

CULHAM CALLING



CULHAM'S CALLING YOU FOR SUMMER

Summer is here, and we the Culham Calling team have gathered tonnes of feel good family and friends activities to enjoy in the summer sun within the local community. On a more serious note, two of our editors got the opportunity, way back in February, to visit the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. They wanted to share their experience and have written an exclusive blog for this edition. Definitely worth the read...

Have great Summer Holidays!

The Culham Calling Team

ADVICE:

Some activities may include being outside in the Sun. Please remember to apply sun cream.

INCLUDES:

ACTIVITIES

**PROMOTIONS &
FLYERS**

INTRODUCING

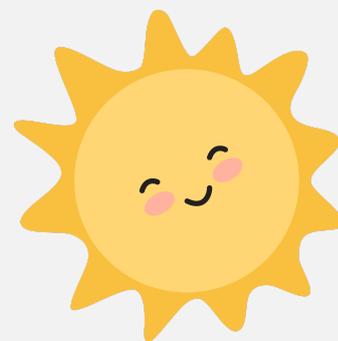
TRAVEL BLOG

OPPORTUNITIES



THE ULTIMATE LIST OF

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Here are a few activities to keep you busy this summer.

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THE LEGENDARY FESTIVAL IS BACK THE 21ST TO 23RD JULY.
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[HTTPS://WWW.MILLETSFARMCENTRE.COM/MILLETS-MAIZE-MAZE/](https://www.milletfarmcentre.com/milletts-maize-maze/)
- NATURE DETECTIVES AT [ROVES FARM](https://rovesfarm.co.uk/whats-on/nature-detectives/) (SEVENHAMPTON) 26TH JULY – 31ST AUGUST
[HTTPS://ROVESFARM.CO.UK/WHATS-ON/NATURE-DETECTIVES/](https://rovesfarm.co.uk/whats-on/nature-detectives/)
- CHARACTER DAYS AT [ROVES FARM](https://rovesfarm.co.uk/whats-on/character-days/) (SEVENHAMPTON) SELECT DAYS IN JULY + AUGUST - PREBOOK
[HTTPS://ROVESFARM.CO.UK/WHATS-ON/CHARACTER-DAYS/](https://rovesfarm.co.uk/whats-on/character-days/)
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- CUSHION CONCERT AT [MUSEUM OF OXFORD](https://museumofoxford.org/event/cushion-concert) (OXFORD) 22ND JULY
[HTTPS://MUSEUMOFXFORD.ORG/EVENT/CUSHION-CONCERT](https://museumofoxford.org/event/cushion-concert)
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PROMOTIONS AND FLYERS

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PROMOTIONS AND FLYERS

A LITTLE INSIGHT INTO WHAT'S NEW

MOONHAWK PRESENTED BY **ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB**

**EDINBURGH FRINGE PREVIEW
DOUBLE BILL**

Written and performed by **LEON WITCOMB**

FOUR LETTER WORD

Written and performed by **ELLA WERNHAM-CLARK**



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Tickets: £12 (£10 concessions) from:
The Bookstore, 15 Bury Street or www.abingdon-drama-club.com
NOT SUITABLE FOR UNDER 16s

ULTIMATE TECH

GET SET FOR THE FUTURE
THIS SUMMER HOLIDAY!

DISCOVER THE FUTURE

INSPIRING CHILDREN EVERYDAY

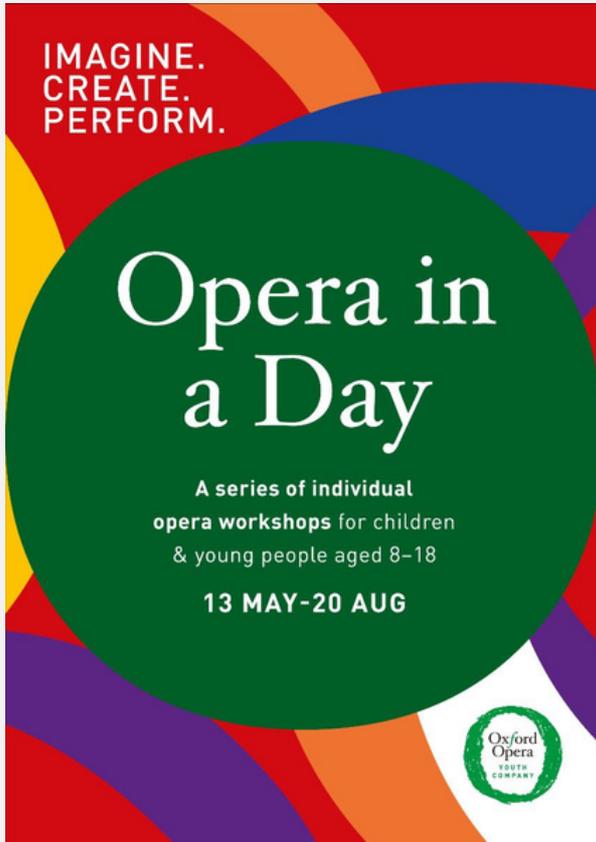
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Camps

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Visiting Auschwitz - a blog

April 17th 2023

IN OXFORDSHIRE

The Holocaust: “the murder of approximately six million Jewish men, women and children by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the Second World War.” This is one of the definitions that exist today. However, when reading this definition, is it really possible to understand how much suffering every single individual experienced personally?

Two of our own Culham Calling editors received the opportunity to visit the largest concentration and extermination camp (Auschwitz-Birkenau) and reflect on exactly this question. The blog below describes their visit and thoughts in early February...

