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WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health for the year 1952

to which is appended the

Report of the

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

and SURVEYOR

and the

Report of the

WATER ENGINEER



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952

INTRODUCTION

Mr Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This has again been a busy year. I would especially draw attention to the visit to Fakenham of the Mass Radiography Unit. It is hoped that a further visit will be paid in 1954.

A low total of Infectious Diseases was recorded, with the exception of Measles. The latter was, however, by no means excessive.

The new pumping station at Houghton St Giles came into operation in May, making a piped water supply available to several more Parishes.

A marked improvement was made to the sewage disposal system at Hempton.

The Birth Rate has risen slightly, and the Death Rate fallen.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support given me by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and by the Clerk, Senior Sanitary Inspector and Members of the Public Health Department in the fulfilment of my duties.

> I have the honour to be, Your obedient Servant,

> > J. C. JOHNSTON.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the Walsingham Rural District Council.

(General Report of the Medical Officer of Health)

1. STAFF

Mr W. E. Ramm, Deputy Surveyor and Additional Sanitary Inspector left in March 1952. Mr P. A. Page, wholetime Additional Sanitary Inspector took up duties in May 1952.

2. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(a) Measles

A somewhat higher total was reported than last year, but well below that for 1950. Measles tends to occur with a greater incidence in alternate years.

(b) Whooping Cough

Very few cases indeed occurred during the year.

(c) Scarlet Fever

Eight cases only were reported, representing a rate of one-fifth of that for the Country as a whole.

(d) Diphtheria

A single case was reported, in an adult.

(e) Poliomyelitis

One case only occurred, in an adult.

(f) Tuberculosis

Sixteen new cases were notified during the year, thirteen of them Pulmonary. The number of cases on the Register at the end of the year showed no significant change from last year.

(g) Pneumonia

The fourteen cases reported, while much in excess of last year are in fact about the average for England and Wales as a whole.

3. CANCER

The number of Deaths has fallen slightly, continuing the trend noted last year.

4. SEWERAGE

A very necessary improvement was carried out during the year at Hempton. Conditions elsewhere are on the whole bad, particularly at Blakency and the Walsinghams.

5. WATER

Houghton St Giles Pumping Station and Gunthorpe Reservoir came into operation in May, making available piped supplies to Barney, East Barsham, Houghton St Giles, Great and Little Snoring, Thursford, Great and Little Walsingham, Wighton and Fakenham.

Routine bacteriological samples were taken from Houghton St Giles, Blakeney, and Hindolvestone, and all proved satisfactory.

6. HOUSING

No change in the position occurred during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

No orders were served restricting Milk Supplies during the year.

8. FACTORIES ACT

During the year 24 inspections were made. In 4 cases defects were found, and of these 3 were remedied.

9. SHELLFISH

The position is unchanged.

10. ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME

An exhibit was again arranged for the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Show.

11. FOOD HYGIENE

Food premises were inspected by the Senior Sanitary Inspector, and in many cases faults were remedied.

12. ICECREAM

Samples are taken regularly for laboratory examination.

13. ANTHRAX

Two cases were reported during the year.

14. WELL WATER CYANOSIS

Samples of water continue to be taken from water supplies intended to be used for bottle feeding of infants. A high content of nitrate is known to be deleterious, and where this is found to be present alternative sources must used.

PART 11 (Medical Statistics)

TABLE 1 - GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in Acres)	 	 4		 	88.818
Estimated Resident Population .	 	 	 	 	23,910
Rateable Value	 	 	 	 	£74,353
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	 	 	 	 	£300

TABLE 2 - LIVE BIRTHS

Legitimate Illegitimate	 	 .:	 ::	::	::	Males 142 15	Females 175 8	Total 317 23	
						157	183	340	

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of Estimated Resident Population 14.63

TABLE 3 - STILL BIRTHS

						Males	Females	Total	
Legitimate			 	 	 	-	2	2	
Illegitimate	••		 	 	 	-	-	-	
						-	2	2	
		_	 		 				

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of Estimated Resident Population

0.08

TABLE 4 - DEATHS (ALL AGES)

Males	Females	Total
125	101	226

Grude Death Rate per 1,000 of Estimated Resident Population

9.45

TABLE 5 - INFANT MORTALITY (DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR)

