# Bushy Tales

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

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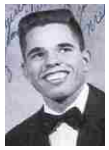

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## REMINDERS AND SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. Don't forget, if you're planning on changing your e-mail address (especially if you've been using a work e-mail to receive the newsletter and are planning on retiring soon) to let either Gary or Pat know so you can continue to receive news about your classmates.

2. Please try to remember to put BUSHY PARK or something similar in the SUBJECT line when you send us something. If we don't recognize your name or e-mail address we might delete it. (I've done that in the past - Pat). **We also need your class year.**

3. If you decide you no longer want to receive the newsletter, just send an e-mail to either Gary or Pat and let them know and you'll be taken off.

4. If you haven't received your newsletter by the 5th of any month (unless Gary or Pat let you know

if there will be a delay), please contact either of them and they'll get a copy out to you.

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**Your editor is up to his old tricks again – The article about having Mumps while at Bushy Park show the author as Mike Kelley (61). The real author of the article and the one shown in the picture was James "Mike" Kelly (60). Sorry for the mistake.**

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## Roster Changes

**New Email address:**

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## Look Who We Found

**Edwin "Ted" Toone (54) -** no picture available.
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## Memories of Bushy

**Suzanne "Snookie" (Garrison) Mayo (54)**
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The picture sent in by ?? was taken at a party at Kay Gfellers' house not the TAC in 1953. I can tell you who a lot of the people are but not all since my memory has forgotten some of them. Bet Gary B. or Bob Lyle could name quite a few also. I'll start with the back row, from the left: Hal (H) Baldwin, Navy dependent on his lap, ??, Claire Griswold, Lani DeVaughn, Jackie Bolt, Jim McMillen, ??, Diane Tiffen, Then go to the first row, Mike Salmon, and Kay are the only ones I can remember. The guy with his arms in the air was English and named Mike. He went to a lot of our parties. Fun memories.

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## Mini Reunions

**Suzanne "Snookie" (Garrison) Mayo (54)**
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Earl in February, Joan Witzel Martin ('54) and I, along with our spouses, Robert Martin and Pete Mayo, met for dinner at the St. Francis Yacht Club, in San Francisco, where Bob and Joan are members.

It was also a mini-reunion for Joan and me as a classmate of ours, Judy Donnelly Samouce, from the University of Maryland in Munich, Germany was able to join us along with her husband, Sandy. Judy and I had also gone to school together in 7th grade when our fathers were stationed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. We all had a wonderful time enjoying all the stories of our past adventures and catching up from our 55 years of being apart. Joan and I do get together at least once a year for lunch as we live only about an hour away from each other.

The three military "brats" agreed that our lives had been pretty full and we felt pretty privileged with all the places we had lived, seen and been able to experience. It certainly is a common bond that all of us have experienced at Bushy Park.

**Nancie (Anderson) Weber (55)**
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From Bushy, in September 1955, Dave Kremers, Pete Rumble, Fred Tims, and I moved on to the U of Maryland campus in Munich. Was that ever a hoot, being approximately 18 and on the loose in Western Europe while most of the pre War ambience still lingered and the natives

still liked Americans. We all made the most of it. I, for instance, majored in Alpine Studies (just ask) with a none-too-hefty minor in academics.

Dave came back to Southern California when he left UM/Munich in the summer of 1956. He finished college out here, married Vicky here before they larked off to Germany, etc and taught school in the military system around Stuttgart for 3,4 years. Both are retired from teaching now, have been in the Seattle area for a long time.

I haven't seen Dave since we left Germany, but per the roster and occasional sightings of Munich contemporaries, we've always been in touch. So it was great news when Dave emailed early February that he and Vicky were SoCal-bound and could we possibly manage lunch somewhere on the Coast last Friday. That would include my Munich roommate and her also-alum husband--Nancy Rae [Toliver; her sister Janet was at Bushy after we left] and Hobie Belknap. Who, coincidentally, live just down the freeway out here in Riverside County.

Dave-Vick had impulsively initiated a quick road trip from Seattle down the coast and then back north by way of Arizona, Texas (Big Bend Park), NMexico, and Colorado. I don't know where they are now, but their schedule was dizzying, they were trying to do so much in a short time. Per the photo, that's Dave, Hobie and Rae, and me. At the Amtrak station park next to the beach in San Juan Capistrano. It was a great afternoon.

