Value	253,555	260,448
Rate per £1	13/10d	81.50
Sum represented by a New Penny Rate	£950	£2,514

BIRTHS:

	M	F		
Legitimate	36	32	63	68
Illegitimate	3	2	5	5
Birth rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)			14.7	15.1
" " " " (England & Wales)			16.0	16.0

Still Births 1 Nil

DEATHS:

	44	
Death rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	12.1	9.8
" " " " (England & Wales)	11.7	11.6

INFANT MORTALITY:

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births) 29 14
(two deaths) (one death)

England and Wales 18 18

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Notified cases:-

	1970	1971
Scarlet Fever	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	1
Infectious Hepatitis	-	1

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5,367	5,367
5,180	4,960
1,865	1,850
260,448	253,555
81.50	137.104
62,514	62,500

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Legitimate	Illegitimate	Birth rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	" " " " (England & Wales)	Still Births
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INFANT MORTALITY:

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	England and Wales
29	48
14	18

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Notified cases:-

1971	1970	Scarlet Fever	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Infectious Hepatitis
1	1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH:1971

						M	F	T
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Late Effects of Respiratory T.B.	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	4	-	4
Other Malignant Neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	13
Other Forms of Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	...	...	...	...	...	-	3	3
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Asthma	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	...	...	...	...	...	-	1	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	3	3
All Other Accidents	1	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES						31	19	50

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PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

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HOSPITALS: Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board, Patients are treated at Buckingham, Aylesbury and Oxford. Certain Outpatient facilities are available in Buckingham.

DISTRICT NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND HEALTH VISITORS: Verney Close, (Tel.3395)

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC: Held in the Congregational Chapel Hall.

CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC: Whalley Drive, Bletchley. Director: Dr. M. Lindsay.

CONTRACEPTION ADVICE: Clinics are held at Whalley Drive and Katrine Place Health Clinics, Bletchley by the Family Planning Association (by appointment), and at Meacham Clinic, Wolverton. For appointments Tel. Bletchley 2285.

CYTOLOGY CLINICS: Through family doctors or at Verney Close (appointments Tel. Bletchley 4701).

DENTAL CLINICS: Verney Close. Treatment offered to children and expectant mothes. The dentist visits schools regularly.

HEALTH EDUCATION: Area Organiser - Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

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Rainfall figures are recorded daily at Gawcott and submitted to the River Authority.

A test sample of metal for H.T. Transmission lines is exposed at Gawcott Station to determine the degree of atmospheric decay for the C.G.E.B.

FLUORIDATION

Monitoring of both our water sources was carried out during the year to ascertain the presence and quantity of natural fluoride and in respect of the Gawcott source the natural content fluctuated between 1 ppm and 1.6 ppm, and the Maids Moreton supply fluctuated from Nil ppm to 0.6 ppm.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

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Average consumption per head per day which includes the above figure was 52 gallons.

Total quantity of water supplied during the year was 95,460,000 gallons, a decrease since last year of 2,485,000 gallons.

Peak daily consumption recorded was 330,000 gallons.

A more diligent system of leak detection, coupled with reduced consumption at the industrial premises, probably accounts for a reduced consumption two years in succession.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF BOREHOLE WATER - GAWCOTT

Appearance.....Clear, small amount
of gritty sediment.
Odour.....Fresh
Reaction.(pH).....7.2

	<u>Results in parts per million.</u>
Dissolved Solids.....	616.4
Suspended Solids.....	0.68
Chlorion.....	54.4
Free and Saline Nitrogen (N ₂).....	0.07
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N ₂).....	0.02
Nitrate Nitrogen (N ₂).....	0.05
Nitrite Nitrogen (N ₂).....	Absent
Oxygen Absorbed.....	0.17
Biological Oxygen Demand.....	0.21
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	318.00
Lead (Pb).....	Absent

No major improvements have been carried out at Gascott, the tertiary treatment is still in operation, and as part of the town expansion it is thought probable that the total flow from Gascott should be pumped into the new trunk sewer system for disposal at the new works leading to the final abandonment of the Gascott plant, which has operated, I believe, since 1934. This will give rise to some satisfaction in the Gascott area, although complaints arising from the present works are few and infrequent.

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CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF BORNEO WATER - CAWCOFF

Appearance.....Clear, small amount
of gritty sediment.
Odour.....Fresh
Reaction (pH).....7.2

Results in parts per million.

646.4	Dissolved Solids.....
0.68	Suspended Solids.....
54.4	Chlorine.....
0.07	Free and Bound Nitrogen (N ₂).....
0.02	Albuminoid Nitrogen (N ₂).....
0.05	Nitrate Nitrogen (N ₂).....
Absent	Nitrite Nitrogen (N ₂).....
0.17	Oxygen Absorbed.....
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318.00	Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃
Absent	Lead (Pb).....