		 • •)		4	
			10	3	13	

Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births

0.54

TABLE 6 - CAUSE OF DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER YEAR

	Cause of Death				Males	Females	Total	
21. 23. 27. 30.	Meningococcal infections Other Circulatory Disease Pneumonia	diarrho	ea	::	1 2 2 1 1 3	1 - 2 -	1 2 3 1 3 3 3	other of
					10	3	13	

TABLE 7 - CAUSE OF TOTAL DEATHS

	Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
	Tuberculosis respiratory	-	1	1
	Tuberculosis other	1	-	1
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	1	6
	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	2
	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5	5
	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	6	11
	Leukaemia aleukaemia	-	1	1
	Diabetes	-	1	1
	Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	23	37
	Coronary disease, angina	15	7	22
	Hypertension with heart disease	-	2	2
	Other heart disease	26	24	50
	Other circulatory disease	3	3	6
	Influenza	-	1	1
	Pneumonia	4	2	6
5000000	Bronchitis	5	3	0
	Other disease of respiratory system	1	7	-
	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	2
	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	The Total St.	-
	Hyperplasia of prostate	4 2	1	4 3
	Congenital malformations	23	10	
	Other defined and ill defined diseases	40	2	33
	Motor vehicle accidents	11	1	12
	All other accidents	1	1	2
	77		1	1
,	Homicide and operations of War			-
		125	101	226

				-								
-								Males	Female	es To	tal	
Under 1 Year								10	3	1	St. 100	
1 and under 5.								2			2 .	
5 and under 10								1	-		1	
10 and under 20								1	4		5	
20 and under 30 30 and under 40	••	••					••	6	-		5	
40 and under 50	• •		••					3	1 2		6	
50 and under 60	::	**				•••		7	3 6	1		
60 and under 70								21	13	3/		
70 and under 80								35	31	6		
80 and under 90								30	23	5.	3	
90 and under 100	• •							6	3		9	
								123	97	220)	
	-											
Total Adjusted (f Transfers)	or	Inwa	rd a			rd		125	101	22	6	
	-											
TABLE 9 - CANCER												
The foll past five years :-		ng t	able	sho	ws t	he :	incid	lence of (Cancer 1	Deaths	during t	the
							1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	
Males							16	6	16	17	11	
Females	••			:-	••		18	9	26	15	14	
TABLE 10 - SUMMARY	OF	VIT.	AL S	TATI	STIC	S						
0000		No.			10-11-0-1		1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	
Population							17,55	0 17,990	17,862	23,270	23,910	
Live Births							24		345	338	340	
Still Births								7 2	11	3	2	
Deaths							21		227	241	226	
Infant Mortality	•	••	••	•••	••			4 10	3	10	13	
TABLE 11 - SUMMARY	OF	BIR	THS .	AND	DEAT	HS I	RATES					
					-		1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	
Live Births	333	1805	2265	1931.83	1		19.4	17.55	19.32	14.53	14.63	
Still Births	::				::		0.4	0.11	0.62	0.13	0.08	
Crude Deaths							12.5	12.78	12.71	10.36	9.45	
Infant Mortality							11.8	31.6	8.7	29.59	0.54	
TABLE 12 - BIRTHS MORTA YEAR	LIT	Y AN	D CA	SE R	MIES	FOI	R CER	TAIN INFE	CTIOUS	DISEASI	ES IN TH	NAL E
				Eng	land			County		naller		ingham
				2000	nd			ghs and	Tov		Rui	
				Wa	les	(Towns	(Resi	ldent Lation		rict
								luding ndoa)	25,00		COLL	CII.
							250		50,00	00 at		
									1951 (Census)		
					RA	TES	PER	1,000 Hor	ne Popul	lation		
BIRTHS												
Live Births					5.3			6.9	15.			.63
Still Births				.(0.35			0.43		36		.08
				(2	2.6(a)	2	4.6(a)	23.	.0 (a)	0,	.00

