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Chief Sanitary Inspector

S. T. TAYLOR a x *

District Sanitary Inspectors

L. J. LEWIS a x T. G. PINDER † x

W. H. Rundle † * (appointed 1st October, 1947) G. R. Crowther † b (appointed 13th October, 1947)

Rodent Officer

R. R. WILLS

Rodent Operator and Lay Assistant

MRS. T. NEW

Lay Assistant

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Clerical Staff

LEONARD BAILEY-Chief Clerk

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J. W. WESTBROOK (transferred to Engineer and Surveyor's Department, 1st April, 1947)

D. W. MATTHEWS (joined H.M. Forces, 1st September, 1947)

MISS H. M. GOSLING

MISS P. E. PERRIN

MISS C. BARDEN (appointed 13th October, 1947)

a Inspector's Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute.
 x Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute for Inspectors of Meat and Other Foods.
 † Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Joint Examination Board.

b Temporary Sanitary Inspector.* Certificate of the Institute of Hygiene.

Public Health Department, East Pallant House, Chichester.

September, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Chichester Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Chichester Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the year 1947. This report is the fifteenth since the formation of the Rural District under the West Sussex Review Order of 1933, and is presented by me on behalf of Dr. Ward, who resigned his position as Medical Officer of Health on January 31st, 1948.

The Birth Rate of 21.97 per 1,000 population is a rise of 0.22 per 1,000 on last year's rate and compares with a national rate of 20.5. The number of illegitimate live births shows a decrease from 60 in 1946 to 41 in 1947 and represents 4.7% of the total live births occurring in the district.

The Death Rate of 11.07 per 1,000 population is a decrease of 1.06 on last year's rate and compares with 12.0 for England and Wales.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the District's population at mid-1947 is 39,000, this being an increase of 1,570 over that of mid-1946.

During the year the Diphtheria Immunisation Campaign has continued and 465 children received a course of protective inoculations. It is estimated that at the end of the year 41.41% of the children in the district under five years of age and 95.08% of those aged five to fifteen were protected against diphtheria by immunisation.

Progress made in the solution of the housing problem is shown by the fact that 129 new houses were completed during the year, 99 by the Council and 30 by private enterprise. On the 31st December a further 120 Council houses were under construction.

Much work remains to be done to provide adequate water supplies throughout the district, and many areas still need to be sewered. In these services some progress has, however, been made during 1947, water mains having been extended in eleven parishes by the various Water Undertakers concerned, and small extensions to sewers carried out in two parishes. Details are to be found in the body of the report.

The Public Health Department was, as Dr. Ward outlined in his report for 1946, reorganised in the early part of that year and 1947 was therefore the first full year of working of the department as newly constituted. There is no doubt that the reorganisation has markedly increased the efficiency of the department.

In conclusion, I wish to tender on behalf of Dr. Ward thanks to the Chairman and members of the Council for their support and consideration, and to acknowledge the valuable assistance given by all members of the staff. On my own behalf I would like to record my appreciation of the work done by the members of the Public Health Staff, particularly by Mr. D. W. Baker, who, in the absence of the Chief Clerk through sickness, has been largely responsible for the preparation of this report.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V. P. GEOGHEGAN, Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

1. General Statistics

	General Sta	usucs								
Area in Acres				103,008						
Enumerated Population (cen				28,888						
Enumerated Population (Nat				44,318						
Registrar-General's Estimate				37,430						
Registrar-General's Estimate	e of population	on middle o	of 1947	39,000						
Number of Inhabitable Hous	ses at end of	1947		12,221						
Rateable Value (1st January	, 1948)			£322,747						
Sum represented by a Penny	Rate (1st Ja	anuary, 19	48)	£1,230						
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	cts from Vit		200	m						
Live Births:		Male	Female	Total						
Legitimate		397	419	816						
Illegitimate		18	23	41						
		415	442	857						
			-	_						
Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population:—21.97.										
Still Births:		Male	Female	Total						
Legitimate		5	6	11						
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				-						
		5	6	11						
Pata par 1 000 of total (liv	o and still) b	intho 10	C7	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH						
Rate per 1,000 of total (liv	e and still) i	orths:—12	.07.							
Doothy (Malas 905 Famalas	007)			400						
Deaths (Males 205, Females				432						
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 o	of estimated i	resident po	pulation	11.07						
Deaths from Puerperal Caus	ses and Rate	s per 1,000	total live	and still						
births :—		William West Co.								
Duarparal and past abo	etivo concio	Deaths	F	Rates						
Puerperal and post-abo Other Maternal causes	and the same of the same of									
Other Maternal causes										
* Total		_		-						
	111-14 A									
Number of deaths of Infants	under one y	ear of age	:-							
	Male	Fema	le	Total						
Legitimate	13	9		22						
Illegitimate	1			1						
				000						
Total	14	9		23						
		-								

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :-	
All infants per 1,000 live births	26.83
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	26.96
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	24.39
Death Rates per 1,000 population from :—	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0.51
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.56
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	1.15
Cancer	2.02
Principal Zymotic Diseases, Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria	Nil
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (children under 2 years of age)	Nil
Death Rate from Diarrhoea and Enteritis of Children under 2	
years of age, per 1,000 births	2.33

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

There has been little change in the conditions of the district during the year.

The influx of holiday-makers to the coastal regions during the summer months reached pre-war numbers. Efforts were continued to clear away beach obstructions and work is still being undertaken in this connection.

Agriculture remains the staple industry, whilst forestry, light engineering and chair-making provide employment for a fair number of persons.

Members of the Women's Land Army and German prisoners of war were still employed in large numbers on the land, and towards the end of the year a further contribution to work of this nature was received by the arrival of Displaced Personnel from Europe, these people being housed in vacant Army camps throughout the district.

There is virtually no unemployment in the district.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

After adjustment for inward and outward transferable births, a net total of 857 (415 males, 442 females) was registered in the district during the year, as compared with 814 (394 males, 420 females) in 1946.

The BIRTH RATE is 21.97 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 21.75 for the previous year, 20.5 for England and Wales, and 17.59 and 19.20 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

The illegitimate live births numbered 41 or 4.78% of the total live births, a decrease of 2.59% on the previous year.

Stillbirths

After adjustment for transfers, 11 stillbirths were registered during the year. This figure gives a rate of 12.67 per 1,000 live and still births and 0.28 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 26.31 and 0.59 respectively for 1946.

Deaths

After correction for transferable deaths, the net total deaths registered in and assigned to the district was 432 (205 males, 227 females), a decrease of 32 on the total for 1946.

A table on page 11 shows the age and sex distribution and causes of death in 1947. Of the total deaths 289 or 66.89% occurred in persons aged 65 years and over.

The following were the chief causes of death in order of frequency:—

(i)	Diseases of the heart and circulatory system			144	(164)
(ii)	Cancer			79	(84)
(iii)	Respiratory diseases, excluding pulmonary tuberculosis			45	(39)
10000000	Intra-cranial vascular lesions			44	(52)
(v)	Tuberculosis (all forms)			22	(15)
3.7	The figures in parentheses are those for the y	ear 194	6.		

These five causes accounted for 77.31% of the total deaths. Compared with the previous year it will be seen that there has been an increase of 7 in the deaths due to tuberculosis and a decrease of 20 in deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system, whereas the remaining causes show no particular fluctuation.

The DEATH RATE is 11.07 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, as compared with 12.13 for the previous year, 12.0 for England and Wales, and 15.20 and 12.20 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

It will be noted there was a natural increase in population, the number of births exceeding the deaths by 425. The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district at the middle of the year, viz. 39,000, also shows an increase of 1,570 when compared with the previous year. After providing for the natural increase of births over deaths, the population increased by 1,145 over that for the year 1946.

Maternal Deaths

No deaths were attributed as directly due to pregnancy or childbearing during the year under review as compared with one death during the year 1946.

The maternal mortality rate for England and Wales is 0.85 per 1,000 total live and still births and 0.7 and Nil for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

Infant Mortality

After correction for inward and outward transferable deaths, there were 23 deaths (14 males, 9 female) of infants under one year of age.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE is 26.83 per 1,000 births as compared with 24.57 for the previous year, 41 for England and Wales and 30 and 33 for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex.

The death rate amongst legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births is 26.96 as compared with 23.87 in 1946.

There was one death of an illegitimate infant under one year of age during the year 1947 as compared with two for the previous year.

The death rate amongst illegitimate infants is 24.39 as compared with a rate of 33.33 for the year 1946.

A table on page 12 gives the causes of death of all infants at various ages under one year.