**Ruth (Lund) Bethea (55)**
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**Mini-reunion in Las Vegas:**

My grandson is employed by GoodYear and "works" at the races (hot rods, nitro cars, and the winged sprint cars). He invited me to meet him in Las Vegas. I'm not big on NASCAR but really LOVE the dirt races. So I sat out in the freezing cold for 2-1/2 hours to watch all the qualifying World of Outlaws rounds on the dirt track but left just before the main race because of the cold (and I had my winter coat, scarf, and gloves on).

My grandson left Monday morning for Ohio and I was picked up at the Bellagio by Phil and Tita Creasor for a 3 day visit with them before my return home. They took me to Planet Hollywood for breakfast and then out to Hoover Dam and to see the new road they're building to bypass crossing the dam. We drove across the dam into AZ, turned around and returned to Nevada to drive to Lake Mead (where in spite of recent rains was still WELL below normal levels). That night they took me to an off-strip casino for dinner before going back to their home. The next few days were spent with Phil and I talking about the good old Bushy Park days, looking through his yearbooks, etc while Tita made delicious breakfasts and dinners….They took me to the airport in time to catch my flight home.

I love going to visit Phil and Tita. I've done it many times and always enjoy their company. They are very kind and have invited me to come back, which I'll probably do, maybe even in May. Sadly I took no photos to share (but we both still look exactly like our photos in the '55 yearbook).

**Aaron (Pete) Peters (57)**
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Sunday Evening, Feb 28, 2010, Fr. Aaron (Pete) Peters (57) invited\Bill Gates (60) and his wife Patty to St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, KS for Vespers and Dinner. The conversation was lively, the memories filled with laughter, 'few' of them 'holy' but the company was

grand. Patty is a native of the Atchison area, she took the picture.

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# Reunion Information

**Patricia (Miller) Hodges (55)**
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**BUSHY PARK REUNION**
**CLASSES OF 1953-56 & Friends**
**Wilmington, NC; 19-23 September 2010**

Several activities have been planned, and some free time has been woven into the schedule. There is so much to see and do in this area, and we have tried to include highlights for everyone to enjoy. A complete schedule of events will be available at registration, but for now:

Sunday night will be the welcoming reception at the hotel. Monday will be a full day of fun, starting with a presentation on the history of Wilmington by a very entertaining tour guide, Mr. Bob Jenkins. Bob is a Wilmington native and conducts walking tours of the historic district throughout the year. Following his presentation, anyone who wishes to take the tour with him is welcome to do so. At four p.m., Ted Hopkins will give a presentation on a topic of his choice. At our last reunion, he gave a most interesting and informative talk about the sound barrier, so we have asked him to speak to us again. Monday night, after dinner on your own, one of our classmates, Ed Toone '54 and his wife, Bates, are hosting a coffee and dessert get-together at their home. This will give us an opportunity to visit in a casual and homey atmosphere.

Tuesday is an all-day bus tour (9:30 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m.) of the area. We will have a guide to take us to Fort Fisher, the scene of the largest naval battle during the War Between the States; Southport, a delightful little seaport town which is designated to become a major port in North Carolina but which is now fun to visit. We'll have lunch there and then proceed to Brunswick Town, site of the first English settlement on the coast; and finally we will visit the Orton Plantation gardens. The plantation used to produce rice but now has some gorgeous gardens.

On Wednesday a visit is planned to the Battleship North Carolina, right across the river from the hotel. Commissioned in 1941, this battleship participated in every major naval offensive in the Pacific. Throughout this entire time, the total loss of life was 11, which is pretty remarkable. Wednesday night is the banquet - hard to believe that the days will pass so quickly.

Many great restaurants are close to the hotel for times scheduled for "free time". The beach is nearby, too, and maps and recommendations will be available at registration.
Hope you all can come!!

**On the last three pages of this newsletter there will be a registration form for this reunion and a flyer & registration form for the reunion discussed by Rend Biggs below.**

**Renold Briggs (60)**
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**Bushy Park Gathering 2010 Las Vegas**

I hope all of you are planning on attending the Gathering May 16th to 19th in Las Vegas. There has been a change for the contracted room rates. The old room rate was $50 a night. It is now $36 a night. For the ones who have made their reservations, your rates have been adjusted. You do not have to do anything.

The Gathering cut off date of April 14th is coming fast so please make your reservations as soon as you can. If you have any questions please contact me.