	and Wales	Boroughs and Great Towns (including London)	Towns (Resident Population 25,000 to 50,000 at 1951 Census)	Rural District Council.
	RATE	S PER 1,000 Ho	me Population	
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	11.3	12.1	11.2	9.45
Bi bib and -	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
m 1 1 1	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W 43	0.24	0.04	0.04	0.03
	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acute Poliomyelitis				
(including Policencephalit	tis) 0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
	. 0.47	0.52	0.43	0.25
NOTIFICATIONS (CORRECTED)				
M1-3 D	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.08
Scarlet Fever	. 1.53	1.75	1.58	0.33
Whooping Cough	2.61	2.74	2.57	0.54
	. 0.01	0.01	0.03	0.00
	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.08
	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	. 8.86	10.11	8.49	9.03
Acute Poliomyelitis (include	ing			
Policencephalitis) paraly		0.06	0.06	0.03
	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.00
	0.13	0.16	0.11	0.00
Puerperal Pyroxia	17.87(a) 23.94(a)	10.22(a)	0.00
	RATE	S PER 1,000 Li	ve Births	
DEATHS				
All causes under 1 year of a Enteritis and diarrhoea under) 31.2	25.8	0.54
0	. 1.1	1.3	0.5	0.8
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TABLE 13 - INFECTIOUS DISEASES (ACCORDING TO AGE GROUP)

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	Under One	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Age Unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pneumonia Opthalmia	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	5	1	-	14
Neonatorium Meningococcal	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infection	-	-	2	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	-	-	-	2
Diphtheria	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	4
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	1	2	4	-	1	9	-	-	2	1	9	3	-	32

⁽a) Per 1,000 Total (Live and Still Births)
(b) Per 1,000 related live births

TABLE 14	- MEASLES	AND	WHOOPING	COUGH
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			1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	
Measles	 	 		7	451	137	216	
Whooping Cough	 	 	 82	11	209	111	13	

TABLE 15 - TUBERCULOSIS (DETAILS OF NEW CASES DURING 1952)

Age	Respir	ratory	Non-Res	piratory
Period.	М.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	_	-	-
1	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-
15	4	3	-	-
25	3	2	-	-
25 35	-	-	-	
45	-	1	-	-
55	-	1	_	1
65	-	-	-	-
Over 65	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown		-	-	1
Total	7	7	0	2
Totals	1	14		2
Grand Total			16	

TABLE 16 - TUBERCULOSIS (NUMBER OF CASES ON T.B. REGISTER ENDED 1952)

Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary	 	 	 	 Males 36 3	Females 28 8	Total 64 11	
				39	36	75	

TABLE 17 - TUBERCULOSIS (DETAILS OF NEW CASES FOR LAST FIVE YEARS)

		1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	
Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary	M. F. M. F.	6 8 1 1	6 3 0 1	9 11 3 1	6 8 4 2	6 7 1 2	
		16	10	24	20	16	

TABLE 18 - DIPHTHERIA DOMUNISATION SCHEME

The following table shows the immunisation state of the children in the Local Health Office Area No. 8., consisting of Docking and Walsingham R. D. Cs and Wells and Hunstanton U. D. Cs at 31st December 1952.

	Under School Age	School Age.	Total
Numbers immunised	1,808	5,036	6,844

PART III REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR AND SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR 1952

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following is my Report for the year 1952.

	PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS Initial Inspections
ľ	Revisits
	Means of Escape from Fire
	DIDAG ODGGI VACIONO
	HATISTIC SOME
	HOUSING ACTS
	Housing Inspections
	Revisits in connection with above
	Housing Act 1949
	FOOD AND DRUGS ACT
	Premises Inspected
	Visits re manufacture and sale of Ice Cream
	Visits to dairies and inspection of milk retailers' vehicles .
	Slaughterhouse Inspections
	SEWERAGE
	Inspections of sewerage systems, disposal works and sewer
	ditches
	Visits to Fakenham Pumping Station
	Visits to Fakenham Sewage Farm
	Visits to Housing Sites in connection with proposed or existing sewerage and water supplies
	Hempton Contract (Sewerage) visits
	DISTRICT SCAVENGING
	Visiting workmen on rounds, investigating complaints, etc
	Refuse Tips
	FACTORIES ACT
	Inspection of factories with power
	Inspection of factories without power
	DIFFERENCE A TORNOTHE COMPOSE HIGHER
	BOILDING LICENSING CONTROL VISITS
	BUILDING BYELLWS INSPECTIONS
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	Brought Forward	3,562
MERCHANI SHIPPING ACT		
Inspections re precautions on Pleasur	e Boats	. 2
STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING		
·Visits		. 27
OTHER VISITS		
Not classified under the headings abo	ve but made in	
connection therewith		. 132
Total Ins	pections made	3,723
NOTICES SEPUED THEADNEY NOTICES		
NOTICES SERVED - INFORMAL NOTICES		
Public Health and Housing Acts Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949 .		7
Food and Drugs Act		07
Factories Act		
Petrol Storage Regulations		,
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 194	9	0
Total Not	ices served	249
FORMAL NOTICES SERVED		
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS		
Permission to serve		. 6
Served		. 6
HOUSING ACTS		
Permission to serve		6 3
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT		, ,
Permission to serve		
Served		9 6
PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949		
Permission to serve		. 1
Served		. 1
Total For	mal Notices served	16