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1933 TO 1947

	Natural Increase	over Deaths	101	114	103	141	140	176	137	119	140	252	303	379	219	350	425
	Infant Death	Kate	57	24	36	35	58	55	30	33	41	44	48	43	37	24.5	26.8
THE REAL PROPERTY.	ths	Total	19	12	17	17	14	31	18	18	27	28	34	33	25	20	23
	Infant Deaths	F	2	9	9	7	00	20	5	111	12	12	19	14	12	00	6
	Infe	M	14	9	111	10	9	11	13	7	15	16	15	19	13	12	14
	Death	Transc	10.3	12.09	11.9	10.8	10.8	11.2	11.55	10.86	13.31	11.42	12.39	11.93	13.26	12.13	12.67
100	this	Total	231	368	360	341	353	386	429	404	469	388	408	397	456	464	432
	No. of Deaths	F	101	173	146	183	180	182	196	200	229	196	190	189	225	235	227
	No.	M	130	195	214	158	173	204	233	204	240	192	218	208	231	229	202
	Birth	Trans	14.9	15.8	14.8	15.3	15.1	16.3	16.05	14.00	17.28	18.90	21.58	23.31	19.63	21.75	21.97
	16	Total	21	26	24	25	24	38	31	24	40	43	98	06	94	09	41
	Illegitimate	F	=	13	12	6	14	16	14	13	22	22	38	54	46	33	23
irths	III	M	10	13	12	16	10	22	17	==	18	21	48	36	48	27	18
No. of Births		Total	311	456	439	457	469	524	535	499	569	009	625	989	581	754	816
	Legitimate	F	147	211	220	222	242	269	262	239	277	275	314	323	280	387.	419
	Le	M	164	245	219	235	227	225	273	260	292	325	311	363	301	367	397
Esti-	Popula-		29676	30430	31260	31540	32620	34430	35250	37350	35230	33960	32940	33290	34390	37430	39000
	Year		+1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947

* Crude death rates per 1,000 of estimated population.
† Statistics given for this year cover period April to December.

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life during the Year 1947

CAUSES OF DEATH Se	All x Age		1-	2-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45	55-	65-	75-
ALL CAUSES M		14	2		1	1	1	8	14	29	57	78
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid M		9	2	2	1	3	4	9	14	29	55	99
Fevers F 2 Cerebro-Spinal Fever M				***								
F												
3 Scarlet Fever M												
4 Whooping Cough N												
5 Diphtheria M												
F												
6 Tuberculosis : respiratory M system F						1	1	2	1	5 2	1	
7 Other forms of tuberculosis M			1				1					
8 Syphilitic Disease M	1 3		***						1	1	1	
9 Influenza N												1
F F												
10 Measles M												
11 Acute poliomyelitis and M						1	···					
polioencephalitis F 12 Acute infectious Encepha- M												
litis F 13 Cancer of Buccal Cavity M											2	
and Oesophagus			***			***					~	
Cancer of Uterus F						1	1		1	4	4	1
Duodenum F	5		1 388						î	2	1	1
15 Cancer of Breast F 16 Cancer of all other sites M	- 1000	1						2	6	4	2 7	6
F				1			1	2		3	6	8
17 Diabetes M									1		1	
18 Intra - cranial vascular M	200							 1	1	1 5	6	7 12
19 Heart Disease M	59								2	7	15	35
20 Other diseases of the M	00								4	6	19	37 6
Circulatory system F	111									1	4	6
21 Bronchitis M	10							1		1	1	7 9
22 Pneumonia M	10									1	1	8
23 Other respiratory diseases M	* **	2						:::	1	1	1	4
24 Ulcer of Stomach and M			1								1 2	2
Duodenum F												
25 Diarrhoea (under 2 years) M		2										
26 Appendicitis M								1		1		
27 Other digestive diseases M	2										2	
F	3										1	2
28 Nephritis M	3									ï	2 2	
29 Puerperal Sepsis F 30 Other Maternal causes F												
31 Premature Birth M	1 5	1										
32 Congenital malformations: M	1 1 9	9										
Birth injury, Inf. diseases F	5	5										
33 Suicide M	1 2							1	ï	1		
34 Road Traffic Accidents M	4							1	1	2		
35 Other violent causes M			1		1					1	1	
36 All other causes M	3	1	1		ï				ï	···	8	1 8
F An other causes M	24			ï		1		ï	3	3		15

The following table gives the causes of death of children at various ages under one year. Of the 23 deaths, 17 occurred in infants under 4 weeks old, equivalent to neo-natal mortality rate of 19.83 per thousand live births.

Total under 1 year	14	1	53	1	2	2	1	23
1-3 3-6 6-9 9-12 months months	1	1		::				61
6-9 months			1	::		:		1
3-6 months	:	:	::	:	:	:	1	1
1-3 months	-	:	:	-	:	::	:	61
Total under 1 month	12	:	1		0.1	01	:	17
2-4 weeks	:						:	:
1-2 weeks	-		-			:	:	63
Total under 1 week	11				61	01		15
5-7 days	-				:	1	:	63
2-5 days	4	:	:	:			:	4
1-2 days	70		:				:	2
Under 1 day	1	:	::		63	1	:	4
CAUSES OF DEATH	(1) Congenital malformations	(2) Exhaustion due to heat	(3) Gastro enteritis	(4) Posterior fosse cerebral tumour	(5) Pneumonia	(6) Premature birth	(7) Thymus gland (enlarged)	All causes

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

STAFF

Full particulars of the Staff of the Department are given at the

beginning of the Report.

The Special Committee of the Council set up to report on the various problems associated with the reorganisation of the Department met on several occasions, and after consultations with officials of the Ministry of Health, the Committee's unanimous decision brought about the following changes:—

(i) The Cleansing Services, together with Mr. J. Westbrook, Clerical Officer, engaged almost wholly in connection with this work, be transferred from the Public Health Department and be placed under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor. This transfer took place on

the 1st April, 1947.

(ii) The establishment of the post of Chief Sanitary Inspector. This post was filled by Mr. S. T. Taylor, who had previously been responsible for the western and northern parishes. Mr. Taylor com-

menced duty in his new capacity on the 5th May, 1947.

(iii) That the Rural District be divided for the purposes of Public Health administration into three areas, each area to be in charge of an Area Inspector or District Sanitary Inspector working under the supervision of the Chief Sanitary Inspector. In this connection the following areas were allotted to District Sanitary Inspectors:—

(a) MR. L. J. LEWIS, Area No. 1.

Acreage 47,145. Population, approximately 13,800. No. of houses, 3,920. Comprising the parishes of Bosham, Compton, Chidham, East Dean, Funtington, Lavant, Marden, Singleton, Stoughton, Westbourne, West Dean, and West Thorney.

(b) Mr. T. G. PINDER, Area No. 2.

Acreage 22,107. Population, approximately 12,300. No. of houses, 4,221. Comprising the parishes of Appledram, Birdham, Donnington, Earnley, East Wittering, Hunston, North Mundham, Pagham, Selsey, Sidlesham, West Itchenor and West Wittering.

(c) Mr. W. H. D. Rundle (appointed 1st October, 1947), Area No. 3. Acreage 33,756. Population, approximately 12,700. No. of houses, 4,070. Comprising the parishes of Aldingbourne, Barnham, Bersted, Boxgrove, Climping, Eartham, Eastergate, Ford, Madehurst, Middleton-on-Sea, Oving, Slindon, Tangmere, Tortington, Walberton, Westhampnett, Upwaltham, and Yapton.

Until the appointment of Mr. W. H. D. Rundle to District Inspector for No. 3 Area, the administration of that area

was shared between Messrs. Lewis and Pinder.

(iv) That Mr. L. J. Lewis be relieved of the technical duties in connection with the provision of temporary housing accommodation by the requisitioning of empty and unoccupied houses, and that the responsibility be transferred to the Department of the Engineer and Surveyor. This change took effect on 1st April, 1947, but later was again transferred to the Housing Department under the control of the Clerk of the Council, when the aforementioned Department was established.

The duties which Mr. L. J. Lewis had so ably shouldered in his capacity of Cleansing Superintendent and Requisitioning Officer were of the highest and it is fitting that recognition be recorded in this report. The Cleansing Services which he had controlled since the inception of the Rural District grew from its meagre beginning to a size and quality to serve the whole district in an efficient manner.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

A fixed block payment to the Medical Research Council in respect of all laboratory work required to be undertaken by the Public Health Department and General Practitioners in providing diagnostic facilities for the prevention and control of infectious diseases was continued during the year. The Laboratories coming within the scope of the service are the associated Laboratories provided and maintained by the West Sussex County Council and Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, and the private laboratory of the County Pathologist at Worthing.

Details of the pathological work carried out by the Laboratories referred to above are shown in the following table:—

Matine of Charleson	West S County of Labor	Council	Royal West Sussex Hospital Laboratory		
Nature of Specimen	Number examined	Number positive	Number examined	Number positive	
Nose and Throat Swabs for Diph- theria	1		7		
Nose and Throat Swabs for Other Conditions	1		7	3	
Urine and faeces for Salmonella Organisms	6	5			
Dried Egg for Salmonella Organ- isms	1				
Water Examinations	317		***		
Milk Examinations	347				
Other Examinations	1		2		
TOTALS	674	5	16	3	

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Council do not possess any Ambulance vehicles, but the following arrangements for the removal of patients to hospitals and other similar institutions are in operation:—

(a) Cases of Infectious Disease. The Infectious Disease Ambulances of the Chichester Corporation and Bognor Regis Urban District Council are used for the removal of all cases of Infectious Diseases requiring hospitalisation.

(b) Non-Infectious Cases. Ambulances belonging to the following bodies are available for use in the Rural District:—

(i) *Chichester Division, Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

(ii) Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council.

(iii) *The Bognor Regis Urban District Council.(iv) British Red Cross Society, Barnham Detachment (Sussex 63).

(v) British Red Cross Society, Arundel Detachment (Sussex 41).

*Also have a Hospital Car Service available.

The following statement shows details of journeys undertaken during the year.

