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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, & BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH
OF GLASTONBURY.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1953.



Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1953. This is in accordance with Circular 42/51.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

POPULATION:- Registrar General's Estimate.

...5,137...

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate.	36	33	69
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	36	34	70

Live Birth Rate.

per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population. 13.6.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	1	2

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	41	27	68

Death Rate.

per 1,000 of the
estimated resident
population. 13.2

Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 population:-

Live Birth Rate. 15.5

Death Rate. 11.4

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.....0.....

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE...1.....

Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....14.3....

Rate for England & Wales per 1,000

Live Births.....26.8....

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS):-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital.</u>	<u>TOTAL DEATHS.</u>
Small Pox.	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	1	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (incl. Para-Typhoid.	0	0	0
Measles.	6	0	0
Whooping Cough	2	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Dysentery.	0	0	0
Malaria.	2	0	0
Pneumonia.	3	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	2	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally e.g. Erysipelas.	0	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Year 1953 - all ages.	8	2	1	0	2	2	0	0
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	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>TOTALS.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at end of 1952.....	13	10	0	3	13	13		
Total on Register at end of 1953.....	20	8	1	2	21	10		

WATER SUPPLY.

Practically the whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied from the Council's public mains, the figures being as follows:-

Laid on direct to houses.....	1,620
Water fetched from distant standpipe.....	2
	<u>1,622</u>
Houses (including isolated farms) having only a private well supply.	<u>12</u>
Total Dwellings in Borough.....	<u>1,634</u>

Sufficiency. Some shortage was experienced during the late Summer of 1953 on the Public Supply and an intermittent supply was imposed for a while.

Quality The supply is hard. Galvanised iron service pipes are used and no difficulty is experienced due to plumbo-solvent action. Permanent Chlorination Plants (Chloramine Process) are in continuous operation. The results of samples taken for Bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:-

<u>Date Taken.</u>		<u>Edgarley Supply</u>	<u>10 Acres Supply.</u>	<u>Tor Hill Supply</u>
1953.		(Low Level)	(Inter. Level)	(High Level)
Probable No. of Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml.				
January.	7th	0	0	0
"	21st	0	0	0
February	4th	0	0	0
"	18th	0	0	0
March,	9th	0	0	0
"	18th	0	0	0
April,	1st	3	0	0
"	15th	0	0	0
"	29th	0	0	0
May,	13th	0	0	0
"	27th	0	0	0
June,	10th	0	0	0
"	24th	0	0	0
July,	8th	1	0	0
"	22nd	0	0	0
August,	5th	0	0	0
"	19th	1	0	1
September,	2nd	1	0	0
"	16th	0	1	0
"	30th	0	0	0
October,	14th	0	0	0
"	28th	0	0	0
November,	18th	0	0	0
December,	9th	1	0	0

WATER SUPPLY.

For 1933 - All					For 1932 - All				
Municipality.					Municipality.				
Non-Public					Non-Public				
M.					M.				
F.					F.				
T.					T.				
TOTAL					TOTAL				
M.					M.				
F.					F.				
T.					T.				
13	13	3	0	13	13	13	3	0	13
10	21	2	1	20	10	21	2	1	20

WATER SUPPLY.

Practically the whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied from the Council's public mains, the figures being as follows:-

Laid on direct to houses.....1,830	
Water fetched from distant standpipes.....	2
<u>1,832</u>	
Houses (including isolated farms) having only a private well supply.	13
<u>Total Dwellings in Borough.....1,845</u>	

Some shortage was experienced during the late summer of 1933 on the Public Supply and an intermittent supply was imposed for a while. The supply is hard. Givenness from service pipes are used and no difficulty is experienced due to pump-relevant action. Permanent Chlorination Plant (Chloramine Process) are in continuous operation. The results of samples taken for bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:-

