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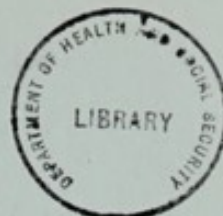
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LOTHINGLAND RURAL DISTRICT
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1972

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Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1972.

The population of the district continues to increase in number, continuing the trend seen over the past few years. In 1972, it reached 23,280. A small but steady rise in the number of births continues, this year the total being 375. The number of deaths is up on the previous year - 265 compared with 241 the year before. The increase in population of the district therefore, has been brought about by movement of people into the district, a fact further illustrated by the increase in inhabited houses during the year - from 8,520 in 1971 to 8,759 in 1972.

The causes of death follow the national pattern. The main causes are those associated with heart disease. Approximately one quarter of the deaths were due to cancer. Only 2 deaths were due to motor accidents, compared with 7 in 1971.

Measles continues to be the only infectious disease with any significant prevalence, 132 cases were notified in 1972, 106 in 1971 and 188 in 1970. Immunisation against measles is making steady progress, but there is need for much more encouragement to mothers to have their children immunised against this infection.

This will be the last report on the health of this District, I shall write, it will also be one of the last Health Reports I shall write as a Medical Officer of Health. The future pattern of this aspect of the duties of a Community Physician have yet to be detailed. It brings to an end a long series of reports which over the years have illustrated the steady progress which has been made in improving the health of the Community. Great improvement has been made, particularly in the field of preventing infectious disease, in protecting the public against food poisoning and similar water borne diseases, in lowering the child and infant death rates, in extending the span of life, in improving housing and conditions of work, and so on. There is still a great deal of ill-health, both physical and mental, which needs much attention, and there is the ever increasing toll of accidents in the home, in industry, and on the roads. So it may be just as well, that great changes are afoot in the reorganisation of the health services, so that we are encouraged to reorient our viewpoint towards tackling some of the current problems.

I take this opportunity Mr Chairman, of thanking you and your Committee members for the interest you have shown in the past work of your Health Officers and in the courtesy and kindness you have always shown to me personally.

I have the honour to be
Your obedient servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE

Medical Officer of Health

September 1973

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 44,675 acres (Census 1961).

Population 1972: 23,280

Population Census 1961: 16,034

Number of inhabited houses at 31st December, 1972: 8,759

Rateable Value: £804,785

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	LOTHINGLAND					England and Wales Rates
	Total	Male	Female	Crude Rate	Adjusted Rate	
Live births -						
legitimate	351	169	182	-	-	-
illegitimate	24	12	12	-	-	-
total	375	181	194	-	-	-
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	16.1	16.3	14.8
Still births -						
legitimate	4	1	3	-	-	-
illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	4	1	3	-	-	-
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	-	-	-	11.0	-	12.0
Total live and still births	379	182	197	-	-	-
Infant deaths -						
under 1 year	4	3	1	-	-	-
under 4 weeks	3	2	1	-	-	-
under 1 week	2	2	-	-	-	-
total	9	7	2	-	-	-
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	-	-	-	11.0	-	17.0
Neonatal (under 4 weeks) Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	-	-	-	8.0	-	12.0
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week) per 1,000 live and still births	-	-	-	16.0	-	22.0
Deaths from all causes	265	147	118	-	-	-
Death rate per 1,000 population	-	-	-	11.4	10.8	12.1

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females	Total
Measles	1	-	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	6	4	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	11	2	13
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	10	10
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	-	3
Leukaemia	1	1	2
Other malignant neoplasms	5	4	9
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Avitaminoses, etc.	-	1	1
Other Endocrine, etc., diseases	1	-	1
Anaemias	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	1	2
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	1	-	1
Ischamic heart disease	52	19	71
Other forms of heart disease	8	12	20
Cerebrovascular disease	13	34	47
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	1	7
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	9	10	19
Bronchitis and emphysema	7	-	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	3	-	3
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	2	1	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Diseases of masculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	3	1	4
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
All other accidents	1	3	4
Total all causes	147	118	265

