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MARLBOROUGH BOROUGH



ANNUAL REPORT

on

THE HEALTH OF THE AREA

and

THE WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

for the year

1963



# EAST WILTS UNITED DISTRICTS

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#### BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH

East Wilts United Districts (M.O.H.) Office, 1, The Green,

MARLBOROUGH.

Telephone 487.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1963, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959 and Ministry of Health Circular 1/64.

During the year 67 Marlborough people died compared with 62 in the previous year. The death rate of 12.5 per 1000 population, which has been adjusted by means of a comparability factor to enable the rate to be fairly compared with that for the country as a whole or with other areas, is a little above the County and National rates. It is pleasing to record, however, that there were no infant or childhood deaths during the year and, in fact, only one death in a person under the age of 45 years, that of a 26 year old woman from a complication of an ulcer of the duodenum. It is also satisfactory that no motor vehicle or other accidental deaths occurred.

The live birth rate for the Borough for 1963, adjusted to allow for population structure, was 18.9, a little lower than last year's figure and much the same as the National rate. Of all the births (live and still), four were illegitimate, giving an illegitimacy rate of 4.8%, less than last year's figure of 6.5%.

As there were no infant deaths, the infant mortality rate was nil. The stillbirth rate of 24.1 was less than in 1962, but, as pointed out in the preamble to last year's Report, we should remember that rates based on small absolute numbers must be expected to vary quite widely from year to year.

Of the 94 cases of infectious disease notified by practitioners in the area, 79 were cases of measles.

The dysentery notifications refer to a small outbreak involving children and staff of the Marlborough Children's Convalescent hospital. In addition, notice was received of a Salmonella menston infection affecting a student nurse at this hospital. No further cases of this latter infection occurred.

Five tuberculosis notifications was an unusually high number compared with experience in the Borough in recent years. One of these was a glandular type of infection, probably originally acquired as long as ten years ago when there was an outbreak of non-pulmonary tuberculosis in Marlborough children drinking milk from a local T.T. herd in which a tuberculous cow was found.

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Thus this infection was imported into the town, since the original case was a man who had come to work in Marlborough only shortly before his illness became serious and his infection was undoubtedly acquired elsewhere.

Regarding protection against infectious diseases by immunisation, I am once again indebted to Dr. Lycott, the County Medical Officer, for supplying statistics concerning work carried out by General Practitioners and Medical Officers of the County Health Department in respect of residents in the Borough. Diphtheria immunisation (combined in most cases with protection against whooping cough and tetanus) was completed in 20 of the 81 children born during the year. Some of these children would be too young to be expected to have had a complete course by the end of 1963, and to obtain some idea of the immunisation state of the child population at risk it is more useful to consider how the 89 children born during 1962 have fared. Of these, the figures suggest that 21 had a complete course of primary immunisation against diphtheria in 1962, and a further 42 in 1963, giving a total of 63, that is 71%. (No account of such factors as migration has been taken in arriving at this rough estimate).

Immunisation against poliomyelitis was carried out by the use of oral vaccine during the year. A rough estimate of the proportion of babies protected in this way can be made by considering again the 89 babies born during 1962. Of these, 2 were protected in 1962 and 56 in 1963, giving a total of 58, or 65%.

Only 2 primary vaccinations in children against smallpox were recorded during the year and it would appear that considerable ground is being lost in providing the community with a high level of protection against this dangerous disease, the possibility of the entry of which into this country from time to time cannot be ignored, as comparatively recent events clearly demonstrated.

Several old people living alone were seen during the year where the possibility of action for compulsory removal to hospital or Part III accommodation under the provisions of section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, had been considered, but in no case was it necessary to have recourse to the legal powers.

I would like to conclude these introductory remarks by expressing my thanks to all members of the Borough Council staff for their helpfulness on numerous occasions, to my Clerical Assistant, Miss G.M. Boswell, particularly for the attention she has devoted to the preparation of this Report, and to my colleague, Dr. F.J.G. Lishman, who has kindly acted as my Deputy whenever it has been necessary for me to be away from the district.

I am your obedient servant,

H.I. LOCKETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1964.

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# Staff of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health H.I. Lockett, M.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector H.C. Yeoman, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector R.H. West, A.RS.H., M.A.P.H.I.

(resigned 15.9.63) W.H. Jones M.A.P.H.I. (commenced 1.9.63)

Clerk (M.O.H. Office) Miss G.M. Boswell

Clerk (Borough Office) Mrs. T. Holbrook

The Medical Officer of Health acts in a similar capacity for the three Rural District Councils, Amesbury, Marlborough and Ramsbury, and Pewsey. These combined districts have a population of 62,440 and an area of 235,289 acres. They have appointed a Joint Committee, the East Wiltshire United Districts (Medical Officer of Health) Committee, to deal with all matters relating to the office of medical officer of health. The Medical Officer also performs duties for the Wiltshire County Council under the National Health Service, Education and Mental Health Acts.

