



Bushy Tales

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



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I left the "a" off of networkiowa in the e-mail message I sent you concerning my brother, Bill. Correct e-mail:

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Look Who We Found

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What a surprise to get your letter and postcard - how to spend a few hours I didn't know I had, doing something I hadn't thought possible - i.e., flipping through those yearbooks online. A treat! Yes, I'm Jane Cram, aka Marilyn Jane Cram (the "M" long gone), was at Bushy Park for tenth grade, 1954-55. Went to Paris fall of 1955, where I graduated from the American Community School (ACS) in 1957. Graduated from Middlebury College in 1961, married the same year to Vcevy Strekalovsky, have three

daughters, 2 grandsons and a granddaughter. MA from Middlebury in 1993, after years of working in independent school development. My sister Robin Carol, a junior at BP 1954-55, graduated from ACS in 1956, then from Simmons College in 1961, married Paul Lualdi same year, has two sons and a daughter, and 7 grandchildren. MA from Simmons, longtime school psychologist. We've lived ten minutes from each other for the past thirty-five years, kids all went to school together - very different from the way we grew up, which I loved. I see from the site that Nancy Reed DeCou is out there, hi, Nancy! I appreciate all the time and effort that must have gone into putting these sites together and tracking down fly-by-nights like me! Thanks

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Classmates Who Have Transferred To The Eternal Duty Station

Our love and prayers go out to the family and friends of our classmates who have gone on before us. We will miss them, yet we can find comfort in knowing that one-day we will all join them for the greatest of all reunions

Dagmar Juliet Hewitt Devereau (62)

No other information.

Memories of Bushy

From Carol (Albert) Yacovone (57)

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Just wanted to share this photo. Getting out the old books to see what I can drag along to DC reunion. Long before Fonsie was cool we had this group and they were oh so cool – recognize them?



Jack Carmichael, Tony Hernandez and Roger “Tog” Tyler.

Reunion News

See last page of this newsletter for the latest update on the DC Reunion.

This and That

From Chuck Clemens (54)

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Hi Friends:

If everything goes right, our home here in Texas will be packed on March 8th and 9th. We will be on our way to Tulsa, OK. The next

6 months will be living out of suitcases as we wait for our new home to be built.

Judy and I plan to stay with AOL for the present, we may not answer as quick. If you really need us for some reason try our cell phones. Judy’s is (281) 224-8121 and mine is (281) 687-5493. You might catch us at (918) 664-6519 (Daughters phone.) Thanks for all great computer time in the past. I hope to be back up on the air as soon as possible.

From Pat Terpening Owen (58)

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The father of Fr. Aaron (Sheldon) Peters (57) went to his eternal reward shortly before 6:00am on March 11, 2005. He was 89. Please remember him and the family in your prayers at this time.

From Judy (Risler) Covington (60)

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I think Ellis Young's questionnaire was pretty cool. So thought I'd answer them:

1. Favorite Teacher? I had two: Mr. Law, and Mr. Janusz. I'd always loved the learning process, and they made it so interesting and challenging. They were the absolute best in my book.
2. Cigarettes? Yep. I started smoking at the tender age of 14, when I was at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas. Thought it was cool as hell, even though now I know it wasn't. Here's one of my favorite Bushy Tales: When I got to the school in December of 1958, one of the first places I was introduced to was the small teen club. Now, in the states, "nice" girls didn't smoke. Or at least they didn't smoke where anyone could see them. So here I go bopping into the teen club, and what to my wondering eyes did appear but everyone, male and female, sitting around the tables smoking

like chimneys, and nobody considered it bad. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. But, in 1992, I decided that smoking was not only dangerous to my health, but had become too expensive as well. Not to mention the hassle it brought just trying to find a place to smoke, and enduring the withering glances of those who chose not to imbibe. So, I said, who needs it? I quit cold turkey and have never lit up again. But I still miss it. Now you know one of my dire secrets.

3. Did I marry a Bushy Park student? No, I married a GI from Sculthorpe, and stayed married to him for 38 years. He died in 1999. But am now happily attached to Mike Murphy, a 1958 Bushy Parker. Mike graduated a few months before I got there, so we never met each other, but we knew all the same people! How's that for coincidence?

