



# Bushy Tales

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



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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.**

**Harry Bacheler (57)** (No Picture Available)  
From his wife: Harry Bacheler passed away on September 21, 2007. He was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in May.

## Reunions



**Wanda (Castor) DeVary (60)**  
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I just received some more pictures and I've already added them to the KC slide show. There are now 211 photos, it takes approximately 39 minutes to view. There are some great pictures up there. I hope people like it. In the past I have just put up any that were sent to me. Because the show is getting longer - if I get any more pictures I am going to replace ones that are blurred or too dark with the newer ones to keep the time down a little.

Also don't forget guys, I can't add info on upcoming reunions if no one sends me info on them.

## Memories of Bushy

**Jean Lack Griffing (59)**

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My class of 1959, was the senior class that began the senior trip to Rome. I understand many classes after us followed our lead making the trip into somewhat of a tradition. In 1959, we did it the hard way. We sold magazines, held raffles, sponsored a Valentine Dance and other fund raising drives that are now a blur for me. Proudly, most students earned their trip. We traveled the hard way with eighteen hours on the train both ways. I have some pictures of the trip I will share at a later time.

Hearing about the move of LCHS to High Wycombe was particularly interesting as that is where my family lived. My guardian was the base commander for several years and I preceded them back to the states after a year of school in Munich at the U. of Maryland Branch. Although I did not realize at the time, I was fortunate to only attend college there one year. Several of our classmates were killed the next year in the plane crash that

happened as they took off from the airport to fly to England for the holiday season. I had wanted to return for a second year, but my family thought it best I return to the States. They feel to this day that was a close call for me and I was saved for a special purpose. I don't know about that, but I am grateful for the decision.

When I first arrived at LCHS in the middle of my Junior year, I went from gagging on the cafeteria food and wondering if I had dropped to the end of the Earth to loving my experiences in England, at LCHS and in Germany. I shall always cherish the friends and teachers who left me with wonderful memories. I wish I had been able to stay in closer contact with so many but life has a way of pulling us in different directions. We are all richer for the experiences and it's rather sad to think that other youngsters will not be at LCHS in London or High Wycombe.



**Terry (Williamee) Sandry (60)**  
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Hi, I have followed this site for about four years and love to read all the comments. WE are retired full time RV'ers, spending the winter in the Rio Grande Valley. We work for the US Fish and Wildlife Department at the Santa Ana Wildlife refuge south of Alamo (Texas). If anyone is in the area, stop in. I work Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the visitor center. It is one of the top birding places in the United States.

I was class of 1960, attended Bushy Park in 1959 and 1960. I lived in the Annex, Wing 1. My senior picture was missed in the 1960 annual. We were stationed at Sculthorpe so took the long bus rides. In 1959, the boys and girls rode the same buses, but separated them in 1960. Remember stopping in Bulldog for "fish and chips". Does anyone remember when a group of English people along the road threw rotten eggs at the buses, Yuk! I think one came in the window and hit either Carol or Barb Eckels in the head! The smell stayed with us all the way home. My fondest memories are the AYA on base and sales at the PX to buy the latest shipments of "stateside clothes". Speaking of clothes does anyone have my green blouse? I returned home many times with dirty clothes I had

borrowed but never got back to their owners. Sorry! Rosemary Hexberg, thanks for all the times you fixed my hair, you were a life saver.



**Lois (Marushak) Butler (61)**  
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Going through some "stuff", I ran across the "Welcome to Lakenheath" handbook printed in April of 1959.

Under Education, the following was provided - "Central High School at Bushy Park, near London is available for students in grades ten through twelve. Students board at the school during the week and on week ends transportation is provided to bring them home after class on Friday and return them Sunday evening. The cost for room and board is \$1.50 per school day per student plus \$.50 for each meal they may eat on Sunday."

So for \$7.50 a week our parents did not have to get after us to do homework, clean our rooms, feed us, get us out the door on time every morning and have after school activities planned for us every day.