The trip started with a visit to Oświęcim, known more commonly as Auschwitz, a 41 000 inhabitants city in Poland. We had the opportunity to see the main square, one of the churches and the place where a synagogue once stood. Before the invasion by the Germans in 1939 and much to our surprise, the Jewish and non-Jewish community were quite integrated and co-inhabited the area amicably. This is unusual because anti-Semitism was rife in Europe even before the rise of Nazi-Germany. But when they invaded the town, they set about deporting the Jewish inhabitants of the town into what was then labour and later extermination camps. The Nazi-troops did not tell them their destination to avoid any uprising, instead leaving them under the impression they were merely moving houses. Today, the town bears no sign of this, apart from a small memorial/ infosite. It was quite eerie to stand in a place, where thousands of people unknowingly marched towards their death, yet which seemed so unremarkable. It was also the first of many times that we realised how inadequate numbers were to describe what had happened. Behind each window there had been a different person, different family, different life of which each (Jewish and non-Jewish) was impacted differently by the Holocaust, impossible a single number could represent them all. Today, there are no Jewish people left in Oświęcim - a disturbing legacy of the war. We both felt more connected to the story of the place, Auschwitz did not feel anymore like a place belonging to history books, but was in fact, a living city - in which we were standing.



The city of Oświęcim today



The second part of our journey began in front of the infamous gates claiming “Arbeit Macht Frei”. They are located in Auschwitz 1, the oldest and central camp of the complex, however not the largest. It was mainly a labour camp, although the first prototype gas chambers are also on site. In 1944 it held around 10 000 Jews. Here, we were given a guided tour around the barracks where we learnt about the daily suffering they endured, such as “role-call”, where the prisoners had to stand for hours on end.

For us, it was not the buildings themselves, but the exhibitions inside, which affected us deeply. For inside those glass displays lay the personal belongings of all those who were held captive and killed in the camps. There was even a large section of a room filled with the hair of hundreds of different women and girls, whose heads were shaved upon arrival, so that it could be used to make fabrics. Seeing the various pots and pans and suitcases with names inscribed on them, it really dawned on us that real people had lived this. The diversity of objects was evidence of the hundreds of different lives led by people whose sole commonality was that they were Jewish. It was also shocking evidence of the extent to which Nazis went to depersonalise and dehumanise their prisoners, taking away all personal items, forcing them to wear the same clothes and even stencilling a number onto their body, thus taking away the most personal belonging of all - their names.



These were listed on countless sheets of paper in a room called “the book of names” and just looking at pages upon pages filled with miniscule writing that recorded every prisoner ever sent to Auschwitz was completely overwhelming. It was here I discovered a very personal connection to the Holocaust - the names of my great-great-grandparents and their relatives were listed in that book.



Only weeks before the trip I had learnt about their fate: Born and raised in Leipzig, they were first transported to Theresienstadt in January 1944, another, different concentration camp, and then deported to Auschwitz in September 1944, a mere 4/5 months before the Allies freed the camps. My great-grandmother was the only survivor of her family and according to my grandmother, was never able to talk about her time during the Holocaust. And so it was a very intense, personal moment, to see their names, in that room, knowing they were both part of general history and my family history. The sheer amount of names and objects was incomprehensible and the scale terrifying. Numbers could not and should not do it justice, were not able to describe the feeling of seeing baby clothes among the apprehended items, or the pictures of the first child prisoners, with their heads shaved, displaying bruises.

Our visit continued with Auschwitz 2, the largest extermination camp of the complex. The size of the camp was unprecedented, rows upon rows of wooden huts and the train tracks going through the middle. Most people who arrived at the camp, especially in the later years of the camp, were not selected for labour but immediately killed upon arrival. We were able to see the barracks people were kept in, most survived only for a few weeks, only a few until the end war. The toilets, which consisted of a series of holes dug into a block, did not allow any privacy nor any basic level of hygiene and were only allowed to be used once in the morning. However, being part of the so-called “Scheiss-Kommando”, the group of prisoners in charge of cleaning toilets, was actually an advantage, as they were able to stay indoors longer during the cold winter months and also had access to the toilets that others did not.



We learned about the solidarity and kindness some inmates showed, standing in a place designed to take all humanity. A really emotional time was when one of us, who had 39 relatives murdered in Auschwitz, was able to put a rose on the “Judenrampe” in memory. It made her feel connected to the site and emotionally moved her as she was standing on the very place where her ancestors had lost their life. Afterwards we had the opportunity to share some of our thoughts with the group and held a small remembrance ceremony in a building containing hundreds of photos left behind by the victims of the camp. Snapshots depicting life before the Holocaust, wedding photos, family portraits, each one telling a personal story. Finally, after a really long day and lots of information, we went back to England, with a new perspective on the holocaust we did not have the morning before.

Even now, weeks after the visit, the memories are as clear as ever. It is not something we will ever be likely to forget and although it's hard to put in words exactly what it was like being there, it feels like we have finally fully understood how important it is to remember the victims of the Holocaust and not just as statistics, but as people. Because, as we realised when we walked through the rows and rows of the same wooden huts, that's what the Nazis tried to do. They tried to reduce them to the numbers on their wrist, stripping each person of their life story, their individuality. Referring to the Holocaust using only statistics likewise leaves the people behind the numbers unmentioned. Seeing numbers on a sheet of paper does not leave any room for emotion, does not begin to describe what the Holocaust actually was. We highly recommend visiting Auschwitz and going on the tour, it will stay with you forever. Although our short blog is not able to truly describe the journey, we hope we gave you a brief overview of what it was like visiting and we hope that you are able to take away what we realised sitting in the plane on the way back from Poland: 6 million is a number, not a people.

OPPORTUNITIES

BERKSHIRE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE - WILDLIFE TRUST



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