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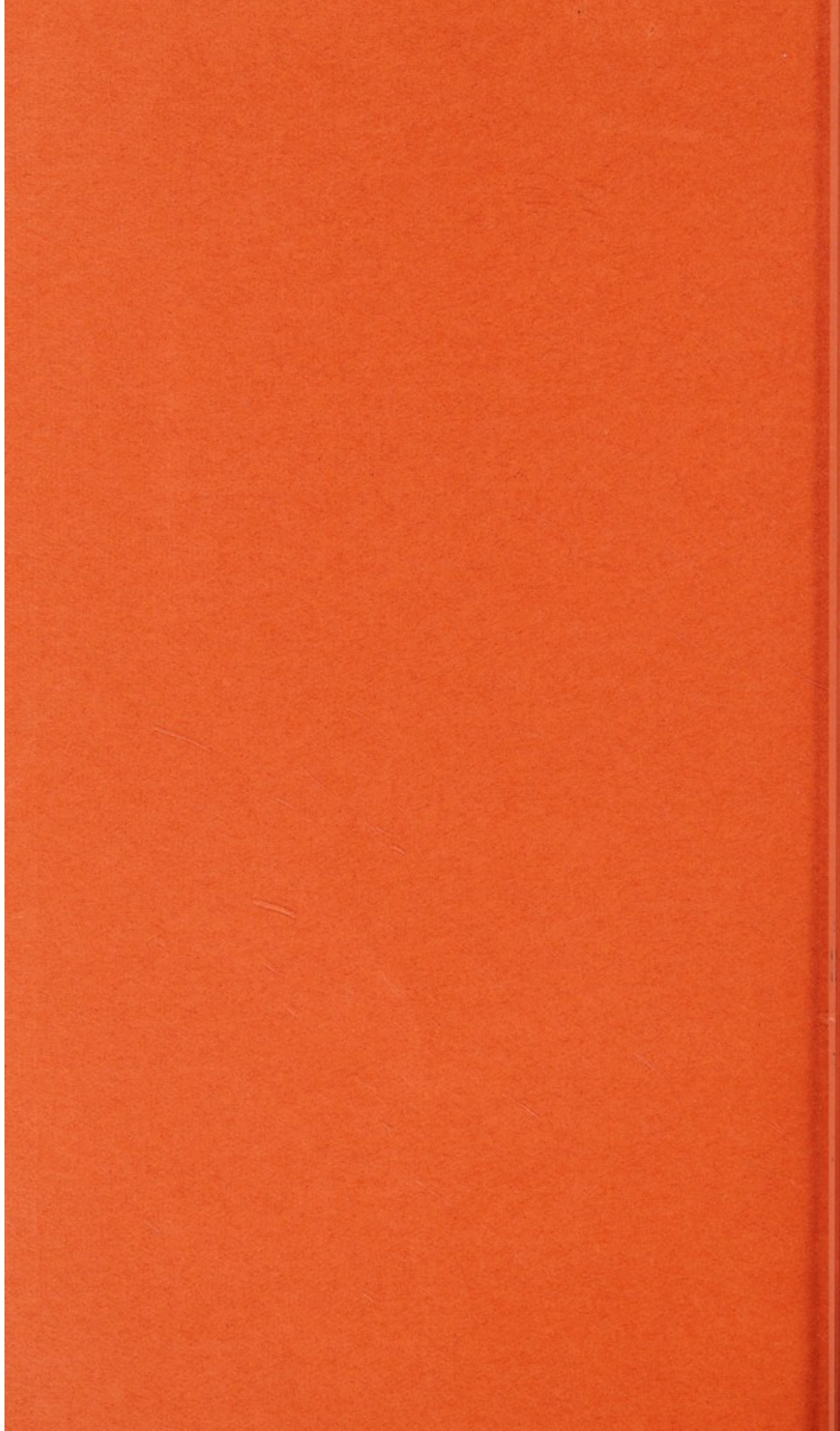
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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For the Year

1965



Guildford Rural District Council

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June 1966

To the Chairman and Members of the Guildford Rural
District Council

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report on the health of the Guildford Rural District for the year 1965, which is prepared as instructed by the Ministry of Health, to whom it requires to be submitted.

The population of the District has risen to 60,780. The vital statistics vary a little compared with 1964 in that the Birth Rate and Death Rate have both fallen slightly, thus following closely the national trend. It may well be that the contraceptive pill, which is now being more widely accepted, is beginning to have an effect in curbing the soaring Birth Rate. Certainly the happiness and youthful appearance of women actually planning their families by this means is very evident. Nothing is more disastrous to a woman's physical and mental health than an ill-timed pregnancy. The advent of "the pill" has been the greatest advance in medicine since the discovery of penicillin.

The main causes of death are Coronary and Circulatory Disease, followed by Cancer of the Lung, Pneumonia and Bronchitis. Unfortunately deaths from Cancer of the Lung occur mostly in middle-aged men when their family responsibilities are at their height. Anyone aware of the numbers of these cases admitted to Chest Hospitals would agree that Cancer of the Lung has replaced Tuberculosis as the "Scourge of Western Civilisation". Yet many people still ignore the undoubted association between Cancer of the Lung and cigarette smoking. In this District there were 32 deaths from Lung Cancer, compared with 3 from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

An interesting feature in the control of Infectious Disease this year has been the unusual number of contacts employed in the food trades whom it has been necessary to exclude from their food-handling duties until their employment could be considered free from risk. The ready co-operation of food employers is a matter for

satisfaction, and is much appreciated. Because of this it has never been found necessary to take statutory action to ensure that dangerous food handlers do not handle food until they were considered safe.

There were no serious outbreaks of Infectious Disease, but one is reminded of the necessity for constant vigilance by the occurrence in this District during 1965 of isolated cases of Undulant Fever, Typhoid Fever and Cerebro-spinal Meningitis, and a death from Tuberculosis Meningitis. It was necessary also to give prophylactic treatment to a kennelman where hounds had been fed with Anthrax-infected meat; the hounds themselves, having a built-in resistance to Anthrax, gave no cause for concern.

There were several cases of Echo Virus Meningitis and Influenzal Meningitis. Further cases of Infectious Hepatitis occurred before the outbreak which began towards the end of 1964 subsided.

Cremation facilities are quite inadequate at present, the area being covered by the crematoria at Woking and Aldershot. It is most distressing for relatives to have to wait sometimes for several days before the cremation ceremony. The new crematorium under construction at Broadwater, Godalming, is expected to be completed within the next few months.

A depressing aspect of the vital statistics is the level of illegitimacy throughout the country. In this pleasant rural district, which has one of the lowest figures in England and Wales, one birth in every 20 is illegitimate. In urban areas and large conurbations the figure rises in proportion to the population density to about 1 in every 8 births.

Two potent influences are adult behaviour and news in the press. The goings-on of the notorious are of more news value than the quiet daily lives of the highly respectable. A stable family life is the best safeguard for adolescents. The conscience of some people has become less sensitive to the precepts of right and wrong. Churches of all denominations are heeding this challenge.

There has of recent years been a vast increase in the number of persons coming by car to visit beauty spots in this District, the peak times being the summer months and especially week-ends, thus creating a health hazard. Two areas of outstanding natural beauty are being fouled by persons who make use of lay-bys and roadside hedges, no other facilities being available. The time has come when the Hog's Back and Newlands Corner areas should be provided with public conveniences and washing facilities, properly supervised, associated with a restaurant. The visitors who throng to visit this District, or who are passing through, come from all parts of the country. The responsibility for the provision of ade-

quate accommodation would appear to be a national rather than a local one.

I am indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector for factual information and figures contained in the various sections of the report. Under his guidance a high standard of Public Health Inspection was maintained. I am grateful also to the Council for their continued support and encouragement.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

MARGARET POLLOCK,

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

	1965	1964
Area in Acres	59,643	59,643
Estimated resident population in July (estimate supplied by Registrar-General)	60,780	60,530
Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books (at 1st April following year)	17,542	17,188
Rateable Value (at 1st April following year) ...	£2,610,105	£2,536,139
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (actual) ...	£1,030	£1,032
Number of Live Births (legitimate and illegitimate)	1,124	1,167
Birth-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population ...	18.49	19.28
Birth-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor)	18.85	19.66
Number of Still Births	13	9
Number of Deaths	504	588
Death-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population ...	8.97	9.71
Death-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor)	9.68	10.68
Natural increase of population during year by excess of births over deaths	580	579
Number of Deaths of Infants (under the age of one year)	12	20
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	10.67	17.39
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child-birth	Nil	Nil

Death Rates, per 1,000 population, from:

Respiratory Tuberculosis	0.04	0.01
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	0.03	0.04
Cancer	2.06	1.81
Heart and Circulatory diseases	3.19	3.96
Influenza	0.03	0.29
Pneumonia	0.47	0.49
Bronchitis	0.39	0.31
Other diseases of respiratory system	0.04	0.04
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0.03	0.04
Nephritis and Nephrosis	0.01	0.04

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

Number	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,124
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.49

Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births 5.43

Still Births:

Number	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11.43

Total Live and Still Births 1,137

Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) 12

Infant Mortality Rates:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.67
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.79
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.01

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 8.98

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 8.00

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) 17.59

Maternal Mortality (including abortion):

Number of deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH-RATES

The following Table shows the birth and death-rates per 1,000 of the population for the District, and for England and Wales, for 1964 and 1965.

