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# ETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

1968



## ANNUAL REPORT

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For the Year 1968.

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ETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1968.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the annual report on the state of health in the district during 1968.

The population of the district has increased by 540 since my previous report and is now stated by the Registrar General to be 72,080 at mid year. The number of births was 1005 and the number of deaths 629. The difference between these two figures represents the natural increase in population which is 376. The difference between the actual increase and the natural increase is accounted for by immigration into the district and is 164. The total live births recorded shows an increase of only 25 over the previous year but a similar comparison made for the years 1967 and 1966 shows that these two years both had a slight fall in the number of births registered. Illegitimate live births show a drop from 92 in 1967 to 62 in 1968.



The number of deaths dropped very slightly from 648 in 1967 to 629 in 1968. Infant mortality or the number of deaths of infants under one year of age has fallen remarkably during the year from the rather high figure of 22 in 1967 to 9 in 1968. This is of course very interesting as the infant mortality rate has for many years been seen as a sensitive and much used index of the healthiness of an environment and the standards of living and also of the efficiency of obstetric and midwifery practice and ante and post natal care. Most indices have their limits and the trend over a period of time is of more importance but it is gratifying to be able to report a drop of this nature. There were no deaths due to maternal causes.

Among the causes of death it is noted that there were 38 deaths from Pneumonia compared with 37 the previous year and 36 from Bronchitis compared with 35 in 1967. There were three deaths from Tuberculosis in 1968 and none in 1967, and there were 34 deaths from cancer of the lungs and bronchus compared with 32 in 1967. The greatest killer is still heart disease and out of the 193 deaths from this cause, 153 were due to coronary artery occlusion.

This year we had a considerable increase in the number of laboratory specimens examined and also in the number of international certificates of vaccination authenticated. With regard to the latter, people who intend to travel abroad to certain countries must be in possession of a valid international certificate of vaccination against Smallpox and some countries also require international certificates in respect of Yellow Fever and Cholera. The only three forms of international certificate prescribed are for these three diseases and persons who are being vaccinated should in their own interests see that their certificates are on the recognised international form. In the case of Smallpox and Cholera the forms are obtainable from the travel agents and for Yellow Fever it is supplied by the vaccinator at the Yellow Fever centre. These forms of certificate must also be stamped by the local authority or the Yellow Fever centre and travellers would be well advised to have this done in good time before the date of departure. The periods for the validity of international certificates are as follows:-

Type of Vaccination	Certificate valid for	Period validity begins
Smallpox - Primary vaccination if successful	Three years	Eight days )
Revaccination	Three years	At once )
Cholera - Primary vaccination	Six months	Six days )
Revaccination within 6 months	Six months	At once )
Yellow Fever - Primary vaccination	Ten years	Ten days )
Revaccination within ten years	Ten years	At once )

Although no international certificates are required for protection against Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers, any persons travelling on the Continent of Europe or further afield should for their own safety arrange to be immunised against these diseases unless they have had them. A reinforcing dose of the vaccine is required once in three years.

Consideration has been given to providing a Meals on Wheels service for housebound and aged persons in need. If such a service is to be provided for the whole district the undertaking is enormous and costly. It was found that the W.R.V.S. who have done this work so magnificently in the past were unable to extend their services for various reasons beyond the present two days per week. Our aim was to provide meals five days per week. A scheme was drawn up but was very costly and undoubtedly had many imperfections. Consideration was given to alternatives and the possibility of running a pilot scheme was investigated. This has required a lot of time and it has therefore drifted on into 1969 and new ideas will now have to be taken into account before the matter is concluded.

The Public Health Inspectors have as always dealt with a multitude of complaints relating to food hygiene, water supplies and general sanitation, swimming baths, unfit houses and nuisances. They have also been most helpful in investigating notified cases of infectious diseases and making a detailed search for the source of infection in cases of Food Poisoning and Dysentery. It will be noted that there were eight cases of Food Poisoning and they were all in the Parish of Burnham but it is also important to know that these occurred in three different families living some distance apart and the infection was scattered over five different months.

The eleven cases of Dysentery were likewise scattered over six different months and five different Parishes. There was therefore no major outbreak in any one part of the district.

During the latter part of 1968 we were working below our full strength of Inspectors and an additional Inspector was not appointed until early in 1969. In these circumstances I am very grateful to all the staff of the department for keeping the work up to date and for the help we have received from the Members.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

G. M. HOBBIN

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (Land and Inland Water)	...	...	35,537 acres
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	21,426
Rateable Value	...	...	£4,760,575
Product of Penny Rate 1967/68	...	...	£19,787
Population (Registrar General's estimation for mid-year 1968)	...	...	72,030

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	449	494	943
Illegitimate	...	...	...	26	36	62
				475	530	1005
Live Births per 1,000 population				...	...	13.92
National Rate	...	...	...	...	...	16.9
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	...	0.93
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to National Rate						0.76
Illegitimate live births per cent of total births						6.16
<u>Still Births</u>				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	8	7	15
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	1	2
				9	8	17
Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	...	...	...	...	...	16.63
Still birth rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	0.24
National rate per 1,000 total births	...	...	...	...	...	14.0
Total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	1022

Infant Mortality (Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate ... ..	2	6	8
Illegitimate ... ..	-	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	8.05
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	8.48
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	16.13
National Rate ... ..	...	...	18.0

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate ... ..	1	3	4
Illegitimate ... ..	-	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	4.98

Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths of Infants under 1 week)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate ... ..	1	2	3
Illegitimate ... ..	-	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births 3.98

Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week)

Number of stillbirths and deaths	...	...	21
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths...	...	...	20.55

