

50 years on

Our first full season was in 1952-53 and as we celebrate our 'golden' anniversary the following item shows that we have moved on just a bit!

NO SWEETENER FOR CAMERA CLUB!

Bob Ogley in his "Chronicle of the Century" column in the Sevenoaks Chronicle on 14 November 2002 referred to the local Food Council in 1952 refusing applications from Shoreham Football Club, The Gay Nineties Club and Sevenoaks Camera Club for special sugar allocations for use at their meetings.

My curiosity aroused, I set off for Sevenoaks Library and consulted (on microfilm) the 1952 Chronicles. This is an extract from a report on 7 November: -

Sevenoaks Food Committee's Meeting earlier in the week considered seven applications for sugar and fats for meetings. When the Camera Club application was considered, the discussion went as follows –

"W J Gypps – offer them saccharin!

Chairman - We aren't a trading association - we can't.

Mr Gypps – I can't see what this club has that the others haven't. I propose we turn the application down.

The Chairman – Is there a seconder?

Mr Hann - Oh yes, I'll second it again for the same reason."

The application was turned down

So the next time those of you with a sweet tooth are spooning sugar into your Club tea or coffee – just think on!

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