4. Did I eat at the BP cafeteria? In the mornings, yes, even though I, along with several other early morning diners, did get ptomaine poisoning from the breakfast ham one time. Wretched day, since we weren't allowed back in the dorms till school was out. In the evenings, yes, there was always the chance a special guy would be waiting outside to walk me back to the dorm! But at lunchtime? No way. That was when those of us who puffed gathered at the teen club to light up, throw a coin or two into the jukebox, and dance a little. Or just sit around and talk about everybody who wasn't there. If you remember, we had little ticket things, food chits, we had to use for money to eat in the cafeteria. My dad found my unused book of chits one weekend, and had a profound discussion with me concerning the wasting of money. Unfortunately, his wise words went in one ear and out the other, because I never did stop going to the teen club instead of the cafeteria for lunch.

5. I don't remember my bus number, but boy do I remember the 4-1/2 hour bus rides to and from Sculthorpe!

6. Actually, most of the "kids" I remember have been located. There's a few I'd still like to track down, but for the most part Pat Terpening Owen and Co. have done such a fantastic job, I can't complain. Maybe...Jim Nelson, Karen Dougherty, Mike and Judy Hall...

7. My mom and I traveled to England from McGuire AFB, NJ (MATS) to RAF Mildenhall (sp), near Alconbury. Got in at 3am, tired, cold, and hungry after our endless trip across the Atlantic on a prop job aircraft. Not one of my fondest memories.

Guess that's about it. If anyone else sends in some questions, I'll answer them too!

From Ellis Young (59)
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FAVORITE Teacher: Mr. Poole.

SMOKING: Yes. Not now.

MARRIED: English girl from Staines.

LUNCH: Usually in the cafeteria.

BUS: 102 (Kingston, Ashford, Laleham, Egham and Staines)

LOST CLASSMATES: Beverly Fox

TRAVEL: Westover AFB to Prestwick, Scotland, Train to Cheltenham, Then to Fairford AFB. Returned from Burtonwood (after a seven day fog delay) via Eastern Airlines (Super Connie aircraft) to Idlewild, New York and on to Westover AFB.

(Editors Note: Does anyone know where Beverly Fox is or what happened to her?)

From Mike Murphy (58)
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Answers to questions: favorite teacher—MS.
Kelly art teacher

Favorite subject—Art I did not smoke and I still don't. Just never had an interest in it

I did not marry a BP student, but years later met and now live with Judy Risler, class of 1960

I did eat in the cafeteria. My dad got food chits for us.

I think my bus number was 622 when I was in the dorm, but later we rode the train back and forth from school to Staines.

I remember June Mills (Mimi) class of 58, but have never heard from her again. Please help. Would also like info on Eleanor Bestwick who I think lives in California.

My mother and my 2 brothers traveled to England on Flying Tiger MATS leaving from MacGuire Air Base and landing in Burtonwood. We had a stop over in Goose Bay Labrador. I remember the plane being very crowded with women and children and people smoking. I almost gagged several times from the smoke.

I would like to know why Jim Crutchfield has never answered my emails, as Pat Terpening gave me his email to correspond. Also what ever happened to Van Blick? I always remember him wearing the bow tie.

From Shirley (Huff) Dulski (57)
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This is just a FYI. Last spring I read Mary Edwards Wertsch's book *Military Brats: Life Inside the Fortress*. It had a huge impact on me and certainly explained a lot about some of my feelings, reactions, attitudes, feelings of loss, etc. (maybe I'm just a slow learner). For those who don't know, the last six years, Donna Musil has been working on a film about our lives as military brats: *Brats: Our Journey*

Home. This film is narrated by Air Force Brat Kris Kristofferson and features interviews with military brats from every branch of the service, including Army brats General H. Norman Schwarzkopf. Musil has put this together with her life savings, some grants and donations. The film is almost finished, but she needs financial help for the post-production costs. You can read all about the film at www.bratsourjourneyhome.com. I'm sure every little bit will help and I'm hoping some of you will be willing to donate so that this film about military brats can be finished. I would love to hear if other people have read Wertsch's book and what, if any, the reaction was [sdulski@acs.carleton.edu]. After going through some deep soul-searching, I concluded I would live the life of a military brat all over again.

From Norman Alm (61)
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More from the mountains of Scotland
In the last issue Pat Teubner (now Tricia Crisp) and Norman Alm both of the class of 1961, wrote about their mini-reunion after 44 years, with their respective spouses. Here is a picture of the two of them taken at that meeting up in the mountains of Scotland.