### Maternal Mortality

Total from all causes (including abortion) Nil

Death Rate per 1,000 live and still births Nil

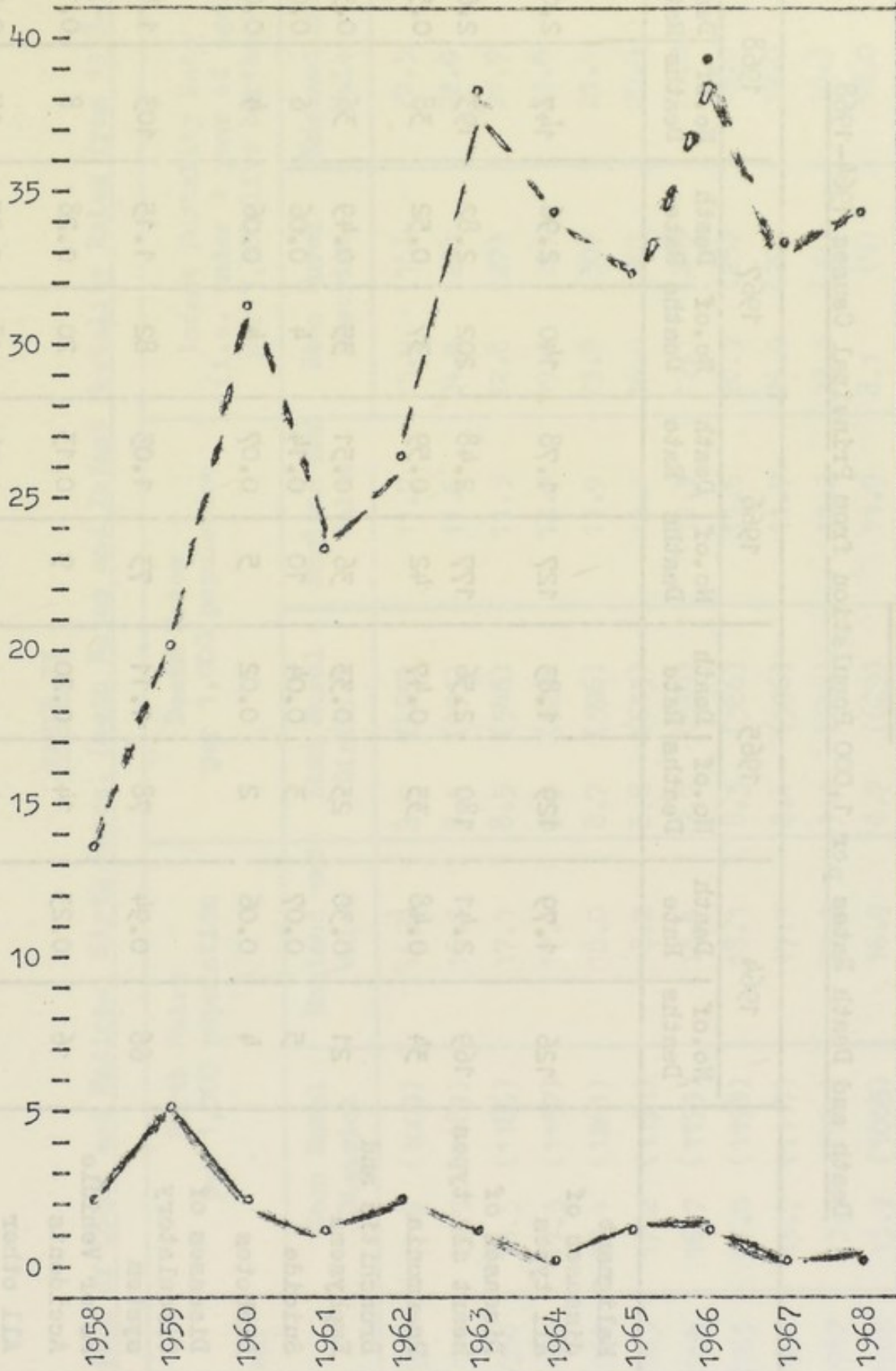
<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of deaths ... ..	319	310	629
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population...		8.73	
Corrected Death Rate - allowing for sex and age (Comparability factor = 1.25).		10.91	
National Rate ... ..		11.9	
Ratio of corrected Rate to National ...		0.91	

### CAUSES OF DEATH during 1968

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other Tuberculosis, including late effects ... ..	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach ...	8	10	18
Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	29	5	34
Malignant Neoplasm - Breast ...	-	11	11
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus ...	-	10	10
Leukaemia ... ..	1	2	3
Other malignant Neoplasms, etc...	42	32	74
Diabetes Mellitus ... ..	3	1	4
Anaemias ... ..	-	3	3
Mental Disorders ... ..	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system etc.	4	5	9
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Carried forward	89	81	170

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH (Continued)</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brought forward ...	89	81	170
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	5	3	8
Hypertensive Disease ...	4	6	10
Ischaemic heart disease ...	97	56	153
Other forms of heart disease ...	12	20	32
Cerebrovascular disease ...	26	50	76
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	21	27
Influenza ...	-	1	1
Pneumonia ...	17	21	38
Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	32	4	36
Asthma ...	2	2	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	3	6
Peptic Ulcer ...	1	1	2
Cirrhosis of Liver ...	-	2	2
Other diseases of digestive system	3	5	8
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	2	1	3
Other diseases, Genito-urinary system...	-	4	4
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system	1	2	3
Congenital anomalies ...	1	6	7
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	-	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	2	2
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	-	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents ...	7	1	8
All other accidents ...	7	10	17
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	5	6
All other external causes ...	2	-	2
<b>TOTAL - all causes</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>629</b>

N.B. Headings under which deaths are classified have changed from those used in previous years.



Deaths 1958 - 1968  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Respiratory T. B.  
 - - - - - Lung Cancer.



TABLE I

Death and Death Rates per 1,000 Population from Principal Causes 1964-1968

	1964		1965		1966		1967		1968	
	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	No. of Deaths	Death Rate	No. of Deaths	Death Rate
Malignant diseases of all types	126	1.79	129	1.83	127	1.78	140	2.96	147	2.04
Diseases of heart all types	169	2.41	180	2.56	177	2.48	202	2.82	193	2.67
Pneumonia	34	0.48	33	0.47	42	0.59	37	0.52	38	0.53
Bronchitis and Emphysema	21	0.30	23	0.33	36	0.51	35	0.49	36	0.50
Suicide	5	0.07	3	0.04	10	0.14	4	0.06	6	0.08
Diabetes	4	0.06	2	0.02	5	0.07	4	0.06	4	0.06
Diseases of Circulatory system	66	0.94	78	1.11	73	1.03	82	1.15	103	1.43
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	0.23	14	0.20	9	0.13	20	0.28	8	0.11
All other accidents	13	0.19	14	0.20	17	0.24	18	0.25	17	0.23

TABLE II

Comparison of Local and National Birth Rates, Death Rates and Infant Mortality Rates from 1958-1968

Year	Birth Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rates per 1,000 population		Infant Mortality Rate (i.e. under 1 year of age) per 1,000 live births	
	Eton Rural District	England and Wales	Eton Rural District	England and Wales	Eton Rural District	England and Wales
1958	17.6 (1009)	16.4	8.5 (485)	11.7	15.9 (16)	22.5
1959	19.5 (1189)	16.5	8.1 (491)	11.6	24.4 (29)	22.0
1960	18.5 (1186)	17.1	8.5 (546)	11.5	22.8 (27)	21.7
1961	17.3 (1157)	17.4	7.9 (528)	12.0	19.0 (22)	21.4
1962	18.4 (1261)	18.0	8.7 (596)	11.9	23.8 (30)	21.4
1963	17.2 (1191)	18.2	8.8 (613)	12.2	16.8 (20)	20.9
1964	16.7 (1173)	18.4	7.7 (539)	11.3	17.1 (20)	20.0
1965	17.0 (1198)	18.1	8.3 (586)	11.5	20.9 (25)	19.0
1966	15.7 (1117)	17.7	8.4 (596)	11.7	26.0 (29)	19.0
1967	13.7 (980)	17.2	9.1 (648)	11.2	22.5 (22)	18.3
1968	13.9 (1005)	16.9	8.7 (629)	11.9	8.1 (9)	18.0

NOTE: The actual numbers are given in parenthesis.

