

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 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.

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](#)

Memories of Bushy Park



Several photos from John Strand (58):



Ruislip Chapel Choir Spring 1955: Left to right - Marilyn Burch (55) - her father was the base Chaplain - unidentified Sgt.'s wife - lovely older Welsh lady who had a lovely voice and that wonderful Welsh brogue - Maude Merson - wonderful trained soprano - her dad was a civilian employee at Ruislip and had something to do with electronics -he helped me

build a guitar amplifier - and, that's me in the back - The organist was Mr. Charles Smart who was also staff organist with the BBC - several times he gave us tickets to the Show Band Show on BBC where his son Harold was a pop organist - here's a couple links I found:



[Organ Celebrities-HAROLD & CHARLES SMART. 11.mpg](#)

www.youtube.com

Yet another instance where the record company got it wrong, either by choice of genuine error. Additionally, a rare 78rpm disc where Harold & Charles play a ...



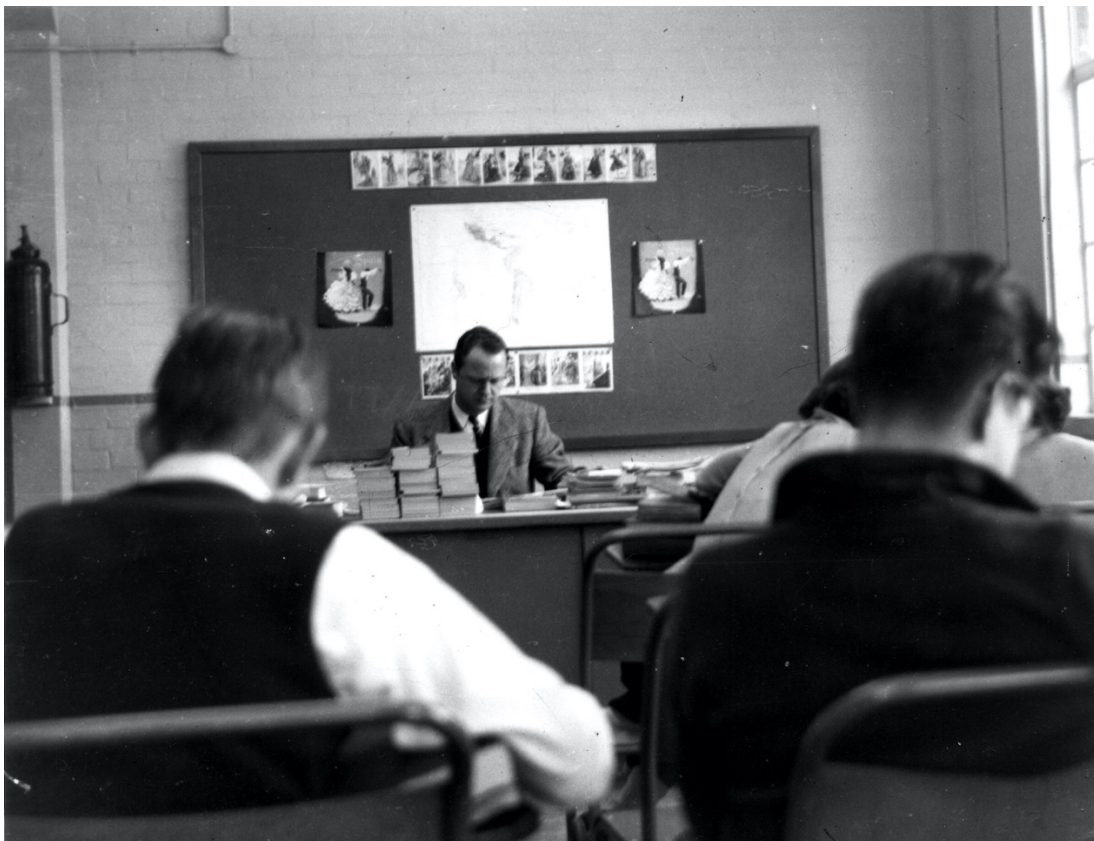
[CHARLES and HAROLD SMART - "FLIRTATION WALTZ" - Organ Duet](#)

www.youtube.com

CHARLES & HAROLD SMART playing the "FLIRTATION WALTZ" on Parlophone 78 rpm record from the Compton Lodge Studios Archive. Charles plays the Compton Theatre Pi...