2. SHELL FISH INDUSTRY

It was hoped that a shell fish packing station, to be operated by a local fisherman, would have been established by the end of the year. Although plans of the project were deposited with the Council no further progress can be reported. I visited Southend-on-Sea and was shown many aspects of the cockle industry there by Corporation officials. In July Mr H. P. Sherwood, a scientist of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries establishment at Conway was shown local aspects of the industry at Blakeney Harbour.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS YARDS

I reported on conditions at the Ministry of Food slaughterhouse at Wells where your Inspectors have relieved the local Inspector in the examination of meat in the past. My complaints were based upon the difficulties facing a Meat Inspector attempting to carry out the adequate inspection of meat.

Improvements in buildings, drainage and prevention of rat infestation were carried out with good results at one of the knacker's yards in Fakenham during the year and improvements at the only other similar establishment in the district were in hand at the end of the year. At the best these trades are obnoxious, and nuisance and the rat menace is kept down with great difficulty.

4. FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following meat has been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Home killed meat 198 lbs
Imported and canned meat 233 lbs
Fish 252 lbs
Other foods (including canned foods) 243 lbs

5. SMOKE ABATEMENT

My efforts under this heading have been concentrated on a laundry in the district and finally a modern automically stoked furnace has been installed. Constant vigilance is necessary, however, to prevent a return to the ever present plume of black smoke.

6. SEWERAGE

A serious nuisance, and source of great expenditure because of the constant need of cesspool emptying, was eliminated by the completion by the end of the year of sewers connecting the East View, Hempton drainage system to the Pudding Norton Camp Sewerage system in a line across Hempton Green. In the remainder of the district bad conditions through lack of proper sewerage continue, especially in the Walsinghams and at Blakeney.

7. SEWAGE FARM, FAKENHAM

This sewage disposal area is a source of increasing concern to me. All sewage and a large proportion of storm water from the built-up area of Fakenham has to be pumped for distribution over about 12-acres. Peak pumping figures, shown by a recorder I installed in February, give a discharge of 80,000-gallons per day. Only the extraordinarily sandy subsoil has permitted the continued use of the farm since 1914.

The Council has had an agreement with a local farmer since October 1951, whereby no rent is paid for the occupation of the land but the contractor keeps about half of the available arable in a suitable condition for sewage absorption.

8. BUILDING BYELAWS AND BUILDING LICENSING

The effect of the cessation of major building works on the Duke of Westminster's Melton Estate was felt at the beginning of the year, but the lessening of building control and an appreciable increase in the number of owner-occupier houses being erected had almost offset the decline in building work in the district by the end of 1952.

Building licences to the value of £24,257.were issued during the year under review compared with a total value of £35,452. in 1951. Licences were issued to erect 28 private dwellings.

9. DISTRICT SCAVENGING

The purchase of a diesel 21 cu-yards compressing refuse vehicle in July had proved a source of economy in labour, fuel and mileage (by less travelling to tips) by the end of the year. The added advantage is its improved dustless loading when compared with the sideloading types of vehicles should not be overlooked.

During the year 1166 loads each of 750-gallons were removed from cesspools on Council Estates and 327 loads from cesspools at private dwellings. A load of 750-gallons is removed free of charge on demand from those premises where no nightsoil collection is made. Subsequent loads cost 15s/Od which appears a very reasonable figure when compared with contractors charges which are almost four times as great in some cases.