TABLE III

Causes of Death of all Infants under 1 year of age and Analysis of Age at Death  
 (from local returns before correction to place of residence)

Cause	0 - 1 day	1 - 7 days	1 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 wks.	4 weeks - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Pneumonia	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	3
Congenital malformations	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Prematurity	5	3	-	8	-	-	-	-	8
Other developmental conditions	1	2	2	5	-	-	-	-	5
All other causes	1	3	-	4	-	1	1	1	7
Total	8	8	3	19	-	4	1	1	25

SECTION II

TUBERCULOSIS - TABLE IV

New Cases and Hospital Admissions

Age Periods	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Combined Totals	Number admitted to Hospital	
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		New Cases	Previously Notified
0-1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-25 years	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
25-35 years	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45 years	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
45-55 years	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65 years	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	3	5	8	2	-	2	10	2	-

Notifications

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis - Sites of Infection

Cervical Glands.....1  
 Left Wrist.....1

TUBERCULOSIS

NOTIFICATION REGISTER & TABLE V

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Combined Totals
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Number on Register 1st January 1968	27	16	43	16	11	27	70
Number entered by Primary Notification	3	5	8	2	-	2	10
Number entered other than by Primary Notification	10	4	14	-	-	-	14
Number removed from Register due to:							
(a) Death	-	-	-	-	3	3	3
(b) Removal from District	2	1	3	-	-	-	3
(c) Denotification	5	8	13	1	-	1	14
Number on Register 31st December 1968	31	16	47	17	10	27	74

MORTALITY - TABLE VI

Comparison of Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1968 with Previous Years

Year Population	Pulmonary		Total	Non-Pulmonary		Combined Totals	Death Rate per 1,000 Population
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
1958 57,300	2	1	3	-	-	3	0.05
1959 60,920	4	1	5	-	-	5	0.08
1960 63,960	3	-	3	-	-	3	0.05
1961 66,840	1	1	2	-	-	2	0.03
1962 68,630	3	-	3	-	-	3	0.04
1963 69,330	2	-	2	-	-	2	0.03
1964 70,110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1965 70,490	1	-	1	-	1	2	0.028
1966 71,240	1	-	1	-	1	2	0.028
1967 71,540	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1968 72,080	-	-	-	2	1	3	0.04

SECTION III

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

Samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory  
as follows:

Water.....	145
Dairy Cream.....	64
Oysters.....	1
Urine.....	5
Faeces.....	314
Blood.....	4
Nasal and Throat swabs..	3

Authentication of International Certificates

Number of certificates authenticated.....740

Staff Examinations

Number of staff medically examined .....82

TABLE VII

Prevalence of Notifiable Diseases  
 Showing Cases notified during 1968, numbers admitted to hospitals and deaths  
 Also notifications 1958-1967

Diseases	Cases notified 1968	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	Notifications								
				1967	1968	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Dysentery	11	2	-	8	6	58	6	10	12	4	3	5
Encephalitis	4	2	-	4	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	2
Erysipelas	5	-	-	1	3	3	1	1	2	4	3	1
Food Poisoning	8	1	-	7	1	-	6	-	2	4	6	6
Infective Jaundice	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	173	-	-	554	390	1491	172	796	1352	27	1003	126
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Pneumonia	12	4	38	10	18	3	4	14	9	4	27	22
Puerperal Pyrexia	18	18	-	32	32	44	39	32	53	79	68	80
Scarlet Fever	16	-	-	19	32	16	19	19	17	84	102	44
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	8	1	-	4	14	18	11	18	31	22	27	26
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	2	-	3	2	3	4	1	1	2	11	3	7
Whooping Cough	24	-	-	37	27	12	36	27	30	8	32	96

NOTE: Infective Jaundice only notifiable since 15th June 1968.

As from 1st October 1968 Pneumonia, Erysipelas and Puerperal Pyrexia are no longer notifiable. These totals are therefore for the first three quarters only.



TABLE VIII

Analysis of Notifiable Diseases in Age Groups

Disease	Ages in Years of Cases notified											Age Unknown	
	Under 1 yr.	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years	5-10 years	10-15 years	15-25 years	25-35 years	35-45 years	45-65 years		Over 65
Dysentery	1	2	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-
Measles	10	20	23	24	18	67	8	-	1	1	-	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	6	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	9	3	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	3	-	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	1	2	3	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

N.B. Tuberculosis is shown in separate table.

TABLE IX

Showing Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	4	3
Encephalitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	No longer notifiable	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	4
Infective Jaundice not notifiable until 15th June 1968	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	1
Measles	1	4	1	11	11	22	39	26	10	17	4	27
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	8	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	No longer notifiable	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	3	-	1	6	4	-	2	-	No longer notifiable	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	7
Tuberculosis (pulmonary)	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	1	-
Tuberculosis (Non-pulmonary)	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	7	4	5	-	1	-	3	4	-

TABLE X

Showing cases of Notifiable Diseases occurring in each Parish

Disease	Burn- ham	Dat- chet	Den- ham	Dor- ney	Farn- ham Royal	Ful- mer	G.X.	Hedg- er- ley	Hor- ton	Iver	Stoke Poges	Tap- low	Wex- ham	Wrays- bury
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-
Measles	43	27	3	3	1	-	18	-	-	49	2	18	6	3
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis (Non-Pulmonary)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-

## Vaccination and Immunisation

### Records of Immunisation and Vaccination during 1968

Type of Vaccine or Dose	Number of Persons	1967
Polio	34	
Diphtheria/Tetanus combined	91	112
Triple	648	860
Renewals	1622	2099
Tetanus - two injections	35	60
Tetanus - third injection to complete course	119	86
Vaccination	609	726
Revaccination	198	118

### SCHEDULE FOR ROUTINE IMMUNISATION - FROM OCTOBER 1968

Age	Prophylactic	Interval
4 months	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis + oral poliomyelitis	6 to 8 weeks if possible (not more than 13 weeks)
	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis + oral poliomyelitis	
	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis + oral poliomyelitis	
During 2nd year of life	Measles	Not less than 4 weeks
	Smallpox	Not more than 4 weeks

SECTION IV.  
WATER SUPPLIES.

Details supplied by the statutory water undertakings which serve the district showing typical reports of water supplies to the area are given below:-

1. Middle Thames Water Board.

<u>Location.</u>	<u>Length.</u>	<u>Diameter.</u>
Hag Hill Lane, Taplow.	1,456-yds.	4"
Bells Hill, Stoke Poges.	384-yds.	4"
		(incomplete)
Eight Acres, Lent Rise Road, Burnham.	52-yds.	3"
Kingsway, Farnham Common.	211-yds.	4"
Orchard Cottage, Wexham Street.	134-yds.	4"
Off Dorney Road, Dorney.	66-yds.	3"
Hitcham Road, Burnham.	439-yds.	4"
		(incomplete)
Victoria Road, Farnham Common.	560-yds.	4"
Shenstone Park, Hogfair Lane, Burnham.	91-yds.	4"
Beeches Drive North, The Avenue, Farnham Common.	85-yds.	3"
The Grange, Britwell Road, Burnham.	27-yds.	3"
Mayflower Way, Farnham Common.	145-yds.	3"
Beeches Court, Tockley Road, Burnham.	182-yds.	4"
Taplow House, Berry Hill, Taplow.	117-yds.	3"
Burnham High Street/Jennery Lane.	82-yds.	4"
		(link main)

Raw water is treated with chlorine and sulphur dioxide before passing into the mains supply. Fluoride is present naturally only at the Datchet source. This water mixes in the distribution system with supplies from other sources which have no fluoride content.

BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS.

Bacteriological:

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20-22°C.
Number of colonies developing on Agar per ml. in	0	0	0
	Present	Absent	Probable
	<u>in.</u>	<u>from.</u>	<u>number.</u>
Presumptive Coliform reaction.	0 ml.	0 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1).	0 ml.	0 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. Welchii.	0 ml.	0 ml.	

Remarks:

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance neutral in reaction and free from iron and other metals. The water is very hard in character but not excessively so and it contains no excess of mineral constituents. It is of very satisfactory organic quality.

Chemical. (Results in parts per million Mg/L.)

Appearance:	Bright with a few particles.		
Colour:	Less than 3	Turbidity:	Less than 3
pH:	7.2	Odour:	Nil
Electric Conductivity:	640	Free Carbon-Dioxide:	32
Chlorine present as		Dissolved solids	
Chloride:	39	dried at 180°C:	490
Hardness: Total:	330	Carbonate:	330
Non-Carbonate:	85	Alkalinity as Calcium	
Nitrate Nitrogen:	4.0	Carbonate:	245
Nitrite Nitrogen:	Absent	Oxygen Absorbed:	0.30
Ammoniacal Nitrogen:*	0.01	Residual Chlorine:	-
Albuminoid Nitrogen:*	0.00	Fluoride (F):	0.65
Metals: Iron, Zinc, Copper, Lead:	Absent.		
Silica:	14		

\* To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21.

Remarks:

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

2. Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Company.

<u>Location.</u>	<u>Length.</u>	<u>Diameter.</u>
Off Manor Lane, Gerrards Cross.	102-yds.	4"
Off Hardings Row, Iver.	104-yds.	4"
Delaford Close, Iver.	33-yds.	4"
Marsham Lodge Estate, Gerrards Cross.	328-yds.	4"
114 & 115, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross.	174-yds.	3"
114 & 115, Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross.	257-yds.	4"

All water pumped into supply is chlorinated and subjected to careful supervision. Samples for bacteriological and chemical examination are collected frequently from all pumping stations, reservoirs, towers and other points in the distribution system: they are consistently reported as being pure and wholesome and quite satisfactory for domestic supply purposes.

The fluoride content to all water supplied to the Eton Rural District is 0.02.

Bacteriological and Chemical Analysis.

Bacteriological:

Colonies per ml.	1 day at 37°C.	0
" " "	3 days at 20°C.	0
Coli-aerogenes, probable number per 100 ml.		0
E. Coli, " " " " "		0

Remarks:

This water is hard in character but contains no excess of mineral or saline constituents; it conforms to the highest standard of bacterial and organic purity.

Chemical results in parts per million.

Colour: Hazen.	1	Chloride: (Cl)	27
Turbidity: (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	1	Alkalinity: (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	265
Odour:	Nil	Hardness: (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	
Taste:	Normal	Carbonate:	265
pH:	7.3	Non-carbonate:	25
Electrical Conductivity: (20°C)	530	Total:	290
Total Solids: (180°C)	365	Potassium:	1.4
Nitrate: (N)	3.5	Sodium:	13
Nitrite: (N)	.004	Copper:	.04
Ammonia: (N)	.014	Iron:	.06
Albuminoid Nitrogen: (N)	.004	Zinc:	-
		Chlorine: (Cl <sub>2</sub> )	.01

3. South West Suburban Water Company.

No alterations were carried out to mains in the rural district during 1968.

Bacteriological and Chemical Analysis.

Bacteriological:

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20-22°C.
Plate counts on Agar per ml. in	0	0	1
	Present in.	Absent from.	Probable number.
Presumptive Coliform reaction.	0 ml.	0 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. Coli (Type 1)	0 ml.	0 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. Welchii.	0 ml.	0 ml.	
Str. Faecalis.	0 ml.	0 ml.	

Remarks:

Satisfactory.

Chemical - Results in parts per million.

Appearance:	Clear and bright.
Colour:	2.9 Hazen units.
Turbidity:	0.2 Fullers Earth Units.
Odour:	-
Oxygen absorbed from $KMnO_4$ in 4-hrs. @ $27^{\circ}C$ :	1.1
pH Value:	7.7
Dissolved solids dried @ $180^{\circ}C$ :	-
Electrical Conductivity:	610
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate:	250
Hardness: Total:	316
As $CaCO_3$ - Carbonate:	250
Non-carbonate:	61
Free Carbon Dioxide:	14
Chlorine present as Chloride:	35
Residual Chlorine:	-
Phosphate - as $PO_4$ :	0.8
Fluoride - as F.:	0.28
Nitrogen - Nitrate:	5.9
As N - Nitrite:	Nil
- Ammoniacal:	0.028
- Albuminoid:	0.052
Metals: - Copper:	Nil
- Zinc:	Nil
- Lead:	Nil
- Iron:	Nil
- Aluminium:	Nil



WATER SUPPLIES USED FOR DRINKING AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

Table.1.C.(i & ii) - Number of Dwellings and estimated population served by Public Mains supplies and approximate number of dwellings served by private wells or bores.

Parish	(a) Estimated No. of dwellings in each Parish at the end of the year.	(b) Approx. No. of dwellings on private wells or bores.	(c) Dwellings on public mains.	(d) Estimated population in dwellings referred to in column (c).
Burnham	5,568	-	5,568	18,000
Datchet	1,494	1	1,493	4,250
Denham	2,825	-	2,825	7,700
Dorney	269	-	269	850
Farnham Royal	1,539	-	1,539	4,500
Fulmer	305	5	300	650
Gerrards Cross	2,220	2	2,218	6,300
Hedgerley	326	1	325	900
Horton	325	1	324	1,000
Iver and Colnbrook	3,856	-	3,856	11,300
Stoke Poges	1,593	2	1,591	4,550
Taplow	728	3	725	2,000
Wexham	1,819	-	1,819	6,900
Wraysbury	1,307	81	1,226	3,600
Totals:	24,174	96	24,078	72,500

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES COLLECTED FROM WATER UNDERTAKINGS' DISTRIBUTION MAINS.