Date Taken.	Earlier Supply (Low Level)	IS Water Supply (Inter. Level)	For Hill Supply (High Level)
January, 7th	0	0	0
" 21st	0	0	0
February, 4th	0	0	0
" 18th	0	0	0
March, 9th	0	0	0
" 18th	0	0	0
April, 1st	3	0	0
" 15th	0	0	0
" 29th	0	0	0
May, 13th	0	0	0
" 27th	0	0	0
June, 10th	0	0	0
" 24th	0	0	0
July, 8th	1	0	0
" 22nd	0	0	0
August, 5th	0	0	0
" 19th	1	0	1
September, 2nd	1	0	0
" 16th	0	1	0
October, 30th	0	0	0
" 14th	0	0	0
" 28th	0	0	0
November, 11th	0	0	0
December, 27th	1	0	0

WATER SUPPLY. (Continued)

Extensions and Improvements during the Year. The laying of the Water Mains under the Brindham and Wick Water Scheme was commenced in November and by the end of the year approximately 75% of the Scheme has been completed.

Extension of Water Mains to supply private development adjoining the Windmill Hill Housing Estate was carried out during the year.

Future Proposals.

A Scheme for the laying of further distribution mains on Windmill Hill Housing Estate to serve approximately 100 Houses was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and approved.

A Comprehensive scheme prepared by the Wells Rural District Council for supplying parts of their District and in which Glastonbury Borough Council has agreed to participate is still under consideration.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extensions and Improvements during the year.

No Extension of sewers was carried out by the Local Authority during the year.

Three lengths of private sewers were laid by Builders erecting Private enterprise Houses and no doubt, in due course, the Council will be asked to take these lengths over as public sewers.

Future proposals.

In connection with the proposed Sewage and Trade Waste Scheme referred to in the 1952 Report, the Council invited Tenders for the execution of the Scheme in December, the Tenders to be received in January, 1954. A Scheme for further extension of sewers on the Windmill Hill Housing Estate was prepared and approved for execution in 1954.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

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

No action was taken under this section during the year.

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H O U S I N G.

Provision of new houses in the Borough during 1953:-

	Erected and completed.		In course of Erection.		Conversions or adaptations
	Permanent.	Temporary.	Permanent.	Temporary.	
By Local Authority.	36	0	42	0	0
By Private Enterprise.	14	0	16	0	1
TOTALS.	50	0	58	0	1

- (a) Total number of Post War Houses completed by:-
 (a) Local Authority.....168
 (b) Private Enterprise..... 55

- (b) Estimated Housing requirements at end of 1953:-
 (a) Approx. No. of unfit houses in the Borough but on which no formal action has been taken. 20
 (b) No. of houses where action has been taken and owners have given written undertakings not to relet them for human habitation when they become vacant, under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, which are still occupied. 23
 (c) Overcrowding (Statutory) Nil
 (d) Where conditions are unsatisfactory e.g. two or more families living in one house but not included in (a) or (b) above. 184

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of the year (including out-district applicants) 155

- (c) Action taken under Housing Act, 1936, during the year:-
 (a) Under Section 11. Owners giving written Undertakings not to relet dwellings when the present tenants vacate them. 33 Dwellings
 (b) Closing Orders made. 2 "
 (c) Houses voluntarily closed by Owners without action under Housing Act, 1936, by Local Authority. 5 "

- (d) General Observations:-

Since the War, up to the end of 1953 a total of 163 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 55 by Private Enterprise, and 14 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation making provision for 237 families in all.

Up to the end of 1953 action has been taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of forty-six houses, and in all cases the owners gave written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to relet them for human habitation when they became vacant. At the end of the year twenty-three of these dwellings remained occupied.

Up to the end of 1953 two Closing Orders had been issued and the Houses were vacated and six dwellings had been voluntarily closed by the Owners without action by the Local Authority

HOUSEHOLD

Provision of new houses in the Borough during 1935:-
 Erection and completion. In course of erection. Conversion
 or
 Extension. Temporary. Permanent. Total.

