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# BOROUGH OF RYE



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

# **Medical Officer of Health**

# for the Year 1964

by

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Ryc.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1964.

The statistics reveal that the health of the Borough compares favourably with the rest of England and Wales.

I am pleased to report the completion of the town's comprehensive sewerage scheme which commenced in 1962 and was in operation by April, 1964. A valuable asset in safeguarding the health of the people.

The Rye County Clinic was officially opened on 30th July, 1964, a focal point in the town for making available the benefits of preventive medicine.

I am obliged to the Chief Public Health Inspector who has supplied the statistical information relating to the sanitary circumstances of the Borough included in this report.

I am indebted to the Town Clerk and other Officers for their courtesy and co-operation.

I am grateful to the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors for their stimulating interest and support.

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BOROUGH OF RYE

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STATISTICS RELATING TO THE BOROUGH OF RYE

Area of the Borough in acres. . . . . . . 1,021 Population (Registrar-General's estimate for mid-year). . . 4,370

### Analyses of Rateable Values

		1st April	1. 1963	1st April	1, 1964
Domestic properties		£102,849	60.3%	£102,663	60.3%
Commercial properties		€38,974	22.8%	€38,915	22.9%
Industrial properties		€9,499	5.6%	€9,520	5.6%
Other properties		€19,329	11.3%	€19,138	11.2%
		£170,651	100.0%	€170,236	100.0%
Sum represented by a penny	rat	ie £0	676	£69	96
Number of rateable premises at 1st April			035	2,0	33

### BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES

Live Births:

	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	27	25	52	Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	2	3	Illegitimate	-	-	-
	28	27	55		-	-	

Still Births:



### BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES (Continued)

1	Rye Borough	Figland & <u>Wales</u>
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 home population (crude).	. 12.58)	.0 .
Corrected birth rate	. 14.8	18.4
Still birth rate per 1,000 births (live and still)	Nil	16.4*
Still birth rate per 1,000 home population	. Nil	0.3

A stillbirth is defined as any child which has issued forth from its mother after the 28th week of pregnancy, and which did not at any time after being completely expelled from its mother, breathe, or show any signs of life.

\* lowest rate recorded.

Illegitimate	birth	rate	per	1,000	li	vel	births.	 ••	54.5	72.0
Illegitimate	birth	rate	per	cent	of	tot			5.4	7.2

Live births registered in England and Wales in 1964 totalled 874,178; this is the highest number since the 1947 "bulge" year when 886,820 babies were born.

### DEATHS AND DEATH RATES

Rye	Borough	England & Wales
Deaths of infants under 1 week (Perinatal)	1	10,537
Death rate of infants under 1 week per 1,000 live and still births	18.1	11.8
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks (Neonatal)	1	12,106
Death rate of infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	18.1	13.8*
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	2	17,445
Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live		
births	36.3	20.0
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	0.2
* Lowest rate recorded.		

DEATHS

Borougl	n of Ryo			Eng	land and Wa	les
Males	28)	61		Males	274,773	534,737
Females	33)	01		Females	259,964)	2249121
Death rate per	1,000 pc	opulation	13.9 2			
Corrected deat	h rate		11.7 \$		11.5	

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# DETAILED CAUSES OF DEATH

	Sex		Under 1 Year	1-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	5564	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Tuberculosis, respirator	M	1	-	-	-					over
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	F	1	_	-	_	_	-	-	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	MF	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	F	2	-	_	_	_	_	1		1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Diabetes	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M F	4 8	-	-	=	-	-	-	1	38
Coronary Disease, Angina	M F	7 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M F	1 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Heart Disease	F	4	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	4
Pneumonia	F	2	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	2
Bronchitis	М	1	-	-	-	_	_			-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	М	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M F	1	-	-	-	-	-	- 1	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostato	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	
Congenital Malformations	M	1	1	-	_	_	_	_		
Other Defined or Ill- Defined Diseases	MF	2 4	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	_			
All Other Accidents	м	1	-	-	_					1
Suicide	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M F	28 33	1	- 1		-	- 1	- 3	8	19 27



	1962	1963	1964
<ul> <li>(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system (Coronary disease)</li> </ul>	15 (26.8%) 5 (8.9%)	23 (38.3%) 13 (21.6%)	17 (27.85%) 10 (16.39%)
(ii) Vascular lesions of the nervous system	10 (17.8%)	8 (13.3%)	12 (19.69%)
(iii) Malignant neoplasms (Cancer) (Cancer of lung and bronchus)	12 (21.4%) 3 (5.3%)	15 (25%) 1 (1.6%)	13 (21.31%) 4 (6.55%)
(iv) Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis)	8 (14.3%)	8 (13.3%)	3 (4.91%)

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

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### DEATHS FROM SPECIFIC CAUSES AND RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

	Borou	gh of Rye	England	and Wales
	No. of deaths	per 1,000 population	No. of deaths	per 1,000 population
Tuborculosis (respiratory)	1	0.22	2,209	0.04
Influenza	Nil	Nil	1,013	0.02
Bronchitis	1	0.22	23,740	0.6
Pneumonia	2	0.45	29,509	0.61
Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil	4	0.00
Coronary and arterio- sclerotic heart disease	10	2.28	106,290	2.24
Cancor of the lung, trachea and bronchus	4	0.91	25,371	0.54
Cancer, all forms	13	2.97	104,698	2.2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	0.22	7,271	0.15
All other accidents	1	0.22	11,431	0.24