	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the Population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Deaths (including Abortion) per 1,000 total (live and still) births	
	Birth-Rate		Death-Rate					
	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964	1965	1964
Guildford R.D. Crude	18.49	19.28	8.97	9.71	10.67	17.39	Nil	Nil
Comp. England & Wales	18.85	19.66	9.68	10.68	—	—	—	—
Wales	18.0	18.4	11.5	11.3	17.72	20.0	0.24*	0.25

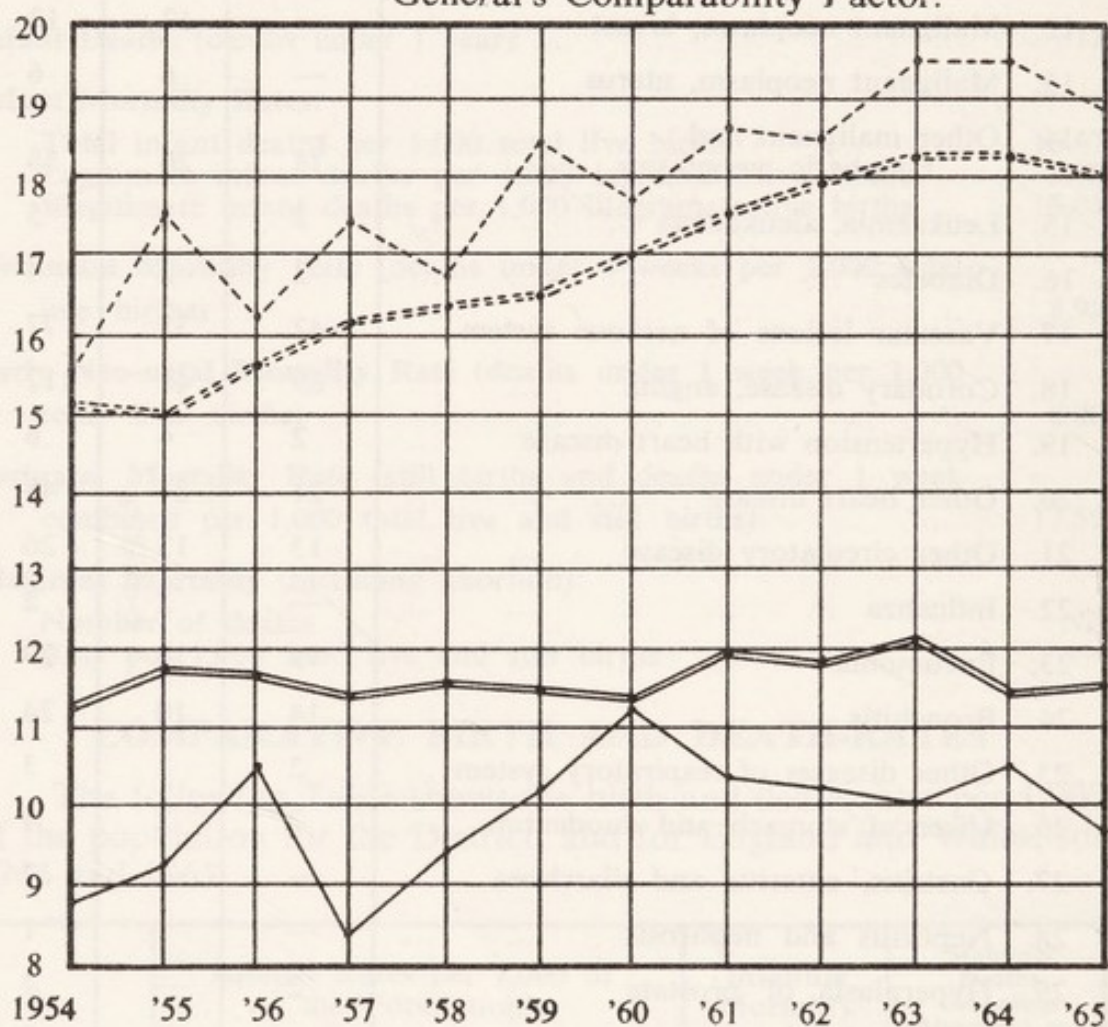
*This is our own approximation based on national figures up to 30th September, 1965 (no later information available).

Cause of Death	M	F	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	—	3
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	1	1
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	8	12
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	25	7	32
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	12	12
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	6	6
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	38	20	58
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	2	3	5
16. Diabetes	2	2	4
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	42	35	77
18. Coronary disease, angina	69	48	117
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	4	6
20. Other heart disease	21	24	45
21. Other circulatory disease	13	13	26
22. Influenza	—	2	2
23. Pneumonia	15	14	29
24. Bronchitis	14	10	24
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	2	1	3
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	2	2	4
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	—	2	2
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	—	1	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2
31. Congenital malformations	4	3	7
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	18	21	39
33. Motor vehicle accidents	11	1	12
34. All other accidents	4	2	6
35. Suicide	4	2	6
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	—	1	1
Total all causes	298	246	544

GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH-RATES PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION

				Guildford R.D.*	England and Wales
Births	...	...	...	-----	=====
Deaths	...	...	...	-----	=====

*=Figures after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor.



SECTION 2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Apart from occasional bacteriological specimens examined at the Farnham Hospital Laboratory, all laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory. The laboratory sends a copy of all reports on infectious disease specimens to the Public Health Department.

The following examinations were carried out at the Guildford Laboratory during 1965:

Milk samples	...	...	...	...	131
Ice Cream samples	...	...	...	...	77
Water samples (bacterial count)	...	...	...	...	187
Faeces specimens	...	...	...	...	231
Swabs ? haemolytic streptococci	...	...	...	...	74
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	8

Water Analysis. Chemical and full bacteriological examinations of water samples are carried out by the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London, W.C.1. The number of samples sent there during 1965 was 21.

HOSPITALS

General

	No. of beds
St. Luke's, Guildford ...	360 (incl. 58 maternity)
Royal Surrey County, Guildford	216
Milford Chest Hospital ...	230
King George V Hospital ...	200
Jarvis Maternity Home, Guildford ...	12
Farnham Hospital (serving Ash area only) ...	171 (incl. 14 maternity)

Chronic Sick

Puttenham Priory ...	36
Ottershaw Hospital ...	40
Green Lane, Farnham ...	40

Infectious Disease

Ottershaw Isolation Hospital ...	11 cubicles
Green Lane, Farnham ...	24

Day Hospitals

St. Luke's, Guildford	} These function from Mondays to Fridays
Ottershaw Hospital	

AMBULANCE FACILITIES (Including Infectious Disease)

The whole District is served by the County Ambulance Service, all applications being made to the Ambulance Control at Banstead (Mogador 2991).

The Aldershot Ambulance gives occasional assistance in the nearby part of the Rural District.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

The Area Transport Officer of the Hospital Car Service has informed me that 4,692 patients from the Guildford Rural District were carried during 1965, involving a mileage of 78,620.

NURSING IN THE HOME

Midwives.—There are 10 Midwives practising in the Rural District supervised by the County Medical Officer of Health. They are resident in the following parishes.

Albury	...	...	—	Horsley, East	...	—
Artington	...	...	—	Horsley, West	...	1
Ash	...	...	2	Normandy	...	—
Clandon, East	...	—		Ockham	...	—
Clandon, West	...	1		Pirbright	...	—
Compton	...	...	—	Puttenham	...	—
Effingham	...	...	—	Seale	...	1
Ripley	...	...	—	Shere	...	1
St. Martha	...	...	—	Tongham	...	1
Send	...	...	2	Wanborough	...	—
Shackleford	...	—		Wisley	...	—
Shalford	...	...	1	Worplesdon	...	—

District Nurses.—District Nurses are available in every parish.

