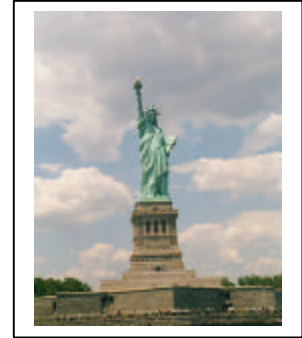




# Bushy Tales

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



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**Editors Note:** In the past, we've had some former classmates ask that we not publish certain information, their addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. We've tried to honor these requests. However, now that we've found over 1200 of the 2400 former classmates, it's become harder to remember who didn't want something published in the newsletter. Therefore, we're asking that you let us

**know if you send something to us, and don't wish to share it with other classmates. We'll honor these requests as they are received, but it is almost impossible to honor a blanket request, so it would be necessary for you to let us know each time you don't want something published. Thanks. Gary and Pat**

## Roster Changes

### **CORRECTION TO SOME PREVIOUS INFORMATION:**

Jack L. Carmichael (57) is NOT deceased. This was an error.

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**Get Well Wishes**

**From Susan (Sue) Miller Dalberg (62)**  
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Please keep in your prayers a couple of our Bushy'ites: Terry Stillson (60) (61?) and Judy Stillson (62). Terry has recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer and Judy has twice been through cancer and having a very tough time now with further complications.

Sweet people that could benefit from positive thoughts sent their way.

**Look Who We Found**

**Cynthia Hunter Tice (57)**  
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I listed my name Lois A Marushak (61) and email address. I would love to receive the newsletter and contribute. My married name is Butler. Dad was stationed at Lakenheath and I attended my sophomore and junior years at Bushy in 1958 and 1959.

**Susan "Sindy" Hawke (62)**  
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Santa Monica, CA 90405

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

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

**Jack Murphy (57)**

**Randy Crane (59)**

**Jack Murphy (57)**

**From Mike Murphy (58)**

[OLDSALT1223@aol.com](mailto:OLDSALT1223@aol.com)

I am sad to inform you that my brother Jack Murphy Bushy Park High School class of 1957 died today from injuries sustained in a car crash. He was in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Please enter this in the newsletter. I am very saddened. He was a good man.

**From Celeste (Plitouke) Brodigan (57)**

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Just finished speaking to Mike Murphy. We were both crying. Mike and Judy are in North Carolina. Services for our dear friend and classmate Jack will be held at 10:00am on Friday. His brother George is coming in from Germany and his brother Jim will be there as well. His sons Paul and Greg will also be there.

Cards may be sent to Paul Murphy, 4628 Cheltenham Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Donations in lieu of flowers to VFW Home 670 in Fayetteville may be sent to Paul.

I will always think of Jack sitting next to me when our Class photo was taken. What a precious person and friend.

**From Renold Briggs (60)**

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I received an email from Mike Murphy informing me that his brother Jack Murphy passed away. Jack was involved in an

automobile accident. He passed away Saturday at 2:00 pm. I do not know any other details. We have lost to many of our Bushy Park Gang this past year. Our hearts and prayers go out to friends and family.

**Randy Crane (59)**

**From David Caraway (59)**

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I apologize for the delay with this message but I thought I had sent it in February. Randy Crane, class of 1959 passed away in February. The reason Randy and I didn't make it to the Gathering was because another dear friend passed away unexpectedly.

Randy and Joan and Betty and I were in Mexico. Randy and Joan left on Wednesday, February 18th for San Diego. Thursday afternoon I received a call from one of Joan's neighbors telling me Randy had drowned in the Navy pool. The autopsy suggested a heart attack. He was one month away from retirement and had just bought a home across the street from us in Oracle Arizona. A very sad time...

Funeral was military in San Diego on Point Loma. Should any of our classmates want more info they can always reach me with E-mail. If anyone would like to send cards to Randy's wife, Joan, her address is below:

Joan Crane  
P.O. Box 1160,  
Ramona, CA 92065

**From Anita (Hardy) Johnson (60)**

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My younger sister Patricia Hardy passed away. She had attended Bushy Park in 1960 as a sophomore before we transferred back to the U.S.

Pat had been struggling with poor health for over 20 years. She had diabetes and had both her legs amputated. The disease just eats away at the organs. She's had about 35 surgeries, 4 heart attacks, and 5 mini strokes. She had a pace maker and her heart function was down to 18 percent. She was going blind. She was on kidney dialysis because her kidneys were failing. The only reason she was fighting to stay alive was she wanted to spend as much time with her girls. Cindy and Lora are both at dental college at Tuft's U. in Boston. Cindy has one more year and Lora has 2. Both will graduate as dentists.

Pat lived just a few miles from me and I had been over for one of my usual visits just 2 hours before she died of a heart attack at home. I sure miss her.

