

Bushy Tales

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



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Roster Changes

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Corrections to Email Addresses:

Cris ''Penny'' Ohrman Bernstein (61) Correct e-mail address should be: premierevent@charleston.net

Look Who We Found

Suzanne Wichman Patton (58) Gardnerville, NV suzanjane@earthlink.net

Susan "Suzi" Thompson Jackson (59) Suzijacksonart@yahoo.com

<u>Classmates Who Have Transferred</u> <u>To The Eternal Duty Station</u>

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

Carolyn Congress (60)

We have been informed that she is deceased, per Pat Colacicco (60)

Robert C. Overton (61)

The following e-mail was received from Anne, who is the sister of Bob Overton (61)

"I am Bob's sister, Anne, and I found this email in my brother's computer. We all went to Bushy and I knew that he had continued to follow up on the news. I did want to let you know that he, Robert C. Overton (61), died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack on March 3, 2006. He was a dear friend and brother and Jim and I are trying to come to terms with his passing......it is truly devastating."

Cards and notes of condolences can be sent to: Jim Overton 15094 E. Chenango Place Aurora, CO 80015 email Jimover@hotmail.com

Memories of Bushy

From Anne (Jones) Weber (53) weberanne@msn.com

The recent feeble attempt to replicate Peter Sellers' Inspector Clouseau, reminded me of Sellers' early radio show on the BBC. I think The Goon Show was broadcast for almost 10 years, so it might be something that many Bushy alumni recall.

Sellers, Spike Milligan, and Harry Seacombe (sp?) played a great variety of characters, and the show was filled with terrible puns and strange sound effects. (The Goon Show was the 50's Monty Python.) My family picked up

some of the characters' stock phrases and we made them part of our daily lives. An old woman named Minnie was always screaming, "We'll all be murdered in our beds." That phrase still comes in handy today. My favorite character was Sellers' Bluebottle, a bizarre youngster who always spoke his stage directions aloud. So his opening line was usually, "Enter Bluebottle." Sometimes followed by, "Pausing for audience applause." Like the South Park kid, Bluebottle was usually noisely dispatched sometime during the show. "You rotten swine. You have deaded me!" he'd cry pitifully. And we still use that line in my family now when feelings have been injured.

A hot cuppa and the Goon Show lightened the gloom of many rainy English nights for me. A toast to the memory of the Goons...and absent friends.

From Suzanne Wichman Patton (58) suzanjane@earthlink.net

My dad was stationed at Brize Norton and I attended school at St. Juliana's Convent in Begbroke Place, Oxfordshire until September 1954 when it was decided that if my parents didn't want to have a "Brit" returning with them I had better go to Bushy Park. I attended for almost a complete year. I must admit I was a fish out of water, an American girl with a British accent, difficulty with certain words, a bad habit of using British slang, 'Knock me up' got me into a real big mess, who was to know that to 'fetch you' or 'wake you' had a completely different meaning to Americans. I remember, the absolutely horrible food in the cafeteria (don't we all!!!), and Freshmen ate last. I was paralyzed and so spent most of my time in my room, but as with all Brats, improvise, adapt, overcome was my mantra.

From Your Editor: Gschroeder4@houston.rr.com

Do any of you know who this is and where the picture was taken?



Reunion News

From Nancie (Anderson) Weber (55) nanciet@verizon.net

Bushy Park's ORLANDO Reunion for classes 53-55-4-55-56 and friends **May 19-22nd 2006 Coordinating: Peg Corder Johnson (54)** (904) 928-3333 or

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Home Base

The Seralago Hotel & Suites 5678 Irlo Bronson Hwy (US 192), Kisimmee, Florida (407) 396-4488

Reservations (by April 19th, 2006, please) 1-800.366-5437: "London ENG Bushy Park HS Reunion"

The hotel is self-contained with swimming pools, a quickstop market and snack bar, a full-service restaurant mornings and evenings, and more. All rooms feature a minirefrigerator, a microwave, coffee maker, iron + board, hair dryers.

