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HARTISMERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1962.



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COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Water Supplies and Sewerage Committee	-	Council's Water and Sewerage undertakings.
Housing Committee	- - - - -	Improvement of Housing Amenities under Housing Acts. Provision of housing accommodation by the Council and also private enterprise.
Public Health Committee	- - - - -	Refuse Collection, Rodent Control and all other Public Health functions.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1962.

The standardised Birth Rate has risen from 16.62 to 17.2.

The Infant Mortality Rate: has decreased.

The Standardised Death Rate has risen but it is still below the National figure.

Amongst the notifiable infectious diseases, Measles was again prevalent, the majority of cases occurring in the first quarter of the year.

The number of Smallpox vaccinations rose considerably. This was probably the result of the Smallpox outbreak. There were, however, no cases or suspected cases reported in this Rural District.

No other items of outstanding importance occurred in the public health field during the year under consideration.

I should like to record my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and support, and to thank the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyal service during the year.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

K.M. HARDING

Medical Officer of Health

September 1963

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	96,486 acres
Population	16,240
No. of inhabited houses	6,088
Rateable Value	£117,17. Od.
Product of Penny Rate	£518. 0. 1d.

2. VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	142	98	240
Illegitimate	7	5	12
Total	149	103	252

Birth Rate

Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	14.8
Comparability factor	1.16
Standardised birth rate	17.2
Birth rate England and Wales	18.0

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	2	4	6

Still Birth Rate

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	24.4
Still birth rate England and Wales	18.1

Infant Mortality (Deaths of children under 1 year)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	1	2
Total	2	2	4

Infant Mortality Rate

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	8.3
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales	21.4

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1
Total	2	1	3

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	103	103	206
Crude death rate per 1,000 population		12.6	
Comparability factor		0.87	
Standardised death rate		11.0	
Death rate England and Wales		11.9	

The Registrar General has continued to supply a comparability factor, 0.87, by which the Crude Death Rate must be adjusted for comparison with other areas of the country. As this factor is less than unity, the Standardised, or corrected Death Rate is less than the Crude Death Rate. This indicates that Hartismere has a greater "weighting" of elderly persons than the average for the rest of the country.

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1962</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1961</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	1
Syphilitic disease	1	-	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	3	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	4	10	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	7	8	15	19
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	2	3	3
Diabetes	1	-	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	18	31	39
Coronary disease, angina	27	17	44	45
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1	2
Other heart disease	10	14	24	11
Other circulatory diseases	5	5	10	10
Influenza	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	10	5	15	8
Bronchitis	4	1	5	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	4	4	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	2	3	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	2	3
Other defined and ill defined diseases	9	11	20	13
Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3	3
All other accidents	3	1	4	3
Suicide	1	-	1	3
	<u>103</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>187</u>

Cancer

There were 32 deaths from Cancer in 1962 compared with 29 in 1961.

Vital Statistics - Summary for past 5 years

England &
Wales, 1962

1958 1959 1960 1961 1962

Population	16,950	16,960	16,930	16,190	16,240	
Live Births	247	245	266	232	252	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	14.57	14.45	15.71	14.33	14.8	
Standardised Birth Rate	16.90	16.76	18.23	16.62	17.2	18.0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	7	4	5	6	4	
Infant Mortality Rate	28.34	16.33	18.80	25.86	8.3	21.4
Deaths	173	170	190	187	206	
Crude Death Rate	10.21	10.02	11.22	11.55	12.6	
Standardised Death Rate	8.88	8.72	9.76	10.05	11.0	11.9

Monthly Notification of Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
Measles	10	18	64	23	2	-	1	4	4	15	2	-	143
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Pneumonia	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Salmonella	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerpera; Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11	20	66	27	2	3	2	4	4	15	2	1	157

Notifiable Diseases - Age Distribution.

	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	6
Measles	-	14	18	48	56	5	1	-	1	143
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	14	19	54	59	6	1	-	4	157

Notifiable Diseases - Summary for Past 5 years

1958 1959 1960 1961 1962

Scarlet Fever	7	52	3	8	1
Whooping Cough	-	10	21	25	6
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	217	99	38	182	143
Pneumonia	6	16	6	6	3
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	1	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	22	11	6	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	2	2	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	5	1	2	-
Erysipelas	1	4	2	1	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	1	1	-
Salmonella Typhi-murium	2	-	3	-	1

4. VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS. (figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer).

(a) Vaccinations against Smallpox.

Primary	259
Re-vaccination	203

(b) Immunisations.

(i) Primary.

Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	-
Tetanus	39
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	8
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus	200
	298

(ii) Boosters.

Diphtheria and Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus	
	156

No separate figures for this district are available for Poliomyelitis vaccinations.

5. TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Males.</u>		<u>Females.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	<u>Pulm.</u>	<u>Non-Pulm.</u>	
Cases on register at 1.1.62.	31	12	22	10	75
Primary Notifications	2	-	-	1	3
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-
Total	33	12	22	11	68
<u>Cases taken off register in 1962.</u>					
Deaths	1	-	-	-	1
Recovered	4	2	2	1	9
Removed from District	3	-	1	-	4
Re-diagnosed non T.B.	-	-	-	-	-
Total removed	8	2	3	1	14
No. of cases remaining on register at 31.12.62.	24	9	20	11	64

Tuberculosis - Statistical Summary for Past 5 Years

	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Number added to Register by Primary Notification -					
(a) Pulmonary	7	-	4	6	2
(b) Non-Pulmonary	1	1	3	1	1
Total number added to Register	16	4	7	8	3

6. WATER SUPPLY

Connections

138 connections to properties were made during the year. Of these 33 were metered supplies, and 105 were domestic supplies.

There are now 989 metered supplies in the district (up to 31st December 1962).

Water Examination

Well Water - - 6 samples were taken; 3 of which were found to be unsatisfactory.

Mains Supply - 12 routine samples were taken in different parishes and a further 12 taken at source (Redgrave Headworks). All reports showed the findings to be excellent.

Well Water Cyanosis

During the year 11 samples were taken - 9 of these were found to be safe and 1 unsafe (the reports on 1 of these was termed as doubtful). The families concerned in the unsafe case were warned and advised to obtain an alternative supply.

7. SEWERAGE

The following properties were connected to the public sewer during the year:-

Botesdale	-	10 private
Fressingfield	-	9 private
Hoxne	-	3 private
Laxfield	-	3 private
Mendlesham	-	1 private
Palgrave	-	4 private
Rickingham	-	7 private
Bacton	-	25 Council Houses
Wilby	-	Council House Scheme for 8 houses.
Worlingworth	-	Council House Scheme for 16 houses.

8. MILK DEALERS LICENCES

These are now issued under the Milk (Special Designation) regulations, 1960. There are now 9 licences issued enabling persons to sell prepacked milk from an approved source.

9. MILK SAMPLING.

No. of samples taken by East Suffolk County Council - 44.
No. containing Tuberculosis organisms - nil.
No. containing Brucella organisms - nil.

10. FOOD INSPECTION

172 Cattle were killed in the one licenced slaughter house during the year and 100% inspection of carcasses was carried out. No carcasses were condemned which again shows the first class quality of meat handled.

The following foodstuffs were condemned during the year -

168 oven ready chickens, i.e. 488.75-lbs.
1 Ox Liver.

11. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was taken under this Act.

12. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Number of factories with mechanical power	-	49
Number of factories without mechanical power	-	1
Other premises - building sites, etc.	-	31
Number of inspections made	-	59
Number of defects found	-	3
Number of defects remedied	-	3