

WORLD WAR 2 IN BURGESS PARK



During the war

During the war my great great grandparents fought on different sides. Because I am half German and half Scottish. So my German side would have been part of the Nazis and my Scottish side would have been on the United Kingdom army. So they could have killed each other! My Oma and Opa where children in the war. Same with my granny and granddad. Since they where children in the war they would have been evacuated in world war 2.

How houses got demolished and turned into a park!

In the area that is now known as Burgess Park, a total of 43 bombs or more fell in the London blitz the area used to be full of houses, streets and industrial buildings causing loads of families to suffer. This happened on the 7th October 1940- 6th June 1941. This was a very large area and if you didn't now already it took over as Burgess park. Fascinatingly, Burgess Park is the biggest park in Southwark!!

A Canal Into A Path!

By the grand surrey canal was an area full of 19th century houses, streets and industrial buildings (including a ginger beer factory). Many of these buildings suffered heavy bomb damage. The grand surrey canal which served the surrey docks was also heavily bombed. In particular by a v1 rocket in 1994. The route of the canal now forms a path through Burgess park.

High explosive bombs turns into a nature reserve!

Four high explosive bombs fell four houses away from where I live. This area was not re-built and the council turned it into a nature reserve (on Coburg road). I am very lucky that the Nazis did not hit mine other wise I would not be living where I live now (unless they made another house). Just a little further away from my house another two high explosive bombs hit Coburg road.

Burgess Park!!

After the war work began to provide a new public space which eventually became Burgess Park. It was the result of the Abercrombie plan and other initiatives.



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