Health Visitors.—There are 12 Health Visitors who visit homes under the School Health and Maternal & Child Welfare Services.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare.—Centres within the District are set out in the table below:

Centre	Address	Days of Centre
Ash	Health Centre, Shawfield Rd., Ash	Every Thursday
Ash Vale	St. Mary's Church Hall, Vale Road	Every Monday
Normandy	The Village Hall, Normandy	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays
Chilworth	Village Hall, Chilworth	1st & 3rd Fridays
Compton	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Effingham	Women's Institute, Effingham	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Effingham Junction	Memorial Hall, Effingham Junction	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Horsley, West	Village Hall, West Horsley	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Holmbury St. Mary	Holly Bush, Holmbury St. Mary	2nd & 4th Fridays
Peaslake	Old Schoolroom, Peaslake	2nd & 4th Mondays
Pirbright	Red Cross Hut	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Puttenham	Marwick Hall	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Ripley	British Legion Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Send	Red Cross Hut, Sandy Lane	1st & 3rd Mondays (5th H.V. only)
Shere	Memorial Hall, Shere	1st & 3rd Thursdays
Shalford	New Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Tongham	Village Institute	2nd & 4th Fridays
Wood Street	Church Hall, Wood Street	2nd & 4th Thursdays
Worplesdon	Memorial Hall, Perry Hill	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Worplesdon	Community Hall, Fairlands	1st & 3rd Thursdays

Ante-Natal Clinics.—Clinics serving the District are held as follows:—

Ash Health Centre	2nd and 4th Tuesdays, p.m.
Farnham ("Brightwells")	Every Wednesday, p.m. 2nd and 4th Mondays, p.m.
*Woking Maternity Home, Heathside Road, Woking	Every day, but by appointment only.
St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford	Monday to Friday, 1.30 p.m. Booking Clinic, Monday and Friday, 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Post Natal Clinic	Tuesday, 11 a.m.
First Examination Clinic	Tuesday afternoon.

*Administered by Woking U.D.C.

Orthopædic Treatment.—In-patient treatment is given at the Royal Surrey County Hospital and at the Rowley Bristow Hospital at Pyrford.

Orthopædic Clinics for out-patient treatment are available at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on Tuesdays at 1.45 p.m. and Fridays at 9 a.m., and at the Rowley Bristow Hospital on Monday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons, by appointment only.

CHEST CLINICS

Clinic	Address	Day and Time for attendance
Farnham ...	Northfield Hospital, Aldershot ...	Wednesdays, 9.20 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. 1st Friday at 10.20 a.m. 2nd and 4th Fridays at 2.30 p.m.
	Bronchitic Clinic ...	First Friday 2.30 p.m.; Last Saturday 9.30 a.m.
	Farnham Hospital (out patients) ...	Alternate Mondays 1.45 p.m.
	Poplars Clinic, Crossways, Frimley...	Last Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Guildford ...	Tower House, Epsom Road, Guildford ...	Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. Fridays, 9 to 12 noon.

Venereal Diseases Clinic.—A Clinic is held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, four days weekly as follows:

Mondays (Females)	...	...	3-7 p.m.
Thursdays (Females)	...	...	9.30-11 a.m.
Tuesdays (Males)	...	...	5-7 p.m.
Fridays (Males)	...	...	5-7 p.m.

Family Planning.—This Clinic, administered by a Voluntary Committee, is held on Monday and Friday evenings at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford. Appointments are necessary.

Chiropody Service.—This service for Expectant Mothers, Handicapped Persons and the Elderly, which now includes domiciliary treatment, is administered through Divisional Medical Officers. Some local foot-clinics for the Elderly are run by voluntary organisations such as the Red Cross and W.V.S.

The Clinics mentioned above are all administered by and under the control of the Surrey County Council, except where otherwise stated.

ACCIDENTS

A Circular was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government regarding the National Water Safety Campaign aimed against drowning hazards in village ponds, etc. The Council wrote to all Parish Councils to ask for their assistance with local publicity.

Accidents in the Home.—The following information, received from the County Ambulance Service, shows the number and types of home accident cases taken to hospital from this District during 1965:

Burns and scalds—adults	...	...	2
Burns and scalds—children	...	...	2
Falls	...	...	11
Falls—elderly persons	...	...	11
Overdose or poisoning	...	...	7
Other—adults	...	...	5
Other—children	...	...	5
Gas poisoning	...	...	5
Total	...	...	48

BURIAL OF THE DEAD: NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Sec. 50

On burial was arranged under this Section during 1965.

MORTUARIES

The arrangements made with neighbouring local authorities for the reception of bodies from this District to their mortuaries continue to meet our needs. The following were the numbers admitted during the year:—

Milford Chest Hospital	...	...	15
Farnham Hospital	...	...	22
Leatherhead Urban District Council	...	...	9
Woking Urban District Council	...	...	11

HOME HELP SERVICE

The Home Help Service for most of the Guildford Rural District is administered through the South-West Division of the Surrey County Council, the parishes of East and West Horsley and Effingham having been added to that Division in April 1965.

The Division has at the present time 90 **Home Helps**, augmented by 53 **Neighbourly Helps**. About half of the cases in the rural area are dealt with by Neighbourly Helps.

There are at present 3 **Special Home Helps**, specially selected and trained to assist with unusually difficult cases or problem families.

CARE OF THE AGED and NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Sec. 47

The total number of cases being kept under review during the year was 35. Twelve of these cases first came to notice during 1965. The problems were in the main those of elderly persons who, owing to decreasing physical and mental strength, required outside help. In most cases contact with the private doctor, the Health Visitor, Red Cross, W.V.S., Welfare Officer, Medical Social Workers at hospitals, etc., was sufficient to ensure an improvement in the circumstances.

The problem is a feature of life in the 1960's. Most of these elderly persons are women who are stubborn and independent and living in insanitary conditions.

Often it is considered more charitable to allow an elderly person to remain in her dilapidated home rather than remove her against her will. The excellent work done by the W.V.S. and other voluntary workers makes this possible.

It was not necessary to apply for compulsory removal under Section 47 in any case during 1965.

W.V.S.

The ladies of the W.V.S. under their Centre Organiser, Mrs. Sanger, continue their good works throughout the District. The elderly in particular benefit from the service so freely given, both at home and at the Chiropody Clinics which are run in conjunction with the County Council. W.V.S. members assist also at Welfare Centres, and the running of the Hospital Car Service is largely in their hands. Families in difficulties due to the absence of the principal wage earner—who may perhaps be in prison or serving in the forces overseas—are helped and encouraged wherever possible.

In November this Council decided to allow the sum of £250 in their 1966 - 67 Estimates as a contribution towards the setting up of a **Meals-on-Wheels Scheme** for the elderly throughout the Rural District. It is therefore expected that this long-hoped-for scheme will take shape in the near future.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Red Cross is active throughout the Rural District, its many activities including Old People's Clubs, Clinics, Foot Clinics, Transport of the Disabled for special purposes, Escort duty, Fund raising, and general Welfare visits. I have been especially grateful for Red Cross assistance given to cases under the last-named item.

SPASTICS

The Spastic Centre at White Lodge, Guildford Road, Chertsey, run under the auspices of the National Spastics Society, continues to serve cases in this District.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

Mr. Farnfield, 19 Dorrit Crescent, Rydes Hill, Guildford, is the very enthusiastic Hon. Secretary of the local Branch of this Society, which does much to help sufferers from this disease and to encourage the exchange of advice on the many small, day-to-day problems which arise from it.

TILLINGBOURNE VALLEY MOBILE PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

This year saw an extension of the area covered by this Service, the parishes of East & West Clandon, East & West Horsley, Effingham, Send, Ripley, Ockham and Wisley, now also being served. The new van, with a trained physiotherapist, commenced in May, and although the demand was initially not great, within a very few months the doctors came to appreciate the great usefulness of the service.

The villages in the Tillingbourne Valley, including some in the Hambledon Rural and the Dorking & Horsley Rural Districts, continue to have the services of the original physiotherapy van. Following are some figures relating to the two units:—

	Tillingbourne Van	Horsley Van
Number of cases treated ...	366	138
Number of treatments ...	1,655	611
Mileage covered ...	8,016	2,768

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

This association dealt with 9 new cases from the Guildford Rural District during 1965, involving 63 interviews and 92 hours of work. 14 children under 16 years of age were involved. The District Council increased its Annual Grant this year, from £50 to £100 per annum.

The General Secretary of the Marriage Guidance Council is Mrs. M. C. Wood, 21 Ganghill, Guildford, to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

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SERVICE

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SECTION 3

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLIES

The following table shows the results of water samples taken during 1965 from the 5 major water undertakings and 8 private supplies.

Supply	Sample		Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.	Chem.
<i>Public Supplies:—</i>						
East Surrey Water Co.	12	2	12	2	—	—
Guildford, Godalming and District Water Board:—						
Guildford Supply ...	17	2	17	2	—	—
Shere Supply (Village)	5	2	5	2	—	—
Shere Supply (Hollister) ...	3	—	3	—	—	—
Netley Supply ...	12	2	9	2	3	—
Godalming Supply ...	6	1	6	1	—	—
Mid-Wessex Water Co.	17	5	17	5	—	—
Wey Valley Water Co.	5	1	5	1	—	—
Woking Water Co. ...	14	3	14	3	—	—
<i>Private Supplies:—</i>						
Albury Estate (Sherbourne) ...	4	—	4	—	—	—
Albury Park (Mansion)	10	—	3	—	7	—
Eastbury Manor ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greyfriars ...	4	—	4	—	—	—
Limnerslease ...	10	1	5	1	5	—
Loseley Park ...	48	2	39	2	9	—
Watts Galleries ...	6	—	5	—	1	—
Woodcote Lodge ...	7	—	6	—	1	—
TOTAL ...	180	21	154	21	26	—
<i>Other Samples:—</i>						
Private Wells, etc. ...	3	—	1	—	2	—
Swimming Pools ...	4	—	4	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL...	187	21	159	21	28	—

Fluoride Content of Water Supplies

Details of the Fluoride content of all public supplies in the District were set out in my report for 1963. This showed the average content of all supplies in our area to be less than 0.2 parts per million. There has been no change.