	No. of I	Patients o	conveyed		Total
Name of Service	Mater- nity Cases	Acci- dent Cases	Cases of General Sickness	Total Cases	mileage in- curred
Bognor Regis Urban District Council	18	18	146	182	4162
British Red Cross, Arundel De- tachment (Sussex 41)	4	10	12	26	670
British Red Cross, Barnham De- tachment (Sussex 63)	1	1		2	84
Chichester Division, Order of St. John of Jerusalem	71	41	437	549	9927
Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council	3	8	44	55	1412
TOTALS	97	78	639	814	16255

Hospital Car services in the district are provided by the Bognor Regis Urban District Council and the Chichester Division of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. During the year the Bognor Regis Urgan District Council service covered a mileage of 3,696 and the Order of St. John service approximately 11,300 conveying patients of the Rural District.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME

General. Home Nursing is undertaken by the District Nurse-Midwives employed by the local District Nursing Associations. There are in the district seventeen local Nursing Associations who employ seventeen District Nurse-Midwives, all of whom are resident in the Rural District. In addition, the Aldwick, Arundel, Chichester, Bognor Regis and Felpham District Nursing Associations serve certain parts of the Rural District.

Midwifery. There are twenty-two practising Midwives resident in the district, seventeen being District Nurse-Midwives, the remainder being independent midwives. In addition, five District Nurse-Midwives and one independent Midwife resident in adjoining areas attend cases in the Rural District. Infectious Diseases. Arrangements are made with the West Sussex County Nursing Association for the nursing of cases of Measles, Pneumonia and German Measles.

TREATMENT CENTRES, CLINICS AND HOSPITALS

The following list summarizes the various Health and Welfare Services provided by the West Sussex County Council and in operation during the year:—

Ante-Natal Clinics—held at Chichester, Bognor Regis, Felpham, Southbourne, Selsey and Yapton.

Aural Clinic-held at Chichester.

Child Guidance Clinic—held at Chichester.

Eye Clinic-held at Chichester.

Infant Welfare Centres—held at Aldwick and Pagham, Chichester, Bognor Regis, Aldingbourne, Felpham, Selsey, Southbourne, Walberton and Yapton.

Orthopaedic Clinic-held at Chichester.

School Children (Minor Ailments)—held at Chichester, Bognor Regis and Selsey.

Speech Therapy Clinics-held at Chichester and Bognor Regis.

Tuberculosis Dispensary—held at Chichester.

Venereal Diseases Clinics—held at Worthing Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester (by appointment).

(a) Hospitals—partially maintained by the Chichester Rural District Council.

(1) Infectious Diseases :-

- (a) An agreed sum per annum is paid to the Bognor Regis Urban District Council for the reservation of five beds at the Bognor Regis Isolation Hospital, and a similar agreement provides ten beds in the City of Chichester Isolation Hospital.
- (b) Hospitals—provided or partially maintained by the West Sussex County Council :—

(1) General Hospitals:-

(a) St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

(b) East Sussex County Council Southlands Hospital, Shorehamby-Sea.

(2) Tuberculosis:—

- (a) Aldingbourne House Sanatorium.
- (b) Worthing Isolation Hospital.
- (c) Worthing Hospital.

(3) Maternity:-

- (a) Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton.
- (b) East Sussex County Council Southlands Hospital, Shorehamby-Sea.

(c) Worthing Hospital.

(d) Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington.

(e) St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester (Emergency Cases).

- (4) Sick Children :-
 - (a) East Sussex County Council Southlands Hospital, Shorehamby-Sea.
 - (b) St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.
- (5) Smallpox:-
 - (a) Brede Isolation Hospital, Rye, East Sussex, by arrangement with the West and East Sussex County Councils.
- (c) Voluntary Hospitals Serving the District:-
 - (a) Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.
 - (b) Bognor Regis Memorial Hospital.
 - (c) Arundel Cottage Hospital.
 - (d) Victoria Cottage Hospital, Emsworth.

NURSING HOMES

There are in the district two Nursing Homes, duly registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936. In one Home three beds are available, and in the remaining one accommodation is provided for five patients, including three maternity cases.

Section III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA WATER SUPPLY

Piped water, supplied by four statutory water undertakers, these being the Chichester Rural District Council, the Chichester City Corporation, the Bognor Regis Urban District Council, and the Selsey Water Co., cover almost entirely the more populous southern two-thirds of the Rural District, leaving the more sparsely populated northern third dependent on private estate supplies and private wells.

At present water is supplied by one or other of the four statutory water undertakers in part at least to all the parishes in the Rural District except the parishes of Compton, Madehurst, Marden, Stoughton, Singleton, West Dean, East Dean and Upwaltham, and of the 12,221 houses in the district, some 10,108 or 82.71% have a piped supply from one or other of the four statutory water undertakers. Of the houses supplied 564 depend on standpipes. In addition, 690 houses or 5.6% obtain a piped supply from private estate mains.

Particulars of the conditions in the various parishes where piped

mains are available are shown in the table below.

	Total	Total Popula- tion	Water Supply from Public Mains						
Parish	number of houses		Di	rect	By means of Standpipes				
T arish	nouses	Est. 1947	Houses supplied	Popula- tion	Houses supplied	Popula tion			
Aldingbourne	442	1560	398	1393	13	46			
Appledram	69	287	62	262					
Barnham	118	489	75	320	26	92			
Birdham	252	900	191	687	8	27			
Bosham	817	2900	729	2555	35	120			
Bersted	264	1000	241	915	14	53			
Boxgrove	207	745	144	518	41	147			
Chidham	. 220	820	152	550	12	44			
Climping	74	250	72	240	2	10			
Donnington	164	600	147	539	16	57			
Earnley	68	296	60	263	1	3			
Eartham	34	105	10	32	16	50			
Eastergate	276	1075	272	1061	4	14			
East Wittering	586	1700	579	1682	7	18			
Ford	81	266	81	266					
Funtington	345	1278	188	695	29	105			
Hunston	160	625	126	525	5	18			
Itchenor	79	312	61	281	8	31			
Lavant	230	725	143	444	73	230			
Middleton	934	2300	934	2300					
North Mundham	174	670	84	324					
Oving	164	661	52	208	6	22			
Pagham	528	1257	483	1158	23	50			
Selsey	1278	3700	1249	3613	29	87			
Sidlesham	344	1170	270	918	41	140			
Slindon	154	580	135	514	16	54			
Tortington	65	245	31	120	2	9			
Tangmere	57	220	38	148	5	16			
Walberton	432	1575	360	1300	20	74			
Westbourne	1385	5200	1313	4968	55	170			
Westhampnett	119	440	87	321	26	96			
West Thorney	4	20	4	20					
West Wittering	544	1600	468	1380	12	32			
Yapton	372	1440	305	1195	19	64			
TOTALS	11040	37011	9544	31715	564	1879			

In addition to the number of houses shown in the above table there are at the Royal Air Force Station, Thorney Island, 86 married quarters; at Tangmere Air Force Station, 61 married quarters; and at the Royal Naval Air Station, Ford, 50 married quarters, including 20 properties requisitioned by the Royal Naval Air Station. All these houses have a direct supply of water.

The water supplied by the four Statutory Water Undertakers is all chlorinated before distribution. The supplies are constant and adequate to meet the needs of the distribution areas.

The Chichester Rural District Council

There are two boreholes in use at the Woodmancote Waterworks from which two submergible pumps discharge into the reservoir. No extensions to water mains have been laid during the year, but forty-four new domestic service pipes, forty-one in Westbourne, two in Chidham, and one in Stoughton (Finchdean Road), have been provided.

The estimated amount of water supplied during the year was 115,000,000 gallons.

A comprehensive scheme to provide piped water for the districts of Stoughton, Walderton, Forestside, Marden and Compton was prepared and submitted to the Ministry. Approval in principle was given to this scheme during the late part of the year following a public enquiry conducted by an Inspector of the Ministry of Health.

Negotiations with the Little Green Estate Company for the purchase of their supply were still in progress at the end of the year.

A total of fourteen samples of raw water were taken from the bores at the Waterworks for bacteriological examination. Of fourteen samples, one was reported upon as unsatisfactory and the remainder as satisfactory specimens.

No chemical examinations were carried out.

Chichester City Corporation

During the year under review the undermentioned extensions of mains of this undertaking were carried out :—

		P	arish		Length and Diameter of Piping				
Bosham	***	***		 	 	670 yards of 4" spun cast iron piping			
Birdham				 	 	107 yards of 4" spun cast iron piping			
. "						230 yards of 3" spun cast iron piping			
Funtington		***		 	 	202 yards of 4" spun cast iron piping			
Oving	***	***		 ***	 ***	330 yards of 3" spun cast iron piping			
west Itche	nor	***		 	 	44 yards of 4" spun cast iron piping			

With regard to new domestic services, the City Corporation provided a total of 130 as shown in the following table:—

	No. of Services		No. of Services
Parish	provided	Parish	provided
Birdham	21	Lavant	. 2
Bosham	30	Oving	. 5
Donnington	4	Singleton	104
East Wittering	8	Westhampnett	. 2
Funtington	39	West Wittering	. 5
Itchenor	4		
		Total	. 130

^{*} Provided from the private estate supply of the West Dean Estate.

Reports furnished on sixty-seven samples of raw and chlorinated water taken from the Corporation's Waterworks and from distribution mains at regular intervals throughout the year showed the supply to be eminently satisfactory and of the standard expected for a public water supply.

Bognor Regis Urban District Council

During the year the Bognor Regis Urban District Council extended their mains in the undermentioned areas. All mains were laid in metal (spun iron) pipes.

