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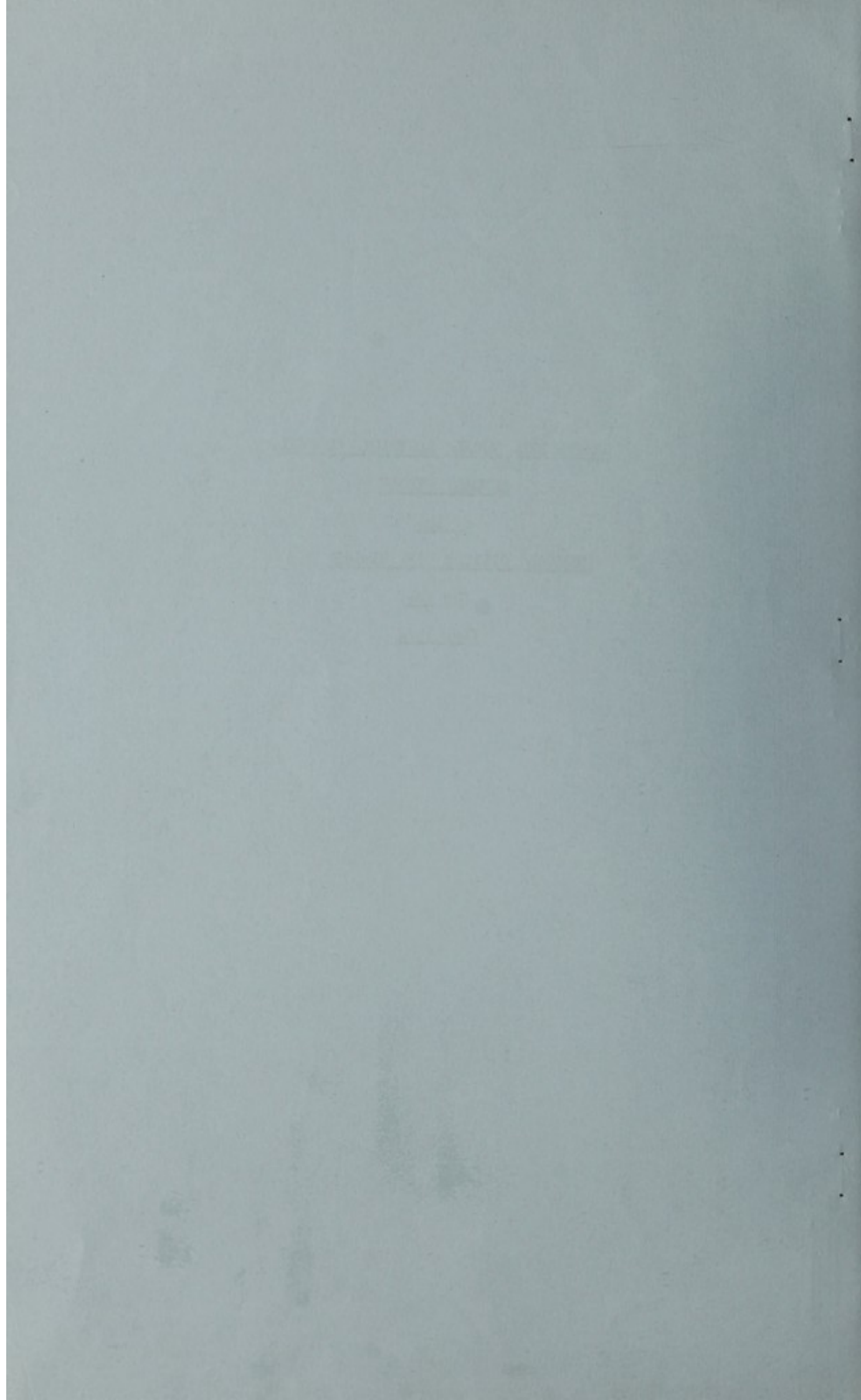
ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1964



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COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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

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 1964.

The Birth Rate is stationary. The Infant Mortality Rate and the Death Rate are below the National figures. Amongst the causes of death there is a decrease in the number of deaths from Cancer. The number of deaths from Angina has risen.

Infactious Diseases:

Measles continued to be prevalent, but the numbers of cases did not reach such a high level as the previous year.

The staff of the Health Department were involved in visiting contacts and victims of the Stowmarket Food Poisoning outbreak. There were 18 families residing in this Rural District whose children attended the affected school in Stowmarket. 93 visits were made to these affected households and 145 stool specimens were collected. This involved approximately 1000 miles of travelling.

Investigations were also made in connection with the Aberdeen Typhoid Epidemic. Numerous visits were made to food retailers and catering establishments to search for tins of Corned Beef bearing the code number of the batch suspected of being infected. A number of these (54 lbs.) were discovered and were surrendered to the department.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1965.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	96,486 acres.
Population	16,100
No. of inhabited houses	5,801
Rateable Value.	£294,592. Os. Od.
Product of Penny Rate	£1132. Os. Od.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	132	108	240
Illegitimate	5	9	14
	<u>137</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>254</u>

Birth Rate.

Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	15.67
Comparability factor	1.14
Standardised birth rate	17.86
Birth rate England and Wales.	18.4

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Still Birth Rate.

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	15.50.
Still birth rate England and Wales	16.3

Infant Mortality (Deaths of children under 1 year).