Notifications of Infectious Diseases

Measles	132
Scarlet fever	1
Infective jaundice	1
Tuberculosis	2
Typhoid fever	1

137

TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Pul.</u>	<u>Non-pul.</u>	<u>Pul.</u>	<u>Non-pul.</u>	
Number of cases on register at 1st January, 1972	43	9	13	5	70
Number of cases added during year	2	-	5	-	7
Number of cases removed during year	8	3	1	-	12
Number of cases on register at 31st December, 1972	37	6	17	5	65

Cases added to register

New notifications	7
Inward transfers	-
	<u>7</u>

Cases removed from register

Recovered	12
Died	-
Removed to other areas	-
	<u>12</u>

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1972

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1972.

This year, owing to extreme pressure on the department, I am presenting the report in factual form.

With the division of Lothingland and its amalgamation into the larger units of Waveney and Gt. Yarmouth in April, 1974 it seemed prudent to prepare for the inevitable and formulate a forward programme for Housing, Sewerage and the other services. This has been done and the development of 5 sites to provide 64 houses, 47 bungalows and 37 old peoples flats has been initiated. Building land for the future is also in the process of being purchased. The sewerage scheme for Burgh Castle is virtually completed, likewise the extensions to Corton Treatment Works. Schemes for Hulver and extensions for Kessingland are prepared and work will start in 1973/74. The fringe areas of Lowestoft and Blundeston extensions are on the drawing board. An incentive bonus scheme for all the manual staff has been instituted and improvements to the cleansing service have been carried out.

This will be my last annual report to you. I have enjoyed 12 years as your Public Health Inspector, more than half of that time as the leader of a helpful and efficient team organised to advise and serve the people residing in, and visiting the District.

I have been assisted at all times by my own staff, both manual and office, and wish to record my thanks for their support and effort. As always, I have had the co-operation and support from Dr. Gee, Mr. Allen and the departmental chief officers and their staffs.

Finally, Mr Chairman, I would like to express my thanks to you and all the members, past and present, for the interest shown and the encouragement given me throughout my service with Lothingland.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. J. L. HORNE,

Chief Public Health Inspector

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Meat Inspection	547
Moveable Dwellings	242
Food Hygiene and Ice Cream	171
Offices, Shops and Railway premises	125
Rodent Control and Pests	27
Cleansing (incl. drainage)	300
Sewage (incl. drainage)	393
Water Supplies	40
Housing	316
Nuisances	113
Public Conveniences	30
Clean Air Act	39
Factories	16
Petroleum	55
Swimming Pools	25
Offensive Trades and Scrap Metal	2
Oil Pollution	6
Civic Amenities Act	27
Agriculture	6
Knackers Yards	1
Infectious Diseases	6
Animal Boarding Kennels	2
Poultry Establishments	1
Miscellaneous	124
	2,604

HOUSING

146 dwellings were inspected during the year which resulted in the following action:-

Number of houses demolished and
unfit houses closed: 10

Number of families re-housed
from unfit houses: 8

Number of houses rendered fit
after service of formal notices
under the Housing Act, 1957: 7

Number of Demolition Orders made: 13

Number of Closing Orders made: -

Number of Undertakings not to re-let 3

Provision of New Housing Accommodation

Houses erected by private enterprise: 236

Houses erected by the Local Authority: 57

Improvements to Houses

Number of dwellings in respect of which improvements were carried out with grants:

Improvement Grants: 70

Standard Grants: 16

Council houses modernised during the year: -

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Number of licenced sites: 63

Number of caravans used as permanent dwellings: 194

Number of caravans used for holiday accommodation: 3,061

FOOD PREMISES

271 inspections were made to the following 226 food premises in the district:-

Grocers and General Stores:	85
Butchers:	10
Fishmongers (wet or fried):	10
Greengrocers:	2
Sweets and confectionary:	13
Bakery and confectionary:	3
Licensed premises:	62
Restaurants and cafes:	31
Canteens:	6
Warehouses:	4

Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Ice-cream manufactures:	1
Ice-cream retailers:	78
Sausage and preserved food manufactures:	8

WATER SUPPLIES

The East Anglian Water Company are the undertakers supplying water in the Rural District from the following works:-

- Lound, where the water is obtained from the lakes which are fed from the surrounding gravel strata;
- Barsham, where the water is obtained from boreholes into the underlying chalk;
- Holton, where the water is obtained from three boreholes in the underlying chalk;
- Broome, where the water is obtained from shallow wells into the terraced gravels.

