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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1961.

To which is added

the Annual Report of the

SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health

G. Nisbet, M.B. Ch.B. (Ed.) D.P.H.
R.S.C. (Ed.)

Chief Public Health Inspector

M. R. Gibbs A.R. S.H., M.P.H.I.A.

• *Staphylococcus aureus*

Staphylococcus aureus is a common pathogen.

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SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	28,186 acres.
Population estimated mid 1961	8000.
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book	2,705.
Rateable Value (1st April 1961)	£71,889.
Sum Represented by Penny Rate.	£298.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.ENGLAND & WALESLive Births

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leg.	77	69	146
Ill.	1	2	3
Total	78	71	149

Live Birth Rate per 1,000
Population

18.6 17.4

Still-births.

Leg.	0.0
Ill.	0.0

Still-birth rate per 1,000
Live and still-births.

0.0 18.7

Infant Deaths

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leg.	3	1	4
Ill.	-	-	-
Total	3	1	4

Infant mortality rate per
1,000 live births: total.

26.8

Infant mortality rate per
1,000 live births: Legitimate.

28.0

Infant mortality rate per
1,000 live births: Illegitimate.

0.0 21.4

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate.

13.4

Neo Natal Mortality Rate.

13.4

15.5

Perinatal Mortality Rate.
per 1,000 live & Stillbirths.

13.4.

Maternal Deaths.

0

Maternal mortality rate per
1,000 live and still-births.

0

0.33

Death rate per 1,000 Population

11.2

12.0

International statistical classification of diseases.

INJURIES AND CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Tuberculosis respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis (other forms)	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	3	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	-
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	4	6
Leukaemia & Aleukaemia	-	3
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	5
Coronary diseases	9	9
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
Other heart diseases	2	7
Other circulatory diseases	-	1
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	4	3
Bronchitis	3	2
Other Diseases Respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth & Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	1	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	4	2
Motor Vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	3	1
Suicide	1	-
Homicide & Operations of War	-	-
	<u>49</u>	<u>42</u>

NET DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	Total under 1 year
Premature Birth and Malformation etc.	1									1
Pneumonia and Bronchitis Enteritis and Diarrhoea						1				1
Peritonitis										
Other Causes	1									1
TOTAL	2					1				3

ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM.

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths
Scarlet Fever	2	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	7
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Measles	164	0	0
Dysentery	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	14	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
TOTAL	180	0	7

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 "	4 "	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 "	15 - 19 "	20 - 24 "	25 - 34 "	35 - 44 "	45 - 54 "	55 - 64 "	Over 65 years	Unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	5	12	18	19	22	74	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	164
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	12	20	19	26	84	7	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	180

TUBERCULOSIS

	Deaths during 1961				New cases during 1961			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
15 - 25 "	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

New cases notified during 1959 = 2
 " " " " 1960 = 2
 " " " " 1961 = 2

FACTORY ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	8	10	-	-
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	25	-	-
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	30	35	-	-

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."

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	NIL		
Overcrowding	-	-			
Unreasonable temperature	-	-			
Inadequate ventilation	-	-			
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-			
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-			
(b) unsuitable or defective	-	-			
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-			
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-			
Total	2	2			

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing in the Home.

Under the County Council Scheme Nursing Services are available in all villages of the District.

Home Helps.

Home Helps can be obtained through the County Council Services. Application should be made to:-

The Home Help Organiser,
County Council Offices,
Bridge Street,
Peterborough.

General Hospitals.

The Memorial Hospital, Peterborough administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Isola-tion Hospitals.

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

(a) Provided by the Soke of Peterborough County Council.

Child Welfare.

Clinics:-

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) Village Hall, Castor. | 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoon
each month |
| (b) Methodist Church,
Schoolroom, Eye. | 1st & 3rd Monday afternoon
each month. |
| (c) Village College, Glington | 1st Thursday & 3rd
Wednesday afternoon each
month |
| (d) Village Hall, Newborough. | 2nd & 4th Tuesday
afternoon each month. |
| (e) School Canteen, Helpston. | 4th Wednesday Afternoon
each month. |

School Clinic

At the Arthur Mellows Village
College, Glington.