Also included in the handbook was a glossary of words:

Air (for the tires) - wind  
Barrette - hair slide  
Bobby pins - hair grips  
Blanket - rug  
Dry goods store - draper  
Dress - frock  
Electric cord - flex  
Fender (car) - wings  
Hardware store - ironmonger  
Hood (car) - bonnet  
Horn - hooter  
Raincoat - mackintosh  
Sweater - jumper or woolie  
Station wagon - shooting brake  
Suspenders - braces  
Soft drinks - minerals  
Telephone booth - kiosk  
Wash cloth - face flannel  
Weather stripping - draft excluder



**Craig Sams (61)**  
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Wow! It never ceases to amaze me how someone else's memories can suddenly trigger a whole cascade of stuff that you'd thought you'd forgotten or that you never realized other people would share with such vivid recall. Jack Fisher's (61) piece in the last newsletter did it for me. Peter Junker and his Armstrong Siddeley were a constant feature of my life. He lived near us in Ealing and I kept up with him after I went off to Penn because I'd come back to the family home in London every summer. I remember Jack well, too. We were on that set of Lolita together, along with Bob Overton, who got the best part and I referred to it in an earlier posting but nobody picked up on it then. Pete drove that Armstrong Siddeley like it was a Rocket 98 – screeching round corners and putting the pedal to the metal. I'd come to London from Omaha (via Chateauroux) and this was what, to a teenage 'petrolhead' (as they are now called in England) going out on the prowl with Pete was the ideal evening. No seat belts of course, primitive braking and steering systems, the sort of thing driving that makes me shake my head in despair when I see the local teenagers doing it along the seafront here in Hastings. The occasional floral tributes to the kids who didn't quite make it are a reminder of how stupid, and lucky, we were.

Although he was Hungarian and a British national, Pete spoke with an American accent and in his heart and soul had come home when he found a group of American friends. In 1965 he and I were in business during the summer promoting rock concerts at the pier in Sandown, a seaside resort on the Isle of Wight. Because it was an island if you booked a band it couldn't get back to London after the gig, so most of the local promoters just used local bands, which were musically terrible. We rented a big house for the summer, booked passages on the ferries right through the summer, then booked top bands from London and they stayed overnight in the houses we'd booked. Bands like Jimmy James and the Vagabonds, Chris Farlowe and the Thunderbirds, the Action and the Clique, all iconic bands of the time, came down and we drew in all the holidaymaker kids who were also from London and didn't care for the local bands. One rival promoter sent one of his bouncers to check us

out and Peter hired him on the spot. We had a great time, didn't make much money, but spend the summer hanging out with minor rock stars and covering all our costs. By then the Armstrong Siddeley had had its day and Peter was driving a snappy red Vauxhall Viva. He went on to work at Express Dairies as a trainee manager and I'm sure had a great career, but like Jack, I'm sorry that we lost contact.

I also remember that motor coach. Cam (last name?) and Tom Wright would be on it and they'd be singing Mose Allison songs like Parchman Farm and Young Man and I'd be desperately trying to memorize the 10 lines from Macbeth that Mrs. Leigh had set for us. Tom and Cam hung out with the people at Ealing College of Art, which included Pete Townshend of the Who and Ronnie Wood, the Rolling Stone. My girl friend Marika also studied there, but that's another whole story.

I've got to admire Jack for staying put in one place. I've done the same. After living in 12 different locations and about 15 different houses up till my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, I eventually settled in London and lived in the same neighborhood (Portobello Road) for 30 years and just moved to Hastings 5 years ago and am reluctant to go anywhere. I guess people who live in one place all their lives get some kind of travel bug, but if you've been a brat nomad all your life then you're immunized to that particular bug and just want to stay still for a while.

### **This and That**



**Gail Kelly (Faculty)**  
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Heigh ho, Bobcats - below is a portion of an email I received with a request for a 90 yearbook - all the yearbooks are now gone except one 90 and one 96. Good for Glenn - the late 80s-90s group needs a potential site - please pass his URL to your Central chums - cheers and best, Gail  
----- Original Message -----  
Hello Mrs. Kelly,

Here is the Url address also for the LCHS group I started up on myspace awhile back... Haven't had a lot of ways to get the word out about it other than

fellow alumni spreading the word on it.