Mr. Poole's English class - looks like Fred Buhler on the right and Mrs. Alice Harbour's typing class

[Editor's Note, by Pat Terpening (58) Owen: I think the girl in the typing class pix is Connie Haave. I'm going to send it to her and see. I do agree with John that that looks like Fred Buhler's head (the back of).]





C.H.S. - 1956

Not sure of date - this could be 1955 - looks like Jesse Turner '56 with glasses and Stephen Wilson '57 - it's also possible that Bob Phifer took this picture



Joe Compton - spring 1955 - his father was a civilian with Westinghouse in London

Bill Taylor - class of '57 - pics taken Spring of '55 during study hall in the library





John Strand (58)

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Hi Bill,

Thanks for keeping Bobcat spirit alive thru the "school paper" I vow this year to write my memories of the best time of my life.

But this might be of interest to readers. There is a new book out called "Death in the Air" by Kate Winkler Dawson. It's the great story of what I remember calling The Black Fog that hit London in the winter of 1952. We had just begun the first year of Central High. We were located in Surbiton Surrey off base.

I remember guys walking in front of London Transport Trolley Buses with a lantern to guide them. You put a handkerchief to your nose and it turned black in minutes. You could tap someone on the shoulder...step back one pace and they couldn't find you. That came in handy with the freshmen girls located in the Surbiton dorm below us. Remember?

The book for the first time recreates the Post War conditions Brits lived in seven years

after the war ended. It documents the fog well and ties it into The Christer murders. It is a must read for us 1952 Freshman Bobcats.

I was at Central through my junior year.

I did achieve my goal of being a disc jockey after college and riding the Rock n Roll rocket in radio to a broadcast management/owner career.



I think we Central pioneers will find the book interesting. It will also make a hell of a movie!

Peter Laughlin (56)
Bobcat Believer and Anglofile

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Bill,
The Teenage Club was in the garage of the officer's club Winfield House in Regents Park, 1953 -1954 for sure.
Betsy
Elizabeth Campbell (55) Thomas

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Was the London teen club located in the Windsor House? I was only a lowly freshman at the time, but that's what I remember.

I add my thanks to you for continuing our Bushy Tales.

I've enjoyed reading the memories of those days--and can relate to many of them. I think the "separator" is the "dorm kids" and the "day (commuter) kids." I was in the latter group because we lived locally. The dorm life sounds like so much fun and I'm sorry I missed that!!



Thanks again for continuing our newsletter, Bill.
Diane Lund (58) McMahon

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Thanks Bill

Glad to see the response re the TAC. I went to the functions there...but surely did not remember any of the details. Glad Ted was able to add his information. I think you are right re TAC....I think I remember it being in the Officer's Club. Not sure though.

I do remember two people that attended but were not students at Bushy Park. One was Claire Griswold, her dad was a General there. (Do not know where, but he was a General

in the area) and her boyfriend Richie Lyons, who was related to Bebe Daniels...a celebrity who lived in London. I wonder what ever happened to them.

[Editor's Note by Pat Terpening (58) Owen: Claire Griswold married Sidney Pollack, Director. There's quite a bit about her on the Internet. She died in 2010 of Parkinson's Disease. I remember seeing her in "THE MINIATURE" on Twilight Zone with Robert Duvall. She played the doll.]

Thanks for tweaking my memory banks :) And thanks again for yours and Pat's continuing newsletters....

I have a self-published workbook, which I sell and produce seminars around: "Dressing for Prime Time"...dressing for business for the busy professional men and women. I also have the Petunia Patch Boutique (now Fashion Express) website: www.petuniapatch.net .



