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PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1965.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

George Nisbet, M.B. Ch.B. (Ed)
D.P.H.
(until 31-3-1965).

John Bryce Stafford, L.R.C.P.
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Public Health Inspector

M. R. Gibbs, A.R.S.H. M.P.H.I.A. (until 30-6-65).

E. T. Little, F.F.S., M.R.S.H. N.A.P.H.I. (from 1-7-1965).

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

I took up my duties as Medical Officer of Health to the Peterborough Rural District on April 1st, 1965, on my appointment as an Assistant Medical Officer of Health to the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council.

Prior to my appointment, Dr. George Nisbet, the County
Medical Officer, had acted as District Medical Officer of
Health, since March, 1962. I should like to take this opportunity
to express my thanks to Dr. Nisbet for his help and advice.

Population

The estimated population for mid-1965 is, according to the Registrar-General, exactly 9,000, an increase of 240 on last year's estimate of 8,760.

Statistics

The live birth rate of 20.3 per 1,000 population is higher than that of the previous year which was 20.0, and also again higher than the rate for England and Wales, which is provisionally given as 18.1.

The death rate of 8.6 is slightly above the figure for 1964, which was 8.2 per 1,000 of population, but is well below the rate for the country as a whole, which is 11.5.

Twenty-three of the 78 deaths which occurred in the district in 1965 were due to malignant disease and leukaemia, five of the deaths being due to carcinoma of the lung or bronchus.

Fifteen deaths were due to coronary disease, nine to vascular lesions of the nervous system, and nine to other heart disease.

These 56 deaths account for approximately 72% of the total.

It is most satisfactory to report that there were no deaths in infants under one year of age. The infant mortality rate is, therefore, zero (0.0) compared with a rate of 19.0 for England and Wales as a whole.

Conclusion

The health of the District in 1965 was most satisfactory, as it shown by the above statistics.

As a new comer to the area I have greatly valued the help given by my colleagues, the Clerk of the Council, by members of the Committee, by Mr. Dunford and the clerical staff of the County Health Department, to all of whom I express y thanks.

JOHN BRYCE STAFFORD

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area Population (estima Number of inhabite Rateable Value Sum Represented by	28,207 acres 9.000 2,914 £216,137 £899				
EXTRACT FROM VITAL	STATISTICS FOR	THE '	YEAR		ENGLAND & WALES
		М.	F.	Total	
Live Births	Leg: Illeg:	86 6	87 4	173 10	
	Total	92	91	183	
Live Birth Rate pe Population	r 1,000			20.3	18.1
Illegitimate Birth	s per cent			5.4	
Stillbirths					
		М.	F.	Total	
	Leg: Illeg:	4	-	4	
	Total	4		4	
Stillbirth rate pe Live and Stillbirt				21.4	15.7
Total Live and Sti	llbirths			187	
Infant Deaths				NIL	
Infant Mortality R per 1,000 Live Bir				0.0	19.0
Maternal Deaths				NIL	
Deaths		Mal Fer	les nales	46 32	
		Tot	al	78	
Death Rate per 1,0	00 population			8.6	11.5

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		peats nade per 1,000 population

International Statistical Classification of Diseases

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1965	Males	Females
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	_	_
Tuberculosis - other forms	_	_
Syphilitic Disease	_	_
Diphtheria	_	_
Whooping Cough	_	_
Meningococcal Infections	_	_
Acute Poliomyelitis	_	-
Measles	-	_
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	_	_
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic		
Neoplasms	5	3
Leukaemia, Alukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	-	7
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	11	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1
Other heart disease	2	7
Other circulatory disease	3	2
Influenza	-	- I
Pneumonia	3	1
Bronchitis	-	-
Other Diseases of respiratory system	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	2
All other accidents	- 1	-
Suicide	-	-
Homicide & Operations of War	-	-
Totals	46	32

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ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM

	Total cases noti	fied	Cases admitte Hospit	d to		otal eaths
Scarlet Fever	-		us con-			-
Pneumonia	1		-			-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-		-			-
Measles	97		-			-
Dysentery	-		-			-
Whooping Cough	4		-		BERRE	
Food Poisoning	-		-		Sanny	
Erysipelas	-		-			_
TOTAL	102		-			-
		-				

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 34 years	35 - l/lt years	45 - 54 years	55 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	4	17	14	17	37	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	4	17	16	18	39	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102

TUBERCULOSIS

7		Deaths during 1965					New Cases during 1965				
	Pulm	onary	Non-P	ulmonary	Pulm	onary	Non-	Pulmonary			
	M	F	М	F	M	F	М	F			
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
5 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000			
15 - 25 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	STORES.			
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-			
35 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HALOZ.			
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL	-	-	_	-	-	1	-	-			

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing in the Home

Under the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council scheme the services of a district nurse are available in all villages in the District.