### Mini Reunion News

**From Pat Terpening Owen (58)**  
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Pat Terpening Owen and her husband, John, spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with Fr. Aaron (Sheldon) Peters (57) at the Abbey in Atchison, KS. Fr. Aaron showed us around the beautiful Abbey and gave us a history lesson regarding its past and projected future. We joined him and the other monks for Vespers in the lovely church. We then had a delicious meal and did some more touring before we left. The Benedictine Monastery in Atchison is really a beautiful site.

**From Nancy Miller Collins (60)**  
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I am sending this to you in case you'd like it for the October newsletter as Pat Terpening Owen is away from her computer right now. First of all, Geneva Dennard Miller and I just had a wonderful meeting in Grants Pass, Oregon, where she has lived since the 60's. As it turns out, we have lived this close to each

other (I am in Medford, Oregon) and did not know it until we reconnected through the Bushy Park web site this year.

We shared lots of memories and photos and hope to meet again soon. I brought along an aqua baseball cap...thank heavens...as we would not have ever recognized each other after 46 years!

In looking through some very old papers this afternoon, I found "The Sculthorpe Whirlwind" that our class published for the Sculthorpe American School. Many of us later boarded at Bushy Park. In it was an article called "A Teenage "Ten Commandments."

A Teenage "Ten Commandments"

1. Stop and think before you drink.
2. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up.
3. Be humble enough to obey. You will be giving orders yourself someday.
4. At the first moment turn away from unclean thinking.
5. Don't show off when driving. If you want to race, go to Indianapolis.
6. Choose a date who would make a good mate.
7. Go to church faithfully. The Creator gives us the week. Give Him back an hour.
8. Choose your companions carefully. You are what they are.
9. Avoid following the crowd. Be an engine, not a caboose.
10. Or even better - keep the original Ten Commandments.

There was also an announcement for the Kool Kat Dance being held at the Teenage Club...bingo, refreshments and prizes...and rock and roll music!

Ahhh, the 50's. Regards, and thank you for all the work you put into the Bushy Park newsletter.

**From Jim Heck (60)**

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Pictured are Jim Heck (60) and Ren Briggs (60).



As Ren & Pat came south from the DC area they called from the interstate and we decided to meet last Saturday (8/7/04) in the Wal-Mart parking lot where there was plenty of room for their 5th wheel rig. We had a fine lunch catching up on Bushy folks that they've visited during their national tour. Driving this thing, which is a full-sized diesel pickup with a 34' rig behind has got to be a thrill. If you've never driven a tractor-trailer, this is as close to that as you can probably get.

After a tour of the inside of their rig they headed west on I-64 with plans to stop in Salem, VA, which is south on I-81 near Roanoke. Funny, I never pictured Ren turning into a gypsy in his later years...

### Memories of Bushy

**From Wally Costa (54)**

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I think I can identify the three handsome middle-aged gentlemen in last month's mag. From left to right I believe that is Gene "The One eyed, Love em and leave em" Hibbeler class of '52 thru '54 and so on. The drop dead handsome man in the middle is without question is "The Great Waldo" Engineer, Author, Poet, Pilot, Class of '54 and '55 (take your pick!). The dude on the left is a little harder to identify, as he is so much older than the other two. I believe it is Mike/Ray "The Happy Wonderer or It Takes a Lickin' but keeps on Tickin'" Harper also of class of '54 fame.

As for the location, if I remember the "Three Badest Dudes of '54" correctly it would more than likely be just outside a two dollar floating brothel!

**From John Strand (58)**

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The picture in the September "Memories" is Bill Taylor - class of 57 - I have several more of him - and a bunch more old pictures, but I CANNOT get the scanner to cooperate - HOWEVER, one of these days - - - -

**From Harlan Frymire (60)**

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Page four of the September newsletter contains a photo with a request for help in identifying the people pictured. The young fellow in the foreground (bottom right) is Alan Myer (sp?). Al was a buddy of mine at Bushy. His dad worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber I think. My dad was with International Harvester. Both families were transferred to Brussels following our graduation from Bushy in 1960. Al and I met up in Brussels the summer of 1961, after our freshman years of college.... if memory serves. I remember lots of beer, lots of tennis, and lots of shared dreams. I, of



course, have lost touch with Alan. Thanks for the memories.

**From Betsy Schley Slepetz (61)**

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Regarding the picture in the September issue of the newsletter: I believe the guy second from left in the second picture is Rene Pettit, a dorm student 58-59 from Oslo, Norway

**From Jim Heck (60)**

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In the photo from some dance at the bottom of page four: The guy on the far right in the dark sports coat appears to be Alan Meyers who listed his hometown as Akron, Ohio in the 059 Vapor Trails, page 165 as a junior. If memory serves right his father was not in the service and he stayed in the dorm over most weekends.

