



Bushy Tales

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



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**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
to all.**

Class Representatives

1953 - Jackie (Brown) Kenny

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1954 - Betsy (Neff) Cote

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1958 - Pat (Terpening) Owen

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1959 - Jerry Sandham

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1960 - Ren Briggs

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1961 - Betsy (Schley) Slepetz

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1962 - Dona (Hale) Ritchie

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Roster Changes

From Pat Terpening Owen (58)

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Just a reminder for everyone: Please when you send something for the newsletter could you please include your maiden name (for the girls), and the year of your graduation. This makes it so much easier for Gary and me to put in the correct information without having to try to remember maiden names especially. Thanks

New Email addresses:

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Look Who We Found

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From Pat Brady Thurman (60)
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Dear Pat and Gary,
Thanks as usual for all you do for all of us!
Guess who walked into the art gallery where I
work in Santa Fe...Charles Patterson (59) and
his English wife. (A beautiful woman, and
sweet too!) I told him about all of us, and the

Bushy Park Newsletter. He was thrilled and
wants to be put on the E-mail list to receive it!
He said that his sister, Carol (Patterson)
Johnson ' 60, would love to receive it too. So,
here are their addresses:

CWPatterson@cablelynx.com and
CLJohnson@cablelynx.com

Isn't that amazing? I love it! Please include
them both in all mailings, etc. per Charles.
(NOTE FROM PAT: They've been added.)

Memories of Bushy

From Mary Lou (Quin) Benton (62)
Mbenton@sc.rr.com

I think the guy in the first picture from Bob
Overton is Steve Otto. In the second, I believe
the girl is Virginia Ederington (not sure about
the spelling of the last name). Steve was on the
annual staff with me, and his picture and mine
appear in the annual class dividers from 1961.
Virginia was a good friend of mine at Bushy
Hall and Park but left fairly early. She dated a
Tom Sweeny I think. Of course I could be all
wrong here ☺

**Editors Note: Here are a couple more of
Bob Overton (61) pictures. Can anyone
identify the individuals in these pictures?**





Reunion News

From William W. Cooper (57)

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Dear Friends,

Three weeks have passed since the reunion. It seems at once long gone and just over. In any case it's time I came out of meltdown mode and thanked you all for coming. Your being there and the chance to get together with so many of you from so many classes is what made the reunion such a delight and a success. I may have done a bit of organizing and managing, but it was you who made it wonderful and worthwhile. Thank you each and all.

Particular thanks to Father Aaron Peters (57), who celebrated Mass for us; to Sherry Burritt Konjura (57), who put together that excellent tour guide; to Ron Crowe (64) and Kathie Faulkner Jones, for the great T-shirts; to Lyn Peterson Stinnett (58) for the "where in the world have you been" world map; to Trish Brown Savage (59), for researching cruises and for the flowers; to Kathy Kelly O'Neill (61) for Joyce Newfield Alexander's (61) Central pennant, which I'll be forwarding to Pat Terpening Owen; and to all of you who signed the card and calendar. Thanks also to Pat Terpening Owen (58) and J Mercer (66), who couldn't make it this time but without

whom many of us would never have been found again. Finally, special thanks to Celeste Plitouke Brodigan (57) and Sherry Burritt Konjura (57) for presenting me with that undeserved but always to be treasured High School Sweet Heart (HSSH) dog tag. I promise to wear it to every reunion and on other special occasions.

The reunion was a financial success as well. We had a bit of money left over. (I don't think this had anything to do with my good management, so it must mean that you all didn't drink enough. Imagine that.) Now I could, daunting prospect that it is, sit down and write about a hundred small refund checks, or we could – as I would propose we do – contribute the money to aid survivors of our recent hurricanes. Unless I hear otherwise from you, I'll do so.

Once again, thanks. I had a great time and I'm looking forward to the next reunion and the ones after that, and especially to the 2007 reunion, which Barbara Bookhammer Luehrs (57) and Shirley Huff Dulski (57) are already planning. It will be the 50th for the Class of '57, and we'll want to have as many folks as possible from all the LCHS family.

From Renold Briggs (60)

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Gary and Pat,

Below is the first notice I would like you to put in the Bushy Tales News Letter about having a Bushy Park Central High Gathering in October 2006. It is just to let people know that we are planning on having one and reserve the time. Thank you for your support. Ren Briggs and Gathering Committee.