The office of Chief Public Health Inspector is combined with that of Borough Surveyor, and his Assistant is likewise Assistant Borough Surveyor.

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# GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	1496
Population, Registrar General's mid-year estimate	5660
Number of inhabited houses and flats	1600
Number of houses and flats owned by the Council	531
Rateable Value	£198,090
Product of a Penny Rate	£700

# VITAL STATISTICS

				Male	Female	Total
Live Births				 .40	41	81
Legitimate				 38	40	78
Illegitimate				 2	1	3
Still Births				 1	1	2
Deaths of Infants under	one	year of	age	 nil	nil	nil
Deaths from all causes				 29	38	67

	Crude	Adjusted
Live Birth Rate per 1000 population	14.3	18.9
Death Rate per 1000 population Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births	11.8	12.5
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Total Births		nil 4.1

# Comparisons, 1963

	Marlborough Borough	Wiltshire County	England and Wales
Birth Rate per 1000 population	 18.9		18.2
Death Rate per 1000 population	 12.5		12.2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	 nil		20.9

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# CAUSES OF DEATH, 1963

	Cause of Death			Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory			 _	_	_
2	Tuberculosis other			 _	-	_
3	Syphilitic diseases			 _	-	_
4	Diphtheria			 _	-	-
5	Whooping cough			 -	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections			 -	-	_
7	Acute poliomyelitis			 -	-	-
8	Measles			 _	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic dise			 -	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasms stomach			 	2	2
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12	" " breast			 -	1	1
13	" " uterus			 -	_	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neop	lasms		 3	3	6
15	Laukaemia aleukaemia			 1	-	1
16	Diabetes			 1	-	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system			 4	12	16
18	Coronary disease angina			 5	4	9
19	Hypertension with heart disease			 1	_	1
20	Other heart disease			 3	3	6
21	Other circulatory disease			 -	3	3 3
22	Influenza			 1	2	3
23	Pneumonia			 1	2	3
24	Bronchitis			 2	1	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory syst	em		 -	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum			 -	1	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea			 1	-	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis			 -	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate			 1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion			 -	-	-
31	Congenital malformations			 -	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined dise	ases		 5	4	9
33	Motor vehicle accidents			 -	-	-
34	All other accidents			 -	-1	-
35	Suicide			 -	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war			 -	-	-
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# INCUNISATION STATISTICS, 1963 (By courtesy of the County Medical Officer)

# (1) Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus Immunisation

Year of Birth		1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1954-58	1949-53
Primary immunisation completed during 1963	Diph.	20	42	2	2	3	3	-
	Wh/c.	20	42	-	2	2	1	-
	Tet.	20	42	2	2	3	3	-
Reinforcing injections administered during 1963	Diph.	-	2	13	1	6	39	-
	Wh/c.	-	1	12	1	4	2	-
	Tet.	-	2	13	1	4	35	-

# (2) Smallpox Vaccination

Months					Years						
Age Group	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-14	15+			
Vaccinations	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1			
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	28			

# (3) Poliomyelitis Immunisation

Age Group	2nd inj.	3rd inj.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	3rd oral after 2 injs.	after 2	4th oral after 3 injs. or 3 oral			
Children born in 1963	-	illes	-	6	-	-	-			
Children born in 1962	-	Designation of the last	-	56	-	-	-			
Children born in 1961	-	-	1005	28	-	1	-			
Children and young persons born 1943-1960	-	or Year	-	41	17-	24	87			
Young persons born 1933-1942	-	nath.	-	7	-	-	-			
Others			-	7	2-	-	-			
Totals	-	-	-	145	-	25	87			

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# Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the year 1963.

Council Offices, 1, The Green, Marlborough.

Telephone: Marlborough 118

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fifteenth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health department. The report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 1/64 dated 13th January, 1964.

During the year Mr. R.H. West, Additional Public Health Inspector left to take up a new appointment with Ashburton U.D.C. His place was taken by Mr. W.H. Jones from Liverpool C.B.C.

This change of staff, and increasing pressure of other work, has resulted in fewer inspections in 1963. The staff situation has been considered by the Council, and a further Junior Assistant will be taking up his appointment in January, 1964.

Your obedient servant.

H.C. Yeoman.

Chief Public Health Inspector

# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS

A total of 578 inspections were made by the Public Health Inspectors in 1963, and these are summarized as follows:-

Water Supplies	4
Drainage	49
Moveable Dwellings	49
Factories	25
Refuse Disposal	32
Rodent Control	8
Petroleum installations	23
Housing	16
Inspection of Meat and other Foods	12
Dairies	16
Food Premises	32
Improvement Grants	28
Swimming Bath	18
Shops	2
Miscellaneous Visits	42
Building Byolaws	268
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# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food and Drugs Acts. The following premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

> Sale of Ice Cream Manufacture of Ice Cream nil Manufacture and sale of Sausages and Preserved Meats Fish and Chips

Food Premises.