That would be my best guess. Good luck!  
From Your Editor: OK now for another one.  
Who are these two?



**This and That**

**From Carol (Albert) Yacovone (57)**

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Hi all well if you watch the news you know we are all stocking up on the sacred water, ice and much necessary beer...I don't think any of us

are dreaming of Jeanie right now unless its in our worst nightmare...but we are getting readied again and probably will stand our ground this time...just cant seem to get up the gumption to get up and run again only 3 weeks later...with any luck she will miss us head on and unfortunately dump even more grief on our already soggy neighbors inland...this has been a record year for us weather wise...but after 20 years rooted in Florida, we will stay no matter what...we are still buried under the debris of the last storm which there has not been enough man power to pick up...biggest concern is where does it fly if we get heavy winds or the spontaneous tornados that are all part of hurricane weather.. are we having fun yet? Think you know the answer...so if we power out may be delay in communication...remember we have cell phones...if they are working both of us are reachable...321-537-4319 for Carol 321-720-6718 for Phillip...And to coin and old phrase we will weather the storm....

**From Charles Besancon (59)**

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Well, we finally made it to the beach! We sold our house in Charlottesville, VA and are now living on Oak Island, NC. We are renting right now but are looking for a house or lot to buy. The Oak Island beach runs almost due east-west so later in the year we will get to see sunrises AND sunsets across the beach. Weird, but hopefully beautiful.

Since we've been here, Alec, Bonnie and Charley have visited us. We were gone for Alec, Bonnie was a non-event, but Charley was our first experience with a hurricane. We came through okay but there was some damage over on the beach. Nothing like in Florida, though. Those Floridians have really been through it.

Really enjoyed the SEP '04 newsletter. I got to thinking about Noel's (Ahlbum 59) idea of a riding vacuum cleaner. I brought the riding mower inside, put the leaf bag on, set the blade real low for max, suction and started it up. Well, let me tell you, the results gave a whole new meaning to the term "carpet remnants"! We didn't find the cat for three days and then only because we turned on the living room ceiling fan. Evidently he lost his grip on a blade and the centrifugal force threw him across the room into the entertainment center. We're back to normal now but Sue said if the mower ever crosses the threshold again, I will be toast.

### **Letters to the Editor**

**From Thomas T Drysdale**  
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Hi Gary: Another great issue, all 11 pages. We save each copy for the American Overseas Schools Archives.

In the next issue, please ask your readers to send their overseas memorabilia to:

The DoD Schools Archives Nonprofit  
5010 E. 21st St. North  
Wichita, KS 67208

Everything they send will be recorded and preserved in their own individual collections. Thanks for all you are doing.

**From Carol Albert Yacovone (57)**  
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Great job as always... enjoyed seeing a note from Ralph Stanfield and his recent find of brother Ted Albert...we just returned from a wonderful 2 week vacation with him in Washington...now we are getting ready for a visit it would seem from hurricane Francis.... looks like there is no where to hide in Florida

now.... will post you God willing when is has past...

Keep up the great work we all enjoy your effort on our behalf for the glimpse at our past and old fiends.

**From Chris Onufrock Reppucci (57)**  
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I have let my email correspondence with Bushy Park (as well as many others) lapse thru busyness, laziness, attention deficit, etc. Also I have had more than my share of computer problems, changes in email addresses etc. Will you please be back in touch and put me in touch with the others.

**From Lindsay Ervin (60)**  
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I would like to thank you (Pat) and Gary plus all others that contribute to this newsletter. It is really great!! You guys do a fantastic job. Reading this letter always brings back some good memories of Bushy Park.

Seeing Ralph Stanfield's note was great because I remember him being ahead of me in high school and being a great guy. You asked who were the people in the photos on page 4. I do not know who guy in the single photo is but in the bottom photo, the girl on the left is Susan Geyer (58) and next to her is Robert McClelland (58) and I am not sure who the other two are. The other girl looks a little like Lois Thomas (1960) and do not know who the other guy is. I think they were at the Christmas Ball of 1958. I used my 1957 and 1958 "Vapor Trails" yearbooks to help identify these people.

In one of the past newsletters you mentioned Bill Grimes and included his email. I tried emailing Bill but did not get a response (Editor's Note: Bill had moved, and Lindsay

has been given the new e-mail address) so if you have another email would you please pass it on unless you know he doesn't want to contact me but I can't see why he wouldn't. I didn't get him into that much trouble. I knew Bill more after I returned to the states in 1958 to Rome, N.Y. where he was also living with his parents and sister, Darby. I see that Darby Grimes is on this email list. Just for anybody's interest, I have talked with the following Bushy Park classmates: Charles Allen, James Timmons, Doug Eskra, Julie Williams, Wendell Jones (had dinner with he and his wife a couple of years ago), Judy Tucker and Pat Owen (a while ago). Thanks again for the newsletter. Hope everybody is well and happy.