Monday mornings.

Diptheria Immunisation.

Provided by the General Practitionery Service under the County Council.

- (b) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.
Peterborough Area Hospital Management Committee.
Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic
 1, Thorpe Road,
 Peterborough.

Veneral Disease

The Memorial Hospital
 Midland Road,
 Peterborough.

Male Clinics:-

Monday & Wednesday

5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Female Clinics:-

Tuesday

10.30 a.m. - 12 noon


Thursday

5.30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory,
 Memorial Hospital,
 Peterborough.

Bacteriological examinations are provided for Preventative
 Medicine of the Public Health Service for the General Practitioner
 Health Service.



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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector, Surveyor and
Water Engineer for the Year 1961.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fourth Annual Report.

Further progress has been made with the provision of main drainage. At the end of the year, the scheme for Glington, Helpston, Etton and Peakirk was complete, with the exception of some branch connection work in Helpston and Peakirk and the fitting of pumps at the Wildfowl Pumping Station at Peakirk.

Approval was received from the Ministry towards the end of the year to invite tenders for the sewerage scheme for Maxey, Northborough and Marholm and it is hoped to make a start in the Summer of 1962. When this work is well under way, the time will be opportune to consider a scheme for the central part of the village of Newborough, where housing development is planned and already taking place.

The rate of connections to the sewers in Deeping Gate has been disappointing; a little under 50% have been connected to date.

A record number of private houses were erected during the year. The commencement of new properties slackened off towards the end of the year, chiefly due to financial restrictions.

Applications for Improvement Grants were well maintained and should remain at a fairly high level until the sewerage schemes are completed.

The erection of 20 new Council houses at Eye was nearing completion at the end of the year.

Improvements to pre-war Council houses were carried out at Etton and Peakirk and preparations made for similar work to 25 houses at Helpston and 8 at Borough Fen.

Two clearance areas, one at Glington and one at Maxey were declared and a number of individual unfit properties were dealt with.

The demand for the cesspool emptying service showed a slight increase, but it is felt that the service may be dispensed with in about three years time when the sewerage schemes are substantially complete.

Some improvements were carried out to caravan sites, but there is still work to be done to comply with the conditions of the site licences.

The Council decided to introduce a direct labour scheme for the collection of house refuse and it is planned to commence this on April 1st. 1962.

Public Health Work.
Infectious Diseases.

I was not called on to carry out any enquiries or disinfection work in connection with infectious diseases.

National Assistance Act, 1948. (Section 50).

There were no cases dealt with during the year.

Public Health Act - Complaints.

25 complaints were received during the year and the majority of these were dealt with informally.

Slaughterhouses.

The new hygiene regulations for slaughterhouses came into operation for the district on September 30th. and from this date the three slaughterhouses ceased to be used for this purpose.

Meat Inspection.

156 visits were paid to butchers shops and slaughterhouses and the following carcasses and offal were examined :-

Beasts 90. Sheep 418. Pigs 169.

The following was condemned :-

1	beast's carcass & offal	-	T.B. & emaciation.
5	" livers	-	fluky.
2	" "	-	abscesses.
5	pigs heads	-	T.B.
3	" mesenteries	-	T.B.
2	" kidneys	-	nephritis.
1	" liver	-	cirrhosis.
1	" lungs	-	pneumonia.
3	" hearts	-	pericarditis.
1	sheep's heart	-	pericarditis.

Food Premises.

Number of premises on register	-	42
Inspections made	-	37
Contraventions found	-	Nil

Shops Act.

There are 53 shops on the register; 40 inspections were made and no contraventions found.

Factories Act.

Number of factories on the register	30
Number of inspections made	35
Contraventions found	Nil

Unsound Food.