Parisi	h			Length and Size of Pipes
Aldingbourne		 	 	 3,367 yards of 4"
				357 yards of 3"
Barnham		 	 	 214 vards of 3"

New domestic services were provided as shown below :-

Parish	No. of Services provided	Parish	No. of Services provided
Aldingbourne	29	Pagham	9
Barnham	6	Slindon	1
Bersted	2	Walberton	4
Boxgrove	2	Yapton	2
Climping	7		
Eastergate	6	Total	71
Middleton	3		

Reports on four samples of water taken during the year at the waterworks and from the distribution mains were received, all of which showed the supply to be bacteriologically satisfactory.

Selsey Water Co.

During the year the Selsey Water Co. extended their mains in the parishes of Hunston and Selsey to provide main water to the Council's housing sites in these areas. A total of twenty-two new domestic services were provided, twelve in Hunston Parish and ten in Selsey.

Other Supplies: Private Estate Supplies

During the year the Chichester City Corporation carried out an extension to the West Dean Private Estate supply in order to provide a piped supply to the new housing sites in West Dean and Singleton. A length of 884 yards of 5" and 578 yards of 4" spun cast iron piping was laid.

Routine sampling from private estate wells and distribution mains continued throughout the year. Reports on the samples show a considerable fluctuation in the quality of the water from some sources whilst from others the supplies are persistently of doubtful quality. During the year, a total of 189 samples were taken in all, from private estate undertakings. Of these, 128 were satisfactory, 38 suspicious and 23 were unsatisfactory.

Public Wells: Charlton and Singleton

During the year seven samples of water from the Charlton Well were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were reported upon as satisfactory. Sampling was discontinued for a period whilst repairs were being effected to the pump. All twelve samples from the Singleton Well were reported upon as satisfactory.

Individual Private Supplies

A total of 91 samples were taken from wells during the period under review. In the majority of cases the water supplied houses in various parts of the district. Of the 91 samples taken, 20 were reported upon as satisfactory, 11 suspicious and the remainder as unsatisfactory. Where no water main is available, occupants of properties with unsatisfactory well supplies are advised to be if all water required for drinking purposes and are supplied with leaflets giving instructions with regard to chlorination of the water.

Four samples of water were collected from wells supplying Council cottages in the district and submitted for bacteriological examination. One sample was reported upon as satisfactory and three as unsatisfactory.

Connections to Mains

During the year 267 houses have been provided with piped water from public mains. In the majority of cases the work was carried out upon the request of the owners of property in the various areas where the main was extended. In three cases Statutory Notices were served and the requirements of the notice were suitably complied with.

Future Developments

Mention has been made regarding the comprehensive scheme to provide piped water for the districts of Stoughton, Walderton, Forestside, Marden and Compton, and it is hoped that rapid progress will be possible.

There is, in addition, need for numerous small extensions to provide supplies for small groups of houses at present dependent on wells.

Shortage of Water during Drought

During the year it was necessary for the cartage of water on several occasions to two premises where the supplies were insufficient. The National Fire Service undertook the transport of the water which amounted to approximately 17,000 gallons. The areas concerned were Forestside and a farm at South Mundham.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There was a small extension to the sewers in the parishes of Bosham and Selsey during the year, and a total of 71 new connections were made.

All new housing sites that cannot be drained to existing sewers are being provided with small sewage disposal works. Several of these works were under course of construction, but none completed during the year. These small sewage disposal works are designed in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Housing Manual, 1944 (Technical Appendices). On arrival at the works the foul water is received in a septic tank from which it overflows into a sump and is then pumped into the filters. After passing through the filtering media, the effluent from the filter is conveyed to the land via agricultural subsoil drains laid approximately 15" below ground level on a layer of clean gravel. In some cases the contours of the site have allowed the flow to gravitate from the septic tank to the filters, the effluent from the filters discharging into land drains.

The following foul water sewers were laid during the year to serve houses on the Council's housing estates:—

Housing Site	Length in yards	Diameter	Properties connected
Barnham	299	6"	
Birdham	146	6"	8
Bosham	266	6"	18
Climping	100	6"	
Funtington	172	6"	4
Hunston	200	6"	12
Middleton-on-Sea	477	7"	
Selsey	832	6"	8
Singleton	148	6"	10
Westbourne	596	6"	16
Westergate	546	6"	18
Totals	3782		94

No statutory action was taken under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, regarding the conversion into water closets of earth and pail closets serving private houses.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

As already stated, the Public Cleansing Service was transferred from the administration of Mr. L. J. Lewis, Sanitary Inspector of the Department, to the control of Mr. J. K. Lawson, Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, this change taking place on the 1st April, 1947. I am, therefore, indebted to Mr. Lawson for details of this Service for the year under review.

(a) House Refuse

During the year it was possible to provide a fortnightly rear collection of refuse in the parishes of Bersted, Bosham, Middleton-on-Sea, Selsey and Westbourne. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining new vehicles, the remainder of the Rural District received a fortnightly front collection. Six refuse collecting vehicles were employed and a total mileage of 62,287 was run in maintaining the service, involving a total tonnage of 5,763, representing 2,186 loads of refuse. The refuse was deposited on the tips.

(b) Refuse Tips

Throughout the year refuse was deposited on tips in the parishes of Aldingbourne, Lavant, Middleton-on-Sea, Selsey and Westbourne. In August an outbreak of fire occurred at the Aldingbourne tip and in consequence tipping has now ceased.

(c) Salvage.

The collection of salvage material continued throughout the year and the following table shows the quantities and values of materials collected for disposal.

•	tons	cwts.	qvs.	lbs.	£	S.	d.
Paper, Cardboard, etc	186	10	2		1254	7	1
Rags, etc	13	2	3		413	17	1
Bones		2	1	16		7	7
Bottles, Jars, etc	13	4			157	17	5
Residue-Aldingbourne Tip					70	0	0
Iron, etc	3	12		16	13	17	7
	216	11	3	4	1910	6	9
Plus increased collection allow- ance paid by the Ministry of Supply under Circular 120/1945				- 19	89	12	6
TOTAL					£1999	19	3

(d) Cesspool Emptying Service

The Rural District Council commenced a free service for cesspool emptying covering the whole district as from the 1st April, 1947. The scheme allows one free emptying once a quarter, provided a main sewer is not available for the property. During the year six cesspool emptying machines were in operation, and these machines emptied a total of 5,602 cesspools, of which 2,299 were in the parishes of East and West Wittering.

A total mileage of 80,909 miles was run in maintaining the service, and the 5,602 cesspools emptied represented 6,335 loads giving a gallonage of 5,051,000.

The contents of the cesspools were mainly disposed of by discharge into the existing sewerage systems.

(e) Pail Closets

The Rural District Council does not now undertake the collection and disposal of pail closet contents in any of the parishes of the district. The disposal of night soil is a responsibility of individual householders, who are advised on methods of burying in the ground.

On the Pagham Beach Estate a private contractor undertakes the collection of night soil over a small area and disposes of the contents over farm land.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

It was not necessary to take any action to prevent the pollution of any of the rivers and streams in the district.

SHOPS ACT, 1934

At the end of the year there were 241 shops on the register, the majority being small family or household establishments. A total of 191 inspections were made during the year to shop premises, when 13 contraventions were observed as follows:—

100	Need for provision of sanitary accor		tion	 ***	***	4
1	Unsatisfactory sanitary accommoda	tion		 	***	1
	Lack of washing facilities			 ***		7
(d)	Lack of cleanliness of premises			 		1

Informal notices were served in respect of each contravention and at the end of the year nine notices had been complied with and in the remainder work was in progress.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

There are 140 establishments situate in the district coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, of which 115 are provided with mechanical power.

During the year 71 inspections of factory premises were made, and the following list summarises the various defects found on inspection:—

	Nature of Defect	Number found	Number remedied
	Insufficient sanitary conveniences	2	2
(0)	Unsuitable or defective sanitary	2	2

Notifications were received that seven persons resident in the district were employed during the year as outworkers, three being engaged in the making of lamp shades, two in the clothing trade and two employed at R.M. Barracks, Portsmouth.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

As in the previous year no action was necessary in respect of this matter.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are two swimming pools in the district situate at holiday camps, one of which was in use during the year.

CAMPING SITES

During the year one hundred and eleven applications to use land for moveable dwellings in accordance with the provisions of Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, were received, as compared with forty-six applications in the previous year. Of the applications received, eighty-nine licences were granted permitting the stationing of 848 trailer-caravans and/or tents, as compared with 44 licences granted in 1946. During the year 119 visits of inspection of the camping sites were undertaken. Four contraventions of the conditions of licence were observed and one contravention where caravans had been stationed on an unlicensed site. Informal notices were served in each case and all were suitably complied with.

The number of licences granted during the year represented an increase of just over 200% and the number of trailer caravans stationed on the sites as compared with the previous year increased by 376.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

In one case a dwelling house was found to be infested with bugs and in three other dwellings infestations of fleas were observed. In all cases disinfestations were successfully carried out.

RATS AND MICE

The Private Dwelling Special Scheme, 1946/47, which commenced on the 2nd October, 1946, and progress of which was set out in last year's report, continued during 1947 and was completed on the 30th June. The scheme itself entailed the survey of all private dwellings in the district for rodent infestations and subsequent disinfestation, and in this connection approximately 17,000 separate visits were made by the operators in the course of initial survey and later the necessary disinfestations.

After the completion of the Special Scheme, the Council reverted to the original method of working whereby the services of the rodent operators were charged to the person requiring the service.

The summary below shows the extent of the work carried out under the Special Scheme, also the number of complaints, disinfestations, etc., completed since the end of the Special Scheme to the 31st December, 1947.