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

Infant Mortality Rate.

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	15.75
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales	20.0

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>

Deaths.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	92	78	170
Crude death rate per 1,000 population		10.49	
Comparability factor		0.87	
Standardised death rate		9.12	
Death rate England and Wales		11.3	

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>1964</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1963</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1	-
Syphilitic disease	1	-	1	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1	3	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	1	4	10
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	9	21	16
Leukaemia, alaukaemia	1	-	1	1
Diabetes	1	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	15	30	34
Coronary disease, angina	19	17	36	26
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1	1
Other heart disease	10	10	20	20
Other circulatory diseases	4	1	5	3
Influenza	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	9	5	14	12
Bronchitis	-	2	2	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-	3	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	2	4
Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea	-	1	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis.	-	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	2
Congenital malformations	2	1	3	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	4	7	11	16
Motor Vehicle accidents	2	1	3	3
All other accidents	-	1	1	6
Suicide	-	1	1	1
	<u>92</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>179</u>

Cancer.

There were 30 deaths from Cancer in 1964 compared with 38 in 1963.

Vital Statistics - Summary for past 5 years.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	England & Wales, 1964.
Population	16,930	16,190	16,240	16,210	16,100	
Live Births	266	232	252	254	254	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.71	14.33	14.8	15.68	15.67	
Standardised Birth Rate	18.23	16.62	17.2	17.87	17.86	18.4
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	5	6	4	2	4	
Infant Mortality Rate	18.80	25.86	8.3	7.88	15.75	20.0
Deaths	190	187	206	179	170	
Crude Death Rate	11.22	11.55	12.6	11.04	10.49	
Standardised Death Rate	9.76	10.05	11.0	9.60	9.12	11.3

Monthly Notifications of Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis).

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	7
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	8
Measles	43	76	3	10	15	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	152
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Total	43	79	5	10	16	6	-	2	-	6	1	4	177

Notifiable Diseases - Age Distribution.

	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	7
Whooping Cough	-	1	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	8
Measles	4	18	21	67	27	11	2	1	1	152
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	4
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Total	4	20	25	80	28	12	4	3	1	177

Notifiable Diseases - Summary for past 5 years.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Scarlet Fever	3	8	1	8	7
Whooping Cough	21	25	6	5	8
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	38	182	143	281	152
Pneumonia	6	6	3	18	4
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	-	1	2
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	2	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	1	1	2	1
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	1	1	-	-	2
Salmonella Typhi-Murium	3	-	1	-	-

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

(a) Vaccinations against Smallpox.

Primary	153
Re-vaccination	13

(b) Immunisations.

(i) Primary.

Diphtheria	-
Whooping Cough	-
Tetanus	17
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus	193
	210

(ii) Boosters .

Diphtheria and Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

145

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 1.1.64.	18	9	19	9	55
Primary Notifications	2	-	2	-	4
Transfers in	1	-	2	-	3
Total	21	9	23	9	62
<u>Cases taken off register in 1964.</u>					
Deaths	2	-	-	-	2
Recovered	-	-	1	-	1
Removed from District	-	-	-	-	-
Re-diagnosed non T.B.	-	-	-	-	-
Total removed	2	-	1	-	3
No. of cases remaining on register at 31.12.64.	19	9	22	9	59

Tuberculosis - Statistical Summary for Past 5 years.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Number added to Register by Primary Notification -					
(a) Pulmonary	4	6	2	3	5
(b) Non-Pulmonary	3	1	1	1	-
Total number added to Register	7	8	3	4	5

6. WATER SUPPLY.

Connections.

149 connections to properties were made during the year. Of these 32 were metered supplies, and 117 were domestic supplies.

Water Examination.

Well Water - - 6 samples were taken 4 of which were found to be satisfactory.

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 the County Medical Officer notified cases of women due to be confined:-

(a)	Not receiving mains water.	10.
(b)	Type of water supply not known.	85.
(c)	Total.	95.

These were investigated and as a result 6 samples were taken and submitted for a report on Nitrate Content.

7. SEWERAGE.

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

Bacton	-	73.
Botesdale	-	6.
Fressingfield	-	2.
Hoxne.	-	11.
Rickingham	-	2.
Stradbroke	-	1.
Weybread	-	2.
Yaxley	-	30.

8. MILK DEALERS LICENCES.

There are now eight licences issued by the County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) regulations, 1963, enabling persons to sell prepacked milk from an approved source in this district.

9. MILK SAMPLING.

Statutory - 18 samples taken (including 1 school milk). All results satisfactory.

Chemical Analysis - 8 samples taken. All results satisfactory.

Biologicals - 43 samples taken. All results satisfactory.

Antibiotics - 45 samples taken. One sample found to contain antibiotics.

10. FOOD INSPECTION.

164 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.

10. FOOD INSPECTION (Cond).

The following foodstuffs were condemned during the year:-

2 Pigs Heads - Tuberculosis.
36 lbs. Steers Liver - Abscess.
24 lbs. Steers Liver - Cirrhosis.
3 lbs. Steers Peritoneum - Peritonitis.
6 lbs. Corned Beef - Decomposition.
54 lbs. Corned Beef - Suspect Consignment - Typhoid.

11. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

No action was taken under this Act.

12. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Number of factories	- 49
Number of inspections made	- 58
Number of defects found	- 9
Number of defects remedied	- 9