Bushy Park Gathering 2006

Mark you calendars for October 2006. Start making plans to be there. Our goal is to pass

the San Diego Gathering head count we had in 2003. The location will be in the Dallas/ Ft Worth area. We are in the process of selecting a hotel that will be cost effective and provide the requirements we need. The dates, location, and information will follow in future News Letters and emails.

For all of you 132 Bushy Brats who live in Texas, we expect to see all of you there.

This is a Bushy Park Central High School Gathering for those who attended from 1953 to 1962. For those who attended Central High School, London England after 1962, you are welcome if you wish to attend.

This and That

From Diane (Lathrop) Zumwalt (56)
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HI - the link I am sending you is one my brother Rick sent me. It has lots of really cool music from the 50's that you can listen to or download if you want to. It is fun to listen to and will really take you back to our high school days. Enjoy!

<http://www.bobforrest.com/Briarcliff1960Reunion.htm>

(Editors Note: I tried it and there are some great songs on there. I loved it. Thanks for sending it Diane.)

From Harold Fergusson (57)
HaroldFergusson@aol.com

I have been traveling again just coming home from SE Asia. I just missed the Bali bombing again. What a mess. Thailand, where I spent most of my time, is a land of the most generous and kind people you would ever want to meet. Violence is starting to spread there. As if the terrorists don't have enough hate and discontent in their hearts to leave peaceful people alone. Missed the southern

episodes of violence there as well. I still have plans to semi-retire there in about two years.

I have been getting Gary's newsletters on a monthly basis. What dedication. I will have to send a missive in to him telling of some of my adventures/misadventures.

There are several kids that I remember well that do not seem to have been found. Or if they have I have not seen them listed. Sylvia Scott and Merriann Meter. We were 7th and 8th graders at Bushy. I would sure like to contact them.

(Can anyone help Harold with the name of this person? Thanks, Pat.) Also there was a girl that had polio, I believe, that at a dance kids on their dates were "married". Do you remember that? Anyway I do not know her name but would like to have it. Do you remember anyone who had had polio and was living in the Dorm? Even a townie for that matter.

I hope this finds you and yours well. Sorry I will not be at the reunion this year. Best regards.

From Mike Murphy (58)
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Hope all is well with you. Judy and I went to New Braunfels, Texas for a German fest. It was called Wurstfest. Very nice! While we were there we visited with Dallas Webb, class of 60 and her husband Harold. Then we were off to Shreveport for the State Fair and to see a show. We plan on going to Germany in May to visit my brother who lives there. We are looking forward to the next reunion. Ren Briggs, class of 60 says he wants it in Dallas, so all of you Texas residents get ready. Have a happy Thanksgiving to all.

From Arlene (Costello) Marcley (60)
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Hi, folks,

The most incredible thing is happening and I have embarked on an amazing journey. For the past three weeks I have been filmed by a production crew with the A&E Network. Filming will continue until the end of November and in December the segment will be shown on "Flip This House." I believe the title will be "The Priceless Gift."

Some of you may know of my interest in baseball legend Shoeless Joe Jackson, one of eight Chicago White Sox accused of throwing the 1919 World Series. Despite being found not guilty by a jury in 1920, Baseball Commissioner Kennesaw Montain Landis banned Joe from baseball. Jackson was one of the greatest baseball players in the history of the game, and I join many, many Americans in believing he was innocent of throwing any game.

Joe was from Greenville (SC), and nine years ago I was introduced to several people who had known him. Until then I had never heard of Joe Jackson, nor was I prepared for him to take over a good portion of my life. But, Joe Jackson's story is so compelling and his athletic accomplishments so incredible, that in 1997 when the late Ted Williams announced that the baseball commissioner needed to lift the ban on Joe Jackson so he would become eligible for induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame, I jumped on the bandwagon and haven't looked back. When I saw the movie Field of Dreams for the first time I actually fell asleep because I "didn't get it." To make a long story as short as I can, I have spent the past nine years devoted to proving Joe Jackson did nothing to throw the 1919 World Series. I am not alone. There are thousands and thousands of folks who believe Jackson got a raw deal during a time when team owners were corrupt and gangsters and gamblers ruled Chicago. We want Joe Jackson's ban lifted so that he

can be elected to the Hall of Fame where he deserves to be. Joe Jackson died in 1951, but continues to be one of the most beloved baseball players of all time. If you are interested in learning more about him, check out www.blackbetsy.com or any of the numerous web sites, books, and films about him. No, Joe Jackson was not a black man...his famous bat was named Black Betsy (I've had the thrill of holding her).