By Local Authority.	38	0	12	0	0
By Private Enterprises.	14	0	16	0	1
TOTALS.	52	0	28	0	1

- (a) Total number of Post War Houses completed by:-
 (a) Local Authority.....153
 (b) Private Enterprises.....55
- (b) Estimated Housing Requirements at end of 1935:-
 (a) Approx. No. of units needed in the Borough but on which no formal action has been taken. 50
- (b) No. of houses where action has been taken and where new plans written and construction not yet started for human habitation when they become vacant, under Section II of the Housing Act, 1935, which are still occupied. 23
- (c) Overcrowding (Secretary) 111
- (d) Where conditions are unsatisfactory e.g. two or more families living in one house but not included in (a) or (b) above. 184
- Total number of applications for Council Houses at end of the year (including out-dated applications) 155

Action taken under Housing Act, 1935, during the year:-

- (a) Under Section II, Councils having written Undertakings not to re-let dwellings when the present tenants vacate them. 33 Dwellings
- (b) Council Orders made. 2
- (c) Houses voluntarily offered by Councils without action under Housing Act, 1935, by Local Authority. 5

General Observations:-

Since the War, up to the end of 1935 a total of 148 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 55 by Private Enterprises, and 14 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation making provision for 237 families in all.

Up to the end of 1935 action has been taken under Section II of the Housing Act, 1935, in respect of forty-six houses, and in all cases the owners have written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to re-let them for human habitation when they become vacant. At the end of the year twenty-three of these dwellings remained occupied.

Up to the end of 1935 two Council Orders had been issued and the houses were vacant and six dwellings had been voluntarily offered by the Councils without action by the Local Authority.

HOUSING (continued)

Approximately 20 houses which are fit only for demolition in addition to those mentioned in the previous two paragraphs remain occupied.

The total number of unfit houses now vacant in the Borough is 31 so that some progress has been made in preventing such accommodation being used as stepping stones to obtain tenancy of Council Houses.

It will, of course, be necessary in due course for the Council to take action to obtain demolition of these properties unless the Owners put forward satisfactory schemes for conversion of the properties for some other use.

The total number of houses in the Borough at the end of 1953 was 1,634 of which 372 are Council Houses.

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it is noted to have remained in the previous two periods
house is occupied

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such accommodation being used as sleeping places to obtain
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Council to take action to obtain demolition of these
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F O O D.

MILK.

Number of registered Distributors.....	6
Number of registered Dairy Premises.....	5
Number of Supplementary Licences issued to distributors outside area.....	1

MILK SAMPLING.

Tuberculin Tested.....	9 samples taken.	8 satisfactory.
Pasteurised.....	4 " "	4 "

ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises registered for Manufacture and Retail....	1
Retail only.....	36

Number of Samples taken.....	115
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Grade 1.....	61
Grade 2.....	46
Grade 3.....	5
Grade 4.....	3

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Premises Registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act,
1938 for the preparation of food.....52

FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH.

Meat.....	7
Bakers.....	4
Milk.....	5
Cafes.....	7
Hotels.....	4
Grocers.....	21
Greengrocers.....	11
Fishmongers.....	1
Fish and Chips.....	2
Confectionery.....	12

SANITARY INSPECTION.

A Summary of visits made and matters dealt with by the
Sanitary Inspector during the year is appended.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. H. A. PINNIGER.

Medical Officer of Health.

MILK

Number of registered Distributors.....1
 Number of registered Dairy Premises.....5
 Number of Supplementary Licenses issued to
 distributors outside area.....1

MILK SAMPLING

Pastorized.....
 Sterilized.....
 3 samples taken.....
 3 satisfactory.....

ICE CREAM

Number of Premises registered for Manufacture and Retail.....1
 Retail only.....
 Number of Samples taken.....

Grade 1.....61
 Grade 2.....48
 Grade 3.....5
 Grade 4.....3

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD

Premises Registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act,
 1938 for the preparation of food.....38

FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH

Meat.....7
 Bakers.....4
 Milk.....3
 Grocers.....7
 Butchers.....4
 Grocers.....21
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 Fishmongers.....1
 Fish and Game.....3
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