I was not asked to deal with any unsound food, other than meat, during the year.

Rodent Control.

Inspection made (estimated).

At private dwellings	356
" business premises	38
" agricultural "	41
" Council property	16

Treatments carried out :

At business premises	9
" private houses	1
" refuse tip	2
" farms	1
" Council houses	5

Quite a few complaints were received in the late Autumn and treatments carried out where requested. Most people find it cheaper to carry out their own disinfection work.

Licensed Premises.

A further inspection of the licensed premises in the district was carried out and the following improvements were noted :-

Prince of Wales, Castor.	Urinal rebuilt, roofed in and provided with means of automatic flushing.
Blue Boar, Eye.	New wash-up provided in bar. Screen provided to entrance to gent's toilet.
White Hart, Eye.	Modernisation completed.
Six Bells, Glington.	Improvements carried out to living quarters.
Crown Inn, Newborough.	House closed and de-licensed.

Work was found necessary at 10 of the houses and the appropriate Brewers were written to. Attention has been promised in certain cases and the matters will be followed up.

Housing.

Private Building.

A record total of 102 dwellings were completed by private enterprise during the year, an increase of 26 over the figure for 1960. They were distributed in the following Parishes :-

Ailsworth	26
Castor	2
Deeping Gate	2
Etton	2
Eye	5
Glington	8
Helpston	12
Marholm	2
Maxey	4
Newborough	9
Northborough	29
Peakirk	1

There were 61 properties in the course of erection at the end of the year, as follows :-

Ailsworth	6
Castor	3
Etton	1
Eye	4
Glington	3
Helpston	7
Marholm	1
Newborough	8
Northborough	28

Improvement Grants.

(a) Discretionary Grants.

A total of 21 applications for improving 22 properties were approved during the year, an increase of 5 on the figures for 1960. The total amount of grants approved was £6,739 (an average of £302 per dwelling).

15 applications were for tenanted properties and 7 for owner/occupiers. At the end of the year, work was complete at 6 properties and in progress at 10 others. One application was withdrawn.

(b) Standard Grants.

A total of 29 applications were received and approved, a decrease of 8 on last year's figures.

Applications were for the following amenities :-

Baths	18
Washbasins	18
Hot water systems	20
W.C.'s	27
Larders	12

5 applications were for tenanted properties and 22 for owner/occupiers. Work had been completed at 13 properties and was in progress at 4 others.

The houses concerned were in the following Parishes :-

Ailsworth	1
Castor	3
Deeping Gate	4
Eye	2
Glington	2
Helpston	4
Maxey	2
Newborough	2
Northborough	1
Peakirk	7
Sutton	1

Council Houses.

(a) Building.

18 dwellings were completed during the year, as follows :-

Deeping Gate	4 houses.
Eye	2 houses.
Newborough	6 houses and 4 bungalows.
Peakirk	2 bungalows.

At the end of the year, 20 houses at Crowland Road, Eye, were nearing completion. The erection of eight bungalows at Maxey is to commence early in the New Year.

The 1962 building programme was provisionally fixed, as follows :-

21 flatlets at Eye.
12 bungalows at Glington.
12 dwellings at Castor.

(b) Improvements.

The provision of washbasins in the 59 pre-war Council houses at Eye was completed.

W.C.'s and washbasins were provided in the pre-war houses at Etton and Peakirk and preparations made for similar work at the 25 houses at Glington Road, Helpston and 8 houses at Borough Fen.

Paving slab paths were in the process of being laid to the pre-war houses at Eye.

(c) Maintenance.

External painting was carried out at 155 Council houses in the Parishes of Ailsworth, Castor, Eye, Glington, Helpston, Marholm, Maxey, Northborough and Peakirk.

The work of replacing obsolete shallow sinks with deep ones and bringing up to standard of electrical wiring, was continued and is now practically complete.

It was also found necessary to carry out repairs to concrete flat roofs on the post-war estates at Eye and Glington and to remedy dampness to 9" walls in pre-war houses by internal linings.