The results of samples taken from domestic supplies and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Ipswich were as follows:-

	<u>Mains supply</u>	<u>Private wells</u>
Unsatisfactory	-	19
Satisfactory	3	14

4 samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for examination for nitrate content:

Private wells -	Safe	4
	Doubtful	-
	Unsafe	-

The following is a list of the dwellings supplied with mains water:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Dwellings Direct Connections</u>	<u>Standpipes</u>
Barnby	90	6
Belton and Browston	672	1
Benacre	11	2
Blundeston	391	-
Bradwell	1,489	7
Burgh Castle	172	4
Carlton Colville	908	-
Corton	335	5
Covehithe	1	7
Flixton	17	-
Fritton	61	2
Frostenden	69	10
Gisleham	110	14
Henham	6	-
Henstead	95	7
Herringfleet	83	-
Hopton	270	-
Kessingland	1,259	12
Lound	112	-
Mutford	99	4
Oulton	130	2
Reydon	698	-
Rushmere	16	-
Somerleyton	115	-
South Cove	22	8
Uggeshall	29	8
Wangford	173	10
Wrentham	239	37
Totals	7,672	146

RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Non-agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
Total number of properties inspected following notification:	298	55
Number infested by - rats:	282	55
mice:	22	9
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification:	602	51
Number infested by - rats:	60	6
mice:	22	1

£350 was received for this service from business and other premises.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

	<u>cattle:</u>	<u>cows:</u>	<u>calves:</u>	<u>sheep:</u>	<u>pigs:</u>
Number of animals killed and inspected:	1,301	17	10	303	4,006

Diseases other than T.B. and Cysticercosis:

Number of whole carcasses condemned:	1	-	3	-	3
Number of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	205	9	3	-	323

Tuberculosis only

Number of whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	-
Number of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	-	-	-	-	97

Cysticercosis: There were no cases found during the year.

The total weight of meat and offals condemned amounted to 3 tons 4 cwts. 3 qrs. 3 lbs.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority:	8	4
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority:	47	12

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SEWERAGE

The table below gives details of the various schemes within the District:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Pumping Stations</u>	<u>Ejector & Diverter Stations</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
Bradwell	1	-	Gt. Yarmouth sewer
Belton/pt. Burgh Castle	4	-	Gt. Yarmouth sewer via Bradwell P. Stn.
Hopton-on-Sea	2	1	Gt. Yarmouth sewer
Lound	1	-	Corton Disposal Works via Hopton P. Stn.
Blundeston	1	2	Corton Disposal Works
Corton	2	1	Corton Disposal Works
Barnby	1	-	Worlingham Disposal Works (Wainford R.D.C.)
Mutford	1	1	Worlingham Disposal Works via Barnby P. Stn.
Carlton/pt. Gisleham	2	-	Lowestoft sewer
Gisleham	1	1	Kessingland Disposal Works
Kessingland	3	-	Kessingland Disposal Works
Wrentham/pt. South Cove	2	1	South Cove Disposal Works
Frostenden	1	-	Wrentham Disposal Works
Wangford	1	1	Wangford Disposal Works
Reydon	3	-	Southwold Disposal Works
Somerleyton, Fritton and Herringfleet	2	4	Somerleyton Disposal Works
Camps Heath	-	1	Lowestoft sewer

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The conveniences at Hopton, Corton, Kessingland and Frostenden were again used extensively throughout the holiday period. Maintenance was carried out by part-time attendants and full-time staff.



