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HARTSMERE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1965.



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COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Public Health & Sewerage Committee - - - - -	Sewerage, Refuse Collection, Rodent Control and all other Public Health Functions.
Housing Committee - - - - -	Provision and Improvement of housing accommodation by the Council.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hartismere Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1965.

There were 202 live births and 203 deaths during the year. The Standardised Birth Rate (14.28) is lower than the National figure (18.0) whilst the Stillbirth Rate (19.41) is higher than the rate for England and Wales (15.7). The Infant Mortality Rate (14.85) compares favourably with the National Rate (19.0). 60 of a total of 111 male deaths were 75 years and over and 59 of the 92 female deaths were 75 years and over.

There was an increase in the number of deaths from Cancer of the Lung, and seven more deaths from all forms of Cancer than in the previous year. Deaths from Stroke, Heart disease, and Bronchitis were also up as were Motor vehicle and other accidents.

There were no serious outbreaks of notifiable infectious disease during the year.

There was an increase of 76 in the number of inhabited houses, and in company with the rest of the county the building of houses is gathering momentum. With the high cost of land developers naturally try to make full use of every inch of a site and to place as many dwellings on it as possible. One way of saving space is by the use of terraced houses. This type of development is relatively new to our rural district and it can pose many problems. A case in point is the provision of access for refuse collection. The proper place for a dustbin is near the kitchen door. Many terraced houses have naturally no outside access from the back door to the front of the house where the road is, and in order to empty the dustbin at the back of the house it may be necessary for the Refuse Collectors to have to carry it anything up to 660 feet.

The alternative is for the dustbin to be carried through the house, by the householder, on refuse collection days, and placed outside the front door. This is neither desirable nor hygienic in 1966. Terraced dwellings can make a very useful contribution to the housing needs of a community, but the easy access of essential services is a point which requires most careful consideration.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K. M. HARDING.

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1966.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	96,486 acres.
Population	16,120
No. of inhabited houses	5,877.
Rateable Value	£303,334. -. -d.
Product of a Penny Rate	£1,210. -. -d.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	94	95	189
Illegitimate	7	6	13
Total	101	101	202

Birth Rate.

Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	12.53
Comparability factor	1.14
Standardised birth rate	14.28
Birth rate England and Wales	18.00

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

Still Birth Rate.

Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	19.41
Still birth rate England and Wales	15.7

Infant Mortality (Deaths of children under 1 year).

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

Infant Mortality Rate.

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	14.85
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales	19.00

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks.

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

Deaths.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
All causes	111	92	203
Crude death rate per 1,000 population		12.59	
Comparability factor		0.84	
Standardised death rate		10.57	
Death rate England and Wales		11.5	

Causes of Death.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
			<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	1
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	4	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	-	7	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3	3	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	7	19	21
Leukaemia, alaukaemia	1	-	1	1
Diabetes	-	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	21	36	30
Coronary disease, angina	25	13	38	36
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	1
Other heart disease	16	11	27	20
Other circulatory diseases	7	6	13	5
Influenza	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia	6	7	13	14
Bronchitis	2	2	4	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1	2
Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea	1	2	3	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	2	-	2	3
Other defined and ill defined diseases	5	6	11	11
Motor Vehicle accidents	2	3	5	3
All other accidents	3	4	7	1
Suicide	-	-	-	1
	111	92	203	170

Cancer.

There were 37 deaths from Cancer in 1965 compared with 30 in 1964.

Vital Statistics - Summary for past 5 years.

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>England & Wales, 1965.</u>
Population	16,190	16,240	16,210	16,100	16,120	
Live Births	232	252	254	254	202	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	14.33	14.8	15.68	15.67	12.53	
Standardised Birth Rate	16.62	17.2	17.87	17.86	14.28	18.0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	6	4	2	4	3	
Infant Mortality Rate	25.86	8.3	7.88	15.75	14.85	19.0
Deaths	187	206	179	170	203	
Crude Death Rate	11.55	12.6	11.04	10.49	12.59	
Standardised Death Rate	10.05	11.0	9.60	9.12	10.57	11.5

Monthly Notification of Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis).

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May.</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	2	17	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	25
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	6	-	-	-	14
Measles	10	-	-	4	2	4	8	3	1	-	-	-	32
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Pneumonia	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	4
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10	3	21	7	4	6	11	10	7	-	1	2	82

Notifiable Diseases - Age Distribution

	0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Total.
Scarlet Fever	1	3	4	11	4	1	1	-	-	25
Whooping Cough	2	2	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	14
Measles	1	5	6	9	7	4	-	-	-	32
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
Salmonella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	4
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	10	11	27	14	8	4	2	2	82

Notifiable Diseases - Summary for past 5 years.

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Scarlet Fever	8	1	8	7	25
Whooping Cough	25	6	5	8	14
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	182	143	281	152	32
Pneumonia	6	3	18	4	4
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	1	2	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	1	2	1	4
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	-	2	1
Salmonella Typhi-Murium	-	1	-	-	-

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

(a) Vaccinations against Smallpox.

Primary	120
Re-vaccination	4

(b) Immunisations.

	<u>Primary.</u>	<u>Booster.</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis/Polio	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	167	71
Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	1	110
Diphtheria	-	23
Pertussis	-	-
Tetanus	14	13
Salk Poliomyelitis	1	50
Sabin Poliomyelitis	221	134

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 1.1.65.	19	9	22	9	59
Primary Notifications	1	-	1	-	2
Transfers in	1	-	-	-	1
	21	9	23	9	62
<u>Cases taken off register in 1965.</u>					
Deaths	-	1	-	-	1
Recovered	1	-	-	-	1
Removed from District	-	-	-	-	-
Re-diagnosed non T.B.	-	-	-	-	-
Total removed	1	1	-	-	2
No. of cases remaining on register at 31.12.65.	20	8	23	9	60

Tuberculosis - Statistical Summary for Past 5 years.

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Number added to Register by Primary Notifications -					
(a) Pulmonary	6	2	3	5	2
(b) Non-Pulmonary	1	1	1	-	-
Total number added to Register	8	3	4	5	3

6. WATER SUPPLY.

Connections.

175 connections to properties were made during the year. Of these 23 were metered supplies and 152 were domestic supplies.

Water Examination.

Well Water - 1 sample was taken and this was found to be satisfactory.

Mains Supply - Routine samples were taken in different parishes and also 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	7
(b) Type of water supply not known	72
(c) Total	79

These were investigated and as a result 3 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	-	44
Botesdale	-	10
Fressingfield	-	1
Gislingham	-	3
Hoxne	-	1
Laxfield	-	4
Mendlesham	-	1
Palgrave	-	5
Rickingham	-	1
Stradbroke	-	5
Weybread	-	5
Yaxley	-	40

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 - 14 samples taken. All results satisfactory.

Chemical Analysis - 4 samples taken. All results satisfactory.

Biologicals - 42 samples taken. 1 sample found to be positive for tubercle bacilli.
(9 samples in R.D. but sampled at dairy in Stowmarket.)

Antibiotics - 60 samples taken.
(11 samples produced in R.D. but sampled at dairy in Stowmarket.)

10. FOOD INSPECTION.

159 Cattle were killed in the one licensed 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:-

39 lbs. Steers Liver - Abscess.
20 lbs. Steers Liver - Cirrhosis.
6 Cornish Pasties - Decomposition.

11. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47.

An elderly lady was removed to an Old Peoples' Home under the terms of this Act.

12. FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Number of factories	-	49
Number of inspections made	-	67
Number of defects found	-	6
Number of defects remedied	-	6.