# DEATHS - 65 OLARS OF AGE AND OVER

	Bor	ough of R	ye	London (England and Wales not available)			
	1962	1963	1964	1962	1963	1964	
Total deaths	56	60	61	38,346	39,590	35,056	
No. of deaths 65 years and over	42	46	45	26,025	26,769	23,099	
Percentage of total deaths	75.0	76.6	73.7	67.8	67.6	65.9	

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	Death Rate England &	Wales	11.3	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.5	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3	a the second and the second as
	Corrected	Hate	11.3	9.6	9.4	11.0	12.4	12.3	11.1	13.8	11.0	11.5	11.7	
ſ	-il	Total	66	56	20	58	65	64	28	11	56	.09	61	
1	Total. Deaths	E4	37	26	21	27	35	33	28	31	26	30	33	
-		M	29	8	29	31	8	31	R	40	8	8	28	
	Birth Rate England &	00.404	15.2	15.0	15.6	16.1	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	
	Corrected Birth Rate		18.1	11.6	12.6	13.5	12.0	13.2	12.9	11.7	12.8	16.1	14.8	
	u.rths	Total	81	52	56	60	53	58	57	51	55	60	55	
	Live Births	54	47	8	27	32	28	27	23	24	29	29	27	
	31-	M	34	22	29	28	25	31	34	27	26	31	28	
	Estimated		4,600	4,570	4,550	4,520	4,470	4,470	4,480	4,420	4,360	4,370	4,370	
	Year		1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	

Ye as compared with England and Wales, and this is reflected in the increased number of deaths and the comparatively low number The Corrected Birth and Death Rates pay due regard to the increased proportion of aged persons within the Borough of

The requisite correction is achieved by using a comparability factor which is provided annually by the Registrar General.

In 1961, in the south-east (excluding London) 15.8% of people were aged 65 or over, as against 11.9% in the whole country. The number of females per 1,000 males decreased from 1,082 in 1951 to 1,067 in 1961, the relative number being higher in the south-east where there are relatively more old people.

Life expectancy remains at 68 years for a male child and 74 years for a female child at birth.

Matural increase in England and Wales

The number of births registered in 1964 exceeded the deaths by 339,554 - the highest natural increase for any year since 1948 (307,073).

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# BOROUGH OF RYE

With the Compliments of the Medical Officer of Health

THE WATCH OAK, BATTLE, SUSSEX.

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	-	1963			1964	
Deaths from:	Male	Female	Total	Malo	Female	Total
Coal gas poisoning	_481	738	1,219	363	532	895
Other poisoning	285	281	566	261	323	584
Falls	1,282	2,882	4,164	1,197	2,779	3,976
Burns and scalds	30,2	586	888	277	490	767
Choking and suffocation	273	220	493	323	227	550
Other accidents	230	193	423	225	163	388
	2,853	4,900	7,753	2,646	4,513	7,159

# ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME, ENGLAND AND WALES

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Those usually affected were under 5 years or over 65 years of age; these accidents were almost wholly preventable with the exercise of foresight and care.

It is salutary to reflect that accidents in the home account for a higher percentage of child mortality than accidents on the roads, and the trend is still upwards.

Children's Nightdresses Regulations, 1964

It has been estimated that about 300 deaths and 1,000 burns of varying severity were caused by the ignition of clothing, particular emphasis being placed on the inflammability of children's nightdresses.

From 1st October, 1964, it became an offence under the Consumer Protection Act, 1961, for a retailer to sell a child's nightdress not conforming to an agreed standard of low flammability. In this connection the Consumer Council has produced a folder entitled "Making a Nightdress?" for free distribution.

Enforcement in this area rests with the Local Health Authority.

# MOTOR VEHICLE DEATHS, ENGLAND AND WALES

						Male	Female	Total
1959						4,414	1,612	6,026
1960	••	••	••		••	4,754	1,889	6,643
1961	••	••				4,753	1,881	6,634
1962		••	••			4,522	1,784	6,306
1963	••	••	••	••		4,589	1,762	6,351
1964	••	••	••	••		5,238	2,033	7,271

There was one death from this cause within the Borough of Rye during

1964.

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		1963		1964			
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Under 5 years	2	1	3	1	-	1	
5 - 14 years	3	1	4	4	7	11	
15 - 24 years	679	45	724	799	72	871	
25 years and over	415	36	451	426	31	457	
	1,099	83	1,182	1,230	110	1,340	

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The age group 15 - 24 continues to be especially vulnerable in riders and pillion passengers, and emphasises the necessity for wearing crash helmets, a proven life saver and injury limiting measure.

Safety education in schools and youth clubs is strongly advised.

DEATHS FROM CANCER, ENGLAND AND WALES

Cancer, all forms

				19	<u>161 1</u>	262	1963	1964
Males			•••	53,4	41 54,	716 55	,180 5	6,247
Females			••	46,4	74 46,8	854 47	,200 4	8,451
Lung Cancer des	ths	in F	høls		NCER AND	SMOKING		
Marin Carloox dos				1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Males				.18,882	19,460	20,278	20,757	21,476
Females				3,118	3,350	3,501	3,677	3,895
				22,000	22,810	23,779	24,434	25,371

The death rate for cancer of the lung now accounts for 7.8% of all deaths of men, while the rates from all other forms of cancer remain virtually unchanged.

Evidence continues to accumulate pinpointing the association between lung cancer and smoking. It is salutary and enlightening to note that the death rate for men over 25 between 1951 and 1962 in England and Wales rose by 22% whereas the death rate among doctors dropped by 7% due to their changed smoking habits.