<http://groups.myspace.com/LondonCentralHighSchool>

The group page should be able to be viewed with no problem. I believe to view anything as far as on the forum or the group members you would have to join the myspace website itself. I mentioned this group over at classmates.com for awhile and it was able to get a few alumni from there.

The site your son did is great the pictures are for sure a sad site to see it all closed up and being moved out. Can't say I didn't look at the pictures without getting somewhat emotional. I will be purchasing your son's book very shortly looks like it will be a great read as well as to keep memories of LCHS going. Thanks so much for all you and your son are doing to keep our school spirit continue I cant thank you both enough.. Thanks so much!!!

Sincerely,  
Glenn W. Botwright III  
Bobcats Forever!



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2008 is the Class of 1958's 50th Anniversary and I'm looking for the following classmates. If anyone remembers ANYTHING about them, father or mother's first name, any siblings (not mentioned below), middle name or initial, etc., it would be appreciated if you could e-mail me. Any clue, no matter how small, is appreciated. Thanks. Pat

ADAMSON, James - sister Carol Sue?  
ALLEN, Jane C. - father Cmdr C. H., or Charles A? Sculthorpe?  
BANKS, Leon - Father Major William - Sculthorpe?  
BARNES, Priscilla  
BASHA, Joseph Paul - there's a Joseph Basha (right age) buried at the military cemetery in El Paso, TX, but no middle initial given  
BATES, Geneva Lydia  
BOEX, Christiane Dorothea - probably in Germany  
BOOTH, Joyce  
BOWEN, Robert D. - also attended school in Wiesbaden?  
BRANHAM, Arleen

CAIN, Elizabeth - sibling of Donald, Eugene, Judith or Robert?  
CARAWAY, Betty (Elizabeth?) - father Brig Gen Forest Caraway?  
CLARK, Henry  
CURTIS, Larry (Lawrence?)  
DALTON, Brian D.  
DANIELS, Betty (Elizabeth?)  
DONALD, Adrienne  
DUTCHER, Ruth - sister of David?  
EBERHARD, Ingrid  
ELLIOTT, Tom (Thomas? - father Ralph E., Jr., Cmdr?  
ENGLAND, Nancy  
FOWLER, Deanne  
FOX, Beverly Ann - Father Charles Jones?  
FRANCIS, Serrye - I can't find anyone named SERRYE anywhere.  
FREELAND, Clyde  
FRICKE, Gretchen - sisters Elizabeth and Karin Marie?  
GALVIN, Daniel - sister Marion Galvin?  
GLIDDEN, Delaine  
GREER, Virginia - brother Robert E?  
GUMM, Paul (Anthony?)  
HALE, Rita - father Capt Jere L., Sculthorpe?  
HARDY, Judy  
HATTAWAY, Tommy  
HICKS, Daniel - father TSgt Dudley G., Sculthorpe?  
HOGAN, Ronald - Capt G.D., Sculthorpe or MSGT Thomas L. father?  
JACKSON, Rita - brother Robert or Richard?  
LANE, Marian Warfield BARBOO - last known residence in San Diego - sister Sylvia  
LEWIS, Donald E.  
LLOYD, Julius Arthur  
LONGWELL, William  
MacCARTNEY, Jack (first name John? Jackson?)  
MacLEAN, James H.  
MCCLELLAN, Nettie Grace - father was a Chaplain  
McHENRY, June  
McVAY, Marcia Jean (SOBIESKI)  
MESSINGER, Sherman  
MILLS, John  
MILLS, June Karen (Mimie)  
MORRIS, Jacqueline - siblings Donnie, Hester or John?  
NEAL, Barbara (REDMAN)  
PARKER, Henry