Results of samples taken at distribution points direct from the mains supplies additional to those taken by the Water Undertakings are shown in the table below :-

Parish.	Water Undertaking.	No. of samples taken.	Results.
STOKE POGES.	Middle Thames Water Board.	3	Satisfactory.
HEDGERLEY.	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Company.	1	Satisfactory.
GERRARDS CROSS.	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Company.	3	Satisfactory.
WEXHAM.	Middle Thames Water Board.	2	Satisfactory.
FARNHAM COMMON.	Middle Thames Water Board.	1	Satisfactory.
FULMER.	Middle Thames Water Board.	1	Satisfactory.
DATCHET.	Middle Thames Water Board.	3	Satisfactory.

Total number examined = 14.

SAMPLES TAKEN OTHER THAN FROM MAINS.

The small number of shallow wells supplying water for drinking and domestic use in the area are situated chiefly within the Parish of Wraysbury. All wells have been sampled regularly and unsatisfactory bacteriological and/or chemical results have been followed up ensuring the maintenance of a high standard in quality and quantity as far as possible.

Type of sample taken.	Unsatisfactory.	Satisfactory.	Doubtful.	Total.
Bacteriological.	17	66	-	83
Chemical.	7	54	1	62
Totals:	24	120	1	145

Metals present but below permitted limits.

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES COLLECTED FROM SWIMMING POOLS  
AND BATHING PLACES.

Bacteriological samples were obtained for examination from public and, where requested, private swimming baths, also therapeutic pools in the district. Unsatisfactory results were followed up until satisfactory ones were obtained. In conjunction with Bucks County Education Authority, school swimming pools in the district were also sampled. The results are reproduced below:-

Name of Swimming Pool or Bathing Place.	No. of samples taken.	No. of satis- factory results.	No. of unsatis- factory results.
Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital.	7	6	1
Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre.	9	7	2
Burnham Beeches (Main Pool).	6	6	-
Burnham Beeches (Kiddies Pool).	7	6	1
Little Paston, Fulmer.	1	1	-
Lower Mead, Stoke Poges.	1	-	1
Duffield House, Stoke Poges.	1	1	-
<u>Schools.</u>			
Burnham Grammar.	2	2	-
Farnham Common County Primary.	3	2	1
Warrenfield Comprehensive.	5	5	-
Woodside County Secondary.	2	2	-
Tilehouse, Denham.	6	5	1
St. Marys, Datchet.	1	1	-
Totals:	51	44	7

SECTION V.

GENERAL SANITATION.

The extent of progress made during the year of sewer construction throughout the district is shown below.

(a) Sewer construction in progress during the year.

1. Stoke Poges and Wexham - Stage 6 of this scheme has been completed.
2. Iver High Street relief sewer has been completed.
3. Marsham Lane relief sewer, Gerrards Cross, has been completed.
4. Camp Road, Gerrards Cross, has been commenced.
5. Farnham Royal - Stage 4 has been commenced.
6. Datchet - has been commenced.
7. Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross, has been commenced.

(b) Schemes proposed for 1969.

1. Gerrards Cross Sewage Works - Tenders to be invited.
2. Wraysbury & Horton - Stage 3 - To be submitted to Council.
3. Burnham, Taplow & Dorney - To be submitted to Council.  
Stage 2.
4. Improvements to Denham - To be submitted to Council.  
Pumping Stations.

During the year under review a report was considered by the Public Health Committee on the number of pail closets still in use, mainly in the older type cottage accommodation, which were emptied on a weekly basis by the Public Cleansing Department. Apart from the difficulties in getting staff to carry out this unpleasant duty, there was need to persuade owners of the properties so served that in these days of advanced technology this form of sanitation was a negation of the elementary principles of hygiene.

In a number of cases conversion to W.C's were quickly carried out, in others proposals are in hand and the Inspectors are in contact with owners where replacement of the insanitary pail is coupled with renovation and improvement of the property if necessary by way of Improvement Grant. Special consideration has been given where the occupants of the properties are aged and infirm.

SECTION VI

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare

Centre	Location	Sessions	Sessions with Medical Officer
Burnham	Village Hall	Each Wednesday	1st and 3rd Wednesday
Burnham (Lent Rise)	Methodist Hall Lent Rise	Each Thursday	2nd and 4th Thursday
Burnham (Britwell)	Health Centre, Wentworth Ave.	Each Tuesday and Friday	Each Friday
Datchet	Village Hall, Churchmead School	2nd and 4th Wednesday	Each session
Denham	Health Centre, Oxford Road	Each Wednesday	1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday
Dorney	Village Hall	1st and 3rd Tuesday	1st Tuesday
Farnham Common	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Monday	4th Monday
Farnham Royal	Village Hall	Each Thursday	2nd and 4th Thursday
Gerrards Cross	British Legion Hall	1st and 3rd Friday	3rd Friday
Horton	Champneys Hall	1st and 3rd Wednesday	1st Wednesday
Iver	Church Institute, Thorney Lane	1st and 3rd Wednesday	3rd Wednesday
Iver (Richings Park)	St. Leonard's Church Hall	2nd and 4th Monday	2nd Monday
Iver Heath	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Wednesday	2nd and 4th Wednesday

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES  
(Continued)

Maternity and Child Welfare

Centre	Location	Sessions	Sessions with Medical Officer
Stoke Poges	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Tuesday	Each session
Wexham	Health Centre Knolton Way, Wexham Court	Each Friday	Each Friday
Wraysbury	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Thursday	2nd Thursday

Tuberculosis

Slough: The Chest Clinic is at Upton Hospital, Slough, where appointments may be made with the Physician in Charge. TEL: Slough 23261.

Windsor: Out Patients Clinic is held at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor. Appointments arranged by the Appointments Officer, Upton Hospital, Slough. Telephone number Slough 23261.

Venereal Diseases

Clinics are held at the following hospitals:

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Berks.  
Hillingdon Hospital.  
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Berks.

Cervical Cytology (available for women over 35)

Health Centre, Burlington Road, Slough.  
By appointment - second and fourth Tuesdays in the month.  
Appointments to be made through  
Area Health Office, 9 Bath Road, Slough.  
Telephone number Slough 23881

## Family Planning Clinics

### SLOUGH Upton Hospital, Slough

Monday: 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 10.0 a.m.

### BRITWELL Health Centre, Britwell Estate, Slough

Monday: 10 a.m.- 11.0 a.m.

### LANGLEY Health Centre, Parlaunt Park, Langley

Wednesday: 7.0 p.m. - 8.0 p.m.  
Friday: 10.0 a.m.- 11.0 a.m.

### WINDSOR Kipling Memorial Buildings, Windsor

Monday: 7.0 pm. - 8.0 p.m.

## Ante Natal Clinics

### Health Centre, Burlington Road, Slough

Thursday morning - by appointment only.  
Thursday afternoon

### Upton Hospital, Slough

Monday: 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.  
Tuesday: 1.30 p.m. - 5.0 p.m.  
Wednesday: 1.30 p.m. - 4.0 p.m.  
Friday: 8.45 a.m. onwards.

### Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow (Clinic held at Upton Hospital)

Monday morning  
Thursday morning  
Saturday morning

### King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor

Monday: 9.0 a.m.  
Wednesday: 9.0 a.m.  
Thursday: 2.0 p.m.

## REGISTERED NURSING HOMES

Further particulars of all registered nursing homes in the district obtainable from the Medical Officer of Health.



## HOSPITALS

The following hospitals serve the area:

### General

Wexham Park Hospital, Wexham  
Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow  
King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Berks  
Old Windsor Hospital, Crimp Hill, Windsor  
Maidenhead General Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks

### Infectious Diseases Hospitals

Maidenhead Isolation Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks  
St. John's Hospital, Uxbridge, Middx.

### Chronic Sick

Upton Hospital, Slough  
St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks  
Old Windsor Hospital, Crimp Hill, Old Windsor

### Maternity Accommodation

Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow  
Old Windsor Hospital, Crimp Hill, Old Windsor  
Upton Hospital, Slough

### Mental Illness

St. Bernard's Hospital, Southall, Middlesex  
St. John's Hospital, Stone, Nr. Aylesbury

### Part III Accommodation

Upton Towers, Sussex Place, Slough  
Gurney House, Upton Road, Slough  
Wexham Court Hostel, Slough  
Simkins House, Three Tuns Lane, Slough  
Farnham Common House, Beaconsfield Road,  
Farnham Common

ANTE-NATAL CLASSES HELD IN THE SOUTH BUCKS AREA

District Covered	Where held	Time	Day
Britwell	Health Centre, Wentworth Av. Slough	2.30 p.m.	For 6 Wednesdays as required
Burnham Taplow	Lent Rise Methodist Hall, Burnham	2.30 p.m.	For 6 consecu- tive Mondays as required
Cippenham	The Lounge, Kennedy House, Harrison Way	2.30 p.m.	Alternate Wednesdays
Denham Gerrards Cross	Health Centre, Oxford Road, Denham	2.30 p.m.	Each Monday
Iver Iver Heath	Iver Cottage Hospital	2.30 p.m.	For 8 consecu- tive Thursdays as required
Langley	Health Centre, Parlaunt Park	2.30 p.m.	Each Friday
Slough Farnham Common	Ante Natal Clinic, Upton Hospital, Slough	2.30 p.m.	Each Thursday
Slough Farnham Common	Health Centre, Burlington Road, Slough	2.30 p.m.	Each Wednesday
Slough Farnham Common	Health Centre, Burlington Rd. Slough	7.30 p.m.	Each Thursday
Slough	Health Centre, Burlington Rd. Slough	1.00 p.m.	On Fridays as arranged
Wexham Ct., Upton Lea Stoke Poges	Health Centre, Knolton Way, Wexham Court	2.30 p.m.	Each Wednesday
Wraysbury Horton Colnbrook Datchet	Village Hall, Wraysbury	2.30 p.m.	For 6 consecu- tive Tuesdays as required

## ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I take pleasure in presenting my first Annual Report on the work of the Department. During the year under review I must firstly refer to the untimely passing of my predecessor, Mr. A.H.V. Marsden, which caught the Department totally unprepared. It was clear that the staffing position could not be rectified during the remaining months of the year and, consequent upon the gap created in the Inspectorial staff, there was need to re-appraise the work programme and take decisions on priorities in order to give attention to the more urgent matters.

Work in connection with housing was not affected and inspections, consultations with owners, builders etc. proceeded, to secure repairs and reconditioning on an informal basis. Clearance work and representations in respect of individual dwellings were dealt with as programmed.

The disposal of refuse and trade wastes assembled from outside the district into worked out gravel pits continued to require officer supervision to ensure that the conditions attached to consents were being adhered to. Unless there is responsible control exercised by the operators nuisances are quickly in evidence, such as smell, flies, paper blown about, fires, and pollution to underground water. It is necessary in order to try and prevent unauthorised tipping and the deposit of litter to keep watch on places which lend themselves to this anti social practice.

During the autumn and winter months there was a build up of itinerant and gypsy caravans with the usual scrap collecting and deposits on the roadside and highway verges. The reason for the increase was not apparent unless it was due to enforcement action and eviction by neighbouring authorities. Movement from one site usually resulted in them turning up in a neighbouring parish and the results thus achieved were of doubtful positive value. It is to be hoped that with the implementation of Part II of the Caravan Act, 1968, many sites will be made available by local authorities for these people and so help to reduce the pressures which contribute to the nomadic way of life which this section of the population elect to follow.

A re-survey of caravans in the district revealed that there was need for extra facilities to accommodate additional caravans occupied by young people, children of local travellers, who had married and set up as separate family units. It is hoped also that future generations will increasingly opt for traditional housing accommodation as the need for mobility in their homes diminishes, otherwise the demand for sites to accommodate them will continue.

Visits to food shops and food inspection continued to take up a large amount of time in the work of the Department and rightly so. It is appreciated by the trade that sales and good hygiene are directly related and the reconstruction of old shop premises into new, attractive, and well lighted premises not only conformed to the requirements of the Regulations relating to food hygiene and the Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963, but also made for increased sales at the same time. The number of food complaints investigated by the Department were about the same as the previous year and demonstrate the public awareness in matters relating to food and the high standards expected of the food trade induced in some degree, no doubt, by the advertising sales technique.

I must record my thanks to the Chief Officers and staff of other departments as well as to my own for their helpful assistance and co-operation during the year. In conclusion may I offer a special word of thanks to Dr. Hobbin for his invaluable assistance and advice in this my first year of office.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

S. PAPE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION VII.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Inspection of Food.

Routine inspections are carried out under the above Act involving frequent visits to kitchens, cafes, restaurants and food premises, where advice is given to maintain and improve the required standards. 24 complaints in relation to food were investigated by the Department during the year. 5 resulted in legal proceedings. 5 were subject of warning letters and 14 were found on investigation not to be warranted or that there was a defect in the chain of evidence not to enable them to be dealt with further. In all cases enquiries were made of retailers and manufacturers who revealed concern that a complaint should have arisen in connection with the product and resulted in a review of the process or stocking to try and eliminate the cause in every case. A summary of individual complaints dealt with showing the action taken is shown overleaf.

Details of Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Type of trade carried out.	No. of premises.	No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16.	No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies.	No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19.
Butchers.	36	36	36	36
Bakers.	28	28	28	28
Fish Shops (Wet & Fried).	7	7	7	7
Grocers/Greengrocers.	180	163	159	159
Licensed Premises.	94	94	88	88
Canteens/Restaurants.	52	52	52	52
Chemists.	16	16	12	12

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

24 complaints of unfit and/or alien matter in food were reported to the Department during the year. This number is one less than last year. Action was taken under Sections 2 and 8 of the above Act as shown below:-

Section 2.