In addition, chronic bronchitis is two or three times commoner among cigaretto smokers than non-smokers although pipe smoking is not wholly without risk. This disease, accounting for 28,740 deaths in 1964, is the largest single cause of absence from work.

Despite all the publicity of the evidence incriminating smoking, 255 million pounds of tobacco were consumed in 1964, a rise of 1.5% compared with 1963. In tobacco duty this produced £892,000,000 - £14 million more than in 1963, accounting for one eighth of the public revenue.

The modical profession's campaign against smoking is completely altruistic, as a sudden drop in tobacco consumption would inevitably cause a rise in personal income tax. In the fullness of time the saving of lives in the prime of life and the reduction in hospitalisation would make a worthwhile contribution to the country's oconomy.



		Pulmonary cases			Non-pulmonary cases			Total cases (all forms)		
	M	F	Total	М	F	Total	M	F	Total	
<ol> <li>Number on Register at 1st January, 1964</li> <li>Cases previously</li> </ol>	22	4	26	5	4	9	27	8	35	
removed and ro-noti- fied in 1964	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	
<ol> <li>Primary notifications received in 1964</li> </ol>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<ol> <li>Cases moved into Borough as transfers in 1964</li> </ol>	1	1	2	-	_	-	1	1	2	
Totals	23	6	29	5	4	9	28	10	38	
5. *Cases removed from Register in 1964	1	2	3	-	2	2	1	4	5	
6. Number on Register at 31st December, 1964	22	4	26	5	2	7	27	6	33	

\*Analysis of Removals

2	Pulmon	ary	Non-pulmonary		
	M	F	M	F	
Cured	-	-	-	2	
Left Borough	-	2	-	-	
Died	1	-	-		

#### TUBERCULOSIS - PREVENTIVE MEASURES

The advent of new drugs in 1948 capable of treating tuberculosis is estimated to have saved more than 100,000 lives over the intervening years.

These new drugs have not only conserved the lives of people treated but have acted as a preventive measure in eliminating foci of infection in patients who would otherwise have disseminated the disease within the family group and to other contacts.

In 1930, 4,670 persons over 60 years died from this condition and the number was still 1,396 in 1963. These over 60's continue to be a serious reservoir of infection and every encouragement should be given to this particular age group to attend for Mass Miniature Radiography which is so easily available as a diagnostic aid for all.

Many when approached individually are apathetic and fatalistic, "nothing can be done for me at my age". This thinking must be combated if prevention is to progress to elimination, if not interested in their own welfare they must be made to realise that they could be a source of danger to their families and friends.

Mass Miniature Radiography not only discloses early tuberculous lesions but other abnormal conditions of the heart and lungs which are amenable to treatment. No appointment, no undressing, no segregation of sexes, no charge and the whole procedure is completed within minutes. A personal confidential report is forwarded by post.

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(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES	
STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1959 - 19 st January - 31st December	64

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Scarlet fever	1	4	4	2	-	-
Measles	10	6	162	2	6	111
Pneumonia	7	2	10	5	2	1
Erysipelas	2	4	-	-	4	2
Whooping cough	1	4	-	1	31	7
Puerperal pyrexia	1	2	1	-	-	_
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	1	-	-

# SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1964

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	YAM	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	20	63	23	111
Whooping cough	1	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	1	3	-	1	2	2	-	2	3	20	63	24	121

# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS 1964

	Pneumonia	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	TOTALS
Under 1 year	-	1	-	-	1
1 - 2 years	-	25	3	-	28
3 - 4 years	-	21	2	-	23
5 - 9 years	-	61	2	-	63
10 - 44 years	- 1	3	-	-	4
45 - 64 years	-	-		1	1
65 years & over	-	-	-	1	1
TOTALS	1	111	7	2	121

### (11) INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

#### Poliomyelitis

No case of policmyelitis has been recorded in this Borough for the past eleven years.

Policmyelitis became a serious epidemic in 1947 when 8,000 cases were notified. An average of 4,500 persons a year contracted the disease during the following decade. Vaccination started in 1956 and there was an immediate reduction in the incidence of this disease.

Oral prophylactic vaccine consolidated this success as exemplified by the following table:-

	Engla	nd and Wales	
	Correct	ed Notifications	
	Paralytic	Non-paralytic	Deaths
1952	2,976	1,571	338
1962	212	59	18
1963	39	12	7
1964	30	8	4

#### Diphtheria

Immunisation is the controlling factor in this disease and I am happy to record that there has been no infection in this Borough for the past 19 years.

### Measles

Having experienced an incidence of 6 cases in 1963 there was a lull until August 1964, this rise continued throughout the remaining months of the year. Fortunately there were no complications necessitating admission to hospital.

Measles prophylactic vaccine is undergoing trial.

### Whooping cough

Low incidence with immunisation controlling and minimising adverse effects.

### Food Poisoning

Following a notification of "sickness" from a Local Authority School outside the Borough involving four children of the same family, samples were taken and Salmonella mension was isolated in the father, the rest of the family proved negative.

The father (act 41 years) had no medical history relating to this condition and was apparently fit. His private doctor was notified and subsequent re-samplings following treatment showed that he was free from infortion.

The patient was engaged in poultry farming and in co-operation with the Divisional Veterinary Officer faecal swabs were taken from 20 hens in each of five houses with negative results. In addition, all food stuffs were sampled with the same result. The farm was run on hygienic lines and there did not appear to be any rodents.