Plumbo Solvency

No water supply is subject to Plumbo Solvent action.

The **Guildford, Godalming and District Water Board** had under consideration during the year a proposal to extract **water from the River Wey** at Shalford. The scheme will be proceeded with subject to engineering considerations and necessary safeguards.

Wey Valley Water Company

This supply remains satisfactory apart from an occasional sample showing traces of iron, which although not rendering the water unsatisfactory for consumption may make it unpleasant for laundering purposes. This Company's source at Britty Hill has an iron content, although it does not exceed the permissible level of 0.3 p.p.m.

The Company is at present considering the possibility of sinking a new borehole in the Farnham Urban District.

Mid Wessex Water Company

Complaints at the beginning of the year of rust in the water in the Ash area were subsequently found to be due to scouring action caused by heavy demand at peak periods. A new main was installed.

Woking Water Company

A deterioration in the bacteriological reports of water from the Clandon Pumping Station was noticed in May. Investigation revealed a possible source of contamination from a private sewage disposal plant, and steps were taken to remedy this.

**Guildford, Godalming & District Water Board —
Shere and Peaslake areas — (Netley Mill Borehole, etc.)**

Some complaints of discolouration and sand in the water at peak periods arose in Shere, the worst effects being on laundry in spin dryers due to the deposit of iron. The only temporary palliative possible was localised mains flushing, pending the installation of treatment plant to remove the unsatisfactory characteristics of the water.

The Board has sunk a new borehole at **Shere**, but the water is not yet in circulation.

Loseley Estate Supply

Following unsatisfactory samples in May, consumers were told to boil drinking water. Investigation showed probable contamination of the storage tank in the dairy; this was dealt with, together with some small defects in the reservoir.

Wanborough Water Supply

The last two properties served by the Wanborough private supply have now been connected to the Wey Valley mains supply.

Albury Park Water Supply

It was necessary to re-institute boiling of drinking water following a further series of unsatisfactory samples. An expert survey was carried out, and a number of improvements recommended. The completion of these resulted in considerable improvement in the quality of the water by the end of the year.

Down Lane, Compton

Following a series of unsatisfactory samples from three private water sources supplying thirteen dwellings in this area, the Council considered the question of supporting a scheme for connecting the properties to a main of the Guildford & Godalming Water Board. Preparation of details has been left to the owners concerned and will be submitted to the Council for final decision.

Parish	*Esti- mated No. of occupied dwelling- houses	*Esti- mated Popu- lation	Public Mains Supply					Occupied Dwelling-Houses on Private Supplies			No Water Supply
			Direct to Dwelling-house		Communal Standpipe		Well or Borehole	Spring	Rain- water		
			No. of Dwell- ings	Popula- tion	No. of Dwell- ings	Popula- tion					
Albury ...	450	1512	423	1421	—	—	25	1	—	—	1
Artington ...	149	5001	134	451	—	—	15	—	—	—	—
Ash ...	3655	12291	3651	12267	—	—	7	—	—	—	—
Clandon East	105	353	105	353	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clandon West	372	1250	372	1250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compton ...	335	1126	306	1029	—	—	29	—	—	—	—
Effingham ...	841	2825	839	2818	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Horsley East	1326	4455	1322	4442	—	—	—	—	4	—	—
Horsley West	959	3222	948	3185	—	—	9	—	2	—	—
Normandy ...	932	3131	927	3114	—	—	5	—	—	—	—
Ockham ...	168	564	168	564	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pirbright ...	549	1845	548	1842	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puttenham ...	196	658	195	655	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Ripley ...	651	2187	651	2187	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Martha...	219	736	215	723	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
Seale ...	330	1109	329	1106	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Tongham ...	438	1472	438	1472	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Send ...	1203	4042	1202	4039	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Shackleford	245	823	241	809	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Shalford ...	1252	4207	1252	4207	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shere ...	1319	4432	1312	4412	2	3	5	—	—	—	—
Wanborough	102	343	102	343	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wisley ...	39	131	39	131	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worplesdon	2149	7221	2149	7221	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	17987	60436	17868	60041	2	3	103	6	7	—	1

*Per Rating Office as at 1.4.65.

SWIMMING POOLS

A widespread survey of small plastic school pools was carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service. The pool at **Heathcote Memorial School, Ash**, was included.

Arising out of this we made representations to the County Council regarding improvements to the purification procedures at that school and also at the larger indoor pool at **The Lodge, Effingham**.

A new chlorinating plant was installed at the public pool at **Shere** during 1965, and water in the pool changed completely every three weeks.

Advice was given on recently installed pools at **Send St. Bede's School** (70,000 gallons), and **Pirbright County Primary School** (8,000 gallons).

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Special reports were submitted to the Council during the year on the necessity for main drainage on public health grounds in the areas listed below:

Peaslake — Tillingbourne Valley Phase VIB.

Wisley.

Hurtmore and Priorsfield area of Shackleford.

Artington — Mount Browne, The Ridges and Portsmouth Road.

Ash Vale (Extension).

Ash Green — Phase IVB.

Normandy, Worplesdon and Pirbright (Bailes Lane, Normandy Hill, Hunts Hill, Pirbright Road and Vokes-Cardwell, Ltd.)

I am indebted to the Council's Engineer and Surveyor for the following notes on the progress of main drainage schemes, from which it will be seen that several of those listed above have already been put in hand.

WORKS IN HAND

Ash Vale Main Drainage Phase I, II, III and IVA

Work on all Phases has been completed. A total of 15.2 miles of sewer has been laid. A total of 2,973 properties are connected to these sewers and 109 existing properties remain to be connected.

Effingham Main Drainage

A further 29 properties were connected to the sewer making a total of 535 since the sewer was laid in 1957. 34 remain to be connected.

Normandy, Worplesdon and Pirbright Main Drainage Phase I & II (Southern half of Worplesdon and Normandy)

On the 16.5 miles of sewer serving the above area, a further 507 properties, making 1,826, have been connected to the sewers, 214 remain to be connected.

Peasmarsh Main Drainage

On the 1.5 miles of sewer providing for 136 properties, 108 have been connected to the sewer.

Tillingbourne Valley Main Drainage Phases III, IV and V and VIA

To date 741 properties have been connected to the 15.9 miles of sewer of this scheme. 96 remain to be connected.

Ash Vale Main Drainage — Ash Vale Works Extension

Work is completed upon the extension of the above works at a cost of £143,239 and the additional sedimentation tanks, filters and humus tanks and the works are in operation.

Normandy, Worplesdon and Pirbright Main Drainage Phase IIIA (Worplesdon)

Work has recently been completed on the laying of 2.7 miles of sewers providing facilities for 205 properties and already 141 properties are connected.

Normandy, Worplesdon and Pirbright Main Drainage Phase IIIB (Pirbright)

Work has commenced upon the laying of 9 miles of sewers providing facilities for 328 properties and a population of 4,000 at the Pirbright Guards Camp and is well advanced and on sewers taken into use 22 properties are already connected.

Ash Vale Main Drainage — Phase IVB (Ash Green)

A scheme providing 2.71 miles of sewer and serving 129 properties is in hand.

Normandy, Worplesdon and Pirbright Main Drainage Phase IIW (Extension, Hockford Disposal Works)

Work is well advanced upon the extensions to the Hockford Works at a cost of £304,000 to provide for the flows which will arise from the phases of the scheme at present under construction and recently completed.

WORKS IN PREPARATION

Artington Main Drainage

Tenders are being invited shortly for the construction of 0.86 miles of sewer to serve 36 properties and the Surrey Police Headquarters at Mount Browne.

Hurtmore (Priorsfield Road) Main Drainage

Approval is awaited for this scheme at a cost of £16,000 providing .5 miles of sewer to serve 26 properties, a nursing home and a school.

Normandy, Worplesdon and Pirbright Phase IV

Approval is awaited to this scheme providing facilities to 24 properties at an estimated cost of £30,000.

North Eastern Main Drainage

Minor schemes providing facilities to 24 properties are in the course of preparation.

Tillingbourne Valley Main Drainage Phase VI (Peaslake)

Approval is awaited to this scheme providing facilities for 264 properties at an estimated cost of £115,844.