**From Carol Albert Yacovone (57)**  
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As always look forward to the news. Hope to send a note after we get through hurricane Frances....

Just returned from 2 weeks with brother Ted Albert (59) in Washington and hope to have a 4 day week end with Robyn Rudat (58) Allen in October...

You guys are amazing how hard you work on this much loved and look forward to newsletter.

**From Nanette Simpson (62) Cousyn**  
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Thanks for keeping the newsletter going. It is the highlight of my month!!!!

**From Craig Sams (61)**  
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Here's my humble offering for Bushy Tales. Its not so much a memoir of the time as an update on what I've been doing in London the past

decade or so. Since the chocolate is now available all over the US it might be nice for former classmates to know that it was Edna Leigh's 'pet' who is behind it.

As my parents were still in the UK after I went back to college I would come back to England during the summer vacation, so London was my 'home town.' Then my Dad went to Vietnam and my mother stayed in London, so when I graduated I ended up back in England and started up an organic food restaurant in Notting Hill. My brother Gregory (Bushey Hall '65) had a disabling accident at U. of Cal Berkeley and came home and joined me in the business. We soon had a natural foods store on Portobello Road, then a bakery and a wholesale business.

In 1978 our 'Whole Earth' brand peanut butter became the number 2 brand in the UK (mainly because Nestlé, the Number 1, bought the Number 2 so we moved up from a distant Number 3, it has to be said). I guess you had to be American to understand what motivated a peanut butter consumer and ours was the best, because we made sure it always tasted like it should.

Then in 1991 my wife Josephine and I started up an organic chocolate company, which we christened Green & Black's (Green = organic, Black = extra dark). It was a struggle at the beginning because we were selling chocolate that was 70% cocoa solids in a market where the leading dark chocolate was only 34%. But enough people liked the rich, bittersweet and intensely chocolatey flavor that we got it into Sainsbury's, the leading supermarket here. Now we do a full range of chocolate bars and candies, Easter eggs and Christmas novelties, hot chocolate and ice cream.

A few years ago we started to sell in the USA and at first people said that the American palate wouldn't take to our strong flavored



product. In fact our 70% dark chocolate has become our very best seller, with other dark chocolate like Maya Gold (made from cocoa beans grown by Maya Indians in Belize) and our Hazelnut and Currant chocolate in second and third place.

According to SPINS, which is the market research group that covers the natural and organic market, we are now the best-selling brand of organic chocolate in the USA - taking over the top position from Newman's Own. It's on sale in Whole Foods Markets, Wild Oats and other natural food outlets but also in supermarket chains like Wegman's, Fred Meyers and even some Publix stores around Atlanta.

If there's ever another reunion in London we'd be delighted to do the 'goodie bags.' I moved out of London a couple of years ago and now live in the coastal resort of Hastings, where the air is a lot fresher and the pace of life a lot slower than in London.

I still visit the old site of the school from time to time as it's now a lovely park and it's a short walk from the Hampton Court Flower Show, where we always have a stand to promote our chocolate (there's a strong link between a love of gardening and a love of chocolate - don't ask me why). Our website is at [www.greenandblacks.com](http://www.greenandblacks.com) and there were a couple of nice articles about us in national papers recently.

**Penny Ohrman Bernstein (61)**  
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Editor's Note: Both Penny and Bill attended Bushy Park as well as Bitburg.

Wanted to thank you and the newsletter for finding Bill Fountain (61) about 2 months ago. Seeing his name in the newsletter I was able to contact him right away. Bitburg Group had

been trying to find him for 16 years after beginning our search for our sophomore classmates. Two days before finding him one of the girls we had been looking for for 16 years found me, then finding Bill and that was it. The Bitburg sophomore class of the 58-59 school year that I had been trying to put together finally had a party in San Jose CA at one of the classmates home over the weekend of Sept. 10-12. One of our classmates and his wife flew in from London. We had me from Charleston, one from DC, MO, Seattle, Portland, Palm Desert, places throughout CA and Bill who mixed work and pleasure and flew in from the Annapolis, MD area. Bill and three others had not seen any of us and have never been to any of their school reunions so they spent most of the weekend in shock and putting names and faces together. Bill was a great find - says it gives him courage to go to the Bushy reunion next Oct. I'm headed to London Nov. 7-12 and will make sure I get to Hampton Park this time. Thank you all so much!

**Editors Note: That's all for this month. The newsletter is getting smaller and smaller each month. I can't make up things to go in it so if I don't hear from you it just may go away forever because of lack of interest. It's up to you if it continues or not. I love doing it but it's up to you now.**