Slum Clearance.

Two clearance areas affecting 6 houses at Maxey and 7 at Glington, were declared and confirmed by the Minister.

Ten houses were represented for Closing Orders and ten for Demolition Orders.

21 houses were demolished during the year.

Plans under Building Byelaws.

203 plans were submitted under Building Byelaws, compared with 209 in 1960. 66 of these were for private garages.

Public Cleansing.

(a) Cesspool Emptying.

The scheme continued to run smoothly and the total number of tanks emptied during the year was 666. 292 of these were at Council houses and 374 at private houses. These figures show an increase of 49 over those for the previous year.

Figures for individual Parishes are given below :-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>Private Houses.</u>	<u>Council Houses.</u>
Ailsworth	-	-
Borough Fen	--	18
Castor	8	-
Deeping Gate	27	--
Etton	10	6
Eyc	32	-
Glington	29	-
Helpston	51	66
Marholm	27	55
Maxey	28	36
Newborough	33	38
Northborough	99	47
Peakirk	23	19
Sutton	5	-
Upton	-	6
Norman Cross R.D.C.		1
Thorney R.D.C.	1	
South Kesteven R.D.C.	1	
	<u>374</u>	<u>292</u>

The tanker was again used for flushing sewers, drains and dykes.

(b) Night Soil Collection.

Collections of night soil ceased in Glington on March 31st. It should be possible early in 1962 to give similar notice for the Parishes of Helpston and Peakirk.

Approximately 20 properties were added to the collection round for Newborough.

(c) Refuse Collection.

Complaints concerning this service increase during the year, especially concerning the non-collection of cardboard and paper. After considering reports on the matter, the Council decided to purchase a refuse freighter and to operate a direct labour scheme of collection as from April 1st. 1962.

Drainage and Sewerage Disposal.

Good progress was made during the year with regard to the provision of main drainage for the district. At the end of the year, the village of Etton and the southern end of Peakirk were completely sewered.

The work of laying main sewers in Helpston was completed and fair progress was being made with branch connections and the connecting up of house drains.

Approval was received from the Minister in December, to proceed to tender stage with the scheme for the Parishes of Maxey, Northborough and Marholm. It is hoped that this will be commenced in the Summer of 1962.

Connections made to sewers during the year :-

Ailsworth	1
Castor	2
Deeping Gate	27
Etton	19
Helpston	110
Peakirk	15

It would appear desirable that a sewerage scheme for the central portion of Newborough should soon be considered. New houses have been built, others are under construction and outline planning approval has been given for various sites in School Road and Soko Road. It would appear that a scheme for this area will soon be an economical proposition and discharge would be into the City Council's sewer at Dogsthorpe.

Water Supply.

The total quantity of water purchased in bulk from the Peterborough Corporation was 94,889,000 gallons, which shows a fractional decrease of 62,000 gallons over the figure for 1960; despite the completion of over 100 new houses. The fact that there is not a larger increase might be accounted for by the ban on hoses/pipes imposed during the dry spell in the Summer.

The improvement scheme for the Parishes of Castor, Ailsworth, Sutton and Upton, was deferred for a year due to the Government's financial restrictions and to the high tender prices received.

56 new connections were made to the mains (excluding those made by estate developers), as follows :-

To new dwellings	49
To fields	4
To business premises	3

The 3" A.C. main at Hundreds Farm, Newborough, was extended in 1" polythene pipe to supply Streddars Farm.

Petroleum Act.

48 licenses were issued to store petroleum spirit and the fees collected amounted to £36. 10. 0d.

Bus Shelters.

Additional shelters were erected at Peterborough Road, Eye and at Marholm.

Arrangements were made to erect a Q type shelter at the bus stop near the Bull Inn, Newborough, and this should be erected early in the New Year.

I should like, once again, to place on record my thanks to the staff and workmen for their continued help and support.

I am,
Sir, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

M.R. GIBBS.

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.