Home Helps

Domestic home helps are available under the County Council Scheme. Application should be made to:-

> The Home Help Organiser, County Health Department, Town Hall, Peterborough.

General Hospitals

Patients are admitted to the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Isolation 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 Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council
 Child Welfare Clinics
 - (a) Village Hall, Castor Second Tuesday afternoon in each month.
 - (b) Methodist Church Schoolroom, Eye. - The 1st Monday afternoon in each month.
 - (c) Village College
 Glinton. 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons in each month.
 - (d) Dr. Fuller's Surgery Newborough. - 3rd Tuesday afternoon in each month.
 - (e) Helpston clinic Suspended at the moment.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Provided by the general practitioner service under the County Council.

(B) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board

Tuberculosis The Chest Clinic,
1 Thorpe Road, Peterborough.

Venereal Diseases

The Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

Male Clinics Mondays and Wednesdays - 5.30-7 p.m.

Female Clinics. Tuesdays - 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Thursdays 5.30 - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices, 51, Priestgate, Peterborough. July, 1966.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND

WATER ENGINEER for the year 1965.

To: The Chairman and members of the Peterborough
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my 1st. Annual Report in respect of the year 1965 as follows:-

WUISANCES.

26 nuisances were investigated as follows:-

Premises (disrepair)	14
Drainage	8
Offensive accumulations	3
Keeping of animals	1

Appendix 1)

No.	00	factories with mechanical power	23
No.	000	factories without mechanical power	7
No.	00	outworkers premises	3
No.	of	inspections	12

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Collection of household refuse is carried out by a private contractor under the terms of a three year contract, with vehicles provided by the Council. The contract provides for 50 collections per year, and tipping is carried out by arrangement at two tips, one situated outside the rural district.

A pilot scheme using paper sacks is in operation on one council housing estate and appears to be working well. It is considered that this scheme should be extended gradually to include other small council estates in other parishes.

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928 etc.

50 current annual licences are now in force in respect of the bulk storage of petroleum mixtures at 50 premises.

14 inspections were carried out during the year.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

(a) Discretionary Grants.

Applications were received in respect of 13 premises and grants were made in each case amounting in total to £2,547.

The premises were situated in the following parishes:-

Ailsworth		1
Etton		1
Helpston	The second second	6
Marholm		2
Maxey		1
Newborough		1
Northborough		1

(b) Standard Grants.

Applications were received in respect of 26 premises for the provision of the following amenities:-

Hot water supplies	21
Water closets	24
Baths	18
Wash basins	21
Foodstores	10

The premises were situated in the following parishes:-

Eye	6
Glinton	2
Maxey	8
Newborough	4
Northborough	2
Peakirk	1
Sutton	3

CARAVAN SITES.

11 sites are licenced under the terms of the Caravan Sites and control of Development Act, 1960.

The three principle multiple sites are situated in Eye being licenced respectively for 6, 15, and 100 caravans. The site licence conditions have been re-viewed with a view to improving site standards, but the new standard has still to be implemented by the site operators.

RODENT CONTROL.

	No. of Inspections.	No. of Treatments.
Local Authority properties	6	2
Private dwellings	263	8
Business premises.	47	3
Agricultural premises	6	1

Most occupiers found it cheaper to carry out treatments for themselves than to request this service from the Council, which is carried out on a re-chargeable basis if request if made.

WATER SUPPLY.

Works.

No.	of	new domestic supplies	11
No.	of	new metered supplies	3
No.	of	new building supplies	12
No.	of	services repaired or re-newed	36
No.	of	mains repaired	13

Contract works to improve the supply situation at Eye are in progress and when completed will make adequate provision for the new development in that village.

WATER CONSUMPTION.

Bulk water consumption for the district was 137.009 million gallons equivalent to 43 gallons per head per day for all purposes. Bulk consumption shows an increase of 4.5 million gallons over last year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No investigations were required to be made during the year.

DISINFESTATION.

No call was made on this service during the year.

FOOD PREMISES.

No.	of	premises on	register	31
		inspections		27

During the year all food premises were provided with a notice for display, requesting customers not to allow dogs in premises in which food is sold. Proprietors were also supplied with an explanatory leaflet setting out the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

DRAINAGE and SEWERAGE.

The sewerage schemes for the villages of Marholm, Maxey and Northborough were completed during the early part of the year. Newborough is now the only parish of appreciable size not provided with sewerage facilities, and a report from the Consulting Engineers on the sewering of this parish has been accepted.

