

# Bushy Tales

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



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## ROSTER CHANGES



From: Pat Terpening (58) Owen

**A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening [nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net) or me know, if you want to continue to receive the newsletter. Too many times we only find out when you send us an email saying you haven't received the newsletter in few months. Thanks, guys.**

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**Classmates Who  
Have Transferred To  
The Eternal Duty  
Station**

Pat,

I had a call about a week ago from Pat Wells Johnson's (54) daughter to say that Pat passed away from stomach cancer that was only recently discovered. She passed away the end of June and I asked her to send me the obituary, but still have not received it. I told her I wanted it for the newsletter, but time is running out for the next edition. So, I decided to notify you. When or if I get the notice I will let you know. I think the newsletter is a great addition to all who went to Bushy Park and I thank you and Bill for your effort.



Betsy Neff Cote'



Patricia A. (Wells) Johnson (1936 - 2018)

Patricia was born in Sacramento, on August 25, 1936 to Chris and Cliff Wells. Because of her father's Air Force assignments, she attended elementary schools in Arizona, Colorado, Southern California and Sacramento. She attended

McClatchy High School. She graduated from Bushy Park High school, London, England in 1954. After graduation from Sacramento State College in 1960, she taught in the San Juan School District until 1995 at Del Paso Manor School in grades one to five and eight. In 1965 she met and married the love of her life Mel Johnson. He was a wonderful husband and father to his son, Brian, and his daughters, Mia and Melanie. He survived a stroke in 2005 and worked hard to improve his mental and physical abilities with Pat's help. He went to his Savior in 2013. Pat was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Mel. She is survived by her son, Brian and wife Joy, her daughters, Mia Johnson and Melanie Gerber,

and grandchildren, Gage, and Jae Gerber, Ryan Stark, and Sarah Stark, Ryan Espinoza, and Brian, Scott and Josh Brown and 6 great grandchildren. She will finally be able to join Mel in heaven. Funeral Service for Patricia will be held Sat., July 28, 2018 at 10:00 AM at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, 8201 Greenback Ln, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

To share memories, go to: [www.mountvernonmemorialpark.com](http://www.mountvernonmemorialpark.com)

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## Letters to the Editor

Bill,

For any of my CHS '61 classmates who believe that I am no longer among the living, herewith is a photo of me alive and well accompanied by my sweet wife Julie. It was taken last month by the club photographer at the Army Navy Club of Washington, D.C. The occasion was a Dining Out. It was the first one I've attended in nearly a half century. And it's the first one Julie ever attended.



She thought the rituals and traditions were a blast. There was a lively exchange of funny insults between the Army and Navy but hardly any from the USAF and USMC attendees.



My table mates were a combination of retired officers, each of whom had rich careers (and all of whom out ranked me). It was a fun evening. We broke the ice by sharing stories about the Dining Outs and Dining Ins we attended when we were young officers.

However, we gave table bragging rights to the USAF retired colonel who wore his circa 1968 Dress Mess uniform. It turned out this colonel and I served in Vietnam at the same time. He was a B-52 navigator who flew over the north, while I was a C-123 transport pilot who flew throughout the south. Coincidentally, the day before, he retired from NSA. His total combined Federal service was an astounding 61 years!

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Behind me is a genuine Frederick Remington bronze. One identical to it sold recently for a cool quarter million. The Army Navy Club (ANC) has several Remington bronzes. However, its paintings and military memorabilia are the most valuable part of its art collection.

If any Bushy Tales subscribers' travels occasionally bring them to Washington, D.C., they should consider joining the ANC. Its monthly dues for distant members (more than 30 miles from Washington, D.C.) are a modest \$48. And the ANC rooms, all nicely appointed, are the least expensive of all the hotels within six blocks of the White House. For those who travel abroad frequently, an ANC membership also provides reciprocal membership rights with similar clubs worldwide, including a fair number in the US



Jim Roberts, CHS '61

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Hi Pat,

Greetings from hot Ohio! Last night had another small world experience. Last night we attended a performance of a 50's musical, "The Pajama Game". Just before the curtain, I heard bits and pieces of a conversation from a lady sitting just behind me. My ears perked when I heard that she had attended high school for a while in England and that the school was closed. I turned and asked just where she attended. You guessed it, BUSHY!



Sharon Winkel  
(59) Rose-Bond

Her name back then was Sharon Winkel. She is now Sherry Rose-Bond and lives in Columbus, after various moves. I think she left in the fall of '58 and might have been class of '59. We didn't get to talk much between acts but hope to meet up. Her family lived in Preston, I believe not all that far from S. Ruislip. Like us, she was a day student and had the long bus rides. She did mention that after one move she no longer received Bushy Tales, so you might see if she is interested. She also mentioned that her old yearbooks were very damaged by a flood of some sort. I had the impression that any replacements might be welcome. Wasn't someone offering some old Vapor Trails?



Anyway, as my spouse says, if old Bushy types are close at hand, they will find each other. Sure seems that way!

Connie Newlin (60) Drennon

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Bill--many, many thanks for keeping this newsletter going. It is always interesting to read about classmate's days at Bushy. I was sorry to read of Mrs. Kelly's death. She and her husband, Francis, became family friends. We stayed in touch for many years and would visit whenever we returned to London. In fact, my parents bought several of his paintings. They also had Francis paint portraits of both my sister, Julie Williams Lanier Balloun, and me.

An idea for a future issue: Ask members of the class of '56 to give an update on where they are now living and what they are doing. I'll start.

Since 1990 my husband, Bill, and I have lived in Potomac, MD, a suburb of Washington, D.C. Previously we were in Atlanta, Phoenix, and Tulsa--with this area being our favorite! Our two children live about 45 minutes away, but in opposite directions. As you can imagine we are retired, but stay busy with family, grandchildren, travel and volunteer



activities. Some may recall my above-mentioned sister and our brother, Syd Williams, who both attended Bushy. Our brother, Jim, started in Department of Defense schools--where Mrs. Kelly taught him, but it was not long before civilian children were no longer allowed to attend so he attended English schools. Julie and Syd now live in Atlanta, GA, with their respective spouses. Jim is in Amelia Island, FL. I'd enjoy getting together with anyone

living in this area.

**Eddie Williams (56) Wingate**

**Many thanks Bill!! Hope all is well with you.**

**Happy rest of the summer, Edie**

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