

Bushy Tales

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



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**Classmates Who
Have Transferred to
the Eternal Duty
Station**



Irvin Duane “Butch” Bunting (59)

Swanton, VT — Irvin Duane “Butch” Bunting, age 77, passed away Friday evening, Oct. 27, 2017 at the Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans with his loving wife by his side following a brief illness. He was born Aug. 2, 1940 in Livingston, Illinois, the son of the late Carroll and Dorothy (Irvin) Bunting.

Butch has been a resident of Swanton since 1972. He had a long career with the United States Border Patrol as a Border Agent with 16 years on the country's southern border with the remainder on the Swanton Sector retiring in 1996. Butch enjoyed raising and breeding European Brit gun dogs and also loved his English Bull dogs. He will be remembered as a fair and no-nonsense person, best described by his wife as a “Cowboy.”

His son Kevin feels that the following lyrics by David Crowder also fits his Dad:

**“Come As You Are”
Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted
Let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
Oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt**



**Lay down your heart
Come as you are
There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table
Come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure**

**So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are
There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal**

**So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are**

He is survived by his wife Kathleen "Zeke" (Guidry) Bunting of Swanton; his son, Kevin "Kip" Bunting his wife Dani of New Mexico and Kevin's children, Abby, Twins – Zachary and Kerri-Jo and Anderson. Butch thanks Dani for being a loving wife to his son and making him happy. He is also survived by his daughter, Lori Potter her husband Mike and Lori's two children, Cameron and Jessie. And (Butchee) as that is what she would call him, sister-in-law, Lois "Ottis" (As what he would call her) Pratt of Swanton; and his living sister-in-law, Sheila and his predeceased brother, Glenn and their sons; Manuel, Bill and Steven Bunting. Besides his predeceased parents, Carroll and Dorothy, he was predeceased by his first wife Gloria "Glori" Bunting; and his brother, Glenn Bunting.

Butch's family wish to thank the staff at the Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans for the loving and compassionate care provided to Butch during his illness.

In keeping with Butch's wishes he will be cremated and there will be no funeral services or visiting hours.

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Pat,

It is with sadness I share that Butch Bunting passed away October 27, 2017, Swanton, Vermont. I received a call from Butch's wife Kathleen, Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 9:00 AM. She asked that I contact you and ask that a notice be placed in the next "Bushy Tales". Butch and I were the only two of our age group at Bentwater/Woodbridge RAF Station 1957-1958. Butch and I reconnected in early 2003. He would stop for a short visit in



Dayton, Ohio, on his return to Vermont after he'd delivered dogs that he had bred. Butch introduced Marj and I to the French Brittany breed of bird dogs. We purchased a French Brittany and I have enjoyed hunting Pheasant and Grouse.

Peace and Blessings,
George Lawson (59)

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Memories of Bushy Park

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](#)



Penny Ohrman (61) Bernstein [No photo available]

So many memories from the most recent "Bushy Tales"!

We arrived in High Wycombe in October 1956 and lived on the economy until June, when the first brand new housing opened at High Wycombe. Some that I remember who were the first to live there were Karen Cottingham, David Anderson, John Clark (7th grade), Sharon Swim. I don't remember any of the street names - interesting they were later named after faculty. I didn't know that the base became the "new" Bushy Park until I visited there about 11 or 12 years ago. When we first moved to High Wycombe and lived on the economy, getting to school was a feat. I walked a mile to the local bus, went into High Wycombe and walked to the train station, took the train to the next town, then met the school bus for an hour's drive. I was in 8th grade at the time and thought nothing of it. Can you see kids doing that today?! Moving onto the base sure made it easy commuting to school in 9th grade, but by then Bushy Hall opened and I was among the first students to attend that school. Then on to Bitburg, Germany, my sophomore year and Charleston AFB, SC, but attended HS in Summerville for last half of junior and senior years. My father pulled me out of Chicora HS after 4.5 days, as it was so rough and so many were married - big change from being overseas in military schools.