The family had not taken any meals away from home for some considerable time before this episode.

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### PERIOD OF EXCLUSION IN CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

			Period of exclusion				
	Usual Incubation period (days)	Interval between onset and appearance of rash (days)		<u>Contacts</u> , i.e.the other members of the family or household living together as a family, that is, in one tenement.			
SCARLET FEVER AND STREPTOCOCCAL SORE THROAT	1–7	1-2	Re-admit when family doctor permits.	Adult contacts engaged in school meals service excluded until Medical Officer of Health allows return to work. Other contacts, if healthy, need not be excluded.			
TEASLES	7–14	3-4	10 days after the appearance of the rash if the child appears well.	Children under 5 years of age who have not had the disease should be excluded for 7 days from the date of the appearance of the rash in the last case in the house. Other contacts can attend school. Any contact suffering from a cough, cold, chill or red eyes should be immediately excluded.			
ERMAN MEASLES	5-21	0-2	7 days from the appearance of the rash.	None.			
HOOPING COUGH	6–18	-	28 days from tho beginning of the characteristic cough.	Children under 7 years who have not had the disease should be ex- cluded for 21 days from the date of enset of the disease in the last case in the house.			
HICKEN-POX	11-21		7 days from the date of appearance of the rash.	None.			
UMPS	12-28		7 days from the sub- sidence of the swelling.	None.			
ONJUNCTIVITIS INCLUDING PINK YE)	1-3		To be excluded until certified as fit to attend.	None.			
INGWORM OF THE DDY (including TILETE'S FOOT)	excluded.	fected area He should n of ringworm	can be kept covered not, however, take pa	the patient need not be art in swimming - nor in mastic classes or bare-			

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### VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The percentage of children born in 1963 who were immunised at 31st December, 1964 by the East Sussex Local Health Authority is compared with England and Wales:-

	Children born 1963						
	Diphtheria	Whooping cough	Poliomyelitis				
Local Authority	87	86	79				
England and Wales	69	68	60				

### SMALLPOX VACCINATION

	Loc	al Healt	h Author	ity's Reco	ords	
		Primary		Re-va	coination	
	*1962	1963	1964	*1962	1963	1964
Under 1 year	54	8	8	-	-	-
1 year	2	7	26	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	10	1	3	10	-	5
5 - 14 years	40	-	1	35	. 2	8
15 years and over	61	-	5	303	33	36
	167	16	43	348	35	49

### International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox

It must be stressed that all travellers proceeding to and from endemic areas must be in possession of current valid Certificates of Vaccination against smallpox.

International certificates of vaccination against smallpox authenticated in these offices for travel abroad:-

		Primary	Re-vaccination	
1961	 	 2	37	
*1962	 	 5	98	
1963	 	 19	54	
1964	 	 17	65	

\* Smallpox outbreak at Bradford.

#### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BORCUCH

### (A) PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(i)(a) Ambulance Service

<u>RYE</u> Sub-station, Conduit Hill (Telephone Rye 3395) having 4 full-timers and 2 ambulances (including 1 dual purpose vehicle) and serving the parishes of

> Beckley I Camber M East Guldeford M Iden M

Icklesham Northiam Peasmarsh Playden Rye Foreign Rye Harbour Udimore Winchelsea Town Winchelsea Beach

in addition to the Borough of Rye.

(b) Hospital Car Service

The Hospital Car Service is provided by the joint organisations of the British Red Cross Society and the St.John Ambulance Brigade. The Area Transport Office for this district is at 8, Endwell Road, Bexhillon-Sea (Telephone 152).

(ii) Caro of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children under School Age

(iii) Contraceptive Advice

Subject to the limitation that advice is only given where pregnancy or childbirth is liable to be injurious to the health of the mother, arrangements are made for contraceptive advice to be given to married women at a clinic arranged by Hastings Corporation (See para H (Family (in) District Marries (Midning) at We lith We item. Planning).

(iv) District Nurses (Midwives) and Health Visitors

(v) Home Help Service

This service is much appreciated and is of great assistance in avoiding hospitalisation and institutionalism, particularly for those elderly persons desirous of remaining in their own homes.

(vi) Infant Welfare Centre

The Infant Welfare Centre is held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays in every month at the Clinic, Ferry Road, Rye.

(vii) Immunisation and Vaccination Service

A clinic is held on the 2nd Thursday in every month at the Clinic, Ferry Road, Rye.

B.C.G Vaccination sessions against tuberculosis are held at schools for children aged 13 years attended by an Assistant County Medical Officer.

- (viii) Mental Health Service
  - (ix) Registration of Nursing Homes (Nil in the Borough of Rye)
  - (x) School Dental Service
  - (xi) School Medical Service (\* routine medical examinations including the assessment of handicapped pupils)

\* Delegated duties to your Medical Officer of Health, who also acts as School Medical Officer.

(B) PROVIDED BY THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Homes for the Aged

Furze House, Flimwell, Ticchurst. Grey Friars, Winchelsea.

/(C) HOSPITALS



#### (15) <u>GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH</u> (Continued)

### (C) HOSPITALS

The following are the main hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents in the Borough of Rye:-

Darvell Hall Hospital, Robertsbridge. Battle Hospital, Battle. Memorial Hospital, Ryc Foreign. Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings (including V. D. Clinic). Mount Pleasant Isolation Hospital, Hastings. St.Helen's Hospital, Hastings. Fernbank Maternity Home, Hastings. Buchanan Hospital, St.Leonards-on-Sea. Eversfield Chest Hospital, St.Leonards-on-Sea. Hellingly Hospital, Hellingly. Pembury Hospital, Pembury. Hill House, Ryc Foreign.