.3 miles of sewer have been laid during the year by estate developers of housing estate. 94% of all new properties erected have been connected to the main sewer.

As a result of laying sewers, 631 existing and 343 new properties have been provided with main drainage facilities during the year.

CLEANSING SERVICES

Cesspool Emptying. The Council's free three-monthly emptying service, given on request, continued. 7,382 requests were received, involving 13,673 loads. All was tipped into sewers except for 618 loads disposed of at the Elm Hill Tip at Normandy or on to farm land.

A free emptying service is given more frequently than three months where special circumstances warrant it, and a two-monthly emptying service may therefore be carried out in certain cases.

Night Soil Collection. A twice-weekly collection was provided to 463 houses having reasonable access for the Council's vehicles. All night soil is tipped into sewers.

Public Scavenging. A weekly service now operates throughout the District. Controlled tipping continues at the three tips at Send, Shalford and Ash, a total of 6.525 loads being shot during the year.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

No major pollution of rivers or streams was noted during the year.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS AND OTHER PESTS

The following disinfestations were carried out:

Flies	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bed bugs	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fleas	...	...	...	...	...	8

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in the Guildford Rural District.

RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES ACT, 1960

One licence is in existence in this District in respect of radioactive materials used at a research establishment.

COMPLAINTS

Lilac Farm, Effingham

Following the coming into effect of the Offensive Trades Bye-laws for Effingham on the 1st December, 1964, it has been possible during 1965 to enforce certain improvements at the fat factory. These include deodorising equipment whereby a deodorant is pumped under pressure to atomisers placed over each of the four charging hoppers to the fat melters. The plant was in operation by the beginning of October. Despite this some smells were still recorded during daily visits.

Basingstoke Canal

Less complaints were received by the Public Health Department during 1965. The Report of the survey, presented to the County Council in 1964, is still awaiting discussion between the local authorities concerned.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following table shows the numbers and type of visits carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during the year, together with the number of Notices served.

Public Health Matters:

Drainage and overflowing cesspools ...	1,178
Water supplies	60
Stable and piggeries	130
Offensive accumulations	56
Rats and Mice	7
Insect pests	75
Ponds, pools, ditches and watercourses	95
Swimming Pools	12
Knackers' yards	6
Filthy or verminous premises	21
Infectious disease inquiries, etc. ...	193
Food poisoning investigations	3
Refuse collection	104
Refuse disposal	274
Night soil collection service	25
Public conveniences	6
Hairdressers	9
Disinfection	—
Miscellaneous visits re nuisances, etc. ...	187
Atmospheric pollution	118
	<hr/> 2,559

Housing Matters:

Public Health Act	... Inspections ...	32
	Reinspections	119
Housing Act ...	... Inspections ...	1,006
	Reinspections	306
		<hr/> 1,463

Factories, etc.:

Mechanical power	103
Non-mechanical power	1
Outworkers	1
Workplaces	1
	<hr/> 106

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

General inspections	178
Other visits	194
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Food and Drugs Act, etc.:

Food premises	954
Inspection of foodstuffs	67

Milk and Dairies Regulations:

Dairies and distributors (other than for samples)	51
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Caravans and Movable Dwellings 1,062**Sampling:**

Water	161
Milk	77
Ice cream	77
Watercress	1
Miscellaneous visits	208
	524

Noise Abatement Act, 1960 137**Clean Air Act, 1956 105****NOTICES SERVED**

Statutory Notices served by the Council	9
Statutory Notices complied with	10

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are no slaughterhouses licensed in the area.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Notices Written	Prosecuted Cases
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority ...	12	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	172	103	2	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority* (excluding out-workers' premises)	98	1	—	—
Totals	282	105	2	—

*Electrical Stations [Sections 103 (1)], Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
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 ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	2	4	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	4	—	1	—

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables show:

(a) The number of registered premises, listed by the principal business carried on therein; and the number of detailed inspections carried out.

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices ...	6	39
Retail shops ...	28	110
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	3
Catering establishments, open to the public, canteens	5	24
Fuel storage depots ...	1	2
TOTALS	40	178

(b) Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	489
Retail shops	625
Wholesale departments, "Warehouses"	65
Catering establishments open to the public	357
Canteens	10
Fuel storage depots	13
TOTAL	1559

Accidents

Only one accident was reported under Section 48 of the Act.

RODENT CONTROL

	1965		
	Agricultural Premises	Domestic and other Premises	Total
No. of complaints by occupiers of land of rat or mouse infesta- tion	5	669	674
Premises inspected	52	1190	1242
Total visits paid for rodent control pur- poses	57	2477	2534
Infestations found			
Rat—Major	1	41	42
Rat—Minor	18	730	748
Mouse	—	51	51
Totals	19	822	841

SECTION 4

HOUSING

HOUSING PROGRAMME

The following table shows the Council's Housing Programme as at 31st December, 1965 (information supplied by Council's Engineer, Surveyor & Planning Officer):

Parish	No. of Dwellings Ultimately to be erection	Total Immediate Programme	No. of Dwellings in course of erection	No. of Dwellings Completed
Artington ...	8	—	—	—
Albury ...	63	—	18	45
Ash & Normandy ...	576	18	—	455
Clandon (West) ...	99	—	—	99
Compton ...	101	—	—	93
Effingham ...	82	—	—	58
Horsley (East) ...	124	50	—	74
Horsley (West) ...	168	—	—	168
Pirbright ...	34	6	—	28
Puttenham ...	16	—	—	8
Ripley ...	135	—	—	123
Seale & Tongham ...	204	—	—	197
Send ...	126	—	4	114
Shackleford ...	50	—	—	28
Shalford ...	249	—	—	191
Shere ...	111	8	—	95
Worplesdon ...	375	157	—	162
Totals ...	2,521	239	22	1,938

During 1965, 39 dwellings were completed.

Applications for Council accommodation continue undiminished, and the number on the Housing List had risen to 1,104 by the end of 1965. 77 cases were referred to this Department for assessment of Medical Points, and below is an analysis of the types of cases considered:—

Caravan cases — particularly unsuitable for elderly persons because of health factors	...	...	4
Caravan cases — harmful to health of children	...	...	6
Caravan cases — other factors	...	...	5
Loss of service accommodation because of illness rendering work impossible	...	...	6
Accommodation unsuitable because of —			
(a) chest or heart diseases, strokes, etc.	...	...	8
(elderly 7, other 1)			
(b) rheumatic or other crippling diseases	...	...	6
(elderly 2, other 4)			
Mental or nervous illness because of domestic friction	...	...	2
Tuberculosis (1 non-pulmonary, 1 "not notifiable")	...	...	2
Other physical or mental factors	...	...	19
Primarily housing matters where support not given on medical grounds	...	...	19

UNFIT HOUSES—FIVE YEAR SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME—POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1964

Number of houses in five year programme commenced
September 1955 130

Action Completed:

Demolished	...	...	...	95
Closed	...	...	...	7
Made Fit	...	...	...	19
Undertakings not to use for human habitation	...	...	...	3
Excluded from Clearance Order by Minister	...	...	...	1
				— 125

Action Proceeding:

Demolition Orders:

Order made—rehousing awaited	...	1
Order made—further action deferred...	...	1

Clearance Orders:

Order operative—demolition awaited...	2
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Inspected and reported:

Council deferred action	1
			— 5

— 130

UNFIT HOUSES AND HOUSING IMPROVEMENT BY MEANS OF GRANT AID

(1) ACTION TAKEN

(a) Houses not in Clearance Areas:

Repairs:

Houses where repairs carried out—formal and informal action	14
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Demolition:

Houses demolished (includes four houses closed in previous years)	4
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Houses subject to current demolition action	9
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Closure:

Houses closed	8
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Houses subject to current closing action	3
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Houses made Fit:

Houses reconditioned	3
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(b) Houses in Clearance Areas:

Houses demolished	1
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RENT ACT, 1957

No action was necessary under this Act during 1965.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

Conditions on caravan sites continued to improve, and no special problems arose during the year. A temporary site for 14 caravans was proposed at Ash, on land owned by the Council, to deal with the local gipsy problem.

Caravan Sites at 31.2.65

Residential Holiday

Complying with conditions of Licences	...	119	19
No. of caravans thereon	...	616	241

SECTION 5

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLIES

All milk in distribution is sampled regularly, as follows: all samples are subjected to the Methylene Blue Test, pasteurised milk to the Phosphatase Test, and any samples of pasteurised milk failing this test, together with raw Tuberculin Tested milks, are examined biologically for tuberculosis.

The table on page 36 is a summary of the results of the samples taken during the last 9 years.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Registered dairy premises	...	...	6
Registered distributors	...	...	30

ICE CREAM

No ice cream is manufactured in this District. Firms with nation-wide distribution supply the major portion, mainly in pre-packed form. 158 premises are registered for the storage and sale of ice cream.