No notices were served under the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, as the occupiers agreed to accept the services of the Rodent Operators, or were willing to carry out their own treatment under an Operator's guidance. Active co-operation has been maintained throughout the year with the County War Agricultural Committee's Pest Officer and the officers of the adjoining local authorities.

It is noteworthy to report that only a very small percentage of property owners or occupiers displayed lack of interest in accepting a free survey and where necessary disinfestation under the Special Scheme, and indeed enquiries have been received asking if the free service was still in operation. The refuse tips have been kept regularly under observation and treated when necessary. The sewers have been tested during the year and were found to be free from infestation.

Summary of Work during the Year

(i)	Complain	ts received during	the	year		 		158}	21 major 137 minor
(ii)	Surveys					 			8158
(iii)		disinfested :-							
	(a)	Council property				 		20	
	(b)	Business premises				 		54	
	(c)	Private dwellings]	1835	
					1100		-		1909
(iv)	Rats des	troyed :							
	(a)	Bodies found	***			 	2	2298	
		Estimated number							

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 AND 1922

There are no premises in the district in which rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

SCHOOLS

A report on the sanitary conditions in the schools of the Rural District was included in the Annual Report for 1946. Since the presentation of that report a letter has been received from the Director of Education detailing improvements which have already been made in many of the schools and the steps which have been taken towards further work in others. The Education Authority is reviewing cases throughout the County and drawing up a priority list for conversion to a waterborne sewage system which will be dealt with as building resources and finance permit.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

No. of inspections in regard to infect	tious di	iseas	se	 	 		130
No. of premises disinfected after infe	ectious	dise	ease	 	 		14
No. of verminous premises disinfecte	d			 	 		4
				 	 		429
No. of nuisances abated				 	 		335
Cases of overcrowding ascertained				 	 		11
Cases of overcrowding abated				 	 		4
Offensive accumulations found					 		11
Offensive accumulations removed				 	 		11
Keeping of animals so as to be a nui-							
Instances ascertained				 	 		8
Abated							8
Additional sanitary conveniences pro						ient	
accommodation existed					 		5
E.Cs. converted to W.Cs				 	 		5
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No. of ashbins provided						 		15
No. of yards paved								3
No. of defective windows repaired						 		122
No. of windows made to open								2
No. of roofs repaired								41
No. of houses where guttering and ra							d	17
No. of defective walls and ceilings wh								57
No. of walls and ceilings cleansed								58
No. of damp floors relaid or repaired					***	 ***	***	
No. of damp floors relaid or repaired								20
No. of water samples taken for analy							***	317
No. of water samples found unfit for								85
No. of wells cleansed						 		2
No. of instances in which public supp								260
No. of damp walls treated, repointed								57
Summary:—								
	11							20550
Total number of inspections made fo	r an p	urpo	ses	***		***		20552
Total number of notices served :-								
Informal						 		423
Statutory						 		11
Total number of summonses issued						 		_
Convictions obtained						 		-
Complaints received								358
						***	***	
Complaints found justified and dealt	with	***	***			 ***	***	309

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was necessary during the year to serve nine statutory notices requiring the abatement of nuisances or the remedying of defects as follows:—

I	Enactment	t under which Notice served	Reason for service of Notice
1.	Sect. 9	93, Public Health Act, 1936	
2.		Ditto	 ditto
3.		Ditto	 ditto
4.		Ditto	 ditto
5.		Ditto	 House in dirty condition.
6.		Ditto	 Defective windows.
7.	Sect. 13	88, Public Health Act, 1936	 Unwholesome water supply.
8.		Ditto	 ditto
9.		Ditto	 ditto

In all cases the requirements of the notices were satisfactorily complied with.

Section IV.

HOUSING

As stated in last year's report, housing continues to be the principal

post-war need of the Rural District.

The survey of working class houses in the Rural District, i.e. those of a rateable value of £20 or less, has continued throughout the year. Following the reorganisation of the Department it was found convenient for the three District Sanitary Inspectors to devote two days each per week to the inspection and recording of properties inspected, they being assisted in their work by the Lay Assistant. In addition, a temporary Additional Sanitary Inspector who was appointed during the period of illness of one of the District Sanitary Inspectors, devoted all his time to duties of house inspection until the regular officer's return.

A total of 1,102 houses were inspected during the year, making the total number inspected and recorded 5,146 or 62.75% of the total

number of working class houses in the district.

The following parishes have now been completed:-

Aldingbourne Appledram Birdham Bosham Chidham Boxgrove Donnington Compton Earnley Eartham East Dean East Wittering Funtington Hunston Lavant Madehurst North Mundham Marden Oving Singleton Slindon Tangmere Tortington Upwaltham Walberton Westhampnett West Dean West Itchenor West Wittering Yapton

Details of the "Standard of Fitness and Classification" as adopted by the Council following the recommendations of the Joint County Committee are set out in the report for the year 1945, and the following summary based upon this "Standard of Fitness and Classification" shows classification of the 5,146 houses surveyed at the 31st December, 1947:—

Category I	Houses in all respects satisfactory	622
Category II	Houses with minor defects only	696
Category III	Houses requiring repair, structural alteration	
	or improvement	2762
*Category IV	Houses appropriate for reconditioning under	
	Housing (Rural Workers) Acts	333
Category V	Houses unfit for habitation and beyond repair	
	at reasonable expense	733
	Total	5146

^{*} This category originally intended for houses which although requiring extensive repair or improvement, could be made fit at reasonable cost to the owner, provided financial aid could be given under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts. As these Acts are no longer on the Statute Book and the future aid, if any, which would be given, is not known, no houses are now placed in this category and the figure given relates only to the first fifteen parishes surveyed.

The following table gives the classification parish by parish, and only includes the fully completed parishes:—

Parish	No. of Working	CATEGORIES								
Farish	Class Dwellings -	1	2	3	4	5				
Aldingbourne	328	53	72	163		40				
Appledram	56	12	7	31		6				
Birdham		61	20	47	15	28				
Bosham		100	116	260	23	78				
		5	4	96	20	27				
Boxgrove	124	18	8	74		24				
Chidham		29	8	90	27	11				
Donnington		17	_	8	8	13				
Earnley		30		22		1				
Eartham	27	00		26		î				
East Dean		1	1	41	26	20				
East Wittering		9	29	193	18	50				
Funtington		13	5	156	73	26				
Hunston	141	2	19	94	4	22				
Lavant		ĩ	3	144	23	13				
Madehurst		1	11	12	7.7	5				
Marden	20	***	4	15		1				
North Mundham		26	7	75	14	24				
	0.00	7	26	99		11				
Oving		4	1	50	31	54				
Singleton	2000	*	6	63	-	36				
	200.00	2	7	29		10				
Tangmere		0.774	4	39		9				
Tortington	188		4	4	***	9				
Upwaltham	7.7	40	27							
Walberton		48		194	97	35				
West Dean			4	86	37	26				
Westhampnett	82		1	53 24	7	21				
West Itchenor	26		1.01		***	2				
West Wittering	403	75	161	132	7	28				
Yapton	294	22	80	138		54				
TOTALS	4642	535	631	2458	333	685				

Continued use was made by the Clerk of the powers of requisition in order to provide housing accommodation, and the following is a summary of the work and position regarding requisitioned properties:—

Number of properties under requisition at January 1st, 1947	 	 129
Number of properties requisitioned during the year	 	 145
Number derequisitioned after representation by owners		132
Number held under requisition at 31st December, 1947		142
Number of persons accommodated (adults 197, children 381)	 ***	 578
Schedule of conditions taken	 	 15
Specification of works prepared	 	 4

New Building

During the year under review, ninety-nine new permanent houses were erected by the Council and thirty by private enterprise. The following table shows the distribution of the new dwellings:—

Parish	Erected by Local Authority	Erected by Private Enterprise
Aldingbourne	18	College
Birdham	6	2
Bosham	20	5
Boxgrove	2	1
Donnington		2
Earnley	2	ī
Eastergate		2
East Wittering	Pipli want	1
Funtington		The state of the s
Hunston	10	
North Mundham		2
Oving		ī
Pagham		î
Selsey	6	î
Stoughton	2	9
Walberton		i i
West Wittering		3
Westbourne	33	2
		2
Yapton		4
TOTALS	99	30

In addition, a total of twenty-five temporary houses were completed by the Local Authority during the year, thirteen situate at Westbourne and twelve at Bosham.

Forty-seven family units in the undermentioned hutted camps were provided with amenities, including installation of cooking equipment, sinks, disposal for waste water, sanitary conveniences, and provision of party walls to form separate rooms.

Parish	Location	No. of Family Units provided
Boxgrove	 Strettington No. 2 Camp	12
Boxgrove	 Strettington No. 3 Camp	7
Hunston	 Hunston Corner	2
Hunston	 North Mundham	8
Walberton	 Choller Farm	1
Westhampnett	 Westerton No. 2 Camp	17*

^{*} At the end of the year, work was proceeding at this Camp which will, when completed, provide accommodation for a further fourteen family units.

During the year, eleven housing sites were acquired upon which three hundred and nine houses can be erected.