There are the following food premises within the Borough :

Bakehouses	3
Butchers	5
Cafes and Restaurants (unlicensed)	6
Dairies	1
Fishmongers	3
Fried Fish Shops	1
Greengrocers	16
Grocers	16
Licensed premises doing catering	13
Licensed premises not catering	12
Sweets and Suger confectionery	5

Condemned Food.

75 lbs 15 ozs of food was condemned during the year. It was all fresh meat, most of which was affected by extensive bruising.

Food Hygiene Regulations. The number of inspections fell during the year, but in general conditions continue to be satisfactory. A number of informal notices were served, but no formal action was necessary.

Meat Inspection.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the district, and therefore, the only meat inspected was in the shops, at the butchers' requests.

Act. 1933-1954.

Slaughter of Animals The number of persons licensed to slaughter animals is three. In addition a Cash Captive Bolt Pistol is held in the office by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Milk Regulations.

There are five licensed dealers in the Borough. All premises have been regularly inspected, and sampling carried out in accordance with the delegation agreement. During the year 28 statutory samples were taken.

# MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

At the end of the year the number of licensed sites had fallen to two with a total number of three caravans. Both sites have been inspected from time to time, and are satisfactory.

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#### HOUSING.

Council Housing. During the year eight 2 bedroom houses were completed, and at the end of the year the following were in course of construction :

> Four 2 bedroom houses Two 3 bedroom houses Three Old People's Bungalows.

Provisional plans have been made to demolish Nos. 44-49 St. Martins and to re-build Old People's Flats on the sites. By the end of the year one tenant had been rehoused, and efforts are being made to re-house all the remaining tenants as soon as possible.

Private Housing. Seventeen houses were completed and occupied in 1963, almost double the number in the previous year. start has been made on the preparation of a Development Plan for the Borough, although by December it still had not received final approval. Outline planning consent, in the meantime, had been given for over 100 dwellings, and in addition the Council have engaged Architects to prepare plans for the development of 11 acres of Portfields.

# Housing Consolidated Regulations.

The information called for in Article 31 of the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 is set out below :

- (1) Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation. Nil
- (2) Number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.
- (3) Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders. Nil

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- (4) The number of notices requiring the execution of works.
- (5) The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. Nil
- (6) The number of demolition or closing orders. Nil
- (7) The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under subsection (2) of section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930.
- (8) The number of houses demolished. Nil

# Improvement Grants.

During 1963 thirteen applications were received, the details of which are as follows :

Туре	Applications Received	Granted	Amount
Discretionary	3	3	£755
Standard	10	10	£1200

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#### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The weekly collection of house and trade refuse has continued satisfactorily with a twice weekly collection for hotels and cafes.

There was a further drop in the amount of salvage collected during the year.

The amounts of waste paper collected during the past six years are :

1958	92	tons	7	cwts.	1961	92	tons	12	cwts.
1959			12		1962	88	"	6	11
1960			0	"	1963	75	"	19	"

# PETROLEUM.

At the end of 1963 there were 24 licensed installations. One petroleum installation was closed during the year, and the tank rendered harmless. The testing of tanks over 20 years old has continued.

# DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

The main sewage disposal works in Elcot Lane continues to function reasonably satisfactorily. Difficulties have been experienced in maintaining a good effluent, due to the effect of trade wastes, and a system of re-circulation has been continued.

# RODENT CONTROL.

There were 47 complaints in 1963, all except 16 from private houses. Disinfestation is carried out by the Borough Foreman under the guidance of the Public Health Inspector.

#### FACTORIES.

Twenty five inspections were made during the year, and the details are set out in the appendix to this report.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply to the entire area is now administered by the Swindon Borough Council. and consequently no inspections have been made and no samples taken.

# SWIMMING BATH.

The open air bath continues to operate satisfactorily, and during 1963 it was open to the public from 6th May to 7th September. At the end of the year plans had been prepared for filtration and chlorination plant, and it is hoped to carry out the installation before the 1964 season commences.

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MARLBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

# PART I OF THE ACT

- INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	Premises	Number	Number of				
	(1)		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)		
(i)	Factories in which Sections 1 2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	3	_	_		
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	48	22	_	_		
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)		-	-	-		
	Total	54	25	-	-		

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

	Num	ber of case	Number of cases in which		
Particulars (1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M.	By H.M. Inspector (5)	prosecutions were instituted (6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-		-
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	_	-	-		_
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	_	_	_	-	_

AWBUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HIGHTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1963 FOR THE BORONCH OF MARLEDROUGH IN THE OCCUPY OF WILLTERING OF

Preservibed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

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Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-		-	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	_	-	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	_1_	1	_	-	_	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	6	6	_	-	_	

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Sections 133 and 134) reference Outworkers -

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