Administered by the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through their respective Hospital Management Committees.

### Blood Transfusion Service

The National Blood Transfusion Service visits Rye periodically. Stamped addressed leaflets for volunteer donors are available at this Council's offices.

### (D) PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

The Public Health Laboratory Service is a free national laboratory service designed to assist all those concerned in the diagnosis, prevention and control of communicable diseases. The benefits are not limited by health authority, hospital region or other administrative boundary. These facilities are available to all doctors, both for the submission of specimens and for consultation.

Gamma globulin, prepared from pooled plasma from normal healthy adults by the Lister Institute for the Ministry of Health, is distributed to doctors in England and Wales through laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Requests for supplies, which are restricted, should be made personally to Doctor J. E. Jameson, Director, Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone Brighton 63506).

### <u>Pisease</u> Rubella

Available for

Women who have not had rubella, exposed to close infection (i.e in the same room) during the first three months of pregnancy. The case to which the woman has been exposed is deemed to be infective on the day the rash appeared and for ten days afterwards.

Protection is immediate providing symptoms have not yet appeared and lasts 2 - 3 weeks, no side effects. Optimum prevention is up to first week after exposure.

### Usual dosage

750 mg (intramuscularly) into buttock (no need for refrigeration).



### (16) GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUCH (Continued)

(D) PUBL	IC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE (Continued)
Disease	Available for Usual dosage
Measles	<ul> <li>(1) Children at risk under 1 year.</li> <li>(2) Older children subject to special conditions for whom an unmodified attack of measles would be dangerous.*</li> <li>250 mg.</li> <li>Prevention 3 years and over - 750 mg.</li> <li>1 - 2 years.</li> <li>500 mg.</li> <li>Attenuation All ages</li> <li>250 mg.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Children receiving preventing doses are liable to develop measles after 4 - 6 weeks if re- exposed to infection.</li> </ul>
	A small stock of gamma globulin prepared from blood of persons recently

vaccinated against smallpox is held at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9 (Telephone Colindale 7041). This is for the treatment of cases of generalised vaccinia, accidental vaccinal infections endangering the eye, and in special circumstances, for the protection of unvaccinated smallpox contacts.

Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not in stock at the Brighton Laboratory but information may be obtained from the Director. (E) <u>NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948</u>

(i) Section 47: Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and Attention

Fortunately, I have been able to avoid using this Section.

(ii) Section 50: Burial or Cremation of the Dead

No action was necessary.

(F) HOME PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE

The Home Physiotherapy Service continues to provide qualified physiotherapists with completely equipped vans for the treatment of the incapacitated.

This valuable service, mainly concerned with the elderly, is complementary to the National Health Service hospital physiotherapy department. It provides treatment for those persons who, in the opinion of their hospital consultants or general practitioners, would derive more benefit from domiciliary attention but who cannot afford the services of a private physiotherapist.

(G) NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN

Liaison maintained.

(H) FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Designed to advise married people on the spacing and limitation of families, including involuntary sterility and minor gynaecological ailments.

The nearest clinic is at 1, Tower Road West, St.Leonards-on-Sea (telephone Hastings 278).

(I) MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

Problems related to marital relationships. Appointments Secretary, Hastings and District, Telephone Hastings 6162.


## (17)

# GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE POROUGH

(Continued

### (J) EASTERN CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

This Committee is composed of representatives from National, Local Government and voluntary bodies, covering the Local Authority areas of the Boroughs of Rye and Bexhill and the Rural Districts of Battle and Hailsham.

It is concerned with the care of children in families where conditions may be adverse.

The Children's Officer of the East Sussex County Council is thus mainly concerned but all members use their best endeavours to arrive at a reasonable solution in each case.

Your Medical Officer of Health is a member of this Committee which meets monthly at Bexhill Town Hall.

#### (K) MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

The Women's Voluntary Service supplied 1,097 meals to elderly persons in the Borough of Rye during 1964.

A subsidy of 9d per meal is granted by this Local Authority, and transport is subsidised by the Welfare Department of the East Sussex County Council.

This is a most valuable service providing varied attractive hot meals of good calorie content and vitamin value twice weekly to the elderly. These meals are an insurance against malnutrition. A potent contribution to the mental well-being of those living isolated and lonely lives who derive great benefit from regular contact with the voluntary worker.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Hastings Corporation Water Undertaking supplies main water to the Borough of Rye.

All water is treated and chlorinated and a high standard of purity and adequate quantity was maintained throughout the year.

Bacteriological reports on raw water were made available to this Authority, all of which were satisfactory.

#### Plumbo-solvency

None of the water supplied to this Borough is plumbo-solvent. Sampling

Fortnightly samples of treated water were submitted to the Laboratory for bacteriological examination, all were found to be uniformly satisfactory.

### Fluoride content

The fluoride content was found to be 0.1 parts per million, this falls far below the optimum level of 1 p.p.m which is advised by leading authorities as being necessary to prevent the decay of teeth in the young child.



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### MILK PRODUCTION

## Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963

The Ministers of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and of Health, discontinued the licensing of tuberculin-tested (T.T) milk in England and Wales as from 1st October, 1964. In future there will be three designations of milk - "Pasteurised", "Sterilised" and "Untreated". "Untreated" will replace the designation "Tuberculin Tested". The past designation "tuberculin tested" is no longer applicable since all milk now comes from cows subjected to tuberculin testing.

