



Bushy Tales

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



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Look Who We Found

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I was pleasantly surprised to receive your November 15th letter a few days ago. The letter was addressed to my brother (William Flatters), inquiring about my whereabouts. I'm at a lost for words and uncertain what issues I should address. My husband (Don)

and I reside in Arizona during the winter months and migrate to our home in Utah during the summer season (May - October). Attending a reunion may be difficult, but I would like to be advised. Any pictures taken during my term at Bushy Park would be in my Utah archives, which I'll not have access to until our return next Spring. I'll make a note and advise you of my findings at that time.

I have very fond memories of my days in England, and would very much enjoy receiving your newsletter. I appreciate the efforts of all those involved with your program. Please keep me posted.

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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

Pat White Vigstol (58)

Obituary can be found at:

[Http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?ID=LS02479329](http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?ID=LS02479329)

From Pat Terpening Owen (58)

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I received the following Joyce B. Watson:
Richard D. Watson, Sr., (61) passed away on Friday, January 14, 2005 after a brave battle with leukemia and lymphoma. He was the

husband of Joyce B. (Deller) Watson with whom he celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on December 24. Mr. Watson was born in Louisville, KY, on August 20, 1942 to Jesse G. Watson of Lanesville, IN and the late Virginia M. (Deakins) Watson. He was the stepson of Geraldine Watson. Dave's roots were in Indiana. He grew up an Air Force "brat" and lived in many interesting places, graduating from high school in London, England. He spent four years in the Army's "Old Guard" at Ft. Myers, VA, during the 60's. After moving to Pennsylvania, Dave worked at the former GTE for over 25 years, retiring in 1996. Following retirement, he and his wife, Joyce worked in Yellowstone National Park for five summer seasons, where he touched the lives of fellow employees from all over the world. A former hunter, he was interested in all sports, most recently enjoying hiking in the park, white water rafting with his children and brother, and shooting pool at the Employee Pub in the summer and with his brother-in-law Dick in the winter. In addition to his wife, father and stepmother, he is survived by two sons, Richard D. "Dave" Watson, Jr., and wife Kimberly of Spring Grove and Jesse A. Watson and wife Carrie of York: two daughters, Jennifer M. Warfel and husband Dale of Felton and Frances M. Watson of Seven Valleys; eight grandchildren; a brother Stephen G. Watson and wife Debbie of Salt Lake City, UT; a sister, Diana L. Meyer (62) and husband Tom of Carmel, IN, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2005 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, Seven Valleys. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lodge of Central Pennsylvania, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, 125 Lucy Avenue, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

For those who might wish to send condolence cards, addresses are:

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Mini Bios.

From Harold Granata (53)
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Gary you do a great job with the newsletter, always keeping something up your sleeve for the next edition. After attending Georgetown, Syracuse and Univ. of Missouri I joined Sinclair Oil Co. as a geologist. Spent almost 6 years in Mogadishu Somalia, then 5 years in Venezuela, 10 years back in dear old London, 5 years in Los Angeles CA where my patient Irish wife experienced culture shock for the 1st time, then Jakarta Indonesia for our final 5 years. I survived the merger with Atlantic Richfield co. retired to Florida in 1991. If anyone remembers me please contact me, there are not too many of us left to exchange memories. Are there any more gypsies out there who could tell us where their careers took them? Most of the places we lived in are now undesirable to visit, we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have 1st hand knowledge of those countries. Thanks again for your hard work in keeping us all in touch, God Bless.

Memories of Bushy

From Craig Sams (61)
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I continue to enjoy these newsletters and noticed that you were asking about that bridge. I identified it immediately and then went to the Lake Havasu website where there is a picture of it taken from almost the same angle.

You may remember that, when Lake Havasu City was being built, they made an offer to buy

'London Bridge' and, it's said, once the deal was signed, discovered that they had made a teensy teensy mistake - they had thought they were getting Tower Bridge, with all its ornament and Victorian grandeur. Or that's how the story goes, nobody would admit they'd made a mistake and London Bridge seems to look just fine in the setting, so all's well that ends well.

From Charles (Chas) Bailey (our English Friend)
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Thanks for the info about London Bridge which I already knew but with some extra info the buyer wasn't keen to advertise and obviously still doesn't. When the Bridge was put up for sale the lucky bidder actually thought he was bidding for Tower Bridge. He had got the 2 mixed up. He still had a famous bridge and I think most Londoners are thankful he purchased it and has kept it for future generations. Since then a couple of new bridges have been built to handle even more traffic which was clogging up central London so a congestion charge was introduced from Monday to Friday at the fine old charge of £5 per day to cut down the endless stream of traffic. The scheme so far has been successful and the money raised is being used to give free transport to disabled people and child fares for students and other schemes.

The reason I brought it up about the bridge was because in the newsletter it was asking if anyone knew which bridge it was so I looked at all the present day bridges that span the Thames and Kingston Bridge looked very similar.