The value of salvageable paper and cardboard and the ability to find a market for it steadily deteriorated during the year. The amount of light metals salvaged was stepped up, however.

Labour for the undertaking has been more abundant in the current year than any year since the scheme's inception in 1946. Twenty two men are employed on refuse and nightsoil collection and cesspool emptying. With paid holidays and sickness the labour of at least one extra men is required throughout the year.

In all thirty two men are employed by the Council for scavenging, ditches and for pumping stations and sewerage system maintenance.

10. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

During 1952, 7,252 premises were inspected by the rat-catchers, and of these 1,898 dwellings were treated. Poisoning of tips, buildings and other land belonging to the Council totalled 44 treatments. 230 non-domestic properties were treated and charges were made at 178 premises. A sum of £91. 10s. 10d. was charged in fees for poisoning. Records show that 2,559 bodies were picked up after poisoning.

11. WATER ANALYSIS

		RESULT	S
	TOTAL	SATISFACTORY	UNSATISFACTORY
Samples submitted to ascertain suitability as domestic water supply	57	40	17
Sea water samples submitted in connection with mussel industry	8	-	8
Water samples submitted to asses nitrate content in connection with	23	14	9
Methaemoglobinaemia		14	,

I am, Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

A. H. EAGLE.

Surveyor and Senior Sanitary Inspector

PART IV

REPORT OF DISTRICT WATER ENGINEER

Mr Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Report on the Waterworks undertaking for the year ended 31st October 1952.

1. FAKENHAM AND HEMPTON SUPPLY

Water pumped during the period 31st October 1951 to 29th May 1952, totalled 20,090,000 gallons.

HOUGHTON ST GILES PUMPING STATION

Water pumped during the period 29th May to 31st October 1952, totalled 25,319,000 gallons.

2. REGIONAL WATER SCHEME - SUB-STAGE IIA

Houghton St Giles Pumping Station and Gunthorpe Reservoir came into operation on 29th May 1952, offering a piped water supply to the Parishes of Barney, East Barsham, Houghton St Giles, Great and Little Snoring, Thursford, Great and Little Walsingham, Wighton and Fakenham. So far there has been a reasonable demand for piped water supply.

Properties in the Parishes of Blakeney, Field Dalling, and Hindolvestone will, in due course, be connected to the piped water supply served from boreholes on local Housing Sites.

House connections are being carried out by the Department's own staff, and so far good progress is being made.

Pumping at Fakenham and Little Snoring has been suspended for the present, the supply being drawn from Houghton St Giles, via Gunthorpe Reservoir.

A satisfactory supply has been maintained throughout the year, with very few disruptions.

3. WATER ANALYST'S REPORT

Regular bacteriological samples were taken from Houghton St Giles, Blakeney and Hindolvestone water supplies by the Public Health Department, and all these were satisfactory. (See attached certificates).

In conclusion I would like to express my thanks for the co-operation and assistance rendered to me by the Public Health Committee, the Clerk and Officers of the Council.

I am, Mr Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

E. HAYMAN.

District Water Engineer.

Pumping Station, Houghton St Giles, Little Walsingham. July 1953

APPENDIX "A"

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

BOWTHORPE ROAD

NORWICH

WATER

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

Copy sent to: The Medical Officer of Health, Norfolk

Authority or Sender: A. H. Eagle, Esq.,

Walsingham R.D.C.

Lab. Ref. No. 0.711

Nature of Sample: Water from deep well 170' deep. Sample taken from tap-Council Offices, Baron's Hall, Fakenham. Fakenham and Hempton main supply.

Date and hour of collection: 6. 11. 52. 12.30 p.m.

Date and hour of arrival: 7. 11. 52.

REPORT

Date of Report: 10th November 1952

Plate Count. Yeastrel agar 2 days 37°C, aerobically per ml.

Probable number of coliform bacilli, MacConkey 2 days 37°C. 0 per 100 ml.

Probable number of faecal coli per 100 ml.

REMARKS

This sample is highly satisfactory

(Sgd) L. M. DOWSETT

APPENDIX "B"

LINCOLNE SUTTON AND WOOD

CLARENCE HOUSE

6, CLARENCE ROAD NORWICH

Cert. No. 823D

16th December 1952

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS OF WATER

Sample received from Walsingham R.D.C. 4. 12. 52.

