



Bushy Tales

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



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Reminders

1. We'd love to be able to remember everyone's maiden and married names and the year they graduated. Unfortunately, we can't, so when you send a note for the newsletter (or just a note), please remember to put both your married and maiden name (and if you used another name at Bushy, include that also), also the year you graduated. Thanks.

2. If you stop receiving the newsletter, it's probably not because Gary stopped publishing it. It's because your e-mail address bounced back, and without it we're not able to get the newsletter to you. Therefore, if you're going to be changing your e-mail address please let us know so we can change it in our lists. Thanks

Editors' Note: Well it happened again – my computer crashed and this time for good. I had to buy a new one and was not able to recover anything from the old one. I had just backed up my files to a thumb drive the week before so did not lose everything. I use to have Windows XP and now have Windows 7 and it is a whole new learning experience. ☹ I did lose my entire email address book and with the help of Pat Owen I have recovered most of it. Some of the addresses may not be good anymore so I asking your help. If you know of anyone who use to get the newsletter and is not getting it now it can be one of two reasons – I lost their email address complete or I am using their old email address from the files Pat and I reconstructed. If you know their new email address please send it to me or have them send me an email showing their new one and their class year.

Sorry about all the trouble this has caused but since this is a new computer I should be save for another couple of years. ☺



Roster Changes

New Email address:



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Look Who We Found



Memories of Bushy



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On our way to England, we left Texas and visited my grandparents who lived outside New York City.

Then we had to report to Fort Hamilton, NY to board a bus to take us to the airport. There were two busloads, and as we were driving along, one bus driver pulled over to the other and asked him if he knew what airport we were supposed to be flying from. Neither bus driver knew, but everyone on the bus heard him and said LaGuardia. Off we went.

For some reason, and I don't know if it was true of the military all the time, but anytime we traveled (except by ship) we always traveled at night, and this was no exception. Boarded the plane about 5pm (October) and flew across the Atlantic at night. Of course there's nothing to see except water so maybe that's why. Anyway about 2am they woke

everyone up, and said it was time for breakfast. Everyone complained that it was only 2am. We were told, maybe it was in New York, but in England it was 7am.

Then just before we were to land, they announced they were having possible engine trouble so we stopped at Shannon, Ireland. We weren't there long before we boarded the plane again and headed for Burtonwood, England. We were to spend the weekend there in barracks-like accommodations. It was raining (did it do anything else in England?) and I remember they had wooden sidewalks. Fortunately mom and dad had friends there, so we were able to escape the boredom for a little while.

The first movie I saw in England was there and it was "Trapeze". Have never forgotten that.

From Burtonwood, we traveled by train into London. Can't remember which station we pulled into, but it wasn't the one that would take us to Braintree (Wethersfield), so we got into a cab and went to the right station. Of course, dad didn't have any idea about British currency, so he pulled some money from his pocket, put out his hand, expecting the cab driver to take what he needed. He did ó

everything in dad's hand, tipped his hat, and off he went.

Well, the train time and the time we were supposed to arrive in Braintree weren't the same, and when we got there, it was getting dark, and there was no bus to take any of us either to the base or to our accommodations, so dad as senior officer was commandeered to call the base to get them to send a bus. When he finally got through, the base announced they'd sent the bus at the appointed time, but there was no one there, so they went back to the base. Dad replied, well, we're here now and need someone to pick us up. They eventually got to the train station, but by this time it was really dark, and they decided to take us to the place we were staying (The Little Bardfield Country Club) first, then return to the base to let those staying in the barracks off.

As we pulled into the drive way of the hotel, the first thing you saw was the graveyard attached to it. One of the airmen in the back of the bus yelled out -

'Sure am glad I'm spending the night in the barracks.'

We were still there when I started to school at Bushy Park a couple of weeks later.



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