From Your Editor
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My new bride and I will be moving to a new apartment on the 1st of April. I know the address of the new apartment complex but not the number of our apartment as of this writing. I will also be getting a new email address but do not know that at this time either so may be off line for a few days. As soon as I know the new address for both I will send out a special email to everyone so you can send me your articles for the next issue.

Now, wedding pictures are not back yet so this is a picture that was taken the next day at a Coast Guard Formal Banquet we had to attend. (That is Dee on the left and me on the right just so you will know.) ☺



Letters to the Editor

From Martha (Connor) Bartsch (56)
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Aren't you the nicest, and Heaven knows I am so glad that Paul Middlebrook put me on to the BP Newsletter, but I don't have anything to contribute because, a) I have a terrible memory for whatever reason, and b) I must have been really dull back then. It was a great experience I do know that. So, I can't be much help. Sorry.

From Aaron Sheldon Peters (57)
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A bit of a correction on the last Issue - It should be #1 of Volume 5. (It must have been the newly married life...Ahem!!!)
(Editors Note: You are so right on both accounts Pete. Thanks for keeping me straight.)

From Tom Drysdale (Overseas Schools)
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Hi Gary: This is Tom Drysdale, this time in Arizona.

Thanks again for another excellent BP Newsletter. As you know, we preserve them in the AOSHS Archives.

We think it is excellent planning for the newsletter to now have a Senior Editor. That makes a lot of sense. CONGRATULATIONS!

Please keep up the good work. It is historically important, and I hope your readers realize this.

From Elena Ruddy (58)
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Boy, has the time blipped by...I do recognize some names. I attended as a Sophomore 55/56, just the one year...Navy kept us moving. My friends were mostly from the Freshman class, including Emily Melvin with whom I've stayed in contact all these years. Keeping busy as a realtor, actor & script supervisor in the Los Angeles area. Thanks for taking on this huge project.

From Walter Costa (54)
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The last issue of the Bushy Park News letter gave me an Idea. I have become somewhat of an amateur poet and novelist. Would you be interested in publishing one of my poems once a month? Might help you fill the paper.

They're Haku style and take up little room but it may be a good page filler if you like. They mostly make comments on life. Let me know.

Here's one you can use next month if you care to. Perhaps an epitaph to Bill Bailey!

Title: Live For Today

Think about tomorrow
and the devil laughs

From Pat Terpening Owen (58)

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As space permits, I'm going to ask Gary to publish the names of a class every month. I'm going to publish what information I have on those who are still missing, and if anyone has any information that would help in locating them, it would be appreciated. If anyone would like to contact someone who's been found, let me know and I'll get the information to you:

CLASS OF 1954

FOUND

Roberta Adeska Glovina - Nevada
Gary Baldwin - New Jersey
Craig Barnes - New Mexico
Gordon Barnette - Virginia
David Betts - Florida
Clarence "Ronnie" Cain - Maryland
Diane Calderwood Caldwell - New Hampshire
Raymond Chandonnet - Colorado
Daniel Chew - Wisconsin
Charles Clemens - Texas
Peggy Corder Johnson - Florida
Walter Costa - Texas
Billie Culp Bules - Arizona
Mary Easley Brokaw - Arkansas
Frank Embree - Hawaii
Helen Flatters Oswill - Arizona (winter); Utah (summer)
Gemma Gamble Rettman - Oregon

Suzanne "Snookie" Garrison Mayo - California
Kathleen Gfeller Smith - Louisiana
Raymond Harper - New Mexico
William Kane - California
Gail Lemmon Welch - South Carolina
Robert Lyle - Connecticut
Joan Maltman Rindfleisch - New Jersey
Johnny Meurer - Florida
Diane Miller Kampe - California
Donald Miller - Maryland
Samuel Myers - Texas
Lynn Neavling - New York
Betsy Neff Cote - Pennsylvania
Edwina Parker Furman - Tennessee
Guy Short - Oklahoma
Helen Speed Harris - Arizona
William Stone - Georgia
Edwin Toone - North Carolina
Pat Wells Johnson - California
Joanne Witzel Martin - California

The following from the Class of 1954 are deceased:

Ronald Bowers
Miles A. Connor
James Goodeve
Henry Lemmon
Giles London
Harl Piety
Betty Sullivan

The following from the Class of 1954 are still "MISSING"