Trouble has been experienced at Peterborough Road, Eye pumping station largly due to the fact that the capacity of the Peterborough Corporation sewer at Newark is insufficient to cope with the combined output from the Eye pumping station, at times of heavy storm. This has necessitated adjustments to the overflow weir at the Eye station which has on occasions resulted in pollution of the ditch into which the overflow is connected. Joint meetings have been held between the two Authorities to discuss the problems involved, and the Nene and Welland River Authority are aware of the situation.

73 properties have been connected to main sewers during the year.

CESS-POOL EMPTYING.

Cess-pools and septic tanks continue to be emptied by contract which provides for two free emptyings per year where the properties are more than 100 feet from a main sewer.

305 tanks were emptied during the year, a decrease of 145 from the previous year.

NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION.

This service is provided by contract in the parishes of Newborough, Borough Fen, Maxey and Northborough. As sewers are now available in Maxey and Northborough the service will cease in these parishes in September 1966. The number of properties then receiveng the service will be approximately 70.

UNFIT PROPERTY (Housing Acts)

No. of properties demolished	18
Closing orders made	3
Unfit properties still to be dealt with	94

COUNCIL HOUSING.

14 new dwellings were completed during the year as follows:-

Parish.	No. of houses.	No. of bungalows.
Eye	4	
Newborough	The second secon	10

30 dwellings were under construction on the Hodney Road Site at Eye at the end of the year:-

Eye 20 10

The total number of Council dwellings 789, including 22 flatlets.

(b) Improvements.

Improvements were carried out as follows:-

Maxey	12
Northborough	12

(c) Maintenance.

No properties were scheduled for painting during the year as the 1964 p inting programme had not been completed, and work on this programme is continuing this year.

(d) Tenancy Changes.

Tenancy changes have been made as follows:-

Helpston	Land of		. 1
Glinton		Han Della, Br	3.
Newborough			3
Borough Fen			. 1
Upton	1,000,00		1
Eye			5
Northborough			1
Maxey	1 45 200	No man	3
Castor			1

PRIVATE HOUSING.

89 dwellings were completed during the year, distributed in the parishes as shown, and representing a small increase over 1964.

Borough Fen	1
Castor	1
Deeping Gata	2
Etton	2
Eye Glinton	7
Helpston	41.
Maxey	13
Marholm	1
Newborough.	29
Northborough	11
Peakirk	4
Sutton	3

67 properties were in course of erection at the end of the year, distributed in parishes as shewn and representing a small decrease on 1964 figures.

Ailsworth	8
Etton	1
Eye	23
Glinton	1
Helpston	2
Newborough	13
Northborough	14
Poakirk	4
Sutton	1

BUILDING BYE-LAWS.

222 plans were submitted for consideration under the Council's Building Bye-laws and/or the Town and Country Planning Acts, representing 8% increase on plans deposited last year.

460 inspections were made.

STAFF.

Following discussions with this Authority and Thorney Rural District Council subsequent to the resignation of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector in June 1965, I was appointed as Surveyor, Public Health Inspector and Water Engineer jointly to both Authorities. The Technical Assistant at Peterborough Rural District Council was also appointed jointly to both Authorities in the capacity.

The Resident Engineer (now that existing contracts are coming to and end) is to be appointed Building and Works Inspector.

These arrangements appear to be working well.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to convey my thanks for the co-operation I have received from the members of the Council, the staff, and the workmen in all the above work.

I am,

Sir. Madam and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. T. LITTLE.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

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APPENDIX 1.

FACTORY ACT, 1961.

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				Number on Register	Inspections		Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	Factories in white 1,2,3,4 & 6 are by Local Authors	to be		d 7	7	_	_
(11)	Factories not in in which section by the Local Aut	1 7 is	enforce	d 22	9	-	-
(111)	Other premises in 7 is enforced by Authority (exclusive premises)	Local		_		_	
TOTAL				29	16	-	-
				r of cases : fects were i		Number of	n pro-
	Four	nd Rer	nedied		By H.M. Inspector erred.	secution institut	
Want of	f Cleanliness	_	_	_	-	-	
Overcro	owding	-	-	_	-	-	
Tempera	ature	_	-	-	-	_	
Inadequ	ate Ventilation	_	-	-	-	_	
Ineffe	ctive drainage						
of floo		-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient -			-	-	-	-	
(b) Unsuitable or defective - (c) Not separate			-	-	-	-	
Í	or sexes	-	-	-	-	-	
the Act	offences against (not including as rolating to	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	-	

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