The Bridge looks very much like the Bridge at Kingston up-on Thames, I've sent you the above website so you see for yourself.
<http://www.surrey-online.co.uk/towns/Kingston/>

Anyway ta for your info it was still good reading.

From Phil Creasor (55)

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The bridge still works even with right hand traffic.

Good News We Want To Share

From Pat (Terpening) Owen (58)

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Pat Terpening (58) Owen and husband John received an early Christmas gift when their latest grandchild was born in Colorado on December 23. Lizabeth Renee was welcomed by her parents, Susan and Les Likes.

This and That

From Dave McManigal (56)

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It truly is a small world! A member of the church I attend was at Bushy Park at the same time as I, but we didn't meet until two years ago. Her husband, Mr. Carey, was a teacher at the Bushy Park Junior High School from 1953 until 1956. I mentioned the BP website to Mrs. Carey recently, and she wondered if there might be a link to her late husband.

It's a bit of a long shot, but I wonder if any CHS alumni knew him. His widow is curious, and now so am I.

From Mike Murphy (58)

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Well, Judy and I are traveling again. We just got back from a 7 day cruise on the carnival conquest out of New Orleans. We boarded on the 2nd of January and got back on the 9th,

then we met up with my niece whom I had not seen since 1986. It was a great cruise. We visited Montego Bay, Jamaica, Grand Caymen Islands, and Cozumel in Mexico. They were all so wonderful. The ship was loaded with entertainment of all kinds, and of course Judy and I danced most of the nights away. Got a lot of compliments on our dancing too. Next trip is to a condo in Orlando in April and then to Germany to visit my brother. After that who knows. We do plan on attending the 2005 re union in Washington DC in October. Already made reservations. We may stop for awhile, but not any time soon. If we rest, we rust so to speak. Wouldn't it be great if one of our class reunions would be held on a cruise ship? Maybe someone will run that up the flagpole. It's great to be a Bushy Park HS grad. Cheers to all. Mike Murphy and Judy Risler

From Sherry (Burritt) Konjura (57)

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Late last year I decided I wanted to make a career change...or rather a career addition. I wanted something else to do in addition to my performing on stage. I attended and graduated from the International Tour Management Institute in San Francisco becoming licensed as a tour guide. I also studied for, took the test (a real BEAR!), and obtained my license to legally lead tours in the city of Washington, DC without having to hire a "step on guide". I was fortunate enough to be picked up immediately by three companies specializing in student tours. Since then I've also been picked up by three more, so I have a pretty full plate. Right now I'm booked all the way through May of 2005! (No, I haven't "retired" from the stage...I've already accepted a role for next December).

All last season I was "out on the road" leading student tours to Washington, DC and New York City. I can tell you that I've toured Ellis Island, been to the top of the Empire State

Building, toured Arlington Cemetery and Mt. Vernon and done all the other "tourist" things in DC and NY more times than I care to count! But it has been rewarding. I've met students who have made me feel great confidence in the future of our country and I've met a few who really worry me. Fortunately, the ones in the latter group have been few and far between.

In June I happened to be leading a student tour in Washington, DC at the same time that Ronald Reagan was lying in state in the US Capitol. Neither the students touring with me, nor their chaperones were the least bit interested, but I certainly was. I met Reagan when he was running for the Presidency and, no matter what one's politics may be he WAS one of our Presidents. The catafalque on which his coffin was placed was the same one that has been used for Presidents lying in state since Abraham Lincoln.

The last evening that Reagan was to lie in state my group went somewhere that didn't require my presence giving me a 3-1/2 hour window of free time. I ran over to the Capitol arriving in line just ahead of all the folks just getting off work at 5pm. Within minutes after my arrival there must have been at least 300 people lined up behind me! The lines were reminiscent of those you find at Disney world, snaking back and forth endlessly. I thought I'd never get up to the Capitol building in time.

Everyone quickly became acquainted with their neighbors in the line which helped to make the time go faster. There were porta pottys every so often and people would hold your place in line if you decided to use the provided facilities. It was very hot and volunteers came by every so often with free bottled water.

Finally, 3 hours and 3 security checkpoints later, I made it into the Capitol and was among the privileged to walk past the coffin. It was quite an awesome experience. As I departed

the building I was handed a beautiful engraved card commemorating the occasion. I've scanned it and sent to Gary in hopes he can print it along with this. I was wearing my Tour Guide badge as well as my DC license and was stopped by a news team that had noticed the badges as I came down the Capitol steps. They interviewed me and I understand I was on the late news in Philadelphia. I made it back to my meeting place for my group with 10 minutes to spare!

I have great hopes of seeing many of you in DC this coming October.