Logistically centered in the heart of one of the nation's most popular tourist attractions, and advertising the distinct possibility of great weather (we know better than to make promises), there's LOT's to see and do. The hotel is minutes away from the DisneyWorld complex (Magic Kingdon, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdon). And Sea World, Universal Studios, Cypress Gardens, Kennedy Space Center are are a fraction of worthy considerations otherwise. Paradise, Central Florida style, also offers golfing, airboat rides, casino cruises (Texas holdem), deep sea fishing, riverboat dinner cruises, dinner on a train ride around scenic and historic Mt Dora. nature trails and natural springs, theaters, and some wonderful shopping--from outlet malls and flea markets to the Buena Vista Village.

Our 3-day reunion schedule features a poolside welcome buffet, an evening dining out in Disney's extravagant Polynesian Village followed by a pint or two and a luminations laser and light show at a nearly-the-real-thing Rose & Crown British Pub. A fun fashion show plus a lighthearted recall of Bushy Park memories will highlight Sunday evening's farewell buffet banquet.

Y'all come! Join us for one of the most exciting and memorable times of our lives! Peg and John

<u>See Flyer and registration forms on the last</u> <u>two pages of this issue.</u>

2006 Bushy Park Central High Gathering Dallas / Ft Worth / San Antonio Texas

In the last 2 Bushy Tales News Letter we have been informing you about the Bushy Park Central High Gathering in the Dallas/ Ft Worth area October 2006. I have been working with two Bushy Park students in the Dallas area and a professional travel agency in San Antonio. I am sorry to say that after many phone calls and e/mails we cannot find the accommodation and banquet facility we need within our cost requirement. The cost of room rates has been quoted over \$165 a night. That is not acceptable. We have always tried to keep the room rates under \$100 a night.

Now I am sure that there are places within both of locations that would fulfill our requirements. To find them requires somebody from the local areas to take the responsibility to find the right place, and work with the Hotels on cost needs. We are out of time for that.

We feel it is very important to keep the Bushy Park Gathering Group together. After conferring with the Gathering committee members <u>we are Relocating to Las Vegas, NV.</u> We have had very good results with air fairs and Hotel accommodations within our cost requirements.

I am requesting that you e/mail me right away if you would be attending a Gathering in Las Vegas in October. I will need a head count to work out an effective room rates with the Hotels. Please e/mail me that you will attend at <u>renpat1671@uneedspeed.net</u> if you do not have access to a computer, you can call or write me at: Ren Briggs 1671 Monte Vista Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86442-7216 928-758-2963

Again I am sorry for what may be a let down to some of you who cannot or will not attend the Gathering in Las Vegas.

The Bushy Park Gathering Committee

This and That

From Phil Creasor (55) Creasor@cox.net

Comments made in the year 1955:

"I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used one."

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."

"Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

"Kids today are impossible. Those duck tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls." "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.

"I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."

"Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."

"I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."

"It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

"It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."

"Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."

"I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."

"Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."

"The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on." "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."

"No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

"If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."

Know friends who would get a kick out of these? Pass it on!

From Cris "Penny" Ohrman Bernstein (61) premierevent@charleston.net

Just wanted to thank you for all you do and to tell you that with the note in the last newsletter about the Bitburg Reunion, Edwina Edwards contacted me and is flying to Las Vegas with her husband to join me for two days there. We haven't seen each other since the end of 8th grade - 1957. Thank you for that gift.

Received information from Jerome DeRidder who was a co-worker of Henry Reed Mueller (53).

Henry recently had major surgery, but is recuperating. He would love to hear from any classmates who remember him. Henry does not have e-mail access, but messages can be sent to him through Jerome - e-mail addy JJDERIDDER@salisbury.edu - who will make sure that Henry gets them. Henry's mail address is: 433 Somerset Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

Letters to the Editor

From Arden (Atkinson) Sederholm (53) ardensederholm@bellsouth.net

Dear Gary,

Sure do appreciate all your work. I was hoping there would be an update on the Reunion in Orlando. What is the response? We are having our own family reunion in Kissimmee in April, and don't want to make reservations for the end of May if we're going to be there by ourselves. (I understand that there is going to be another reunion in the Fall, and feel that that might seriously affect attendance in May.

By the by, per mini reunions: Sil Wilder "55 Ambrose found some time to visit Chuck and me while visiting her parents nearby. It was so great to see Sil, and enjoyed meeting her husband, John. They live in Maine so we feel very fortunate that they were able to get down this way. We had such fun catching up to date and going down memory lane. I had quite a few pictures and mementos out for the occasions, including pictures of our reunions. Sil is just as fun and enthusiastic as she was at Bushy Park, the Teen Age Club, and the bus to and from our brand new American Haven in a foreign land. (Not to diminish acknowledging the privilege of living in a foreign country which our family certainly loved! And I'm sure our classmates were not unmindful of that as well!) Here's to more visits!!!