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## This and That

**Marcia (Craver)Thomas (53)**
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A computer crash is disastrous; I had one a couple of years back.....it probably pays to backup the files on one of those websites though I haven't tried it yet.....really enjoyed the "Yvette" story from Karl.....his writing style is full of humor and really paints a true picture of teens of any age! Thanks for the continuing work. Regarding the pic at Winfield House in '52, the bottom right side female with bangs could be me I was there many times but have no recollection of that particular visit...bangs weren't too popular then.

Some months back with a lull in time whilst recovering from a little toe surgery, I decided to try to find a old English friend with whom I was acquainted while living in Stanmore, Middx. His name was Tony Rose, and he was rather small, but very mature for his young age and was already employed at a sports car agency - he once told me Jag-u-ars (Jags). Anyway I contacted a writer with the Harrow Observer in the Harrow on the Hill community which was quite near Stanmore and that person decided to write a nice column about my looking for an old friend.

I found it on their website and was sure someone would remember him as he was one of the few who actually had a car to drive - and a nice one at that.

Weeks went by and no one ever replied until fairly recently when I got a reply from a man who had become his good friend in his later life. Tony was of German extraction and had written me a couple of times, lastly in the mid-60s when I was living in another town. Fortunately I saved his letters and had an old address. I was able to connect with his friend and friends wife because they had known him at a previous address. He had taken a manor house where he was given charge of the building in exchange for looking after it and the grounds. Turns out it had a rather prominent history and eventually a US Naval commander had made arrangements to buy it and turn it into a exclusive "getaway" for wealthy clients. Tony was well acquainted with actor Roger Moore (of James Bond fame) and was his limo driver for years. He introduced the American to the Brit and they were to be partners. Unfortunately, the owner reneged and the deal was off.

Tony moved and was in ill health and his couple friends took care of him during his last years. They emailed a photo to show me what he looked like and sure enough, despite the bald pate and heavy front, it was the Tony I knew. The internet is a wonderful thing!

**Judy (Tucker) Dundervill (59)**
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I will be attending the reunion, I will be bringing a friend (an Air Force Wife of many years ago) not my husband. The two of us will be in Vegas in October at the Wynn with the Company I work for. Will send the reservation soon. In the meantime, how do I find the roster of people you have found? Looking for Susie Thompson, Donna Vinson, Jacquie (Jackie) Bland, Peggy Reeves, Suzanne Pletcher or Fletcher, (Her Dad Was the Surgeon General, cannot remember which years, however, sometime after we returned to the USA.

Your assistance would be appreciated. Thank you,

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## Letters to the Editor

**Bettie (Whitehurst) Tipton (56)**
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Hi Gary

Whatever happened to the Douglas House in London? Do you know if there is a similar club now?

Take care and cheerio!

**Carol Smith Benjamin (59)**
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Thank you, Gary, for once again giving us a great publication. I enjoyed reading it as always but want to thank John Strand for his article on the values of Royal real estate. I found that very interesting.

Also really enjoyed reading Karl Rubinstein's contribution to Bushy Tales. Absolutely darling story--wonder where Yvette is now?

Thanks to Pat Owen also for helping you put your email address book back together. Y'all make a wonderful team!

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## And now for a little light hearted fun.

**Edward 'Ted" Hopkins (55)**
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**These are classified ads, which were actually placed in a U.K. newspaper:**

**FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.**
**8 years old. Hateful little bastard. Bites!**

**FREE PUPPIES**
**1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbour's dog.**

**FREE PUPPIES.**
**Mother, a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father, Super Dog... able to leap tall fences in a single bound.**

**COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.**
**Also 1 gay bull for sale.**

**JOINING NUDIST COLONY!**
**Must sell washer and dryer £100.**

**WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.**
**Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER.**
**Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition.....£200 or best offer. No longer needed; got married last month. Wife knows #%#%#g everything!**

**Judy (Risler) Covington (60)**
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I know, I know...it's over and done with. But this was so cute and so appropriate (here in Louisiana anyway!).

### "WHO DAT"

Peyton Manning after living a full life died and went to Heaven. When he got Heaven, God was showing him around. They came to a modest little house with a faded "Colts" flag in the window.

"The house is yours for eternity, Peyton", said God. "This is very special, not everyone gets a house up here".

Peyton felt special indeed and walked up to the new house. On the way up to the porch, he noticed another house just around the corner. It was a 3 story mansion with a black and gold sidewalk, a 50' tall flag pole, with an enormous "Saints" logo flag, and in every window a New Orleans Saints sign. Peyton looked at God and said, "God, I'm not trying to be ungrateful, but I have a question. I was an all pro quarterback, I hold many NFL records, and I even went to the Hall of Fame."