Marked 62'6" well. Sample drawn 150 yds from Gunthorpe Reservoir 3. 12. 52.

Appearance when received: Clear Odour: Satisfactory

Colour: Taste: Satisfactory

Reaction: Practically neutral pH 7.4

Results of Chemical Analysis in Parts per Million

Aumoniacal nitrogen Albuminoid nitrogen Nitrate nitrogen	0.01 0.02 6.5	Hardness as CaCO ₃ Total Carbonate (temporary)	296 246
Nitrite nitrogen very ft Chlorine as chlorides Oxygen absorbed (4hr. 27°C.)	trace 32.0 0.08	Non-carbonate (permanent) Alkalinity as CaCO. Free carbon dioxide Total solids (at 180°C) Metals in solution - total	50 246 12.0 434
		Zinc 2.0 other metals nil	0.10

OPINION

This analysis differs only in details without significance from that of the sample submitted on the 24th November (our certificate No. 821 D). The remarks made on that certificate apply equally well to the present sample, the organic purity of which is without question. The only difference to be noted is that the present sample has picked up traces of iron and of zinc. These are quite without significance from the point of view of public health and this water is in our opinion well adapted to all the purposes of a public supply.

APPENDIX "C"

LINCOLNE SUTTON AND WOOD

CLARENCE HOUSE

6, CLARENCE ROAD

NORWICH

Cert. No. 822D

16th December 1952

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS OF WATER

Sample received from Walsingham R.D.C. 4. 12. 52.

Marked 80/90' well, Blakeney Public Supply 3. 12. 52.

Appearance when received: Slight rusty deposit

Colour:

Odour: Satisfactory

Reaction: Slightly alkaline pH 7.7 Taste: Satisfactory

Results of Chemical Analysis in Parts per Million

Ammoniacal nitrogen	Trace	Hardness as CaCO.	
Albuminoid nitrogen	0.03	Total	326
Nitrate nitrogen	18.5	Carbonate (temporary)	228
Nitrite nitrogen	Very ft trace	Non-carbonate (permanent)	98
Chlorine as chlorides	67.0	Alkalinity as CaCO,	228
Oxygen absorbed (4hr 27	C) 0.12	Free carbon dioxide	6.0
		Total solids (at 180°C)	572
		Metals in solution - total	
		iron	0.65
		Other metals	Nil

OPINION

This water is of very good organic quality and there is no sign of active pollution. The water is of average hardness for the area and there is no undue salinity. The reaction of the water is slightly alkaline and corrosive action on metals need not be feared. A trace of iron is present, giving rise to a slight rusty deposit, but this of course is without effect on health. This water is quite suitable for use as a public supply.

APPENDIX "D"

LINCOLNE SUTTON AND WOOD

CLARENCE HOUSE

6, CLARENCE ROAD

NORWICH

Cert. No. 821 D

16th December 1952

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS OF WATER

Sample received from Walsingham R.D.C. 24, 11, 52.

Marked 62'6" well, Walsingham Regional Water Scheme, Houghton Pumping Station 24. 11. 52.

Appearance when received: Clear Od

Odour: Satisfactory

Colour:

Taste: Satisfactory

Reaction: Neutral pH 7.2

Results of Chemical Analysis in Parts per Million

Ammoniacal nitrogen	0.01	Hardness as CaCO,	
Albuminoid nitrogen	0.02	Total	302
Nitrate nitrogen	7.5	Carbonate (temporary)	246
Nitrite nitrogen	Nil	Non-carbonate (permanent)	56
Chlorine as chlorides	30.0	Alkalinity as CaCO,	246.
Oxygen absorbed (4hr 27°C)	0.16	Free carbon dioxide	13.0
		Total solids (at 180 C)	415
		Metals in solution	Nil

OPINION

The short analysis carried in June 1952 (our cert. No. 329D) agrees well as far as it goes with the present analysis, except that the reaction of the water on that occasion was somewhat more alkaline than it is now. This water is of very good organic quality and free from any sign of active pollution. The water is hard, but not unduly so, and its reaction is almost neutral. This water would not be expected to have any serious corrosive action on metals and it is free from metallic contamination. This water is quite suitable for drinking and general purposes.