Thanks.
Peggy Corder (54) Johnson

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Hi Bill,

Thanks for keeping this up. I attach a piece for the "Bushy Tales".
I attended 9, 10, and 11th grades at Bushy.

The recent mention of Camp Mohawk, stirred competing memories for me. I was a Camp Counselor there as a Boy Scout in 1958 and 1960. The first year I taught swimming, canoeing, and rowing to hoards of kids. The next year, I was in charge of creating and lecturing on an ideal campsite, with pitched tent, fireplaces, and assorted woodsy conveniences. Never will forget the kid who dropped a live worm on the flat rock I was using in one of my demo fire pits to illustrate radiated heat cooking.



Here's a photo of my Counselor's kerchief from 1959.

I don't have the kerchief from 1960 because a couple of adult assistant scoutmaster's stole it from me. I had a tent to myself that summer and didn't keep track of the various scout units who passed through the camp over the summer. But these two guys came to my tent and offered me a bunch of different scout badges for my 1960 kerchief. I didn't collect badges, and, besides, would never have parted with that kerchief. Being a counselor at Mohawk was a thrilling honor for me. Well, a few days later, that troop moved on and so did my kerchief. Those two guys sneaked in and

stole it just before they left. Needless, to say, I took a lesson from that experience. But now, a mere almost 59 years later I still have my 1959 kerchief, and I assume those guys are getting what they deserve.

I also see that we're asked to fess up if we've written a book. Yes, I've written two legal thrillers as "Jackson Bass" the first is titled "Hard Numbers" and the second is titled "The Norton Case." Both are available in paperback and eBook through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. A couple of our classmates have read and liked them. I relied mostly on my career as an attorney for the plots.



Other than that, I want to say I loved our three years in England, despite the long bus ride from Old Windsor. I've been back a couple of times, but things have changed a bit. Still; a hoot.

Regards,
Karl Rubinstein (61)

Letters to the Editor

Hello Bill,

Pat mentioned in one of the Bushy Tales recently that she would like those who have authored books to let others know the titles.

I have co-authored two books.

A Mother's Garden of Prayer by Sarah Maddox and Patti Webb

[A Mother's Garden of Prayer \(ebook\)\\$7.99Google PlayNo tax](#)

A Woman's Garden of Prayer by Sarah Maddox and Patti Webb

[A Woman's Garden of Prayer : Cultivating Intimacy with God Through Prayer by Sarah O. Maddox - Used \(Good\) - 0805424989\\$3.99Thriftbooks.comNo tax](#)



They are both out of print, but available on google. They are also available as eBooks.

I want to thank you and Pat for your tireless work on Bushy Tales. I appreciate your work.

Patti Fawbush (58) Webb

[Editor's Note, by Pat Terpening (58) Owen:

There are others who've done some writing, but the names and books escape me at the present time. Here are a few:

Craig S. Barnes (Class 1954) - Deceased November 4, 2015 - was an author, playwright, lecturer, etc. Wrote many books, but the one I've read and enjoyed, and which talked about his time at Bushy Park, is:

"GROWING UP TRUE"

Joyce Knapp (58) Holland - has written several short stories and these three books:

"BOAT DOLLIES" - Mystery

"BEYOND GULF BREEZE" - Mystery

"MY, MY, MYRA" - True Crime]

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**Bill Grable Rees (57) and wife, Nancy
Our anniversary - 32 years
Sebring, Florida**

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New Year's Greeting to all London Central High Alumni from Jackie Brown Kenny and Sherry Gregory Carson, Class of 53.

Sherry and Jackie were roommates at St. Mary's Dorm our Senior Year at Bushy Park. We play catch up on our lives at least twice a year by telephone and more often by e-mail. This is a friendship that has lasted 65 years. We love remembering our adventures including the Coronation, the London Fog, meeting Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis at the London Palladium and the teen club which was at Winfield House, to name a few of the adventures. Also, the "Adelaide Pub" across from the dorm, which kept us supplied in Cokes.



Thank you to all who have kept the Tales going all these years.

Jacqueline Grace Brown (53) Kenny



Sherry Gregory (53) Carson

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