Crumpet. (Cigarette end).	Purchased in Iver.	Warning letter.
Chocolate cream filled Swiss roll. (Mould).	Purchased in Burnham.	Warning letter.
Sausage. (Containing piece of metal).	Purchased in Gerrards Cross.	Fined £20.0.0d.
Bottle of milk. (Dirty).	Purchased in Farnham Royal.	Fined £1.0.0d.
Bottle of milk. (Dirty).	Purchased in Gerrards Cross.	Fined £25.0.0d.
Jar of "Baby Beets". (Glass in jar).	Purchased in Stoke Poges.	Warning letter.
Yoghurt. (Mould).	Purchased in Stoke Poges.	Warning letter.
Beef Curry with Rice. (Corroded internal surface of tin).	Purchased in Burnham.	Warning letter.

Section 8.

Sausage meat. (Unfit).	Delivered to a school canteen in Taplow.	Fined £30.0.0d.
Sausage meat. (Unfit).	Delivered to a school canteen in Iver.	Fined £30.0.0d.

No further action was taken by the Department due to insufficient evidence or complaint not being substantiated after enquiry in the following complaints:-

1. Bottle of milk. (Discoloured cream).
2. Frozen prawns. (? cause of vomiting).
3. Malt loaf. (Containing a portion of carbonized malt).
4. Tin of stewed steak. (Leaking seam).
5. Sliced white loaf. (Dirty).
6. Bottle of pasteurised homogenized milk. (? Tainted).
7. Loaf of bread. (Foreign matter).
8. Vegetable salad. (Discoloured).
9. Bottle of milk. (? Tainted).
10. Blackcurrant & apple pie. (Insect).
11. Tin of salmon. (Struvite crystals).
12. Wrapped sliced loaf. (Alien matter).
13. Pork Luncheon Meat. (Staining).
14. Red Luncheon Meat Sausage. (?Cause of vomiting).

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

(a) Meat, Inspected and examined at the only slaughterhouse within the District.

	Cattle except Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.	15	-	4	-	-	-
Number inspected.	15	-	4	-	-	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned,	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis. Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

(b) Other Foods (Surrendered and Condemned due to failure of refrigerating units at retail premises.)

Meat.

Quantities of Mince, Chops, Kidneys and Liver.

6 $\frac{3}{4}$ -lbs. English pig's pluck.

5-lbs. English Ox liver.

17-lbs. English clod and sticking beef.

8-lbs. New Zealand neck of lamb.

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs. New Zealand lamb's kidneys.

Food Surrendered and Condemned due to failure of refrigerating units (Contd.)

Other Foods.

Quantity of tinned fruit.  
Quantity of mixed frozen vegetables.  
96 packets of fish fingers.  
1 Roast chicken dinner.  
18 packets Hamburgers.  
42 Beefburgers.  
6 Cheeseburgers.  
4 Shepherd's Pies.  
12 packets of smoked haddock.  
10 packets of peeled prawns.  
23 packets of steaklets.  
7 packets of Yorkshire pudding.  
82 Fish fillets.  
Quantity of shortcrust pastry.  
Quantity of puff pastry.  
27 packets of Mousse.  
12 x  $6\frac{1}{4}$  fluid ounces Grapefruit Juice.  
38 x  $6\frac{1}{4}$  fluid ounces Orange Juice.  
5 x  $3\frac{3}{4}$  fluid ounces Orange Juice.  
21 Eclairs.  
5 Cream Sponges.  
3 Arctic Rolls.  
13 Whole Chickens.

Ice Cream Sampling.

It will be noted that no samples of ice cream were taken for bacteriological control during the year. The reasons for this arose from two causes, the first being staff shortage, the second reason is that having regard to the care and control during all stages of manufacture, transport and storage of ice cream by the large organisations a view has long been held that this product was in fact receiving more attention than was necessary. Having regard to the frequent sampling that takes place by the manufacturers and the wide degree of sampling by local authorities which may be duplicating work, in places, it was felt that other foods of a perishable nature should receive a greater share of attention than had previously been given. Inspections of retail shop premises and street traders with regard to observance of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations in connection with ice cream received more detailed attention and requests to make premises and vehicles conform with the requirements were carried out where found necessary.



SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER YARDS ETC.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

Renewals. 5  
New Licences. -

Game Licences.

Renewals. 13  
New Licences. -

The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

The licence for the only knacker yard in the district was renewed after the statutory inspection was carried out. There were no horses slaughtered during the year on the premises. The number of horse carcasses received was 20.

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.

A licence for the only slaughterhouse in the district was renewed for a further year. Regular inspections of the slaughterhouse were carried out and satisfactory conditions were maintained.

Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing or packing premises in the district.

Some smallholdings slaughter poultry for passing trade but the number of birds involved is relatively small and they are dressed ready for the oven or left undrawn according to customer preference. This trade is spasmodic and inspections are carried out if any carcasses are present during routine inspection.

SECTION VIII.

RODENT INFESTATION AND DESTRUCTION, ETC.

630 notifications of infestations of rats or mice were recorded entailing 1,260 visits made to private premises in the district. Business and agricultural premises were dealt with independently by the Council's rodent contractor in a private capacity, or some other contractor.

Routine visits are made to the Council's sewage works and refuse tips to carry out treatment whenever there are signs of an infestation. Treatment is kept up until there is no further "take" of the poison bait. Reports on the condition of these premises received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food representative indicate satisfaction with the measures adopted.

In addition to requests for assistance to deal with rats or mice the Department has also helped 14 householders to deal with flea infestations, mainly arising from the keeping of pets, i.e. cats and dogs. Assistance was also given in the treatment of 3 cases of bed bug infestations and one in respect of red spider mites.

Additionally advice is sought and given on measures to adopt in respect of a variety of pests including ants, cockroaches, earwigs and bats.

SECTION IX.

Factories, Workplaces, and Outworkers.

The following information is required by the Ministry of Health for inclusion in this report.

1. INSPECTIONS for Purposes of Provisions as to Health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises. (1)	Number on Register. (2)	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
		Inspections. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	19	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	166	88	5	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises.)	8	20	-	-
TOTAL:	193	120	5	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

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

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (4)	By H.M. Inspector. (5)	
(1)					(6)
Want of Cleanliness. (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding. (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature. (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation. (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences. (S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient.	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	4	4	-	4	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	5	5	-	4	-

Outworkers inspections = 3  
Workplace inspections = 20

SECTION X.

HOUSING.

The position with regard to improvement grants for 1968 is as follows:-

Discretionary Grants.

Applications received - (a) for conversion	Nil
(b) for improvement	10
Applications approved - (a) for conversion	Nil
(b) for improvement	8

Standard Grants.

Applications received	21
Applications approved	16
Applications outstanding	2

Dwellings completed within the district numbered -

(1) Completed by the Council	96
(2) Completed by private enterprise	238

The Unfit Houses Sub-Committee made tours of inspection involving 19 properties.

Houses demolished as a result of formal action under Housing Act, 1957, (Parts II and III).	11
Houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders and/or Undertakings under Part II of the Act.	13
Houses made fit following formal action under Housing or Public Health Acts.	7
Houses made fit following informal action under Housing or Public Health Acts.	27

Slum Clearance 1955 - 1968.