*The Honorable
Ronald Wilson Reagan
February 6, 1911–June 6, 2004
Fortieth President
of the
United States of America*

*In Final Tribute from a Grateful Nation
The Lying in State of President Reagan
The Rotunda, United States Capitol
Washington, D.C.
June 9, 10, and 11, 2004*

From Donna Forsman (59)
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I recently read a book by Stan Mack about the years he and Janet Bode (61) spent together (Janet died in 1999 from breast cancer). I

recommend it to anyone who knew Janet, as well as anyone who has faced life-threatening illness. The title is Janet and Me and is available on Amazon.com. Janet lived a full and interesting life.

From Pat (Terpening) Owen (58)
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As space permits, I'm going to try to publish the names of each class every month, starting with Class of 1953. 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 1953

FOUND

Ray Algren - California
Arden Atkinson Sederholm - Florida
Harold Baldwin - Texas
Jacqueline Brown Kenny - Florida
Kevin Carroll - Maryland
Marcia Craver Thomas - Texas
Lois Fontaine Pinkney - California
Sherry Gregory Carson - Florida
Barbara Ann Hiers - has been located, but I haven't contacted her yet,
so am not at liberty to provide info on her.
Edna Hunt Ossa - Wyoming
Anne Jones Weber - Oregon (this may be wrong)
Richard Leavell - Texas
Robert W. "Budge" Lynn Hedman - Illinois
Henry Muller - Maryland
Patricia Piety - Minnesota
Sandra Pirie Abel - Virginia
Lois Sersain Biegler - Arizona
Georgia Talbot Cameron - Georgia
Mariann Walton McCornack - Michigan

The following from the Class of 1953 are deceased:

Barbara Bowman
Flint "Pete" Garrison
Celia Johnson
Harper Keeler - Vietnam
Richard Musgrave

The following from the Class of 1953 are still 'MISSING'

Rosa Therese Arns
Bobbie Nelle Brewer
Eugene Clifford Cain
Constance Lee Carpenter
Richard Carver
Patricia Anne D'Arcy - father is R. J. D'Arcy -
Anyone know what his first name might be?
Ruth Rosalind Davis - Born August 11
Ann Hern
Mitzi Jo McCurdy
Pauline Rex Nieman
Kay Owen

Letters to the Editor

From Tom Drysdale (Overseas Schools)
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Hi Gary: This is Tom thanking you for another excellent issue. Would you believe it, I crossed London Bridge in London many times during WW-II, then following WW-II, when I was with the dependents schools in the UK, and also several times where the bridge is now.

In World War II I was a B-24 pilot with the 44th Bomb Group near Norwich. I was there for a year and a half, and visited London probably a dozen times, and of course crossed London Bridge walking and by taxi a number of times.

In the 1950's when I was principal of Eastcote, then later as Asst. Supt of Dependents Schools in the UK I was based at South Ruislip and crossed the bridge frequently. By 1962 I was

Supt and as the old nursery rhyme goes,
London Bridge was falling down.

Since I retired from the DoD Schools, I have been to Lake Havasu several times, crossed the bridge and reminisced. It is quite an experience to go to the bridge now, put your hands on the stones reflect when you saw them many years before when the bridge crossed over the Thames River in London.

Thanks for the good job you are doing, and please keep it up.

From Aaron Peters (56)
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Thanks for your doggedness on this wonderful tool for us all. You are a blessing.

You might put a note of condolence in the next issue to Pat Terpening Owen. Her father died the first part of December (I forget the precise date). She spent a time prior to and after his death in California taking care of things that needed taken care of. He was 91 I believe. She is still grieving some. But she should be over that by February. She's a strong lady.

From Ed Brown (58)
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I have been getting inquiries about the passing of Dave Anderson who died Dec 2nd, 2004. Dave left Bushy Park in 1955 and graduated in the Langley Field, VA area in 1958. Another David Anderson who attended Bushy Park 1956 through 1958 is not the same person .I hope this clears up any misunderstanding for those who show concern for the latter David Anderson, Thanks Ed

From Sherry (Burritt) Konjura (57)
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Boxing Day saw the Annual Celebration hosted at the home of Bill Cooper in DC. Usually several ex-"Bushyites" show up, but this year I was the only one who made it. As always, Bill had a table laden with a delicious meal and all kinds of related "goodies". And, as always, the house was teeming with most of his children, their spouses, and the many "little ones". The latter group eagerly awaited their presents from Grandpa and, upon opening them, regaled all of us with demonstrations of what each treasure would do. Celeste Plitouke Brodigan wasn't able to make it this year, but had sent a box of "Christmas Crackers" (remember those from England?!). All the kids (big and little!) enjoyed those immensely. Bill and I spent a good bit of time discussing the upcoming October Reunion, which we fervently hope will be attended by many of you. We look forward to seeing all of you there. So start making your plans....

From your editor: That's all for this issue my friends. If there is to be a March issue I will need to hear from you no later than 18 February. Now, with that said, If I don't hear from you this will be the last issue – sure hope it's not. I do love doing this and keeping everyone together.