The following table shows the number of samples taken during the year and their provisional gradings:

No. of Samples taken	Grade 1	Provisional Grade 2	Gradings Grade 3	Grade 4
77	74	3	—	—

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955: FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Inspections were carried out at 503 food premises in the District during the year. The premises concerned are listed below:

Type of business (in groups)	No. of premises	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Grocers (including those combined with other trades)	124	124	117	117
Greengrocers, Fish- mongers, Butchers	50	50	50	50
Bakers, Confectioners, Sweetshops	51	51	36	36
Restaurants, Hotels, Public Houses, Off- Licences, Clubs, Village Halls, etc.	165	164	159	159
Nursing Homes, Insti- tutions, School Meals, Works Canteens	77	77	77	77
Mobile Canteens, Mobile Shops	25	1	1	1
Food Factories	4	4	4	4
Chemists	7	6	—	—

MEAT AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS

The following quantities of foodstuffs were inspected and certified as unfit for human consumption:—

	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Fresh meat, Ham, Bacon		3	15	1
Tinned Meat ...	1	2	0	10
Other foodstuffs ...		3	2	12

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following complaints were received from members of the public:—

- (1) String embedded and baked in loaf. Formal warning sent by Council to baker.
- (2) Sponge roll alleged to be sour. Date coding indecipherable but roll thought to be several weeks old. Formal warning sent.
- (3) Wrapped sliced loaf mouldy the day after purchase. Referred to District Council for area where baked.
- (4) Skinless beef sausages containing portion of skin and hair from cheek of a "bovine animal". Referred to Food & Drugs Authority.
- (5) Brown spots in milk bottle—?mould growth. Distributors warned.
- (6) Skinless beef sausages in a mouldy condition. Had been kept in stock 9 days instead of 2 days as recommended by makers. Retailer warned.
- (7) Mouldy steak and kidney pie kept in stock 20 days by retailer. Formal warning sent.

SAMPLING UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for Health for the following details of the number of samples analysed, and action taken in respect of the District, during 1965.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
FOOD:						
Bread	2	8	10	—	7	7
Cake Mix	—	1	1			
Cheese Spread	4	—	4			
Cherries, glacé	2	—	2			
Confectionery, flour	2	—	2			
Cream	1	—	1			
Gin	2	—	2			
Goose Paté, smoked... ..	—	1	1			
Ice Cream	1	—	1	1	—	1
Jam	2	—	2	1	—	1
Lemon Curd	1	—	1			
Marmalade	2	—	2	1	—	1
Marzipan	1	—	1			
Meat, minced	1	—	1			
Milk	120	2	122			
Pie filling, fruit	—	1	1			
Rum	1	—	1			
Sausages	8	—	8	3	—	3
Soft Drinks	5	—	5			
Vodka	1	—	1			
Whisky	3	—	3			
Totals	159	13	172	6	7	13

SHORT PARTICULARS OF MILK SAMPLING FOR THE YEARS 1957 to 1965

ANALYSIS RESULTS

Year	Number of Samples Taken	Phosphatase Test		Methylene Blue Test		Turbidity Test		T.B.		Cattle Slaugh- tered
		Satisfac- tory	Failed tory	Satisfac- tory	Failed	Satisfactory	Failed	Posi- tive	Nega- tive	
1957	Designated 133 154 Undesignated 21	102	—	107	1	10	—	—	36	—
1958	Designated 163 164 Undesignated 1	100	—	107	1	11	—	—	43	—
1959	Designated 141	105	2	119	3	10	—	—	18	—
1960	Designated 134	106	—	88	2	11	—	—	16	—
1961	Designated 103	84	—	94	1	5	—	—	1	—
1962	Designated 201	144	—	168	11	22	—	—	30	—
1963	Designated 164	120	—	137	4	23	—	—	16	—
1964	Designated 193	151	—	171	8	7	—	—	24	—
1965	Designated 131	97	—	123	2	6	—	—	25	—

SECTION 6

PREVENTION OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

GENERAL

As mentioned earlier in the report, there has been this year an unusual number of cases where food handlers have had to be excluded from work because of contact with infectious cases. The following incidents occurred:—

Typhoid Fever

Three contacts of cases in other Districts were kept off employment as food handlers until cleared bacteriologically.

Sonne Dysentery

The mother of a nursed-at-home case at a public house was kept from helping in the bar for three weeks. At another public house the mother was kept off food preparation or bar work for ten days.

Scarlet Fever and Haemolytic Streptococcal Infections

The mother of a scarlet fever case was kept off work in a school canteen until cleared bacteriologically. A farm worker employed on dairy duties was put on to other work until a negative throat swab was obtained.

Disease	1965	1964	Increase + Decrease —
Scarlet Fever	16	14	+2
Whooping Cough	5	6	—1
Erysipelas	2	2	—
Dysentery	9	8	+1
Salmonella typhi-murium ...	1	3	—2
Salmonella other infections	4	2	+2
Measles	352	113	+239
Pneumonia	6	10	—4
Food Poisoning	4	5	—1
Paratyphoid Fever	1	—	+1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	2	—2
Undulant Fever	1	—	+1
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis...	1	2	—1
Total	402	167	+235

SMALLPOX

One suspected case occurred in March. This was an interesting case. The patient had been vaccinated seven days previously. On examination this was not smallpox or generalised vaccinia, but an allergic reaction to the vaccination.

Several persons arriving by air or sea from endemic areas were placed under surveillance.

SCARLET FEVER AND HAEMOLYTIC STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS

An outbreak of sore throats at Puttenham School came to our notice on the last day of the Christmas term. An inspection of the whole school was carried out by the Health Visitor, and of fifteen pupils and one teacher swabbed three pupils were positive; arrangements for treatment were made with the doctors concerned.

UNDULANT FEVER (BRUCELLA ABORTUS INFECTION)

One case was notified in December. The source of infection was considered to be a farm herd, which had a history of abortion. The consumption of raw milk from the herd among residents in the vicinity was stopped. Examination of family and staff proved satisfactory.

TYPHOID FEVER

A man employed as a cowman to a dairy herd had a 'flu-like illness, which recurred three months later in a more severe form. Blood titres were high, suggesting that the illness was Typhoid Fever. All family contacts and everyone employed on the farm had a scrutiny of their medical history, and bacteriological examinations were carried out. All contacts were negative, and the patient recovered slowly. All milk was pasteurised.

25 persons returned to this District from other areas where they had been in contact with Typhoid Fever. All were visited and checked.

PARATYPHOID

One case occurred in a woman of 78. The causal organism was Phage Type 1, Var. 4: this is very unusual in this country, and the patient probably became infected in Spain, where she had been holidaying shortly before.

FOOD POISONING AND SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

The one **notified outbreak** of Food Poisoning involving four people was due to *Clostridium Welchii*.

Salmonella infections notified during the year were:—

Salmonella typhi-murium	...	1
Salmonella Panama	...	2
Salmonella Enteritidis	...	2

Cases of Food Poisoning are increasing. The housewife is often responsible for infecting her family due to faulty handling of food, especially during the summer months. Gratitude is due to the local press for helping to publicise the need for the strictest hygiene in food handling.

GASTRO-ENTERITIS

Several cases occurred in a family of 15 people at Ripley, three of them being severely ill. Bacteriological examinations were all negative.

POLIOMYELITIS

There was one death from respiratory failure due to Poliomyelitis, in a patient who contracted the disease while on the staff of a London hospital 12 years previously.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS

A case occurred at Ash in a child of four years. She was treated at Farnham Hospital, and made an uneventful recovery after treatment with streptomycin and penicillin.

Two children, contacts of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis in their mother living at Camberley, were admitted to a nursery in this District before the disease was diagnosed. The children were transferred to Green Lane Hospital for the duration of the incubation period and received prophylactic treatment. No developments occurred at the nursery.

VIRUS MENINGITIS

One case occurred in a woman of 31 at Ash, who was originally admitted to hospital as suspected poliomyelitis. The infection was finally diagnosed as Echo Group, Type 27.

HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAL MENINGITIS

A case of very sudden onset occurred in a boy of 4 at Abinger Hammer. He vomited once, suddenly became sleepy although apparently well, and was deeply unconscious in half an hour. He was removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

GLANDULAR FEVER

An unusually severe case in a youth of 17 necessitated his being in Ottershaw Hospital for four weeks.

COLLAPSE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sixteen children were affected during a morning in December with faintness and dizziness. All were in the older age groups. All affected children recovered in two or three days.

Thorough investigation of all possible causes was made including bacteriological examinations which were negative.

The weather was humid and warm at the time, and it was considered that the temperature of the school was too high.

INSTITUTIONAL OUTBREAKS

Some cases of **Chicken Pox** occurred at a Home for subnormal children.

Widespread **Scabies** of limbs and body occurred in 4 children at a hostel for school children.

