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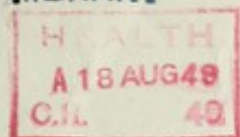
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July, 1948.

Gentlemen,

I present the report for the year ending 31st.
December, 1947.

STATISTICS.

Population	3277
Area	2393 acres
Rateable Value	£16120
Sum raised by ld.rate	£63
Inhabited houses	1042

BIRTHS.	M	F	Total.	
Legitimate.	38	36		Birthrate, 24.4
Illegitimate	5	1	80	(for England, 20.5)
Still-births	1	-	1	Rate, .3
				(for England, .5)
DEATHS.	20	40	60	Deathrate, 18.3
				(for England, 12)
Infant mortality	2	2		Rate per 1000 live births, 25
				(for England, 41)

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	M	F		M	F
Tubercle, non-pulmonary	1	-	pneumonia	-	2
Cancer	6	8	Digestive disease	2	1
Apoplexy	2	5	Premature Birth	-	1
Heart disease	8	8	Suicide	-	2
Other circulatory disease	2	10	Violence	-	1
Bronchitis	-	2	Other causes	1	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Whooping Cough.	6	Scarlet fever	3
Measles.	2	Pneumonia	2

Total, 13 Infectious disease incidence, 4 (nearly) one suspected malaria and one polio-myelitis were not confirmed. These are the lowest figures for 7 years. It is probable that the heavy attack of measles in 1941 and '46 produced a large %age immune children; this appears to be still affecting the early months of 1948, while other neighbouring districts are having it severely.

TUBERCULOSIS.

10 new cases were notified, of which one was a transfer from another district.


Pulmonary, males, ages, 20, 27, 28, 34, 53, female, 21.

Non-pulmonary, males, ages, 6, 17. females, 5, 54.

One death occurred, a non-pulmonary male of 17.

23 cases remained on the register at the end of the year.

Notification of all infectious disease is satisfactory.



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NOTES.

Milk. No new licences were granted. All samples taken by the County Sanitary Inspector for tuberculosis were negative.

Housing. Built by the Council, 2 permanent and 20 prefabricated. Built by private enterprise, 6. Prisoner of War Huts were re-conditioned for occupation. It should be emphasised that these can only be for temporary occupation and justified by the shortage, as they are far from satisfactory in several respects. 3 houses were specially inspected, temporary improvements only were effected as they were all of standard below retention and will eventually fall into class five.

Water. Tested from supply, bacterially, quarterly; chemically, half yearly. No adverse samples have been received and no shortage reported in the year. 90 % of the houses have a piped in supply.

Sewerage. At least, the overdue plans for the re-organization of the plant are being planned and progress should be made in 1948.

Diphtheria Immunisation. Number of cases done; under five, 52 and fourteen, 43, booster doses, 17. This is only moderately satisfactory and not sufficient to reach an eventual immune population. The effects, however, on the population of the country as a whole are good and the Council may be interested to hear that the number of cases ~~xxx~~ of Diphtheria for 1947 was $\frac{1}{4}$ of those in 1940 and the number of deaths one tenth.

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Medical Officer of Health.

1. The first part of the report is a general statement of the purpose and scope of the study.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methods used in the study.

3. The third part of the report is a presentation of the results of the study.

4. The fourth part of the report is a discussion of the results and their implications.

5. The fifth part of the report is a conclusion and a list of references.

6. The sixth part of the report is a list of appendices.