

Wartime West Sussex 1939 – 1945 RATIONING

British restaurants

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There was also a "British Restaurant" in North Street, opposite the old library, and this was of great help in providing meals for many people.

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Eating in Horsham was variable. The Odeon café served beans on toast, the YMCA produced very good food, but the British Restaurant was something else! Soup could be poured over the main meal - a postage stamp sized square of corned beef in batter, with mashed potatoes and grey peas - to make it edible. The sugarless steamed pudding with sugarless custard was best avoided. A meal cost about a shilling.

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Tokens could be bought in advance without using ration coupons, then exchanged for meals in "British Restaurants".



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