



Bushy Tales

Dedicated to all who attended London Central
High School in Bushy Park, London England from
1952 to 1962



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It's hard to believe, but this is the start of the third year for the Newsletter. Two years ago I emailed the first issue to about 25 of our classmates. As of this issue it is emailed to 580 Faculty and former students, as well as a couple of other interested parties. Add to that the number of copies that are sent by "Snail Mail" (I have no way of knowing how many that is) and I think you can say the Newsletter is a success. The credit for the success of the Newsletter goes to all of you that have submitted items for it. I want to take this opportunity to say a very special "THANK YOU". Without you there would not be a Newsletter.

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Thanks so much for keeping me on the "LIST"! I love the newsletter even though my stint at Bushy was very brief. My e-mail address as listed in the little blurb I wrote is

not correct. It should read
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Reunions

From Pat (Terpening) Owen (58)
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Hi - I'm sending this out for Ren Briggs (60) to let you know about an upcoming mid October "Gathering" in San Diego. It will be geared for classes 1958-1962, and the Lakenheath group from 1961-62 as many of them attended Bushy before they moved to Lakenheath, but anyone who attended Bushy from 1953-62 is welcome to attend. In fact, the Class of 1957 is planning on having a group there.

I'm looking forward to attending. Love San Diego at that time of the year.

Hoping you'll be able to join us. I've copied the piece from Ren below (I tried attaching it, but some people couldn't open it, so this is much easier). This doesn't commit you to anything. It just gives the committee an idea of how many people are planning/hoping to attend.

Looking forward to seeing people I haven't seen in years, and others that I've only met through the Internet and the newsletter. Take care. Pat Terpening Owen Class Rep - 1958

Hello Bushy Park classes of 53 to 56.

As you may have seen in the Bushy Tales we are having a "Gathering" in San Diego in October 2003. Don't like the word reunion. Not that formal, just a place to meet and talk over what we have been doing and see old mates. This is the 4th Gathering that the classes of 58 to 62 have had.

The class of 1957 requested to join us. That invitation was extended to them and as of this date there are 10 coming.

In no way is it our intention to exclude any other groups or classes. With the Air Force rotating personnel every three years, we are not acquainted with the students from these years, and you may not want to come to our functions because of this.

I would, however, like to extend an invitation to all of you to join us. It is time that we get acquainted. It will also provide your group with a venue to get together. We are making all the arrangements; you can take advantage of that and have a wonderful time. San Diego at that time of year is beautiful.

At this date we are only trying to get a head count of attendees. We need this to negotiate the best cost and perks we can receive for the hotels we have selected. In mid March we will send out the location and the reservation information you will need. I know it is short notice, but we would like to hear from you no later than 2-21-03.

Send your email to Ren Briggs at renpat1671@unedspeed.net Your name, class, number in your party, and if you will be staying in the hotel or be making other arrangements.

Please try and make it. I know you will have a good time. Thank You Ren Briggs (class of 60 rep).

From Carla T. Curry (63)
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I am a member the LHS 1963 Class Reunion Committee. Since so many of our classmates from 1961-65 also attended Bushy Park I have linked to your web site several times. **(Editors Note: She is talking about the web site that Wanda (Castor) DeVary maintains for us).** The 1963 Class also has a site www.lancer.hopto.org and a yahoo group at www.yahoo.com/group/LHS_Lancers You can contact Pat Eggersdorf Haugen at patt@rushmore.com She is the keeper of the web site and email addresses. I am working on the master mailing lists for the 1961-1965 Classmates. We might have some information on former Bushy students that you do not have...we love to share...so contact us...

My sister, Gloria Tyree Talbott attended Bushy 1959 & 1960...she graduated from LHS 1961 as a member of that first class...so she would be at 1961 class member for your list.

Mini Reunions

From Suzanne (Snookie Garrison) Mayo (54)

While my husband, Peter, and I were visiting my sister in-law, Diane Garrison, last month (January) in Arizona, we were able to have another memorable evening with Dawn and Ted Hopkins, class of 1955, and Dave and Billie Culp Bules, class of 1954. We have been getting together, usually, once a year since the Las Vegas reunion in 1999. This year we were entertained at the Hopkins' lovely home in Scottsdale.

All of our spouses seem to enjoy these mini-reunions as much as we do. Enclosed is a snapshot taken that evening.

Billie and I also met for lunch and discussed, among other things, our 50th reunion in 2004 for the classes of 1953, 1954, and 1955. As the year progresses we will be sending out more information.

(Editors note: As details become available they will be published in the Newsletter.)