## Samples of milk from Tuberculin Tested (T.T) cattle submitted for Biological examination

Number of samples taken. . . . . . . . . . 4 Number negative for tubercle bacilli. . . . . 4 Number positive for Brucella Abortus . . . Nil

### Brucella Abortus

It must be emphasised that "untreated" milk is raw milk although the product of tuberculin tested cattle. This milk is still a potential hazard to health as it has been variously estimated that 22% of dairy herds are excreting brucella abortus organisms. Diagnosis of human brucellosis is difficult and virtually impossible on clinical grounds alone. The infection may give rise to a variety of symptoms with gradations from intermittent lassitude with occasional mild aches and pains to full-blown obvious organic lesions involving liver, joints and heart disease.

The process of pasteurisation will definitely eliminate this organism from milk. Consumers are unfortunately deluded by the appearance of the cream in raw milk but this is not lost in pasteurized milk but merely more evenly distributed throughout the bottle.

When brucellosis is isolated from a particular cow, the farmer is ordered to send that milk for pasteurisation until subsequent repeated laboratory negative tests presume the absence of this organism in the animal concerned. The farmer can, however, without let or hindrance, sell this cow on the open market and need not disclose its infectivity. Penicillin in Milk

Pencillin is widely used for treating inflammation of cows' udders (mastitis) and milk taken within 48 hours of treatment may result in unpleasant reactions to persons sensitive to this antibictic.

Regulations now require 48 hours to elapse before milk is sold following penicillin treatment of an animal in order to avoid contamination of the milk.

In future all milk submitted by this Department for biological testing will additionally be subject to a test for penicillin content.

		Samples of Raw Milk submit subjected to Antibiotic Tes	Statements	
No.	of	samples of raw milk submitte		 4
No.		samples tested for Penicilli found to be satisfactory	n 	 4



FOOD HYGIENE			
	1962	1963	1964
Total number of food premises in Borough of Rye	104	105	104
Number fully inspected	27	43	78
Number of informal notices served	1	5	18
Notices complied with by the end of the year	1	5	14

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Continued surveillance of food premises is exercised by the Public Health Inspector. He used his best endeavours to educate food purveyors and handlers making them aware of their obligation to adhere strictly to accepted hygienic procedures.

With food so well packaged, showing no external signs of age, there is a tendency to allow slow moving lines to prolong their shelf lives unduly. The end result may be a stale, deteriorated food not in accordance with the pure food warranty.

Rotation of foods on shelves and in deep freeze cabinets is very necessary and stressed during his inspections. Equally important is the care, attention and supervision that should be given to frozen food cabinets. Too often food handlers are unaware of the risks attached to slipshod maintenance and incorrect handling. Customers are lulled into a state of false security because the product is served from a frozen food cabinet.

How frequently one sees a frozen food cabinet encrusted with ice of great thickness, this is indicative of laxity. In order to be efficient in maintaining the correct temperature, the cabinet must be defrosted regularly, ice should never be thicker than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch otherwise gradual spoilage may be occurring. This is one point that the customer might easily note and register a complaint when contemplating a purchase.

The discerning housewife will assist if more discretion is employed in patronising those food establishments which conform to good hygienic practices.

#### Shops classified according to their main trades :-

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Grocers a	and G	ener	al P	rovi	sion	s	 		16
Butchers							 		5
Fishmonge	rs						 		3
Greengroc	ers						 		5
Confectio	nery	and	swe	ets			 		5
Cafes wit	h cal	ke sl	hops		•••		 		12
Bakehouses							 		4
Licensed premises	(ho	tels	and	inn	s)		 		18
Hotels, Guest hou	ses i	and	Cafe	s			 		17
Canteens (industr	ial,	etc	)				 		5
Schools:									
Infants.							 		1
Primary							 		1
Secondary	Mod	em					 		1
Grammar						••	 		1
Private							 	••	2

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## (20) FOOD HYGTENE (Continued)

### Ice Cream

There are 29 premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of ice cream, which is all sold pre-packed. Examination of Meat and other Foods

The following food was inspected during the year and certified as unfit for human consumption :-

### lbs ozs

# Canned meat.. .. . 9 14

The contents of a deep freeze cabinet fully stocked with frozen foods became defrosted due to an electrical failure and the entire stock of varied foodstuff was declared unfit.

Geme Act, 1831. Game Dealer's Licences

Three persons were licensed to deal in Game during the year 1964.

### ACTION UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

The following information is in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health -

	1.	Inspection	of	dwellinghou	uses durir	ig the	year
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(i)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	 18
	(ъ)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	 36
(ii)	(a)	Number of dwellings (included under subhead (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1926 and 1932.	 Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	 Nil
(iii)		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	 Nil
(iv)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	 •• 13
		of Defects during the year without service of Notice	
		Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	 13
	Pro	under Statutory Powers during the year ceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 12 of the sing Act, 1957:-	
	(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	 Nil
	(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-	
		<ul><li>(a) By owners</li><li>(b) By Local Authority in default of owners</li></ul>	Nil Nil
(	iii)	Number of dwellinghouses acquired and subsequently rendered fit by the Local Authority	 Nil