HOUSING STATISTICS

1.	Inspec	ction of Dwelling-houses during the year :-
	(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing
		defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 1,225
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose 1,477
	(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under
		the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 1,102
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose 1,145

	(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	125
	(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	562
2.	Re	medy of defects during the year without service of	302
		mal notices	124
3.	Ac	tion under statutory powers during the year :-	
	(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	
		(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
		(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	1 1
		(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	_
	(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
		 Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were 	6
		remedied after service of formal notices	6
		(a) By Owners	6
	(c)	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—	-
		(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which	
		demolition orders were made (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance	1
		of demolition orders	1
		in respect of three other dwellings, the owners of which gave	
		undertakings that the premises would no longer be used for	
	(d)	human habitation until the premises had been rendered fit. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:— (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms	
		in respect of which closing orders were made	Nil
		(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined,	
		the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil
4.	Но	using Act, 1936: Overcrowding.	
	(a)	(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the	
		year	15
		(ii) Number of families dwelling therein (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	12 63
	(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during	11
	(c)	the year	
		year	4 25
	(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Autho-	·
		rity have taken steps for the abatement of over-	Nil
		CIOWOTOP	1711

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, and Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1942

The status quo regarding legislation remains unaltered, the appointed day referred to in the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, being still undefined.

At the commencement of the year 261 farms were registered for production of milk, actual production being carried out at 234, and of the latter mentioned number, 155 farms were licensed for the production of Designated milk (Tuberculin Tested 50, and Accredited 105).

During the year three new farms were registered for the production of milk, two being granted Tuberculin Tested licenses and one a licence to produce Non-Designated milk. Further, two farms already registered resumed production of Tuberculin Tested milk.

A total of fourteen Tuberculin Tested licences were issued during the year to producers whose premises had previously been producing milk other than Tuberculin Tested. Of this figure, twelve licences were issued to producers who had previously been producing Accredited milk and two who had been producing Non-Designated milk. In addition, three licences were issued in respect of change of ownership. Two producers of Tuberculin Tested milk ceased production during the year.

With regard to producers of Accredited milk, one licence was issued in respect of change of ownership. One producer ceased production.

Nine of the Non-Designated producers in the district ceased production during the year and one registered farm resumed production.

The position at the 31st December, 1947, is as shown below:-

No.	of farms in the district registered for milk production				264
No.	actually producing at the end of the year				228
	of dairy cows in the district, approximately				3000
No.	of farms producing Designated milk :-				
	(a) Tuberculin Tested				66
	(b) Accredited				92
No	of farms producing Non-Designated milk				70
No	of dairymen (cowkeeper and milk seller), etc				239
	of these registered as wholesalers				164
No	registered as wholesalers and retailers				30
No	registered as retailers				39
No	of dairymen in the district exempt from registration by	reaso	n of	not	
	producing milk for sale				6

Water Supply to Dairy Producers

Cowsheds and dairies having :-

(a)	Public piped suppl	y		 	 	 	 	149
(b)	Private estate pipe	ed sup	ply	 	 	 ****	 	29
(c)	Well water			 	 	 	 	86

Details of the Work carried out under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, are given below

Cowsheds and Milk Shops.

No. of inspections made							420
No. of inspections during milking time							367
No. of contraventions of the Regulations found							20
No. of premises found to require :—							
(a) Cleansing				***			5
(b) Structural or sanitary improvements							7
(c) Other contraventions			***	***	***		8
No. of these requirements carried out :—							-
(a) Cleansing (b) Structural or sanitary improvements							3
(c) Other contraventions abated	***	***					9
(c) Other Contraventions abateu				***	***	***	43

Milk Sampling

During the year 1947 the regular quarterly sampling of all Non-Designated producers continued without interruption, the work being undertaken by the Lay Assistant and "follow-up" samples being collected by the Sanitary Inspectors.

Four routine samples were taken from sixty-eight producers which amounted to 272 samples, and thirty-four samples collected from eleven producers before their ceasing production; in two cases licences for Tuberculin Tested milk were issued. Of the 306 routine samples taken 252 or 82.0% reached the standard required for Accredited milk. In the previous year 272 routine samples were taken, of which 209 or 77% complied with the Accredited milk standard. So far as possible "follow-up" samples were collected when routine samples were found unsatisfactory. A total of 35 "follow-up" samples were taken during the year, 16 of which, or 45.7%, were found to be satisfactory. During the previous year a total of 20 "follow-up" samples were taken, when 6, or 30%, were found to be satisfactory.

In addition, one sample of Pasteurised milk was collected by the Lay Assistant which, when submitted to the Phosphatase Test and half-hour Methylene Blue Test, failed to reach the standard in both tests. The four samples of mixed milk submitted to the Methylene Blue Test all gave satisfactory results.

One sample of milk was taken by the Sanitary Inspector and submitted to a biological examination for the presence of tubercle bacilli with a negative result.

The following table shows details of the samples of Non-Designated milk examined by the Methylene Blue Test during 1947.

Quarter Total Ending Sam- ples	Sam-	Rou- tine		TIS- TORY	75.00	ATIS- TORY	Follow -Ups		TIS- TORY	UNS. FACT	
	oles	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%	
31.3.47	78	76	68	90	8	10	2	1	50	1	50
30.6.47	94	82	65	80	17	20	12	5	42	7	58
30.9.47	91	76	60	79	16	21	15	6	40	9	60
31.12.47	78	72	59	82	13	18	6	4	67	2	33
TOTALS	341	306	252	82	54	18	35	16	45	19	55

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-1942

The following licences were granted during the year :-

(a)	BY CHICHESTER RURAL DIST Tuberculin Tested Milk.	RICT	Cot	NCII				
	(1) Dealers' Licences					 		5
	(1) Dealers' Licences (2) Supplementary Licences					 		3
	Pasteurised Milk.							
	(1) Dealers' Licences					 		5
	 Dealers' Licences Supplementary Licences 					 		4
(b)	By West Sussex County Co	OUNG	CIL.					
	Producers' Licences.							
						 	68	(8)
	(1) Tuberculin Tested (2) Accredited					 	106	
(c)	BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH.							
	Producers' Licences.							
	(1) Tuberculin Tested			***	***	 		1

The figures in parentheses denote the number of producers who also hold licences to bottle milk. At the 31st December, 1947, 158 dairymen were licensed for the production of Designated milk, equal to 69% of the total premises registered and actually engaged in work of milk production at that date.

During the year 1,464 samples of Designated milk were examined at the County Laboratory by the Methylene Blue Test, all of which were collected by Sampling Officers of the County Health Department.

The following table shows details of the 1,464 samples examined.

Designation	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	%	Un- satisfactory	%
Tuberculin Tested Accredited Pasteurised	594 (357) 842 (664) 28 (30)	536 (333) 755 (614) 24 (28)	90 (93) 89 (92) 85 (96)	58 (24) 87 (50) 4 (2)	10 (7) 11 (8) 15 (4)
TOTALS	1464 (1051)	1315 (975)		149 (76)	

The figures in parentheses are those for the year 1946

In addition, 10 of the 842 samples of Accredited milk were also submitted to the Coliform Test, 9 being found to be satisfactory. Thirty-four samples of the Tuberculin Tested milks were similarly examined, 33 of which were reported to be satisfactory.

Further 34 specimens of Designated milks, principally from suppliers to institutions and county schools, were submitted for biological examination for the presence of tubercle bacilli, all giving negative results.

Legal Proceedings

It was not necessary to take any legal action under the Orders and Regulations during the year.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No regular slaughtering of animals was carried out during the year, all slaughter-houses in the district remaining closed by virtue of the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940. All meat for sale in the district is slaughtered elsewhere. Butchers' shops and their vehicles, however, continued to receive regular visits of inspection.

After the necessary authority to slaughter had been obtained from the Food Executive Officer a total of 57 pig carcases were inspected.

No. of animals killed (pigs											57
No. of animals inspected .											57
No. of carcases affected wi								is)	***	***	1
Percentage of number insp	ected a	пест	ed w	ith 1	lubei	rculo	SIS				1.7%

Details of Meat Condemned in Butchers' and Grocers' Shops throughout the year

Description of item condemna	ed	Weight Reason for Condemnation
Beef, hindquarters		. 521 lbs Bone taint and in a putrefying condi-
		tion.
Bacon		. 41 lbs Bone taint and in a putrefying condi-
		tion.
		. 110 lbs Tins blown and damaged.
Corned Mutton, 29 tins		. 151 lbsTins blown and damaged.
Bacon, 6 tins		. 6 lbs Tins blown and damaged.
Twelve tins of steak		. 12 lbsTins blown and damaged.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933

During the year two renewal licences were granted by the Local Authority to slaughter animals.

Bread

There are 21 bakehouses in the district, none of which are underground, and 30 inspections were made of these premises during the year. Five verbal notices were served requiring limewashing and cleansing, which were suitably complied with.

Shell Fish

The collection of cockles and winkles in the harbours and tidal waters around Chichester Harbour, Sidlesham Harbour and off Selsey Bill continued throughout the year, and these winkles and cockles are marketed in Portsmouth, Brighton, Worthing, Littlehampton and locally.

Water Cress

No action has been taken regarding water cress beds in the district.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

The County Council is the authority responsible for the Administration of the Food Adulteration Sections of this Act. Details of the number of samples and of commodities taken in the Rural District during the year are not therefore available for inclusion in this report.

Ice Cream

Premises in the district in which ice cream is manufactured, stored or sold have been regularly visited by the District Sanitary Inspectors. Copies of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947, were distributed to all persons concerned and advice given with regard to the future requirements under the new regulations.

The following table gives details of the number of premises registered at the end of the year 1947.

(a)	Premises registered	for sa	ale and storage		 	 22
(b)	Premises registered	for m	anufacture, sale an	d storage		 1

Samples were obtained from those premises retailing during the year and submitted to the County Laboratory for examination by the Methylene Blue Reduction Test with the following results.