From Bill (Grable) Rees (57)
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Bill (Grable) Rees and Dave Mangold class of 57. First time we have gotten together since Utah State University in 1958. Picture was taken in Niceville, Florida after the big Michigan victory in the Outback Bowl this year.

Go Blue

(See picture below)



Do You Remember?

From Anne Weber (53)

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I also remember total disbelief when our first housemother asked, "Would you like to be knocked up in the morning?" One of her favorite bits of advice was, "Keep you pecker up." (More fall-on-the-floor laughing.) Another of our housemothers - I think we had 4 that first year - didn't know that American soldiers often called prostitutes "Picadilly Queens" or just "Queens." She'd just come back from London-pillbox hat with half veil, new tight perm, be rouged and lipsticked, wearing a smart silver fox stole. (Remember those? Fluffy tail, body, and a head complete with beady glass eyes and a mouth that clamped onto the next dead fox body?) "Those sweet soldiers at the gate," she gushed. "Why I heard them say, "There goes a high class queen."

I also remember a universal indrawn breath from the English audience when Jack Paar announced that his daughter's name was "Randy." And wasn't it fun to throw around those "Bloodys" and watch the English staff blanch, while Mr. Farned and the American staff shined it on.

G. B. Shaw said, " England and America are two countries separated by the same language." Crackers weren't biscuits...or cookies, chips went with fish, while crisps went with dips, and whiskey meant Scotch...whoops, how would I know that?

From Randy Crane (59)

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This story offers details to the incident that Pete Dowling brushed over in the December issue, and as Pete said it is a story that sheds some light on how mischievous we could be. It doesn't put us in the Ugly American category but some would say it was close. In our defense, we can claim, in truth, we did not come up with this idea ourselves. One difference between my story and the writings of Fred Gruin and Pete Dowling is I will gleefully reveal the full names of the guilty perpetrators.

This story begins in the Caraways home in London. Dave's parents had a maid, who had a boyfriend who was a London bobby. This bobby gave us the idea, unfortunately he left some important information out when he did.

I am sure everyone will remember that around Guy Fawkes Day it was easy to get ample supplies of fireworks. Many will also remember that in the southeast corner of Hyde Park was a bandstand where outdoor concerts were held. The bandstand was near the junction of Park Lane, Piccadilly and Knightsbridge. At the back of the bandstand, to one side was a rectangular shaped fenced area with trees and shrubbery we will call the "grove." In the evenings a group of ladies would take clients into the grove for a brief time. On three sides the fence was about four feet high and on the side facing the bandstand, it was only about eighteen inches high. This

height allowed for easy access into the grove for the ladies and their clients.

The assault team, in alphabetical order, Dave Caraway, Max (Bee) Chapman, myself, Pete Dowling, and Ed Noce (there might have been another), converged on the backside of the grove from two sides. Each had a fistful of firecrackers, and on signal the ordnance was lighted and launched into the center of the grove. As we expedited a tactical retreat we could clearly hear the ladies making comments about the legitimacy of our birth among other disparaging remarks. We gathered at a park bench near Park Lane for a debrief. All agreed a second assault was in order with a slight difference; Dave and I chose to view the action from a good vantage point near the bandstand. Within a minute or two after the assault was executed, two Bobbies came riding up on bicycles and talked to the ladies and then rode off. The team then re-assembled at the park bench HQ for another debrief. Amid talk of a final assault, Dave and I counseled discretion and in fact recommended a hasty retreat from the park. Some of the team members were determined to execute still another assault. Bee, Ed and Pete would not be deterred, and set off. From the safety of our park bench-HQ, Dave and I agreed the sound effects of the final assault were by far the best. Seconds later, we could see Ed Noce a-steppin';-and-a-fetchin' toward Park Lane with a mounted (bicycle) bobby in hot pursuit. And so close that he almost ran Ed into the traffic on Park Lane. That might have been his intent.

As I remember, the bobby roughed Ed up some but left him there. We waited still longer until finally Bee came walking slowly out of the darkness. Bee told us the other bobby caught him and punched him in the face (knocked down, if not out). The bobby told Bee to "leave our girls alone."

That was the important information that the bobby-boyfriend neglected to tell us.

As Pete indicated in December, he was in hiding and we did not see him again that evening. Pete was right in saying our game was a mean thing to do, and he was equally right saying it really made an amusing memory. The assault team sustained some minor injuries, but fortunately no one else was hurt. The ladies had their business momentarily interrupted and some clients might have called it a night, but no real harm was done. All things considered it does make a funny story

Do You Know Who Lives Close to You And Also Went To Bushy?