# ACTION UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS (Continued)

(B) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :-			
(i) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied			Nil
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :-			
<ul><li>(a) By owners</li><li>(b) By Local Authority in default of owners</li></ul>	l.		Nil Nil
(C) <u>Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the</u> <u>Housing Act, 1957</u> :-			
<ul> <li>(i) Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwellinghouses unfit for habitation</li> </ul>			Nil
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made			Nil
(iii) Number of dwellinghouses demclished in pursuance of Demolition Orders			Nil
(iv) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from owners :			
<ul><li>(a) to render the house fit for habitation</li><li>(b) usage other than for human habitation</li></ul>	::	::	Nil Nil
(v) Closing Orders under the Housing Act, 1957			Nil
(vi) Number of dwellinghouses dealt with under the Housing Act, 1957, Section 17(3)			23
(D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957			Nil

## HOUSING: LOCAL AUTHORITY AND PRIVATE

New Dwellings

New dwellings erected during 1964:
(a) By the Council Nil
(b) By private enterprise 7
Private enterprise dwellings in course of erection at 31st December, 1964 11
Accommodation under the letting control of the Council as at 31st December, 1964:-
Assisted Schemes - Pre-war houses 115
Assisted Schemes - Post-war houses and flats 360
Expired Leases - Pre-1914 houses 34 509
Applicants on Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1964 71
Applicants on Council Housing list for Elderly Persons' dwellings 22

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#### COMPARATIVE TABLE - PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND LOCAL AUTHORITY

	Private Ent	Local Authority			
Year	New dwellings	Conversions	New dwellings		
1957	2	2	4		
1958	2	2	68		
1959	1	-	-		
1960	2	-	-		
1961	2	2			
1962	2	-	38		
1963	1	2	-		
1964	7	2	-		

#### HOUSING

THE HOUSING ACT, 1964. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

This Act came into operation on 16th August, 1964, and gave local authorities powers to require the improvement of tenanted dwellings in certain circumstances. However, the emphasis still remains on voluntary improvement.

Changes in the Standard and Discrotionary grants were introduced in order to make these grants more attractive.

The intention is to secure, within the next ten years, that most of the older houses capable of improvement will be provided with the basic five standard amenities of a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom, hot and cold water supply, a wash-hand basin, inside water closet and a satisfactory food store.

Discretionary Grants are given at the discretion of the local council whereby up to half the estimated cost of a wide range of improvements may be paid, subject to a maximum grant of £400. Grants of up to £500 per flat are payable for converting houses of three or more storeys into self-contained flats.

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## Discretionary Grants Applications received .. .. Properties approved for grants .. .. 6 Applications withdrawn after approval.. 1

Analysis of the 6 approved properties:

Owner/occupied	••	4		Tena	nted	• •	2
Improvements	••	••	•••		••	••	6
Conversions	••			•:			-

In the present year the ratio is 66.6% owner/occupied and 33.3% tenanted properties. The grants have proved to be a potent factor in raising the standard of living conditions.

Total amount of Discretionary grants approved in 1964	£1,701.	0. Od
Average grant per dwelling	£340.	0. Od
Number of applications approved and completed in 1964	1	
Number of applications approved in previous years and completed in 1964	3	

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## (23) HOUSING

## THE HOUSING ACT, 1964. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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<u>Standard Grants</u> enable house owners and certain leaseholders to obtain grants, <u>as a right</u>, if the nocessary conditions apply, of up to £155 to provide five basic amenities of bath or shower in a bath-room (or an addition or by the conversion of an outbuilding), a wash-hand basin, a water closet (with septic tank drainage if no sewer is available), hot and cold water supply (bringing a piped water supply into a house for the first time), and a satisfactory food store.

The additional items in parentheses were introduced under the Housing Act, 1964, and may increase a standard grant up to a maximum of £350.

#### Standard Grants

Food stores ..

	Applications received 7
	Properties approved for grants 7
	Applications withdrawn after approval 1
	Total amount of Standard grants approved in 1964 £1,305.0.0d
Five	properties were provided with the following amenities at a
total cost of	£775. 0. 0d:
	Baths or showers in bathrooms 5
	Wash-hand basins 5
	Hot water systems 5
	Water closets 5

### Conditions

The period during which rental and other conditions are in force on a property to which a grant has been awarded has been reduced from 10 to 3 years.

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Both Discretionary and Standard grants are available to landlords and owner/occupiers. An explanatory leaflet is available at the Council offices, free of charge.

#### SLAUGHTERIOUSE

There is no slaughterhouse in this Borough.

Hastings County Borough, the Boroughs of Rye and Bexhill and the Rural District of Battle have combined to construct and maintain a slaughterhouse just within the Hastings County Borough boundary adjacent to Battle Rural District. Building commenced early in 1964.

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The number of properties inspected in 1964

(a)	as a result	t of c	ompla	aint				••	149
(b)	by survey							••	71
Number of	properties	found	to 1	be infe	sted	by			
rats or	mice							••	203
Number of	properties	treat	ed by	y Local	Autl	nori	ty		203
Number of	visits by 1	Rodent	Ope:	rative		••			430

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 (Continued)

The Council employs one Rodent Operative on a part-time basis. His duties include inspections and treatments of the town sewers, private properties and the Council's refuse tip.

No major infestations were reported during 1964.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new disposal works came into operation on 1st April, 1964, and the pumping stations were completed at various stages during the year.

Good results were obtained at a very early stage and effluents are regularly very satisfactory; the improvement in river conditions was considerable.

Pumps and plant generally have handled the sewage flow without difficulty.

The clearing of sludge beds has been carried out very effectively with the plant provided and it is hoped that with suitable composting the sludge will be readily disposable on local land.