At a residential nursery considerable incidences of Echo Virus and Giardia Lamblia infections occurred in October. The nursery was placed in quarantine for two weeks.

VIRUS RESEARCH

During the course of research into virus infections, being carried out by the Guildford Public Health Laboratory, the following respiratory viruses have been isolated from a number of patients in the Shere/Peaslake area:—

Adenovirus Types 3 and 7

Coxsackie virus Types A 4, 5, 9 and 16
Types B 4 and 5

Echovirus Types 1 and 11

Myxovirus influenzae B

Myxovirus parainfluenzae Types 1, 2 and 3; Types A and B

Herpesvirus hominis

Rhinovirus H strain

R.S. virus.

ANIMAL DISEASES — ANTHRAX

Meat from an infected cow from a Knacker's yard in Sussex was brought into kennels at Effingham where it was fed to hounds. Arrangements were immediately made for the dog handler to have prophylactic penicillin and supervision. Fortunately hounds have a built-in resistance to anthrax, and no suspicion of the disease arose in either the man or the hounds.

VACCINATION AGAINST ANTHRAX

As an effective vaccine is now available against Anthrax, the Ministry of Health recommend vaccination of workers exposed to risk by anthrax from products from abroad in certain establishments such as tanneries; glue, gelatin, soap and bonemeal factories; especially where they handle raw materials imported from countries such as India, Pakistan, China, Africa, Central or South America, and the U.S.S.R.

Two establishments in this District were involved. The Factory Medical Officers agreed to carry out the vaccination. Notices offering vaccination to the workers, sent to the firms by the Ministry of Labour, were displayed in the two premises.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1965 AGE INCIDENCE (Other than Tuberculosis)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	At all Ages	At Ages — Years									Admitted to Hospital					Total Deaths	Total	
		under 1	1-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60 & over	Ottershaw Hospital	Northfield Hospital, Aldershot	Green Lane Hospital	St. Luke's Hospital			Farnham Hospital
Measles ...	352	6	209	105	22	8	1	1	—	—	—	3	1	15	—	—	—	19
Scarlet Fever ...	16	—	6	9	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	9	—	4	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia ...	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Erysipelas ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Undulant Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3
Whooping Cough	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salmonella typhi-murium ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salmonella-other infections ...	4	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal meningitis ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Paratyphoid Fever ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	402	6	226	114	26	10	5	6	2	1	6	4	2	17	1	1	—	25

INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASE (other than Tuberculosis), 1965
PARISH BY PARISH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	Parish																						Totals	
	Albury	Arlington	Ash	Clandon, E	Clandon, W	Compton	Effingham	Horsley, E	Horsley, W	Normandy	Ockham	Pirbright	Puttenham	Ripley	St. Martha	Scale	Send	Shackelford	Shalford	Shere	Wanborough	Wisley		Worplesdon
Measles	28	2	57	—	9	7	25	8	10	1	3	3	2	2	17	23	43	1	37	44	—	1	29	352
Scarlet Fever	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	4	—	—	3	16
Dysentery	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	9
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Paratyphoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	6
Salmonella	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhi-murium	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
W/Cough	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5
Salmonella-other	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
infections	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Undulant Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	29	2	67	—	10	7	29	17	11	1	3	3	4	2	17	25	46	1	37	56	—	1	34	402

SCHOOL ABSENTEES, 1965

	Conjunctivitis	Glandular Fever	Scarlet Fever	Chickenpox	Measles	German Measles	Mumps	Dysentery	Whooping Cough	Impetigo	Totals
Albury C. of E. ...	—	—	1	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	28
Ash Vale C.P. ...	—	—	—	4	20	—	—	—	—	—	24
Heathcote Memorial C.E. ...	—	—	—	63	36	1	29	—	—	—	129
Manfield C.P. ...	—	—	1	—	50	—	1	—	3	—	55
Walsh Memorial C.E. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yeoman's Bridge C. Sec. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chilworth C. of E. ...	1	4	—	—	12	2	4	—	1	—	24
St. Thomas, East Clandon...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Clandon C. of E. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Compton C. of E. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Howard of Effingham C. Sec.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Lawrence C.P. (Effingham) ...	—	—	—	79	1	4	53	—	—	—	137
Holmbury St. Mary C.P. ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Raleigh County Primary ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Mary's West Horsley C. of E. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
The Wyke County Primary	—	—	—	2	8	—	3	—	2	—	15
Pirbright County Primary...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puttenham C. of E....	—	—	2	—	4	—	2	—	—	1	9
Ripley C. of E. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Seale C. of E. ...	—	—	—	1	32	—	—	—	—	—	33
Send C. of E. ...	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	—	28
Send St. Bede's Secondary...	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	5
St. Mary's, Shackleford ...	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	5
Shalford C.P. ...	1	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	19
Shere C. of E. ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Paul's C. of E., Tongham	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Tillingbourne C. Sec. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fairlands C.P. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Perry Hill, Worplesdon ...	—	—	1	—	14	1	—	—	—	—	16
Wood Street C.P. ...	—	—	—	36	12	—	—	—	—	—	48
Totals ...	2	4	6	192	267	8	92	—	6	1	578

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The Divisional Medical Officer has supplied the following figures showing the number of children treated during 1965 in respect of the Guildford Rural District:—

Year of Birth	Diphtheria/ Tetanus/ Pertussis		Diphtheria/ Tetanus		Diphtheria		Tetanus	
	Primary Course	Booster	Primary Course	Booster	Primary Course	Booster	Primary Course	Booster
1965	184	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1964	362	115	—	2	1	—	2	1
1963	112	267	1	19	—	—	—	1
1962	18	56	6	14	1	—	1	—
1959-61	13	84	19	435	3	118	157	120
1958-54	18	21	4	130	2	150	457	230
1953-51	7	8	3	8	—	6	21	6

Poliomyelitis: Receiving a Primary Course (3 doses)

Year of Birth		Completing Course during 1965	
1965	...	...	77
1964	...	...	362
1963	...	...	72
Between 1962-1946	}	...	101
Between 1944-1935		prior 1946 ...	50
Between 1934-1924		...	...

Fourth Boosters

Children between the ages of 5-12 years ... 295

B.C.G. Vaccination

No. of Acceptances	Number Vaccinated	No. Positive	Absentees
296	145	11	40

Vaccination against Smallpox

Year of Birth		Primary Vaccination	Revaccination
1965	} 2 - 4 yrs.	15	
1964		279	1
1963		269	3
1962			
1961	} 5 - 15 yrs.		
1960		22	32
1959-1955			
1954-1950			

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the notification and deaths in the District, with the corresponding rates per 1,000 of the population, during the past 10 years:

Year	Cases Trans. In	New Cases Notified	Notification Rate	Deaths from T.B.	Death-Rate per 1,000 of the Population
1956	22	24	0.49	5	0.10
1957	27	21	0.39	2	0.04
1958	20	16	0.37	—	0.00
1959	27	16	0.36	5	0.09
1960	35	14	0.26	1	0.02
1961	25	17	0.30	3	0.05
1962	23	19	0.37	4	0.07
1963	24	6	0.12	3	0.05
1964	19	12	0.23	1	0.02
1965	12	8	0.15	3	0.04

The following table shows the number and types of cases on the Register at December for the last 10 years:

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total No. on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1956	166	109	48	60	383
1957	172	122	45	56	395
1958	175	125	40	55	395
1959	175	125	38	51	389
1960	177	128	38	48	391
1961	180	129	37	51	397
1962	165	117	19	26	327
1963	157	116	19	23	315
1964	157	100	21	19	297
1965	142	99	23	16	280

During 1965 there were 8 new cases (Primary). They were distributed in the following areas:

Albury	...	...	—	Normandy	...	2
Ash	...	...	3	Ockham	...	—
Compton	...	...	1	Ripley	...	1
East Horsley	...	...	1	Shalford	...	—
Effingham	...	...	—	Shere	...	—
West Horsley	...	...	—	Worplesdon	...	—

The table on page 49 shows the new cases and deaths in age periods; pulmonary and non-pulmonary figures are given separately.

TUBERCULOSIS CASES IN PARISHES as at 31/12/65

PARISH	MALE		FEMALE	
	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary
Albury	3	—	2	—
Ash	29	2	24	1
Artington	1	—	1	—
Clandon East	—	—	—	1
Clandon West	3	1	2	—
Compton	3	1	5	1
Effingham	8	2	4	2
Horsley East	10	—	10	—
Horsley West	9	2	3	2
Ockham	1	—	2	—
Pirbright	1	—	3	1
Puttenham	2	—	1	—
Normandy	8	1	2	—
Ripley	2	1	5	1
St. Martha	3	—	1	—
Seale and Tongham	9	2	3	—
Send	9	2	8	1
Shackleford	2	3	—	1
Shalford	9	—	3	1
Shere	9	5	6	3
Wanborough	1	—	1	—
Wisley	1	—	1	—
Worplesdon	19	1	12	1
Totals	142	23	99	16

A Spanish woman of 40, wife of a waiter at a hotel, died from **Tuberculous Meningitis**. All contacts were referred to the Chest Physician for examination. Subsequent medical evidence and post mortem result indicated that the disease was unlikely to have been infectious. The source of infection was never confirmed, although post mortem showed evidence of old-standing tuberculosis in the lungs. The patient had worked as a daily help at a school for spastic children outside our District, and the M.O.H. for that area was asked to check on the contacts there.