Nancy Reed mentioned she came from Charleston to London. I totally understand her Charleston experience. While I graduated in SC and really had a good last year and a half of high school, it was a shock. One day during assembly we were called outside. They took down the American flag and put up the Confederate flag. One of the "Yankees" attending Summerville was from Philadelphia and ended up in a fight with a local boy. Having gone to so many schools, I totally missed the Civil War, until I got to Charleston. It was an education. I now live in Charleston, do our class reunions and have "adjusted" to the culture. Of course, now there are many Yankees here - we think they all come here from Ohio. Ohio lost a congressional seat in Congress and SC gained one a couple of elections ago.

I remember going to the Columbia Club, London, for dinner and/or lunch many times. In 56-58 the food on the economy wasn't exactly gourmet, so when we ate out, it was at the Columbia Club. A beautiful building. I remember always ordering banana splits. Only went to the teen club there once during our time in England.

Did any of you every go to the recreation center in Shaftsbury, not far from Salisbury? We would go there in the summer for a week. Sharon Swim and I would roller skate in the rink there for hours.

Thanks to all of you for the memories. Because of attending school in 8th grade there I don't have all the friendships most of you have. My time in Bitburg was closer to me. I've done the Classes of '56-'63 reunions since founding the group in '88 and in '91 took 70 back for a true Homecoming. But, loved being able to see our old home on the economy in Great Kings Hill in High Wycombe, when I went back there several years ago. Good memories.

Penny Ohrman (61) Bernstein [No photo available]

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My Mom passed on December 1, 2017. I feel lost as she was my angel. She is my last link to the reason I was in England at that time. My memories of England were made special because of my Mom and Dad. They did so much with us from seeing all there was to offer in England and the time they spent with us in Europe. With them now gone, I only want to turn back the clock and return to the happiest place of my childhood. I know this can't be, but I am thinking more and more about my wonderful time at Richmond-on-Thames,



UK. As we are all getting older, we are not that far behind our parents – so, all I can say is love and enjoy whoever we have left. I spent as much time as I possibly could with her and I don't have any regrets in my heart. I am thankful for that.

Winnie Thomas (56) (Contrastano)

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Hello, John (Strand '58):

Pat Owen sent me two versions of the same photo that she received recently from you. She also gave me two names, Chris Salmon and David King - Bushy Park 1952-3. Am I to assume that these are the names of the boys in the photos? If so, is Chris on the left? What is your relationship to these two boys? Do you have any circumstances surrounding the photo or any additional information you would like to share regarding the photo or these two boys?

Would you like the photo and your story to be included in the next newsletter?

**Thank you,
Bill Rumble (57)**



Hi Bill,

I'm a bit confused - there should also be a pic of 7 of us 7th grade boys on a field trip to Windsor Castle spring of 1953. I had received a little Kodak box camera for Christmas and took these pictures, plus some more that I will organize and send you - all taken between 1952 and 1955. I was prompted to dig out pictures after the recent obits in the "Bushy Tales" for Bobby Goodeve and then David King. I was classmates with both of them at some point, while we were stationed at Ruislip. The pic of the two boys in the Bushy schoolyard are Chris Salmon on the left and David King on the right - we were all in Mrs. Seaton's 7th grade class 1952-3. They are also in the Windsor Castle pic. I've been trying unsuccessfully to find my index for the names in the Windsor Castle pic, but will keep looking. About 15 years ago I had located David King in Calif and sent both him and Robin Hopkins 8x10s of the group picture.



Thanks for all you do to keep us in touch!!

John Strand (58)



Letters to the Editor

Bill,

First a Thank You, and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I was one of those who was also trying to remember the name and place of the Scout Camp and know I have patch from the camp, but we moved in May to NC and still don't know where it is. After seeing the responses in the newsletter naming Camp Mohawk I went to Google and found "everything we need to know" so to speak at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/campmohawk/>

One of my memories from the '55 summer was that there was a British girl scout camp across the lake. After we got our campers bedded down some of us took canoes across the water to visit their counselors pretty late in the evening. On one foray, Jim Bass '58, bet his young lass a schilling that he could kiss her without touching her. After the smooch he admitted defeat and anted up! My other recollection was that our AF sponsor was a Capt. Bill Hargrove. One of the recollections from 1968 on Flickr refers to a Col. Bill Hargrove being the camp Chief, so sounds like he came back years later still involved in scouts.