With the relaying of defective sections of old sewer, the old trouble spots in the town have been cleared up and the completion of the work represents a major improvement in the conditions inside the Borough.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The refuse collection service has been fully maintained on a weekly basis.

Difficulty is being experienced in providing a disposal site to replace the existing refuse tip area which will be exhausted in the comparatively near future.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Toilets, urinals and washing facilities are provided at :-

Tower Street

The Strand

#### Cricket Salts

Toilets and urinals without washing facilities are provided at :-

Gun Garden



# (25) FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections

	Number	Number of				
Premises (1)	on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)		
<ul> <li>(i) Factories in which Sections 1,</li> <li>2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities</li> </ul>	9	26	-	-		
<pre>(ii) Factories not included in (i)     in which Section 7 is enforced     by the Local Authority</pre>	43	21	-	-		
<pre>(iii) Other premises in which Section    7 is enforced by Local Author-    ity (excluding out-workers'     premises)</pre>	-	-	-	-		
Totals	52	47	-	-		

There are no outworkers under Section 110(1)(c).

### INDUSTRIES

The numbers engaged in the main industries located in the Borough are given below :-

	As at	As at 31st December 1963		
	Male	Female	Total	Total
Aerated Water Manufacturers	5	3	8	8
Bedding Makers	2	2	4	3
Builders	106	1	107	110
Catering and Bakeries	13	37	50	60
Cattle Market	1	-	1	1
Cinema	5	6	11	14
Coal merchants	8	3	11	12
Corn chandlers	16	4	20	19
Dairymen	15	7	22	21
Engineering works	266	28	294	296
Furniture removers	10	2	12	13
Hotels	28	33	61	59 '
Laundries	12	42	54	54
Nurserymen	2	-	2	2
Pottery works	11	18	29	27
Printing works	13	13	26	27
Sawmills	21	2	23	17
Ship repairing	3	-	3	3
Toy manufacturers	17	66	83	77

## Dungeness Nuclear Power Station

This important building project so close to the Borough must of necessity have drawn a proportion of its labour force from this area.



## INDUSTRIES (Continued)

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### Mass Miniature Radiography in Industry

A completely mobile, self-contained Mass X-ray Unit is available to visit any premises employing 100 persons or more in the East Sussex area. The only facility required is a parking site for two vehicles.

Over 100 people can be given free chest X-ray examinations in a period of one hour, and as there is no undressing, both men and women can be X-rayed at the same session. Arrangements can be made either by telephone to Brighton 66017 or by letter to the Director, East Sussex Mass Radiography Unit, 26, Ditchling Road, Brighton, 7.

It is emphasized that the Mass X-ray service is free and that no information is disclosed without the patient's consent. Rye Market

The Market is a focal point in the economic life of Rye and the surrounding farming area.

It is not possible to give the numbers of agricultural workers in the Borough of Rye as a separate entity; the following table shows the numbers engaged in an area covered by Hastings County Borough, the Boroughs of Rye and Bexhill, and the Rural District of Battle (excluding Burwash and Ticehurst).

Year	Men	Women	Total
1959	1,558	434	1,992
1960	1,621	469	2,090
1961	1,760	385	2,145
1962	1,587	343	1,930
1963	1,599	407	2,006
1964	1,633	312	1,945

The numbers of live stock sold in Rye Market during 1964 are indicative of the activity on Market days and the importance of this venue to farmers for buying and selling in the Romney Marsh area.

Fat cattle		1,029	Fat sheep and lambs	••	33,303
Store cattle		Nil	Store sheep and lambs	•••	2,990
Calves		397	Fat pigs		3,607
	Sto	re pigs	Nil		

#### Port of Rye

40 vessels are registered at the Port of Ryc.

1 foreign ship brought a cargo of timber.

67 yachts from overseas (pleasure craft) used Rye berthing

### facilities.

There are 101 vessels engaged in fishing between Boxhill and Dungeness who, from time to time, make use of the facilities available in Ryc.

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Food premises											168
Streams and ditches											25
Infectious diseases											-
Insects and pests		••									42
Smoke nuisances											-

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### METEOROLOGY

### RAINFALL FIGURES TAKEN IN RYE

	Number of days on which rain fell	Longest period of drought	Periods of drought
1959	96	30 days	24th Jan-22nd Feb incl. 12th Sep-10th Oct incl.
1960	144	16 days	28th Apr-11th May incl. 14th July-8th Aug incl.
1961	97	30 days	3rd Mar-1st April incl.
1962	104	20 days	11th-25th March incl. 5th-24th Oct incl.
1963	176	Nil	Nil
1964	89	25 days	1st Jan-25th Jan incl.

The definition of Drought is 15 days without rain.

Comparison with previous years is given in the following table :-

Year			-	Potal H	lainfall
1959				28.43	inches
1960				37.95	inches
1961			• •	26.19	inches
1962		•••	•••	24.46	inches
1963	••		•••	28.91	inches
1964				26.95	inches

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act made provision for the health, welfare and safety of persons employed in offices, shops and certain railway premises and came into force in stages during 1964, other regulations will follow.

Offices in factories, railway premises and premises occupied by Local Authorities, which include Fire, Police, Justices, Probation and Schools, are under the control of the Factory Inspectorate of the Ministry of Labour.

Most offices and shops will be inspected by Officers of Local Authorities and it has been estimated that more than one million premises employing eight million persons will come within the scope of this Act.