From Sherry (Cheryl Burritt) Konjura (57) sherger@juno.com

Hi Gary,

This is an update on what's been going on with me since I submitted my "Memories of Bushy" a couple months ago.

Many of my '57 classmates already know about this...thanks to efforts of Shirley Huff Dulski who got the word out.

Bad headaches have been a part of me most of my life...both migraine and sinusitis. However, beginning last summer I started suffering some truly excruciating ones that medication for either sinus or migraine wouldn't touch. By the first of this year I had this headache almost constantly so finally conceded that I had to consult my Dr. Well 15 days from my 1st visit to my Dr...I was in surgery for a brain tumor! I am very happy to report that the neurosurgeon was able to get virtually all of the tumor and it was benign. Any residual evidence of the tumor can be "gamma knifed" at a later date to prevent it from re-growing. My surgery was on February 17th...just one month ago. This month has probably been one of the most challenging of my life. I went into the surgery so quickly that I really didn't have time to realize what the recovery process would entail. They have to give me medication to keep down any swelling in my brain and that medication has nasty side effects. For one thing it is a steroid, so I am extremely swollen up...I look very much like a little fat-faced Buddha at the moment! It also robs my legs of strength so standing up is a challenge. Once up I can walk around okay...although I'm pretty shaky. It makes me quite dizzy and sick and sleepy. I do sleep a lot, but I guess that's good so that I will heal.

I truly look forward to getting off the medication soon and starting to get my strength back.

The main thing here is that we go along thinking everything is just fine and then POW...right in the kisser!

I want to publicly thank all of my dear Bushy classmates who have sent me messages of prayer and encouragement, sent beautiful cards and notes and have just stood with me through all this. My dear friend Pete...who said a Mass for me the day of the surgery and Shirley who worked so hard to let everyone know. Guys...thank you so much! I feel truly blessed to have all of you in my corner! Titus...you're a doll! Be well everyone...your health is precious.

(Editors Note: Below is an update on Sherry I got just before just as I was putting this issue to bed and I know you would all like to see it.)

Hello everyone... I promised to keep everyone updated on my progress:

Good News! I had an MRI on Monday and saw my neuro-surgeon this morning. The test shows NO TRACE of the tumor...it is GONE! This means that I won't have to undergo the gamma knife procedure and the Dr. also said that I will be able to stop taking this awful medication next week. Once I can stop the medication I can finally look forward to getting my strength back and seeing this terrible bloating not only stop, but begin to recede. The Dr. said that it will probably take several weeks for that to happen...but at least that is looking forward to being better!

I know your prayers have had much to do with this...I have felt totally surrounded by prayer this entire time and God has answered...no more tumor! God Bless You! Love to all of you, Sherry

From Pat (Terpening) Owen (58)

nemoamasa@worldnet.att.net

CLASS OF 1960 - FOUNDS - M-Z

Joanne F. Mabie Kuhn - Canada Steve Marioles - New York Christian Mast - Colorado Duane Maxted - Mississippi Wayne Maxted - Florida George McAllister - Massachusetts Mary McAllister Stacey - Massachusetts Linda McDowell Novosad - Texas Kerry McElveen Wilcott - North Carolina Richard McGinnis - Washington, DC Mary Ann Meeker Brown - Missouri Sherrell Melton Bair - Texas Joyce Merritt Pfeffer - Virginia Allan Meyer - Oregon Jane Milburn Reid - Texas Nancy Miller Collins - Oregon Joe Miranda - California George Monogue - Oregon Nancy Mons Oberliesen - Florida Connie Newlin Drennon - Ohio Mary Leigh "Merrily" Nunn Abrams - contact through brother, Richard Margaret O'Neill O'Reilly - Maryland John Odle - Ohio Lamar Parish Robitaille - Florida Hugh Pell - Louisiana John Percy - Florida William Piper - Maryland Gave Porter Bruce - Tennessee William Rafferty - Texas Stuart Randall - England Alvin Ravicher - Colorado Charles Raysbrook - California Norman Relaford - Oregon Judy Risler Covington - Louisiana Heidi Roberton Penfield - Washington Dale Robinson Agron - California Judy Ross Dunkle - Idaho Ann Rousseau Koles - New Hampshire Raymond Rudell - New Mexico Michael Ruettgers - Massachusetts Karen Russelavage Pelzman - Colorado Susan Scanlan Stiles - California Dennis Schurter - Texas Sandra Shield Norton - Texas Linda Shull McLaren - California Duane Smith - Ohio Melvalyn Smith Springborn - Oklahoma Ted (Lamar) Smith - Minnesota Rachel Snee Binegar - Ohio Claudia Sobczak Borgeson - Wisconsin Gilbert Staffend - Michigan James Stephens - Texas