PERRY, Lorraine - sister Helen or Patricia?  
 PETERSON, Donald A. - father Lt. Cmdr C.J.?)  
 PRATT, Stephen  
 RUPP, Barbara A., Father Cdr. L. A. Rupp)  
 SCHMIDT, Jenifer June  
 SCHMIDT, Robert  
 SCHOLP, William  
 SHANTZ, Frederick  
 SHUMAN, Catherine - sister Tommie?  
 SPARKS, Jerry - Gerald, Jerald, Jerome, etc.?  
 STARK, Robert - was in Vietnam in 1965 with Bill Grimes  
 STUART, Warren  
 SUGGARS, Pauline  
 SWORD, Melvin  
 TAYLOR, Roger - brother William? or sister Janice?  
 THOMAS, Joan - father Cdr. Newell E.  
 VAUGHAN, Bonnie J.  
 VIA, Flora  
 VON SASSENSCHEID, Roger - there don't seem to be any VON SASSESNSCHEIDS  
 WATERS, Elizabeth - Father MSgt Charles R., Sculthorpe?  
 WELDON, James  
 WHEELER, James  
 WILLIAMS, Gertrude  
 WILLIAMS, Mahlon L.  
 WILLIAMS, Nicholas (Nicholas?)  
 WILLIAMS, Parke (possibly deceased)  
 WILSON, Michael  
 WOOTEN, Valerie - possible sibling N?



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Hey, tell your bro that he was not the only ATC cadet--- I was in #392 Newmarket Sqdn. for 2 years. --- Will send picture for newsletter.



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Many of you know that when Trish (daughter)got out of the Navy a few years ago she wanted to write. Her first published book is now in print! It is a devotion book for mothers titled "*Fearless Moms' Devotions to Go*". I received my copy just before Christmas. What a joy to see a child's dream come true. The books are soft cover, and a perfect size to fit in a purse.

Visit Trish's webpage at [www.fearlessday.com](http://www.fearlessday.com) to check it out, or to place an order. Either way, you'll be blessed.



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I'm looking for Diana Melton, Ingrid (Cookie) Parker and Walter Mier - do not have an e-mail, so you can either write me or call me, as below.

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### The Story Continues



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### **BICYCLING EUROPE ON \$1.00 A DAY: A Cold War Geographic and Cultural Memoir**

#### **PART THREE – THE GRAND TOUR: Scandinavia and Great Britain**

#### **Chapter 9 - July 1955, Preparation**

I loved being on my bike. It was freedom. It was seeing other cultures, meeting people from other countries. It was independence. I could go when and where I wanted. I had spent the winter planning this summer-long trip. My room was littered with maps, and I had gradually accumulated all the stuff I needed for a lengthy trip—6 weeks or more. In the middle of June, I loaded my bike up and boarded a train for Kiel, Germany, on the border with Denmark. My destination was the Festival of Edinburgh, Scotland, by way of Scandinavia. It would take at least a month to get there. Luebeck, near the Danish border, was the beginning point.

I'm sure I was a spectacle riding along. I had double panniers hanging over the front tire, as well as over the back, plus a large bag hanging from the saddle. Way too much stuff. But I wanted for nothing. I had a lightweight sleeping bag because I knew the high points in Norway would be cool.

Most European bikers carried only a sleeping sac, designed to keep you warm within the comfort of a youth hostel. I was camping. I had multiple changes of clothing, when most kids had only one change, and washed it when required. I had a Boy Scout cook kit, one-man tent, and a small gas cookstove. Most kids carried only a knife. As a result of this trip I learned how to pack light—but that was after the fact. A number of years later I hiked into the Grand Canyon with a 20-pound pack with food for 3 days, a tent, and sleeping bag, and encountered numerous hikers struggling with their 60-pound behemoths--and blistered feet.



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One of your fillers in the December newsletter hits the nail squarely on the head ("Storing memories is not the problem..."). It explains why I, for one, have not sent you any material for a couple of years now--my memory, when it works, is untrustworthy. On the other hand, I don't need a memory; that's one of the things for which I have a wife. 😊

**And now my friends since I have nothing else for this issue, or any upcoming issues, you will have to settle for the following fillers I received from some of you. 😊**

### Spread the Stupidity

**Only in America .....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.**

**Only in America .....do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.**

**Only in America .....do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.**

**Only in America .....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.**

**Only in America .....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.**

**Only in America .....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.**

**Only in America .....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.**

### **EVER WONDER ...**

**If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?**

**If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?**

**Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin ?**

**Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?**

**Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?**

**Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?**

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