Best,
Bill Douglas (57)



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On Sat, Dec 2, 2017 at 10:37 AM, Sherry Konjura wrote:

Hi Bill,

Just got the December issue and your note reminded me that I've been meaning to tell you that the meeting with Prince Philip on the Coast Guard Ship "Eagle" was in July 1957. I have a post-card that the cadet who was my date sent to me from Spain dated July '57, shortly after we met on the Eagle. Anyway, I was no longer in England in '58 😊. That was quite a day...all of the cadets were super nice and getting to meet Prince Philip was the icing on the cake. I was actually standing just a couple of feet from him as he talked to the group I was standing with. I remember going out to dinner with my date, Wally Kelly, and another couple (can't remember who), then Wally insisted on escorting me all the way back home which involved him taking the train to Ealing Broadway, then a bus to Southhall and a 1 mile walk from the bus stop to my house! Then he had to turn around and reverse all that...super nice guy!

Prayers for all those who may have been impacted by the fires, hurricanes and floods...
Sherry (Cheryl Burritt '57) Konjura

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Bill...Just read the current issue and...yes, Lamar is absolutely right: the location of the teen club was changed to the building that is now the Lancaster Gate Hotel and, yes, it was at the Columbia Club before that. Sorry my pics etc. confused folks. I was so excited about my trip to England, finding old haunts and having just seen both locations, I'm afraid I wasn't very clear in my explanation.



Best,

Sherry (Cheryl Burritt '57) Konjura

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Hi, Ted:



I hope that all is well with you and Dawn. I had an inquiry as to the physical location in London of the Teen Age Club. I was only there from May 1954 to November 1955. My recollection of its location was the basement of a building at the eastern end of Grosvenor Square. I am not sure I ever knew the name of the building. I remember being let in to the place by an English employee/doorman with whom we would often chat about things American.

I have seen variously the location to be in Columbia House (no location given), and what is now Lionsgate Hotel on Bayswater Road, which I do to recall at all. Not to say it is untrue. I remember holding a dance in the summer of 1954 (I think) in an empty room in a building on the north side of Grosvenor Square, where the Marriott Hotel is now located. Moving a piano in the room, it fell over and injured a girl in our group readying the place for the dance. [I now recall that it was Sheila Porter (56)]

I would appreciate any light you can shed on this.

Thank you very much,
Bill Rumble (57)

Bill,

Sorry This took so long. We were traveling to North Carolina to see my brother (Robert) Robin. We drove and visited along the way. Spent some time in Branson, MO, seeing shows. Terrific!

As to the TAC. I only remember the basement of the temporary US Embassy at Eastern end of Grosvenor Square. By 1961 or 62 the new big Embassy at Western end was finished. I think the temporary one was the old Canadian Embassy on the Eastern end. That's the best I can remember. I hope it helps.



Thank you for doing a great job on Class notes.

Ted Hopkins (55)

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Bill - received the below email from Bob Hurt (61). Thought we might be able to put the info about his wife's book into a future newsletter. What do you think?

We have several authors among the classmates - Patti Fawbush (58) Webb, Joyce Knapp (58), and a couple of others whose names escape me at the present. Maybe we could encourage the authors among us to give us the names of their books. Also know of at least one other classmate whose wife is an author.



Pat (Terpening) (58) Owen

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Thanks for continuing to publish. Always enjoy reading.

Please check out my wife Kathryn's web site www.Kathryn-Lane.com for her award winning novel "Waking Up in Medellin" (Selected as Best Fiction Book of the Year by Killer Nashville), as well as a new collection of short stories, "Backyard Volcano". Both available on Amazon. The second book in the Nikki Garcia Thriller Series, "Coyote Zone" is now also available.



Bob Hurt (61)


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Look familiar to anyone? Smiles and happy December ya'll. My mother worked there in the '30s and I worked there in the late '50s. Only thing that changed was the prices.

Susan Miller (62) Dalberg

Menu from 1957: [See next page]


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