John Stephens - Georgia George Stillson - Massachusetts Raymond Stover - California Ronald Streed - Iowa Joel Stroud - Louisiana Allan Tatarian - California Gail Taylor Adams - Virginia Frank Trudo - Texas Judy Walcavich Drude - California Sharon Ward Miller - Arizona Jeffrey Warner - Pennsylvania Barry Watts - Maryland Dallas Webb Grodman - Texas Susan West - Arizona Terry Williamee Sandry - Oklahoma Carolyn Wittrock Philbin - Massachusetts Alex Wolfe - Arizona Melanee Wright Sylvester - California

DECEASED Joan Mardesich Charlotte O'Mahoney Nooney - 11/26/98 Gary Clayte Peters Sandra Pitt Mara Southern Sally Stanton Bernsdorff Charles Taylor James Timmons Michael Tinling Lynn Thomas Jadovitz Rita Wilbur - Munich Plane crash - 1960

STILL MISSING - If anyone has been in contact with any of these classmates, please let Pat Terpening Owen (58) know at <u>nemoamasa@worldnet.att.net</u>

Louella MacQueen Wanda M. Maillet Rita Carol Manning George Martin Maria Mask Judy Elizabeth Massengale Walter Massey Gary S. Matthews Stanley Matthews Ernest McClain Duane McConkey Pam McConnell - Father William, Major Norman Douglas McCord **Brian Patrick McDuffie** Michael McDuffie Donald McLaughlin James R. Meadows Nancy C. Meares Walter Meier Anne Telford Mellinger Abramowitz Janice Miller Jackie Mitchell Betty Mittelstaidt/Mittelstaedt Eric Wolfgang Mooney George (Everett?) Moore John Morris Patricia A. Morrison Carol Morrow **David James Moss** Scarlett Dean Mullins Wright - Believe she's in Albuquerque, NM Ann Nagle Sandra L. Ness Donna Marie Newell Sharon Ann Newton Richard Allen Novak Jean LaRue O'Glee Barbel Alice Odbert William E. Ogden Harriett Osgood Ingrid Parker **Richard Parkhill** Sally B. Parrish Paul Pate Linda Patterson Sandra Scott Paul **Ronald Pierce** Eugene H. Poore Juanita Porter Georgia L. Pullin Dorothy Quigley Lynn/Lyn L. Ray Sandra Reasin Anita M. Richardson Edward Robertson

Sally Rock Carolyn E. Rodgers Eric Ross Katherine J. Sagli Janet Samson Diana C. Schader Rosemary Elizabeth Schneider Pamela Ann Schultz Pat Seav **Dave Sellars** Sherron Lee Shawe Thomas Sheperd/Shepherd Freddie Shepherd C. Reginald Shrader (anyone know what the "C" stood for?) Joe Silverman Patricia C. Sleeth Michael L. Smith Patricia Anne Smith Patricia Ellen Smith Carolyn A. Southworth Rita L. Stainer Joan C. M. Staio/Stanio Dawn Margo Stansell Morgan Nevene Stephenson Katherine Roberta Stewart Susan Strickland Mignon Swihart James Thames Gabriel Thomas Lois Mary Thomas Stephen Thompson Ingaberg Thorn Janet Timmons Ruth Tomerlin John Traister David Tuggle Judy Vaden Violet L. Vernon Monte Thomas Warren Robert R. Washington Beverly Jean Whatley **Richard Wheeler** Ronald Wheeler John Wiles Frances R. Williams

Judith Sandra Williams Hazlett - Believe she lives in Lawrence, KS Pat Williams Henry Wayne Williamson Benjamin F. Wolfe, Jr. David R. Woodard/Woodward Jacklyn Woolman Max Woyke - believe he's in the Austin, TX area

Reunion Flyer and Registration Form on the next two pages.