In 1997, I put together a small exhibit about Joe in the lobby of Greenville City Hall. The response was overwhelming, and each July thereafter I held other exhibits and events honoring Jackson. In 2001, I got mad at Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig, so I raised private money and had a statue of Joe created and a plaza named in his honor (figuring if Selig wouldn't lift the ban on Jackson then Jackson would have something Selig would never have --- a bronze, life size statue!).

I thought my work with Joe was over after the statue was dedicated, but I was wrong. About six weeks ago I met Richard Davis, President of Trademark Properties in Charleston, SC. Richard is in real estate, buys rundown houses at auction, renovates them and sells them for a profit. Richard came to me with an offer I could not refuse. He said he would buy the boarded-up house Shoeless Joe Jackson and his wife Kate lived in and where Joe died, move it several miles to a site near the new baseball stadium being built in downtown Greenville (a mini Fenway Park since our minor league team is affiliated with the Boston Red Sox), completely renovate it to pristine condition, and then hand the deed to me. There were three conditions---that the house be turned into a museum about Joe Jackson; that I create a first-class museum; and that I be Chairman of a foundation to be created and called the Shoeless Joe Jackson Foundation. That my friend is "The Priceless Gift."

For the past three weeks I have been working with Richard and his staff on the details, pulling together architects, landscapers, designers and marketing folks. Last Sunday, I was at Game 2 of the World Series in Chicago along with Richard and others. It was an incredible game, awesome city, and I am a new White Sox fan! I didn't know Joe Jackson had so much support. There is a huge photo of him over the main gate to U.S. Cellular Field! So now I am back in Greenville in a whirlwind of activity. Next Friday will be a press conference to announce the details of the project and I will introduce the new members of the foundation board. They include the great Tommy Lasorda who notified me today from California that he would be honored to serve. The house will be moved to its new location and completely renovated during November. I am planning on the museum being opened officially in July 2006--- Shoeless Joe Jackson Month in the City of Greenville.

So, that is the story for now. As soon as I know when the segment will air in December I will let ya'll know. In the meantime, I could use your good thoughts to help me through this project, and offer your special prayers for a baseball player who deserves to be in the Hall of Fame where his spikes and uniform are displayed, but not his honorable name.

Love to all my Bushy Buds.

From Billie (Winn) Shepherd (62)
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I'm Billie Winn (now Shepherd), class of '62. Just ran across your website of Bushy Park memories and classmates! Wonderful to know there are so many of us still around the country!!!

Would love to have any of my classmates feel free to contact me at my website:

www.redbuckranch.com - would love to be in contact with any classmates living in Scottsdale or Phoenix, Arizona.

Thanks for your website! Would love to know of any upcoming reunions or get togethers!!! Take care!

From John Mercer (66)
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John Mercer (66) posts the newsletters in both PDF and Word at the site below.
http://www.londoncentral.org/newsletters/bushy_tales.htm

Letters to the Editor

From Tom Drysdale (Overseas Schools)
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Dear Gary: Once again, thanks a million for what you are doing. As you know, we record each one in the AOSHS Archives.

So, what you are doing, will be appreciated 25, 50, 100 years or more from now, and will also be of interest to historians, writers, researchers, and graduate students, let alone the descendants of those who worked and taught at Bushy Park. And for all of this, thanks to you. Tom.

From Diane Pendergrass Hopkins (55)
dhopkins400@peoplepc.com

Hi Pat, Just wanted to write and give you my new email address, it has taken me forever to get back on line. Thanks a million for finding the town where Kathleen (Casey) Sanders was living. We roomed together our jr. and senior years 53-55. I have so missed her!!! It has been great to talk of old times. Thanks again Pat! Take Care.

From Jean (Lack) Griffing (59)
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Hi Gary,

Thank you for the wonderful job with the newsletter. Most of the people I do not know, but feel a kindred with due to mutual experiences and time spent at Bushy Park and other places around the world. Providing a vehicle for sharing and remembering is such a gift. Thank you.

What strikes me particularly is the attitude of "just dropping by" when they are two states away or so. Only these special people with shared experiences think in those terms.

I hope to gather my thoughts to share some of my remembrances soon.

From Judith (Samms) Stanford (59)
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The newsletter is fabulous this month-so much fun reading and remembering. I have had many wonderful times in my life, but I think my years at Bushy were the best. Thanks.