We've located 840 of the approximately 2300 students who attended Bushy from 1953-62. Of these - it is unknown where 23 live - we only have e-mail address or state; 72 are deceased. Classmates live in 48 of the 50 states and the District of Columbia; apparently no one wants to live in North Dakota or Vermont. We also have classmates in the following countries: Australia, Belgium (2), France (2), Ireland, Singapore, UAE, Japan, England (6), Canada and Bulgaria. California has the most with 135 living there, Texas has 88, Florida has 58 and Virginia has 51.

If you would like a list of those who live in your State, or another State, or the Master List, send Pat Owen an email at nemoamasa@worldnet.att.net or me at gschroeder_uscgau@msn.com

This and That

From John and Doris Billington (Faculty)
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Here is just a short note to keep you abreast of what we are doing. We arrived back in Arizona from our cabin in the Black Hills on the 10th of January. We left here on the 18th of December so we spent a little over 3 weeks at the cabin. When we left our cabin in the Black Hills it was about 2 degrees below zero. When we arrived in Phoenix about 4 hours later it was around 70 degrees. We enjoyed the three weeks at the cabin even though there was not much snow. Jack and his family from Dallas came for a few days after Christmas. We did enjoy those days so much even though the time was short. For Christmas Day we were invited to spend the time with Doris' side of the family.

From Pat (Terpening) Owen (58)
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Gary - got this from **Ed Brown (58)**
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I printed it off and it's 12 pages, so definitely don't want to print it in the newsletter, but it's quite interesting. It's about how the USAF planes get their serial numbers and if you want to locate a specific plane you can do so.
<http://home.att.net/~jbaugher/usafserials.htm>

From Bill (Grable) Rees (57)
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Three people not listed on the 1956 Bushy Park Bobcats basketball team that should have been;

Coach Grover Cannon Colorado
George Keich Pennsylvania
Chico Kieswetter New Jersey

From Wendell Oren Jones (58)
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This note is coming from Gatwick Airport. I am returning from a business trip to

London. The other day, after dark I went to Bushy Park, but could not remember exactly the spot where our school, the dorms, etc., were located. Someone once told me that a plaque was in the ground to mark the spot, but in the dark I could not find it. Looking forward to seeing everyone in San Diego.

From Ann (Besancon) Moore (58)
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On Feb 27 a friend and I are going to England for 10 days. We are going to attend the Crufts Dog Show in Birmingham but are spending 6 days in London. I am looking forward to seeing some of the places we spent interesting times. If anyone knows where the plaque is please let me know. I would love to take a photo of it. Our hotel will be near Wigmore Street and I hope to find the location of our high school graduation.

While going through boxes in my basement I came across a box of old papers, photos and other mementos my mother had in her attic. In the many moves my husband and I made it just stayed packed. I haven't had time to delve into it but I will and hope to find some things to bring to the reunion in San Diego.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you who can attend. I will be driving my motor-home from Rhode Island with some stops on the way and would love to caravan with anyone driving if schedules permit.

I have shown, bred and trained dogs for the last 35 years. Since my husband and I were going to travel in the motor-home for a couple years I gave that up. He passed away two years ago and I am now showing dogs again. Our two daughters live two hours away from me in Western MA. I have 4 grandchildren with another due in May. I

would love to hear from you to hear about your life after Bushy Park.

From Bill Percy (60)
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We moved into our new home Monday (January 27) during the "coldest" temps of the year. The temp was -4 and the wind-chill was "bad" --- making it equal to -20 degrees. But we are sleeping in our new home and all is well.....we are thrilled with the new "digs" after 8 months waiting!!!
....See everyone in October at San Diego.....

From Rae Jean Whipple Cox (62)

A story about a Viet Nam vet and movie star Ann Margaret which was written by the veteran's wife -- unique and well worth reading.

Richard, my husband, never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8x10 black-&-white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margaret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann Margaret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo, so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing. When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage.

Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted. Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those

shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home.

Ann Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as 2nd in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it."

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for "my gentlemen." With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them. There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he was the only one there.

Later, at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears. "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said. That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet.

I'll never forget Ann Margaret for her graciousness and how much that one small act of kindness meant to my husband. I now make it a point to say Thank You to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

If you'd like to pass on this story, feel free to do so. Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make. I HOPE THIS GETS AROUND TO JANE FONDA !!

From Lois Fontaine Pinkney (53)

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Here's one more story yet, of how a graduate ("Class of 53") arrived in England. On Halloween Day, 1950, my mother, sister and I sailed from New York to Southampton on the Cunard liner HMS Queen Mary. My father was already in England, stationed at Manston RAF base (in Kent) and since waiting for military transportation seemed endless, he decided we should come via the Queen. The trip took five days, a record for that time, and the crossing was rough due to stormy weather. As many probably know, the Queen Mary is now permanently docked in the Long Beach, California harbor serving as a hotel and tourist attraction. I have been there to see it several times but the magic is gone- compared to the days when she was one of the magnificent queens of the seas.

