

Bushy Tales

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



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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen 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.



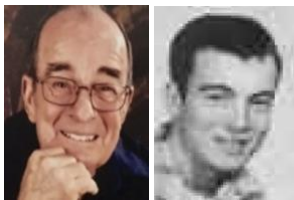
**Classmates Who
Have Transferred to
the Eternal Duty
Station**



Henry Kirven Speed, III (55)

Born 24 November 1937 in Alaska. Died 29 April 2006 in Tulsa, OK.
Father Henry Kirven Speed, Jr, mother Ruth Margaret Armstrong Speed.
Sister Helen Speed Harris (deceased).

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Robert Lee Seabolt (59)

October 19, 1939 - August 10, 2021



Robert 'Bob' Lee Seabolt, age 81, passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, in San Antonio, TX. Bob was born in Boston, Thomas County, GA on October 19, 1939.

Bob had a twenty-year career as a jet engine mechanic and training instructor in the United States Air Force. He was a Vietnam War veteran. Bob pursued a second twenty-year career which allowed him to travel the entire United States with his bride, Betty.

His first love and passion were his wife and family. Bob's second passion was traveling – he never stopped traveling. He was on vacation in San Antonio, TX from his home in Adel, GA when he went to be with Our Heavenly Father. Bob had a twenty-year battle with vascular disease, and he succumbed to complications on August 10, 2021.

He was preceded in death by, his parents, George Emily Seabolt and Pearl Beaty Seabolt Wimberly; son, Robert Lee Seabolt, Jr.; grandson, Travis Ryan Seabolt; brothers, Raymond Clyde Seabolt and David Thomas Wimberly. Robert is survived by his wife, his Teenage Sweetheart, of 63 years, Betty Joan Seabolt; daughter, Diane Seabolt Elrod; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two sisters; and many other loving relatives.

Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at BushyPark.org Among the things you can see at this website is a “Guestbook”, in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007.

Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](#)



[Please do post on the BushyPark.org website. If you send the same posting to [Pat](#) or to [me](#), we can include it in the newsletter. Especially if you are looking to find someone or asking a question? Bob Harrold doesn't do the newsletter. We are grateful to Bob for continuing the life of this website.]

Letters to the Editor



From: Thyra Caldwell (61)

I found Warren Nybo (he's in the back) and Gloria Tyree!!

Thyra





From: Carolyn "Tish" DeV Vaughn (56) Floyd

Hi! Just an update from WV. Most everyone that has responded to this site (the Bushy Park [website](#)) is way after I attended Bushy Park. I lived in London in the summer of 1952 and then moved to Windsor and began high school that fall. I was a bus rider, and the ride took nearly 90 minutes each way. It was hard finding close friends due to the many hours spent on the bus. We came stateside to Baltimore, and I graduated in 1956 from Glen Burnie. Later we moved to Gulfport, MS and I attended Perkinson Jr. College taking a one-year course in Secretarial Science, moving afterwards to New Orleans. My dad's retirement took him back to London where he worked in Grosvenor Square. I met my husband in Heidelberg and we were married that following October in Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, West Virginia. We were married 57 years and had a son and two daughters. I live in Hedgesville, WV currently. Most of my memories are from riding in a bus!

Tish Floyd

[Post on BushyPark.org website]

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From: James M. 'Mike' Kelly (60)

Completed a 4-month trip to Denmark to meet my newest grandson then to the USA for extended family visits to Florida, South Carolina, Texas, New Mexico, Utah, and California. **My brother Jerry Kelly, CHS Class '58 traveled with me to several locations.** Utah presented the chance to meet up with an old friend Mike Perkins, a fellow "Brat" and VN Vet. California was not kind as Covid-19 caught up with me, delaying my return to Singapore and then 10 days home quarantine, which was a piece of cake. Traveling is possible, but the new omicron virus has everyone in a panic – get your booster and hope for the best. If you visit Singapore, you have my email address.

[Post on BushyPark.org website]

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From: Anita Hardy (60) Johnson

Hi there Pat,

Connie Newlin (60) Drennon was telling me about an old yearbook she had found. In it were the names of our fathers. One thing led to another, and she wrote an article for the newsletter.

She asked me to send it to you.

It really is a small world sometimes!

Thanks,

Anita Hardy (60) Johnson

This is written on the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. At that time two members of the class of 1960 had fathers serving in the US Army, at Fort Riley, Kansas. This unexpected bit of information has surfaced these many years later. There is photographic proof in a rare book on the Second

Cavalry Division, Special and Attached Units. The book has a picture of each man. The book probably had just gone to the printers when Pearl happened. How was this determined? It seems there was a training exercise, Practice Blitzkrieg, in late November 1941. On page ten the words “Lightening Attack” and pictures of planes from the First Observation Squadron are shown flying over Topeka, Kansas. On the facing page, under the words “Taking Topeka”, one of the photos is of a radio car of the Second Signal Troop. Other photos show the spoof take over and formal surrender of the State and of the governor of Kansas, “the No.1 prisoner”.

A native Kansan was a member of the First Observation Squadron. He was Sergeant Earl Hardy. Part of his mission was to keep those planes flying. He told his daughter, many years later, that some of the cavalry at Ft. Riley, who learned to fly those old-time planes, insisted on wearing their metal horse riding spurs, causing damage to the cloth fabric skin of the old aircraft. Guess who had to do repairs?

The second man was raised in Iowa, a college ROTC trained Cavalry officer, and as a First Lieutenant, the commander of the Second Signal Troop. On December 7, 1941, he learned of the attack while on a golf course. The story goes that he called his pregnant wife to check on her, but she had not heard the news. He was sorry he had not finished his golf round first!

Both men survived WWII and made the military a career. Hardy trained as a pilot and trained others to fly, in addition to the dangerous duty of flying bombers in WWII combat. He served over twenty years, including during the Korean War, retiring as an Air Force Major, not long after our Bushy Park graduation in 1960.

C.A. Newlin transferred to the Signal Corps and saw combat duty in the 8th Division in Europe, partly as the Division Signal Officer. Only the dropping of the atomic bomb stopped the movement of that division from Pacific theater duty. He retired as a colonel, after over thirty years of service, playing golf twice a week, until the end of his life.

Fast forward nearly twenty years. Each daughter is pictured in the 1960 Bushy Park portion of Vapor Trails. Anita Hardy was a class officer. She also inherited a love of flying and took lessons but stopped short of a license. Connie Newlin worked on the ways and means for our wonderful and unforgettable class trip to Rome. Through the “Bushy Tales” newsletter, the gals reconnected and pieced together this story.

Isn't it a small world?



Anita Hardy Johnson taking aerobatic flying lessons in an old AT-6



Connie Newlin (60) Drennan

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From: Bill (Grable) Rees (57)

Chico Kieswetter & Bill (Grable) Rees, Teammates on the 1956 Bushy Park basketball 🏀 team.



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