LUNG CANCER AND TUBERCULOSIS

Deaths from these two diseases of the lung present a striking difference.

The alarming increase in deaths from lung cancer is in sharp contrast to the dramatic fall in deaths from tuberculosis of the lung. The graph on page ?? shows figures for this District.

However unacceptable the facts, there is no doubt that the habit of cigarette smoking is directly associated with the increasing number of deaths from lung cancer.

Regarding tuberculosis, improved social conditions, including an adequate diet from birth, early diagnosis of lung defects, and modern drugs and treatment, account for the fall in notifications and deaths of this once dreaded disease.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

The Mass Radiography Service has now set up a General Practitioner unit in the Rural District, i.e. at **East Horsley on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays in the month from 2.45 to 3.30 p.m.** From the commencement of the service in November to the end of the year 27 persons were examined at public sessions, and 444 at two sessions set aside for industrial concerns.

NOTIFICATIONS AND MORTALITY OF TUBERCULOSIS, 1965

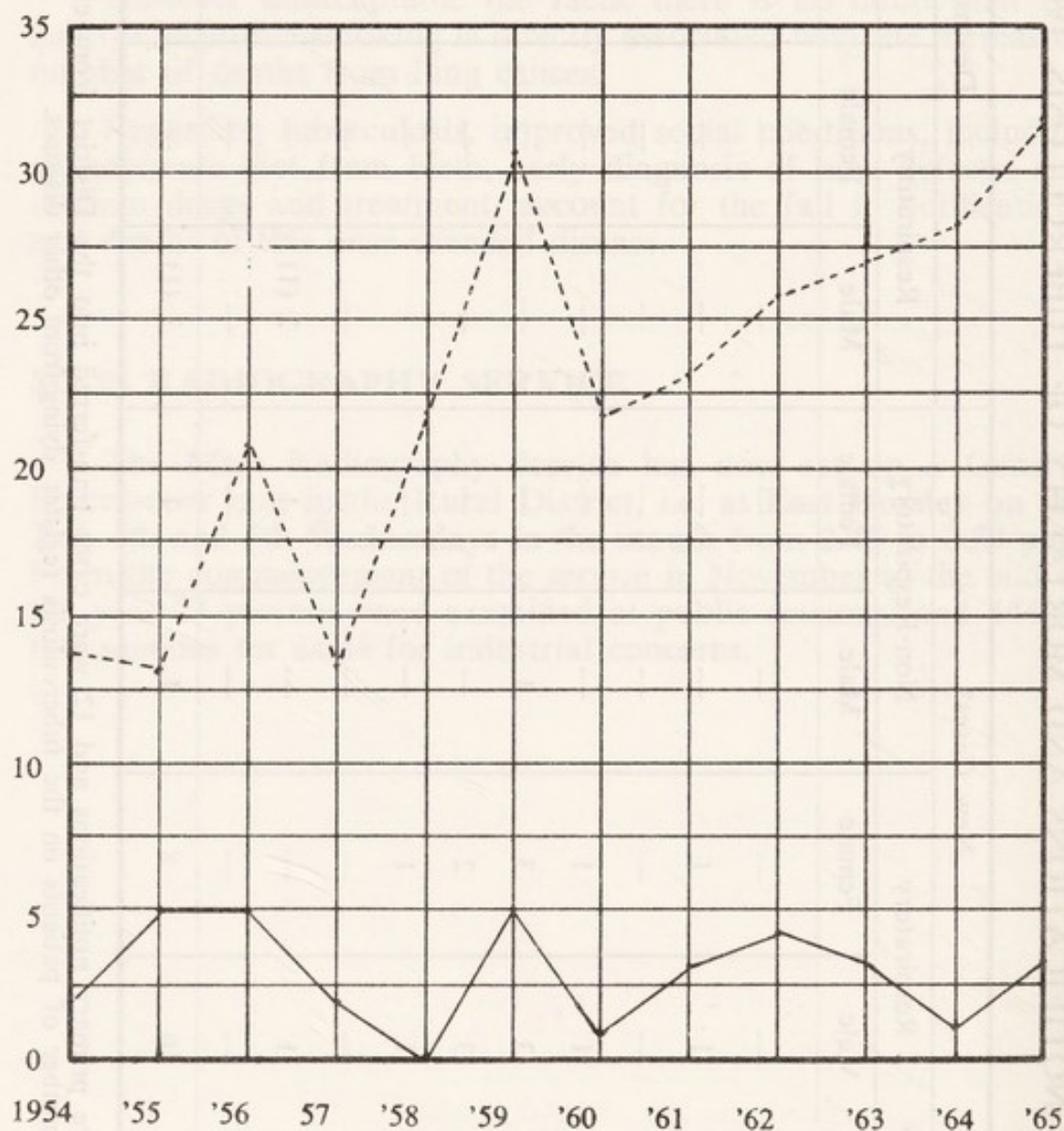
Age Periods	New Cases*				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-25	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-35	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—
35-45	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-55	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55-65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	1	2 (1)	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	10	8	1	1	3 (1)	—	—	—

* 8 of the cases were primary notifications and 12 were cases transferred into the District from elsewhere. The figures in brackets are the number of patients on the tuberculosis register dying from other diseases.

GRAPH SHOWING DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS AND CANCER OF THE LUNG IN THE GUILDFORD RURAL DISTRICT

Deaths from TUBERCULOSIS
(excluding deaths of tuberculosis
patients from other diseases)

Deaths from CANCER OF THE LUNG



CANCER

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Site	10-30		30-40		40-50		50-60		60-70		70-80		Over 80		Totals		Grand Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1965	1964
Alimentary Canal	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	1	—	3	3	5	1	—	9	9	18	15
Breast	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	—	2	—	3	—	1	—	12	12	14
Lung	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	12	2	7	2	1	—	25	7	32	28
Liver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3
Tongue	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other	1	—	—	—	6	—	6	9	8	8	6	7	7	4	34	28	62	48
1965	1	—	—	1	9	2	13	16	21	15	16	17	9	5	69	56	125	—
1964	2	1	1	1	3	7	11	7	15	14	17	9	11	10	60	49	—	109

DEATHS FROM CANCER DURING THE LAST 15 YEARS

Year	Male	Female	Total	Death-Rate
1951	36 (9)	40 (3)	76 (12)	1.64
1952	41 (11)	31 (—)	72 (11)	1.54
1953	40 (10)	34 (—)	74 (10)	1.55
1954	39 (13)	34 (1)	73 (14)	1.55
1955	40 (10)	31 (3)	71 (13)	1.50
1956	60 (18)	42 (3)	102 (21)	2.07
1957	37 (9)	33 (4)	70 (13)	1.40
1958	41 (19)	43 (3)	84 (22)	1.64
1959	55 (23)	56 (8)	111 (31)	2.11
1960	55 (20)	47 (2)	102 (22)	1.91
1961	59 (21)	52 (2)	111 (23)	2.01
1962	62 (25)	49 (1)	111 (26)	2.00
1963	61 (21)	50 (6)	111 (27)	1.94
1964	60 (21)	49 (7)	109 (28)	1.81
1965	69 (25)	56 (7)	125 (32)	2.06

Figures in brackets () are of lung cancer, included in the total.

CARE COMMITTEE FOR TUBERCULOSIS AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST

The Care Committee held two meetings during the year. The Chairman, in consultation with the Hon. Secretary, has powers to deal with day-to-day cases submitted by the Medical Social Worker. The number of cases considered was 17, and in addition 2 cases receiving extra nourishment at the end of the previous year continued to have this grant.

The total expenditure on cases during the year was £103 15s. 9d., assistance being given in the following forms:—

Provision of smokeless fuel	...	...	6
Furniture and bedding	...	...	2
Clothing or footwear	...	...	5
Pocket Money	...	...	3
Extra milk or other foods	...	...	2
Payment of T.V. Licence	...	...	1

(Some patients received help under more than one heading.)

In addition, Christmas Grants of £1 each were made to 15 patients.

A contribution of £75 was made to the Children's Holiday Scheme of the Standing Conference of Surrey Care Committees. The Christmas Seals Sale and Annual Appeal (including the sale of Christmas Cards) raised a total of £61 5s. 2d. A generous grant of £83 9s. 8d. was received from the Sunday Entertainments Fund of Surrey County Council; unfortunately the last that will be available from that source.