Bushy Park's ORLANDO Reunion

for classes 53-54-55-56 and friends 19-22 May 2006

COORDINATORS

Peg Corder Johnson '54: 904.928-3333/cell 904.710-7349, petuniapatchjx@aol.com John Meurer '54: 407.862-5930. altmjohn@aol.com

SERALAGO HOTEL & SUITES

5678 Irlo Bronson Hwy (US 192), Kissimmee FL 34746 Check in 4 p.m. % check out 11 a.m.

RESERVATIONS

\$59.00/night + 13% tax double occupancy for standard deluxe room (\$66.68) \$69.00/night plus 13% tax for poolside deluxe room (\$77.97)

There are suites and special rooms. Check with Hotel Reservations.

*There is a breakfast deal: \$6.00/each registered guest in hotel restaurant, serving 7-11 a.m. You <u>must</u> sign up for this in advance—either when making reservations or when you arrive at hotel. Otherwise you pay regular rate. *I'll be there the mornings of 20-21-22 so will request these tickets for Saturday and Monday. (Sunday's our poolside buffet breakfast).

1-800.366-5437: London ENG Bushy Park HS Reunion

* Reservations, please, before April 19th 2006

TRANSPORTATION

The hotel does not provide airport shuttles. Check MapQuest for directions.

THE SCHEDULE

Re: Walt Disney World's 4 Theme Parks (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney-MGM Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom) *Pass prices (there are no group discount rates) \$67/day per park (FL residents \$60). \$133 for a 2-day pass (one park per day).

Friday, May 19th

5-7 p.m. **Informal gathering & poolside hors d'oeuvres buffet.** featuring a nice variety of finger foods, a carved round of beef, and a cash bar.

Saturday, May 20th

A buffet breakfast deal at \$6.00 each registered guest if you signed up.

The day at Epcot

5:15 p.m. Polynesian Dining at 'Ohana's in WDW's Polynesian Village 8:30 The Rose & Crown British Pub for 9:00 laser and lights show. Cash bar.

Sunday, May 21st

8-10 a.m. Poolside Breakfast Buffet (you must sign up in advance, below) Your choice of the Walt Disney World theme parks. Or a day to yourselves.

 $7{:}00\ p.m.$ Banquet and Fashion Show, then lighthearted Bushy Park memories.

Monday, May 22nd

A buffet breakfast deal at \$6.00 each registered guest if you signed up. Most will probably be leaving. For those lingering, it's a good day to extend good times at WDW. Or try something new.

REUNION REGISTRATION Make your room reservations directly with the hotel. Information is on the first page.

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FRI, MAY 19 TH : Poolside Hors d'oeuvres Buffet @ \$22	How many people? x 22 = \$
SAT, MAY 20th: Polynesian Dining at 'Ohana's @ \$35	How many people? x 35 = \$
SUN, MAY 21 st : Poolside Breakfast @ \$10	How many people? x 10 = \$
Reunion Banquet Buffet @ \$25	How many people? x 25 = \$
	TOTAL \$

PAYMENT, **please**, **BEFORE APRIL 19**, **2006**, check made out to <u>Peggy Johnson</u> and sent to **Peg Corder Johnson**, **615 Ironwood Drive**, **Ponte Vedra FL 32082** (904.928-3333)

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ...

yes ____ no ____ Will you be a class rep (which class _____)? We need 53-54-56.

- yes ____ no ___ Can you help with alumni registration on Friday? (if so please contact Nancie Weber, nanciet@verizon.net before May 1st)
- yes ____ no ____ Volunteer for memorabilia committee? (make sure area's set up and there are scissors, tape, etc. handy)

yes ____ no ____ Help with Sunday night banquet buffet decorations?

ONE MORE THING: Aside from schmoozing with old friends, here are some amenities which might interest you. You will be responsible for making arrangements.

Airboat ride ... Alligator Farm ... Busch Gardens ... Cypress Gardens ... World of Disney (4 theme parks) ... Golf ... Fishing (deep sea) ... Kennedy Space Center ... Sea World ... Universal Studios.

Y"all come. We're looking forward to one of the most exciting and memorable times of our lives! ... Peg and John