Deanne Allegier Stewart - did live in West Hills, California
Virginia Cecelia Beard - Did she attend Syracuse University?
Jerry Chisolm - first name Gerald, Jerald or Jerome?
Geraldine Clem
Barbara Lani/Leilani DeVaughn - father Lt. Col A. J. - Anyone know what his first name was?
Karin Marie Fricke
Barbara Jean "B.J." Grinnell

Carol Hall
Fred Hart
Judith Ann Hearn - father a physician?
Barbara Jean Hodgeman
Ginger Ann Ireland Green - Husband William?
Richard Jackson - father Cdr Tulon L.?
Louise "Peg" Jordan
Robert Parker - father Cdr Leonard A.?
William Byng Robbins - Found on Classmate
but no reply after several attempts. Think he
lives in California
Leroy Rogers
Mike Salmon
Janice Staples
Diane Tiffany
Margaret "Yvonne" Wright - Father M/Sgt.
A.C. Haworth - Anyone know his first name?

From Sherry (Burritt) Konjura (57)
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We rarely get a chance to see another country's
editorial about the USA.

Read this excerpt from a Romanian
Newspaper. The article was written by Mr.
Cornel Nistorescu and published under the title
"C"ntarea Americii, meaning "Ode To
America") in the Romanian newspaper
Evenimentulzilei

"The Daily Event" or "News of the Day".
~An Ode to America~

Why are Americans so united? They would
not resemble one another even if you painted
them all one color! They speak all the
languages of the world and form an
astonishing mixture of civilizations and
religious beliefs. Still, the American tragedy
turned three hundred million people into a
hand put on the heart.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House,
the army, and the secret services that they are
only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to

empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out
onto the streets nearby to gape about. The
Americans volunteered to donate blood and to
give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised
their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-
shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the
national flag. They placed flags on buildings
and cars as if in every place and on every car a
government official or the president was
passing.

On every occasion, they started singing their
traditional song: "God Bless America!" I
watched the live broadcast and rerun after
rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy
who went down one hundred floors with a
woman in a wheelchair without knowing who
she was, or of the Californian hockey player,
who gave his life fighting with the terrorists
and prevented the plane from hitting a target
that could have killed other hundreds or
thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united
as one human being? Imperceptibly, with
every word and musical note, the memory of
some turned into a modern myth of tragic
heroes. And with every phone call, millions
and millions of dollars were put in a collection
aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but
a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such
a way? Their land? Their galloping history?
Their economic Power? Money? I tried for
hours to find an answer, humming songs and
murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding
commonplace.

I thought things over, but I reached only one
conclusion...Only freedom can work such
miracles.

Cornel Nistorescu

REGISTRATION FORM
FOR THE WASHINGTON D.C. LCHS ALL CLASSES REUNION
OCTOBER 7th THROUGH 10th 2005

If you're planning on joining us in the Nation's Capital for the reunion, now is the time to sign up. The central event of the reunion will be a dinner/dance at our hotel, the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, Virginia, on Saturday, October 8th, from 7 to 12 p.m. We will also have the hotel's largest hospitality suite for all four days, 7th through the 10th. The total cost per person for the dinner/dance is \$50. This covers hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, music, staffing for the cash bars, and all service charges and taxes. The registration fee is \$35 per person. This covers alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and finger food for the hospitality suite's open bar over all four days, as well as decorations, badges, postage, hotel service charges, and the myriad other costs involved. I need to collect these two fees as soon as possible. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and mail it to me with your cheque made out to William W. Cooper. My address is:

William W. Cooper
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Those of you planning to stay at the hotel should make your reservations as soon as possible. We have a limited number of rooms available. The reservation phone number for the hotel is: 1-800-368-3408. Be sure to mention Code LCH for our special rate of \$99 plus 10.25% tax per room. See this web site for a description of the hotel:

<http://dc.onetravelsource.com/brochure/10045353>

Other events still in the planning stages include tours and a possible cruise on the Potomac. Costs and sign up for these events will be left up to the individuals or class groups interested in them, but I plan to provide timely information on them to all who register. Brochures, maps, and tour info will also be available when you arrive at the hotel. If you have questions or suggestions, my email is: liammail@erols.com

Name (Maiden Name) _____ Class of _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Registration Fee (\$35/Person) for _____ Persons - \$ _____

Dinner/Dance Fee (\$50/Person) for _____ Persons - \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Staying at the hotel? No Yes If you are, what dates?

Interested in a Potomac cruise?

What other events, info are you interested in?