From Jacqueline (Pagliarulo) Kerce (62)

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Can anyone help her?

I went to Bushy 59-60 school year. Is there any way I can find out who were my roommates, cause I can't remember, they were both Seniors and I remember one spoke with a German accent. I never got a school yearbook, so I can't see who looks familiar.

Steve Barnabee (61)

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You all do a great job with this newsletter. I truly enjoy reading it. I live in San Antonio,

TX, work for a health care hospital company. My wife Jyl (a teacher) and I have two children. Our daughter lives and works in Austin and our son will be graduating from University of North Texas in May. We are country western and Cajun dance enthusiasts and I tinker with a couple of old 60's muscle cars. I have fond memories of Bushy Park and CHS. We visited the site a few years ago. As most of you probably know, there is nothing left that would give any clue that the school was there. I got lost trying to retrace some of my tracks driving around Kingston/Teddington. Aging and a fading memory will do that to you. Look forward to the next newsletter. Thank you for doing it.

Comments From You Our Readers

From Judy (Samms) Stanford(59)

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Fabulous newsletter. Appreciate all you do for us.

From Jo Barrett Maas ('61)

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What a treat to find the news on my e-mail today! I keep finding my way through all the cobwebs trying to put names with faces. It truly is fun and, amazingly, no one has aged a bit when I finally put the two together. So there is a reunion in Oct in San Diego! I sure hope to make it. I have heard from so many of my past partners in Bushy merriment---namely---Judy Risler (Risie), Carol Condron, Arlene Costello, Thyra Caldwell, Sally Goldenberg and others. Sounds like a party to me!! My husband and I are heading to England this summer. Any advise on visiting Bushey? How about Thorpeness/Bentwaters? Many, many thanks for all the work you put into keeping us connected!

From Carol Albert Yacovone (57)
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Gary I would love to have a copy of the list for all areas of students. Since I see many 57 names popping up asking about the California reunion I will wait to hear more about where and when details. The only thing I can tell other alumni is, no matter what year you graduated don't be afraid to join a reunion of other classes...I had a ball in Mississippi for the 60's groups as did fellow classmates of the 56-59 era Dave Mangold, Judy Tucker Dunerdervil and Robyn Rudat Allen...so to all you Bushyites no matter when you graduated, if there is a reunion near you and you have the opportunity to attend, do it...you will meet new and old friends...

You and Pat are doing a fantastic job for all of us...Thank you, Thank you.

From Duane Burritt (63)
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Just a line to let you know how much I appreciate your newsletter. My sister, Cheryl (Sherry) Konjura gave me your address. I went to Bushy Park in the 5th and 6th grade in 1956-57. I had Mr. Shermer and Mrs. Pineo (spelling?). I'd like to know if anyone from those classes are around somewhere and remember me? I remember Jeffrey Hill, Rod, John, Billy (girl), and Joe, oh yea and Cathy Crow. Can't remember anyone else. Thanks. Duane Burritt. P.S. I'm a professor at Oral Roberts University teaching teachers how to be teachers, married 33yrs., two sons, one married and one about to be married, and a spoiled cat named Graci!

From Susan Miller Dalberg (62)
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I did my part and have my photo on the now and then site! Enjoyed looking at how little we actually all changed on the website. Few more wrinkles maybe, but still young at heart shows on everybody's faces! I was pretty sure the Nigerian guys got my name from this newsletter as it was the only place I could remember ever posting my maiden and married name. I sent the information to the FBI and they are well aware of these guys. (I've had four emails, all with the same story, different names.)

Their (FBI) email back to me was to not open the mail, or even reply to it as that captures our address into their shared system. Since they are targeting older folks, where better than old reunion sites? Guess Classmates.com has had their addresses pirated also.

Just a quick correction, my married name is **Dalberg**, not Dahlberg. The Dahlberg is Sweedish, Dalberg is German/Russian. Silly little trivia for anybody who is into that stuff. :)

Editors Note: We try to keep the size of the newsletter to 10 pages so the file will be easier to send and download. Because of this I have a couple of other articles I received that I did not have space for in this issue. They will be in the next issue. Don't be disappointed if you send something and it doesn't show up in the following issue. Most of the time it comes out just right, but as with this issue I received more than there was room for. Please keep sending me your articles or we may not have a newsletter. Thanks to all of you who contribute.