

# 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](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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## **Memories of Bushy Park**

**Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at [BushyPark.org](http://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](#)**



## **Letters to the Editor**



From: Lamar Parish (60) Robitaille

I am including my sister Windy's thoughts for the next issue of the newsletter.

When we were on the ship, S.S. Unites States, we could call any time of day or night and they would bring us anything we wanted. (Maybe it's because we were in First Class.) It was great fun!



From: Windy Parish (56) Gaines

I remember so dearly my year at Bushy. The people that were in my class were such fun and we shared a lot of wonderful times. I do still stay in touch with two of my classmates. Some that I knew well and cared for have died.

You wanted to know of my memories on our trip to England aboard the S.S. UNITED STATES. The two that I remember is that you called a steward to come into our cabin and rub my back when I asked you to do it! I thanked him but refused. Being in my night gown he was happy to oblige, but I said no thank you.

The second thing is that mom had given us some special sweets. I guess they were meant to be special, and I gave them to the crew members that came to serve us - for all their help.

I was thinking of the time that as a Senior I was very conscious about attendance. But one spring morning, I really did not feel well. Instead of getting the bus to school, I went to the park and just took a nap most of the day - on the grass under a tree. I did not want my parents to know that I did not feel well. I was aware when I was due home and so got up and made it home at the normal school time. Well, when I walked into the door my mother asked me "Where have you been?" I looked at her wondering how she knew. She said, "Look at yourself." I did in the hall mirror, and I was broken out in red spots! I had the three-day measles!! I asked her how she knew that I was not at school. She said, "The school called to tell me that you were not there, and that they had picked you for the Prom Queen and wondered if you were all right." As it ended up, because I had been exposed to the sun, the measles came out early and left early. I did go to the Prom, and Bob

Bailey was my date. I still pray for Bob, who died a number of years ago while on a camping trip with his church group. He was a very dear young man.

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**From: Pat Terpening (58) Owen**

My only ship travel ever was at the compliments of the US Navy during the Korean War.

I traveled to Okinawa on the USS General W. A. Mann (AP-112) and returned on the USS General William Mitchell (AP-114). I always felt sorry for the troops on the ship as it was mid-December and wasn't exactly warm in the Pacific at that time of year and they spent all their time at the back of the ship regardless of the weather.

Pat

[Editor's Note: I remember several of the people I met at Bushy Park saying that they had come on a Navy troop ship. Any of you who did travel this way to and/or from England please tell us about your experience. Air travel was a rarity in those days for long distance travel. It was very expensive.]

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**From: Sally/Sara Goldenberg (61) Entlich**

The SS United States

On September 25, 1959, I boarded the SS United States with my parents for my father's reassignment to 3rd Air Force in England. Since we were in first class, we were expected to dress accordingly. As you can see, I came aboard in my suit, hat, and carrying a small Samsonite overnight. Our other trunks were loaded and delivered to our cabin.

I remember a night of Cinema Races and have included a list of the Rules. It was very funny watching everyone urging their horse to the finish. Every meal was a lavish sit-down affair, with more servers than guests. One of the dinners was some kind of gala where we had to have party hats. No idea why, but I smiled nicely for the camera.

A highlight of the voyage for me was when my father invited several of the Rhode Scholar students up to first class for drinks. Among them was Pete Dawkins, USMA, 1959. What a handsome guy! To my dismay, they all retreated below decks, and I never saw them again. As you may know, the ship's classes were carefully segregated, and I was not willing to endure my father's wrath had I tried to breach the barriers. In fact, there were no other young people in first class, so I probably pouted the entire trip. Typical teenager! I do, however, cherish having been a traveler on such a famous ship.

Sally Goldenberg Entlich - 1961



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