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM MAIDS MORETON PUMPING STATION

Appearance.....Clear with fine sediment.

Odour.....Fresh

Reaction (pH).....7.3

Results in parts per million

Dissolved Solids.....	530.0
Suspended Solids.....	36.5
Chlorion.....	66.0
Free and Saline Nitrogen (N ₂).....	0.4
Albuminoid Nitrogen (N ₂).....	0.25
Nitrate Nitrogen (N ₂).....	0.10
Nitrite Nitrogen (N ₂).....	Absent
Oxygen Absorbed.....	0.08
Biological Oxygen Demand.....	0.19
Total Alkalinity as CaCO ₃	340.0
Lead (Pb).....	Absent

2. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

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CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM WALTONS PUMPING STATION

Appearance.....Clear with fine sediment.
 Odour.....Fresh
 Reaction (pH).....7.5

Results in parts per million

530.0	Dissolved Solids.....
36.5	Suspended Solids.....
66.0	Chlorine.....
0.4	Free and Saline Nitrogen (N ₂).....
0.25	Albuminoid Nitrogen (N ₂).....
0.10	Nitrate Nitrogen (N ₂).....
Absent	Nitrite Nitrogen (N ₂).....
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4. SWIMMING POOL

The pool again enjoyed good support during the summer season. Undoubtedly the water heating system installed early in the season contributed largely to the increased use made of the pool.

Season ticket sales produced	£313.25
Gate receipts produced	£889.82
Refreshment Sales	£415.13
Schools contribution	£534.00
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During the year 74 premises were registered. 96 visits were made to registered premises, but no conditions were found which merited prosecution. Minor infringements were dealt with informally quite successfully.

THE FACTORIES ACT 1961

The number of persons employed at registered premises were:-

Number Employed Males 201

Females 303

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
i Non-Mechanical Factories Sections 1 - 6	5	13	Nil	Nil
ii Mechanical Factories Section 7	39	26	Nil	Nil
iii Other Premises Section 7	7	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	51	39	Nil	Nil

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CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND

CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	891	-	13	2411	2658	Nil
Number Inspected	891	-	13	2411	2658	Nil
Whole carcasses excluding Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	2	-	1	3	3	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	-	Nil	22	86	Nil
% of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	3.48	-	7.7	1.0	3.35	Nil
Tuberculosis. Some part or organ.	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
% of inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercus Bovis. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercus Bovis submitted to treatment by refrigeration,	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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% of inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil			
Cysticercosis Bovis. Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil			
Cysticercosis Bovis submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	Nil	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil			

6. PUBLIC MORTUARY

The mortuary situated in the Council Yard in the High Street is used by the two local authorities mainly in connection with fatal road casualties, on a decreasing scale.

7. HOUSING

13 private and 2 Council houses were completed during the year.
32 private houses were under construction at the end of the year.

Standard improvements to 55 houses in Westfields and Bath Lane Terrace commenced during the year; also re-roofing of 8 houses in Stratford Road was completed.

8. REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

NUISANCES, CONTRAVENTIONS OF BYELAWS ETC.

Complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	93
Nuisances found as a result of inspection	...	...	...	50
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	46
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	Nil
Prosecutions	...	...	...	Nil

Visits to houses and premises under PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS 1936 and 1961 and FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	223
Foodshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	208
Knacker's Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	90

Close attention has been paid to food premises, having regard to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

The number of premises affected by the regulations being 82 and falling into the following categories:-

Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	6
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	16
Stalls	...	...	...	...	16
Canteens	...	...	...	...	11
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	30
Dairies	...	...	...	...	3

The number of premises registered under Section 6 of the Food and Drugs Act is 17 and all such premises are regularly inspected.

All food premises have been supplied with extracts from the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Grants approved by the Borough Council for 1971 were as follows:-

(a)				<u>Amount</u>
	Standard Grants			
	Nos. 7	S.G.	71	£185.00
			72	£ 75.00
			74	£268.45
			75	£450.00
			76	£450.00
			77	£450.00
			78	£450.00
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		Total		£2328.45
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(b)	Discretionary Grants			
	Nos. 8	I.G.	19	£ 475.00
			20	£ 660.00
			21	£1000.00
			22	£1000.00
			23	£1000.00
			24	£ 68.50
			25	£ 175.00
			26	£1000.00
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Inspection of Petroleum Stores	40

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Work under this heading has continued to occupy a large amount of time, and much good work has been done in this direction throughout the year. The following is a brief summary of the work carried out:-

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	13
Number of premises treated for rats	...	...	...	13
Number of premises treated for mice	...	...	...	2
Estimated number of rats destroyed	...	...	...	30
Actual rats' bodies found	...	...	...	20
Visits for inspection and survey	32
Visits for baiting and exterminations	66

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