From Gail Kelly (Faculty)
martha.kelly@virgin.net

Such an enjoyable issue - and please thank everyone who attended the Reunion in DC and thoughtfully sent me images - I haven't stopped laughing yet - cheerio from London - Martha Gail Kelly

From Heidi (Roberton) Penfield (60)
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Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful job you and Gary do with the Bushy newsletter. I look forward to each and every edition.

**Here's a continuation of the Class of 1959 -
Founds, Deceased and Still Missing.**

CLASS OF 1959 - F-L - Found

Farmer Bering, Brenda - Florida
Filley, Dwight - Texas
Fitch, John - Virginia
Fitzgerald Drews, Lynne - Illinois
Foelsing, William "Tex" - Texas
Forsman, Al - Missouri
Forsman - Donna - Virginia
Fulton Julian, Linda - Florida
Gallogly Miller, Patricia - Pennsylvania
Gazlay, Stephen - Texas
Greer Sokolowski, Beverly - Texas
Grigg Griffin, Patricia - South Carolina
Groundwater, Robert - Virginia
Guertin, Henry - Massachusetts
Haatvedt, Loren - Florida
Hall, John Murphy "Mike" - Colorado
Hannibal, Frank - Texas
Harrison Londre, Felicia - Missouri
Harley Sova, Mary Lou - Nebraska
Havard Loberg, Katy - California
Hesse, Richard - Wisconsin
Hickman McFarland, Brenda - Pennsylvania
Hockett Hummell, Rachel "Rusty"- California
Hoffman, Jerry - Virginia
Holdiman, Peter - California
Holmes Greene, Anna - Texas
Hosman, Joseph "Leslie" - Texas
Hunter Powell, Elizabeth - Texas
Huszek, William - Virginia
Johnson, Keith - California
Jones Howe, Peggy - Georgia
Kerr, John - Utah
King, Stephen - Virginia
Kissell, Udo - Germany
Kosanke, Dennis - Hawaii
Kremers, Robert - California
Kurtz King, Martha "Karin" - Maryland
Lack Griffing, Jean - North Carolina
Lane, Emily - England
Langhaim, Henry - Oregon
Lawson, George - Ohio

Legate, Frank - Texas
Lippe, Stuart - Maryland

Deceased - 1959

Faass, David
Geenter, Lois
Harsch, Doss
Henry, John A.
Iams, Jon Conklin
Kriss, Charles

Still Missing - 1959 - If anyone is in contact with any of these missing classmates or knows where any might be or has any other information about them, please forward it to Pat Terpening Owen (58)
nemoamasa@worldnet.att.net

Farber, Carol
Farrell, William Drew - Washington D.C.
Flegal, Thomas Lee - Austin, TX
Furay, Edward P.
Galvin, Mrian
Gelling, Virginia Valrie - Marshall Texas
George, Michael S.
Gibson, Dorothy G.
Glen, William L.C.
Goewey, Peter - from New York
Gonzalez, Linda E. - Father - Captain Frank I., Jr.
Grady, John - Washington, D.C.
Griffiths, Thomas L.
Guisler, Dan
Haley, Stephen Lawrence
Hall, James N
Hallowell, Anna May - Kensington, MD
Hamilton, Barbara F. - Tampa, FL
Harlow, Joseph
Hawkins, Diana L. - Louisville, KY
Hayes, Doris Jean - Helena, MT
Hays, Terrance "Terry" - Selma, OR
Hiatt, Jerry -Honolulu, HI
Hollingshead, Ellen - Hamden, CT
Houser, Kenneth D.
Howard, Floyd Carlton

Johnson, Mrian
Jones, Donna Lee - San Leandro, CA
Jones, Mrgaret
Kelly, Robert Anthony - England
King, Lorraine J. - Denver, CO
Kircher, Karen - Palo Alto, CA
Kraiko (Kraike), Jessica - Los Angeles, CA
Laine, Robert L.
Lane, Sylvia Hallows - Washington, DC
Lewis, Anita L. - Shreveport, LA
Lewis, Elaine Ruth - Los Angeles, CA
Liebscher, Peter - (believe he lives in Silver Spring, MD, but can't confirm)
Linthicum, Barbara Virginia - Frankfurt, Germany

(From your Editor: That's all for this issue folks. Now it's up to you to make sure that we have another issue. Let me hear from you. This time of year should bring back some great memories of the Christmas season we experienced in Merry Old England.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.