The Council passed the appropriate resolution in respect of two further Clearance Areas involving 6 properties, making a total of 50 Clearance Areas involving 281 properties in all. Of these 34 are Clearance Orders and 16 Compulsory Purchase Orders.

338 individually unfit houses were the subject of either Undertakings, Demolition Orders or Closing Orders.

## SECTION XI.

### OTHER MATTERS.

#### Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 & 1936.

Licensed petroleum installations number 130 comprising a storage capacity of 436,655-gallons of petroleum spirit and 3,475-gallons of petroleum mixtures. Pressure and ullage tests were carried out according to licence condition requirements.

#### Self-Service.

In my last report I referred to the talks that had been conducted with the trade in connection with attended and unattended self-service from filling station forecourts. With the publication of the Model Code of licensing conditions by the Home Office guidance was given for licensing authorities to frame conditions to allow this method of petrol dispensing.

Two applications were received and approved for a six month probationary period.

During the year some concern was felt with the practice of depositing unwanted disused old underground storage tanks in the district by unknown persons. Some of the tanks on checking have been found to contain explosive vapour and were potentially dangerous. This matter is being carefully watched and where safety measures have been found necessary action has been taken.

#### Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Two applications for licences to keep a Pet Shop were granted. These were renewals of previous licences, the pets in question being Budgerigars.

#### Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

One premises registered under this Act.

#### Clean Air Act, 1956.

Volumetric and sulphur dioxide readings are noted daily from the two atmospheric pollution stations at Datchet and Wexham. Data is submitted monthly to the Ministry of Technology, Warren Spring Laboratory, Stevenage, Herts.

#### Smoke Control Areas.

Due to financial considerations it was decided that proposals in relation to smoke control areas in the

district be deferred until the financial climate had improved.

Chimney Heights.

Approval was given in respect of 4 applications for chimney heights serving boiler installations under the provisions of Section 10 of the Act. No cases for prior approval were dealt with.

A number of complaints have been investigated in connection with smells of fumes from domestic oil fired boilers. This can be due to several causes, wrongly adjusted boiler settings, frequent stopping and starting by the thermostat control, valves that drip allowing surplus oil into the combustion chamber, poor draught in chimneys or wrongly sited and low chimney heights. The oil supply firms are anxious to help in cases of this type and, where there is difficulty in solving the problem, the National Society for Clean Air are also prepared to offer their services. Research is still going on to eliminate the causes where possible.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 50. Burial of the Dead.

One case only was dealt with by this Department during the year.





Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.

Premises registered at the end of the year numbered 497.

The number of accidents notified = 11  
All were non-fatal.

Standards generally were satisfactory and advice was given upon investigation of the notified accidents. In one case it was disclosed that prima facie there was a contravention against Section 17 of the Act in connection with an injury sustained by an employee using a printing machine which was not adequately guarded. The Council decided not to prosecute but that a warning letter be sent to the Secretary of the firm concerned. A re-inspection revealed that the manufacturers had fitted a micro switch to eliminate accidents from this source.

Class of Premises.	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number registered receiving a general inspection during the year.	Number of persons employed.
Offices.	6	134	96	2,076
Retail Shops.	11	310	41	1,422
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.	5	23	12	219
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens.	4	25	18	434
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	5	2	30
Totals:	26	497	169	4,181
Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises = 195				

SECTION XII.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Details of visits and inspections carried out by the Public Health Inspectors are given below with the previous year's figure shown in parenthesis.

(a) <u>Public Health Acts.</u>		1967
Primary Inspections, Houses.	295	(362)
"          "          Others.	128	(181)
Revisits re above.	377	(464)
Moveable Dwellings, Sites.	348	(565)
"          "          Travellers.	262	(358)
Infectious Diseases, Disinfection.	243	(95)
Places of Public Entertainment, Fairgrounds.	17	(9)
Schools.	27	(31)
Workplaces.	80	(61)
Water Supplies.	142	(195)
Swimming Pools.	78	(101)
Watercourses and Ditches.	101	(108)
Drainage.	310	(340)
Sewage and Drainage Disposal.	224	(415)
Dirty and Verminous Premises.	51	(32)
Insect infestations.	81	(98)
Offensive Accumulations.	109	(103)
Keeping of Animals (Piggeries) etc.	101	(121)
Public Conveniences.	69	(78)
Refuse Disposal.	387	(340)
Licensed Premises.	37	(35)
Cattle Market.	47	(128)
Rats and Mice. (Referred to and from Contractor).	80	(50)
Miscellaneous.	155	(84)
(b) <u>Housing Acts.</u>		
Houses, Primary Inspections.	218	(304)
Revisits re above.	371	(404)
Overcrowding.	11	(17)
Surveys, etc.	59	(41)
<u>Rent Act.</u>		
Certificates, etc.	4	(14)
(c) <u>Factories Act.</u>		
Factories - Motive.	88	(126)
"          - Non-motive.	12	(12)
Outworkers Premises.	3	(5)
Building sites.	20	(18)

(d) <u>Food and Drugs Act.</u>		
Butchers.	220	(262)
Fishmongers and Poulterers.	17	(31)
Greengrocers and Fruiterers.	42	(52)
Grocers.	247	(254)
Confectioners and Sugar.	44	(48)
Retail Bakeries.	34	(31)
Bakehouses.	32	(48)
Licensed Premises.	83	(91)
Restaurants and Cafes.	116	(205)
Canteens.	48	(61)
Street Food Vendors.	46	(87)
Ice Cream Premises.	54	(97)
Knacker's Yard.	16	(14)
Slaughterhouses.	20	(11)
Food Inspection - Meat.	30	(28)
"    "    - Other Food.	36	(49)
Food Complaints - Visits, Interviews, etc.	62	(117)
Cream.	136	(-)
Cattle Market.	47	(49)
(e) <u>Offices, Shops &amp; Railway Premises Act.</u>		
Inspections.	45	(88)
Revisits.	150	(235)
<u>Animal Boarding Establishments Act.</u>		
Visits.	28	(45)
<u>Petroleum Acts.</u>		
Visits.	632	(817)
<u>Clean Air Act.</u>		
Visits and Observations.	614	(478)
<u>Bucks County Council Act, - Hairdressers.</u>		
Visits.	55	(50)
<u>Noise Abatement Act.</u>		
Visits.	127	(163)
<u>Licensing Act.</u>		
Visits.	1	(2)
<u>Water Abstraction Regulations.</u>		
Visits.	3	(-)
<u>National Assistance Act.</u>		
Visits.	4	(1)
<u>Pet Animals Act.</u>		
Visits.	2	(-)
<u>Highways Act.</u>		
Visits.	1	(-)
<u>Scrap Metal Dealers Act.</u>		
Visits.	16	(-)

NOTICES SERVED.

<u>Formal.</u>		
Public Health Acts.	28	(23)
<u>Informal.</u>	218	(176)