(i)	Total number of	f sam	ples collec	ted			 16
(ii)	Provisional Gra	des in	which sa	mples we	re place	d:-	
	Grade	I	II	III	IV		
		4	1	1	10		

Other Foods

The following items of foodstuffs were found during the year to be unfit for human consumption and were condemned.

•	
Description Weight	Reason for Condemnation
Dried cod fillets 140 lbs.	Sticky, soft, and in a putrefying condi-
2.102 202 312 317 317 317 317 317	tion.
Smoked haddock 84 lbs.	Ditto
Fresh cod fillets 70 lbs.	Ditto
Five tins of pilchards 3½ lbs.	Tins blown and contents unfit for
Tive time or premittee og ree.	human consumption.
Twenty tins of salmon 16½ lbs.	Ditto
One tin of sardines	Ditto
Two tins of herrings and tomatoes 14 lbs.	Ditto
Six dozen fish cakes 8 lbs.	Mildewed and wet.
One hundred and twenty tins of	midewed and wee.
evaporated milk 100 lbs.	Tins blown and contents unfit for
evaporated mink 100 lbs.	human consumption.
Four tins of condensed milk 24 lbs.	Ditto
One tin of skimmed milk ½ lb.	Ditto
Twenty-three tins of baked beans 14½ lbs.	Ditto
	Ditto
Seven tins of pork sausages 7 lbs. Eighty-four tins smoked Herring	Ditto
	Ditto
spread 18½ lbs.	Ditto
Thirteen tins of peas $9\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. One bag of dried peas 112 lbs.	Infested with maggots.
	Tins blown and contents unfit for
Two tins of green pea soup 2 lbs.	
Channe 9 lbs	human consumption. Mouldy and rancid.
Cheese 3 lbs. Thirty packets of beef suet 1 lb.	Rancid and in an unsaleable condition.
	Rancid and in an unsaleable condition.
Sixty-one tins of apple and plum	Tine blown and contents unfit for
jam 214½ lbs.	Tins blown and contents unfit for
One tile manch manners 11 lb	human consumption.
One tin peach preserve 11 lb.	Ditto
Two tins of grapes 1 lb.	Ditto
One tin of plums I lb.	Ditto
One tin of melon and ginger jam 11 lbs.	Ditto
One tin of grapefruit marmalade 11 lbs.	Ditto
One tin of grapefruit 1½ lbs.	Ditto
One tin of Scotch broth ½ lb.	Ditto
One tin of Dutch gerkins ½ lb.	Ditto
One tin of sliced turnip 1½ lbs.	Ditto
One tin of carrots 1½ lbs.	Ditto
One tin of spaghetti 1 lb.	Ditto
Two tins of fruit salad 13 lbs.	Ditto
One jar of marmite 1 lb.	Jar broken and contents not fit for
D-1-1-1-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11	human consumption.
Fourteen bags of batter mixture 28 lbs.	Contaminated in transit.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The measles epidemic which commenced in the late autumn of 1946 continued until early spring of 1947; thenceforward to the end of the year only a small number of cases were brought to the notice of the Department.

In common with other parts of the country the Rural District experienced an increased incidence of Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis), five cases in all occurring, one being a non-civilian. Two cases of Poliomyelitis ended fatally.

At the end of the year a small outbreak of dysentery occurred, a total of five cases being notified.

Apart from the diseases referred to, the District experienced no unusual incidence of infectious and other diseases during the year.

SMALLPOX

During the year no cases of Smallpox were notified in the district, but contacts of cases which occurred on various ships and contacts with cases occurring abroad who arrived in this country by air were all subject to surveillance. In this connection a total of four contacts were visited and none developed any signs or symptoms of the disease.

DIPHTHERIA

Notifications in respect of two cases were received, but after admission to Isolation Hospital the diagnosis was not confirmed. During the previous year eight cases occurred in the district. No deaths were registered due to diphtheria during the year.

SUPPLY OF DIPHTHERIA ANTI-TOXIN

Diphtheria Anti-Toxin is supplied free of cost to General Practitioners for prophylactic and treatment purposes. It can be obtained from the Public Health Department, East Pallant House, Chichester, during office hours, and from the Chichester City and Bognor Regis Isolation Hospitals at other times.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

As in previous years, steady progress has been continued in the immunisation campaign, the majority of the inoculations being given by Medical Officers of the County Health Department and a few by private practitioners.

Advertisements were arranged by the Department during the spring by means of display posters, press advertisements, etc.

During the year 96 children of school age and 369 children under five years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 143 children who had been inoculated more than four years ago received "follow-up" injections. At the end of the year it was estimated that 95.08% of the children in the district aged 5-15, and 41.41% of the children aged 1-5 years had received a complete course of injections.

The following is a copy of Part I of a return which is required by the Ministry of Health and shows the number of children resident in the district who had completed a complete course of immunisation at any time up to the end of the 31st December, 1947.

Age at 31.12.47, i.e. Born in Year	Under 1 1947	1 1946	2 1945	3 1944	1943	5 to 9 1938 to 1942	10 to 14 1933 to 1937	Total under 15
Number Immunised		218	364	397	465	2647	2462	6553
Estimated mid-year child population, 1947			3487	5000			73	8860

DYSENTERY

Five cases of this disease were brought to the notice of the Department. Four of the cases occurred in Singleton parish and the remaining one in Westhampnett. One patient was admitted to Isolation Hospital. There were no deaths from this disease during the year.

ENTERIC FEVER

As in the previous year, no cases of Typhoid or Para-typhoid Fevers were notified, and no deaths were recorded during the year from these diseases.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

One case of this condition was notified as compared with four in the year 1946. The patient was nursed at home and made an uneventful recovery.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

Two cases of this disease were notified during the year as compared with two for the previous year. The patients, a female aged four weeks, and a male aged ten days, received treatment at St. Richard's Hospital, and both recovered without any impairment of vision.

SUPPLIES OF INSULIN

During the year arrangements were made for the supply, free of cost, of the necessary units of insulin for three diabetics whose financial circumstances were limited.

SCARLET FEVER

During the year 39 cases of this disease were notified as compared with 35 in 1946. One notification was cancelled.

Of the 38 cases, seventeen were removed to hospital, seven to the City of Chichester Isolation Hospital, and ten to Bognor Regis Isolation Hospital. The average stay in hospital was 23 days. Two suspected cases were under observation in the Isolation Hospitals for a period of eight days and two days respectively.

In the majority of cases the disease was mild in character, and the cases were all distributed through the district, seventeen parishes being affected, those with the greatest number being Bersted and Slindon with five, Pagham with four, and Aldingbourne and Donnington with three cases.

The cases occurred throughout the year, the months with the greatest incidences being October with nine cases, and July and November with five cases respectively.

The following table shows the distribution of the confirmed cases.

Parish	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Aldingbourne	_	_	_				1		_	1	1		3
Appledram	_			1	_		î	_		-	-	100	9
Barnham	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	1			1
Bersted			2		1				200	-	1	1	5
Birdham	-	-	_	1	_		_	-	_	_	-	1	1
Chidham		_	_	î	_	_	2	_	_	_	_		î
Donnington	_	-	-	_	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	_	3
East Dean		1	_	_	2	100	_	_	_	2	_		1
Middl'n-on-Sea	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	- 1	1	-	1	2
N'th Mundham	_	2	_	_	_		_	_	_ 1	2	_	2	2
Pagham	-	-	2	-	_	-	- 1	-	- 1	2	_		4
Selsey	1	_	_	-	_	_	1	_	-	-	-	_	2
Singleton	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Slindon	_	_	_	-	_	_	2	1	1	2	1	_	5
Tortington	-	-	-	-	-		_	-	_	-	1	-	1
West Thorney	1*	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	1	-	-	2
Yapton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	2	1	4	3	2	-	5	1	2	9	5	4	38

^{*} Non-civilian.

WHOOPING COUGH

There was an appreciable decrease in the incidence of this disease, the number of cases being notified totalling thirty-four, as compared with eight-one in 1946.

The majority of the cases occurred in the western part of the district, some thirteen parishes being affected.

In addition to the notified cases, fifteen children were reported by the head teachers of various schools to be suffering from this disease. The incidence of the disease in the various parishes during the year is shown in the following table.

Parish	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Barnham Bersted Birdham Funtington Hunston Lavant Middl'n-on-Sea Pagham Selsey Sidlesham Tangmere Westbourne	2 - 1 - - 1 2 - 1	- - 1 - - - 1		- - - - 2 - 2	1	1 1 2	1	4 1	- 1 - - 2 - - - - 1	THE STATE OF THE S	1111111111111	1	1 4 5 3 1 2 6 4 2 1 1
West Dean Totals		2	-	4	2	4	2	5	4	2	1	1	34

MEASLES

In contrast to the winter of 1945/46, when only a few cases of this disease were notified, the corresponding period of 1946/47 produced a case incidence of epidemic proportions, and in the period commencing late autumn 1946 to the end of February, 1947, the Department dealt with 544 notifications.

During the year under review a total of 364 cases were notified as compared with 339 in 1946, 274 occurring during the first two months of the year. In addition to the notified cases it was reported by head teachers of the various schools that 47 children were suffering from this disease.

In most cases the disease was mild in character, but complications or unsuitable home conditions made hospital treatment desirable in fifteen cases. The Bognor Regis Isolation Hospital admitted eleven cases and Chichester City Isolation Hospital the remainder.

No deaths were attributable to this cause during the year.

The distribution of the disease is shown in the following table.