God said, "So what's your point Peyton?"

"Well, why does Drew Brees get a better house than me?"

God chuckled and said, "Peyton, that's not Drew's house, it's Mine."

BUSHY PARK REUNION
CLASSES OF 1953-56 and Friends
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____Class: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____ email: _____
Guest: _____ Driving to reunion? Yes No; if yes, how many riders could you assist transporting to two activities? ____

A discussion of the daily plans appears in the information sheet in the newsletter. We hope everyone can participate in all activities, but we need to know for reserving transportation and meal requirements. Thanks!

| **Per person, except where noted:** | | **No.** | **Amt.** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Registration fee: | ($25)-**class member only; not guest** | 1 | $25 |
| Sunday night reception: | ($10 + open bar) | ____ | $_____ |
| Monday evening dessert get-together | ($5) | ____ | $_____ |
| Tuesday all-day tour | ($45 - lunch additional; all admissions included) | ____ | $_____ |
| Wednesday battleship tour | ($10) | ____ | $_____ |

Wednesday night banquet (**Circle choice of entrée* <u>and</u> dessert**)
*(Price includes entrée, salad, dessert, beverage, tax, and gratuity)

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|---|---|---|---|
| Vegetable Linguini | $33 | | ____ |
| Mixed grill (salmon, tuna & large shrimp) | $42 | | ____ |
| Crabcakes | $47 | | ____ |
| Garlic Chicken | $39 | | ____ |
| | | Total Meal(s) Cost | $_____ |
| Key Lime Pie | | | ____ |
| Fruit Cobbler | | | ____ |
| | | **Reunion Grand Total:** | $_____ |

Please mail completed registration form and check **not later than 10 August** to:

Ruth Bethea, ‘55
7309 Leesville Blvd.
Springfield, VA 22151

NOTE: In the event of a cancellation, refunds are possible for the reception, battleship tour, banquet, and the dessert get-together.

# Bushy Park, Central High Gathering 2010

## Celebrating The Class of 1959 and 1960 50th Anniversary

**The time has come for you to attend the 2010 Gathering. If you have never attended one of our past Gatherings, you should make every effort to make this one. We are planning our biggest and best one to date. For those of you that have attended one in the past we are looking forward to seeing you again. This year we are celebrating the classes of 59 and 60th 50th year anniversary. Because they were two of the largest classes to attend Bushy Park, we are changing our format and will have a dinner and dance instead of a luncheon.**

**The dates are—May 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 2010.**
**The Location—The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada**
**Reservations number is 1-800-675-3267**

**You are responsible to make your Hotel reservations. We have received a special room rate for the above dates at $36 a night. In order for us to get that rate you must give the reservations people a GROUP CODE NAME AND NUMBER**.

**Reservations ID NUMBER is – 0LCHC05 and the Group name is –LCHS GATHERING.** Without this Group Name and number you will not receive the special rate. The cut off date for room reservations is **April 14th, 2010**. After that date it will be on space availability.

We have selected The Orleans Hotel for its location and facilities. There are 1872 rooms, nine (9) restaurants, outstanding pool and spa facilities, bowling center, 18 screen movie theatre, and much more. You can go on line and take a virtual tour under The Orleans Hotel and Casino.

We will have a hospitality room available for check in on Monday the 17th and on Tuesday the 18th all day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. It will be a great place to get together and exchange stories. The dinner and dance will be May 18th, Tuesday night in the banquet room.

On page (2) two you will find the information about the dinner/operating costs for reservations. Please print this page and fill in the required information. We must have all the dinner/operating costs in hand by **April 14th**. The Hotel will work with us on late reservations.

**See next page for signup sheet and prices.**

## 2010 Gathering Dinner and operating costs

**Mail to: Ren Briggs**
**1671 Monte Vista Dr.**
**Bullhead City, AZ 86442**

**CHS Student Name**_____
**(maiden name)**

**Spouse / Guest** _____

**Class of** _____

Address _____
City/state _____
Zip and phone_____
E/mail _____

**<u>Dinner cost per person $55.00</u> (includes tax and gratuity)**

**Dinner ($55.00) number of people _____ equals $_____**
**Operating cost per person $15.00 _____sub total $_____**

**Total submitted $_____**

**Please make checks payable to Ren Briggs**
**Must be received by April 14th 2010**

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