-								1			1		
Parish	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	Tune	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
2 1111011	J	1				3	3		Depr.			2000	1 Ortes
	19 77												
Aldingbourne	8	38	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	49
Barnham	9	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Bersted	6	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	11
Birdham	2	-	-	-	-	_		-	-	-	-	-	2
Bosham		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Boxgrove		1	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	-	-	3
Climping	4	3	2	124	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	6
Donnington		-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	2
Earnley		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Eastergate		4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
East Wittering	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Funtington	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hunston	-	-	1	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	-	_	1
Lavant	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Middl'n-on-Sea	36	32	9	5	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	5	91
Mundham	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Oving	2	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	23
Pagham	9	17	-	-	-	4	3	2	-	-	-	-	35
Selsey		2	2	1	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	8
Slindon	1	5	2	1	. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Stoughton		2	-	-	-	-		-	-	_	-	-	2
Tangmere	100	_	-	-		-		-	-	-	-	-	7
Tortington		1	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	1
Walberton		15	14	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	30
Westbourne	-	_	3	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	_	-	11
West Dean		-	-	_	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Westhampnett	1	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	1
West Itchenor	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
West Thorney	1	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	1
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ERYSIPELAS

Six cases of this disease were notified during the year as compared with four in 1946. Four of the cases were nursed at home and two were admitted to Isolation Hospital and all made uneventful recoveries.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS

One case of this disease was notified but after admission to Isolation Hospital the diagnosis was not confirmed.

ACUTE ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS

Five cases of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis were notified during the year, as compared with one in 1946.

The first case notified was in January and occurred to a non-civilian who entered the district on leave from overseas. The patient, a male, was admitted to a hospital outside the district where the paralysis did not improve, death occurring a few days later.

A further four cases were notified during the period August to December, an adult female and three male children being affected. These four cases were admitted to the Chichester City Isolation Hospital. In the adult female case paralysis of a severe type was present and the patient died two days after admission. In the remaining cases treatment was initially given whilst the infectious stage was present and later all were transferred to the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore.

In addition, one *bona fide* resident of the district contracted the disease outside the area and died after admission to hospital.

All contacts of the disease were kept under surveillance but none developed any signs or symptoms. The cases were widely scattered and enquiries showed no infection was spread by contact with the notified cases of the Rural District.

PNEUMONIA

(Acute Primary and Acute Influenzal)

During the year two cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia, one a noncivilian, were notified as compared with six cases in 1946. No notifications were received in respect of Influenzal Pneumonia.

Deaths registered during 1947 as due to all forms of pneumonia totalled twenty as compared with sixteen in 1946.

INFLUENZA

One male death was attributed during the year to this disease as compared with a total of two during the year 1946. The death occurred during March and the age of the deceased was 80 years.

MUMPS

A small increase in the incidence of this disease occurred during 1947, when sixteen cases, including one non-civilian, were brought to the notice of the Department, as compared with four cases during the previous year. A non-civilian suffering from this disease was admitted to Isolation Hospital.

INFECTIVE JAUNDICE

No cases of this disease were brought to the notice of the Department during the year as compared with only three during the previous year.

MALARIA

No notifications were received in respect of this disease as compared with two during the previous year.

CHICKEN POX

A total of nineteen cases of this disease, including two non-civilians, were brought to the notice of the Department during the year, a decrease of six when compared with the previous year. Ten of the cases occurred at Chidham Parochial School. The two non-civilians, also two children who were on holiday in the district, were admitted to Isolation Hospital.

CANCER

The number of deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 79 (37 males and 42 females), a decrease of 5 compared with the year 1946. The Cancer Death Rate for the year is 2.02 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, compared with a rate of 2.24 for the previous year. Corresponding rates for the Administrative County, the Urban and Rural Districts, are 2.2, 2.5, and 1.9 respectively.

The following is an analysis of the age and sex distribution of all persons whose deaths were certified to be due to cancer during the year.

Ages	Males	Females	Totals
0—1	1		1
2-5		1	1
15-25		1	1
20-25		1	1
25-35	1	1	2
35-45	1	4	5
4555	7	1	8
55-65	8	9	17
65-75	13	13	26
75 and up	6	11	17
TOTALS	37	42	79

LOCALISATION OF THE DISEASE

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Brain									 	 	.1
Retina									 	 	1
Breast									 	 	9
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Tongu	e								 	 	1
Digestive C											
Oesopl	hagus	3							 	 	1
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Perito	neum	1							 	 	1
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Colon									 	 	6
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	Bronchus						 	 	 	5
	Larynx								 	
	Lung						 		 	1 4
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SCABIES

A total of 35 cases of this disease were brought to the notice of the Department during the year under review, as compared with 54 in the previous year.

The majority of the cases were notified through the medium of the School Medical Service and the District Nurses, and the remainder by medical practitioners. The cases occurred among nine families resident in six parishes of the district, those with the greatest number of cases being Funtington, East Wittering and Selsey with two cases each. The incidence of the disease was spread out fairly evenly throughout the year.

Of the total cases, 34 received treatment as out-patients at St. Richard's Hospital and in one case treatment was administered by the District Nurse.

The following table is a summary of the cases brought to the notice of the Department during the year.

		Number o	Number Treated				
Months -	Adults	Children	Total	Families	At Home	At St. Richard's Hospital	
February April June October November	April	1 1 2 3 1 1	1 	1 10 14 7 2			
TOTALS	9	26	35	9	1	34	

Cases admitted to Isolation Hospitals

Disease		er Isolation spital	Bognor Regis Isolation Hospital		
	Civilian	Non-Civilian	Civilian	Non-Civilian	
B. Aertrycke Food Poisoning Chicken Pox Erysipelas Measles Mumps Poliomyelitis Scarlet Fever Sonne Dysentery Suspected Scarlet Fever Suspected Diphtheria	1 2 1 4 4 6 1 1 1	2 1 1	 1 11 10 		
Suspected Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	1 	 1 		
Totals	26	5	26	,	

TUBERCULOSIS

Fifty new cases of Tuberculosis were added to the Notification Register as compared with forty-three in 1946. In addition to the new cases, three cases were restored to the Register, following the return of the patients to the district. Of the total of fifty-three cases added to the Register, forty-six were suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis (27 male and 19 female), and seven from non-pulmonary tuberculosis. Corresponding figures for the previous year were forty-two pulmonary cases and five non-pulmonary cases. Of the twenty-seven male pulmonary cases added to the Register during the year, five were men discharged from the Armed Forces as tubercular.

A total of twenty-two deaths (13 male and 9 female) were recorded during the year as attributable to all forms of Tuberculosis. Deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis numbered twenty (12 male, 8 female), an increase of nine as compared with the previous year, and deaths from non-pulmonary types of the disease numbered two (one male, one female), as compared with four in the previous year.

The following tables give details of the number of cases on the Notification Register, together with particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis, and of deaths from the disease during the year 1947.

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients

	Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pulmonary Cases			Total Cases (all forms)		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1. No. on Register at 1.1.47	77	47	124	17	22	39	94	69	163
2. Cases previously removed and returning during 1947	1	1	2	1		1	2	1	3
3. New cases notified (or otherwise coming to knowledge) in 1947	26	18	44	4	2	6	30	20	50
Total Additions	104	66	170	22	24	46	126	90	216
4. Less cases removed from Register in 1947	23	21	44	4	5	9	27	26	*53
5. No. on Register at 31.12.47	81	45	126	18	19	37	99	64	163

^{*} Of the 53 cases removed from the Register, 9 were removed as cured of the disease, and 27 on leaving the District.

New Cases and Mortality

								NEW C	ASES		DEATHS				
AGE PERIODS					Pulm	onary		on- onary	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary				
							M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
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	to							1	1	2					
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No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

FOOD POISONING

A total of three outbreaks of illness was attributed to food poisoning during the year.

On the first occasion information was received by the Department to the effect that a family of two, a friend and the maid, had partaken of a meal which resulted in severe abdominal pains, diarrhoea and high temperatures. Specimens of faeces were submitted for pathological examination and B. Aertrycke were isolated in each case. No portion of the meal was available for examination except a small amount of dried egg powder which proved negative of any organisms of pathological significance. All patients made uneventful recoveries in the course of three or four days. It is interesting to record a similar outbreak occurred in the same household two years ago, Salmonella organisms again being isolated.

During November a number of staff and children at one of the County Council Schools in the district were affected with acute diarrhoea for a period of approximately twenty-four hours, after partaking of a school dinner. Careful enquiries revealed no evidence of the cause, all food used being perfectly fresh and the cleanliness of the canteen staff giving rise to no suspicion.

Finally, at the close of the year, an outbreak of diarrhoea occurred in the Singleton Parish and immediate surrounding area. In all, about forty persons were affected of which five cases of Dysentery were notified. Exhaustive enquiries were made of all persons suffering and of persons concerned with the distribution of the common foods in the area, but in no instances the investigations led to the cause of the outbreak. In all cases uneventful recoveries were made.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

No action was necessary on the part of the Department regarding the control of mosquitos.

TABLE SHOWING CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

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4-5	72 104 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	52
3-4	614 12 1 1 1 1	52
2-3	27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 2	35
1-2	61 62 163 164 11 11 11	27
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	Scarlet Fever	TOTALS
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* Includes one cancelled notification in each case.

* Both notifications cancelled.

* Includes deaths from all forms of Pneumonia.

† Patient admitted to St. Thomas' Hospital, Godalming.

* Patients admitted to St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

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