

Bushy Tales

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



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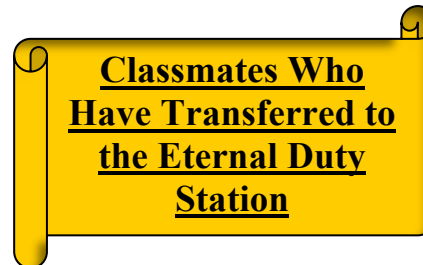


1961 – Betsy (Schley) Slepetz
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1962 – Dona (Hale) Ritchie
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if 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.



Judy Elizabeth Massengale - 1942-1968 (Class of 1960)



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From: Ron Crowe (64)

Got word from Wayne Walker that Terry Petty Buntrock Walker, Class of '63, recently passed. One of her final wishes was that the attached letter be passed along to fellow Bobcats. Our hearts and prayers go out to Wayne and Terry's family.

Ron Crowe (64)
Relaxed & Retired

Letter of Passing

To my beloved family, friends, and those I hold dearest—my devoted daughter and executor of my Estate, Laura Buntrock, has requested that I address you regarding my status.

I passed away at home on September 21, 2021, from bile duct cancer, diagnosed 2 ½ years ago. I endured several intensive radiation treatments with the goal of extending my life, but knowing that in the end, cancer would be the victor. It was worth it, I assure you, although I regret not having the opportunity to return to my adopted home of Ireland (COVID restrictions played a big part) nor being able to greet again Rachel and Paolo Colombo, who so kindly took us under their wings for a fabulous trip covering New South Wales, Sydney, and everything in between! And then there is Hawaii and the magic of Maui and our many companions that we frequented regularly for 30 years.

In truth, I have lived a fully rounded, sometimes challenging, life filled with peaks and valleys, living abroad for years, reconnecting with a London Central High School classmate, Wayne Walker, who equally shared a love of travel and enriched my life with opportunities there and by subscriptions to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR for 32 years, plays covering the

Bay Area, including Fairfield, CA and our favorite lads/musicians ‘Men of Worth’ along with their wives, as we toured Ireland and Scotland for years.

I have led a charmed life, have a cadre of wonderful people I hold in my heart and thoughts, albeit now scattered geographically with time. Thus, while I had not envisioned leaving my earthly bonds at this point, this I accepted philosophically from the start as the ‘cycle of life’ and the cards I was dealt.

Life is for the living, I always felt, and a part of that philosophy added to my joy of traveling and meeting others, some of whom became very special to me through the years.

I have requested that there be no funeral or memorial service. My ashes will be interred at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA, awaiting Wayne’s arrival. If you wish to make a donation to a charity of your choice, that would be appreciated—I had several I faithfully contributed to when I was able.

Should you have any questions, Wayne can be reached at 707-290-3972 or Laura at 707-592-3155.

To each of you, blessings, joy in living, and wishing you contentment and continued caring for one another.

Always,

Terryl (Terry) Petty/Buntrock/Walker, Bunty, TP, Terripus, Turtle, Mom

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](#)



From: Sally Lamar Parish (60) Robitaille

Pat,

I guess that all of this would go under Memories of Bushy Park, even though it’s not about the school, just school mates. You can use anything you want. I’ve included a lot of pictures, names, and information.

Lamar Parish (60) Robitaille

December 1956 - 19 Porchester Terrace, London



Left to Right: Karen Cottingham, Ann Parish, Lamar Parish, Judi Parish

Jeff and Steve Warner above, and Lamar Parish below.
I loved that purple velvet dress, and purple is still my favorite color!



Steve and Jeff picked me up to take me to a New Year's Eve dance at the Columbia Club a few blocks from our house.



The next day I was looking through Daddy's box of slides to show them some pictures. Judi put on Steve's coat.



Here is an old photo of the Columbia Club on Lancaster Gate. The Teenagers' Club (TAC) was held in the basement. There was an entrance on the outside (left) where you descended the stairs.

This is a picture of me taken in 1997 (published in August 2007 "Bushy Tales")

We three sisters were visiting sister Judi, who has lived in London since 1978!

I always loved tartans and still have several kilts.



July 1957 – 14 Chapel Street, London

On July 27th I had my 15th birthday party at our house. Mother made her Southern Fried Chicken. Corn on the cob and biscuits. Here I am blowing out the candles on my cake. I was told to put a ring over one candle and make a wish, but I didn't have a ring. Steve tried to get me to open Jeff's gift, and when I did, I found a light green peridot ring set in white gold – with a head of a lion etched into it (for Leo). When Jeff and I broke up after high school, I gave the ring to my best friend Karen, who still has it!

After dinner we were treated to a performance of "The Mousetrap", which opened in November 1952 and is the world's longest running play!



Left to right: Mrs. Parish, Windy Parish (56), Lamar Parish, Jeff Warner, Sally Stanton, James Faye, Karen Cottingham, Terry Hays, Jonne Le Gate and Steve Warner. (If that were today, we wouldn't be drinking milk!)



Here are two more photos taken in 1997 – at our sister reunion in London. These were also published in the 2007 “Bushy Tales”, but such a long time ago. We went to visit our house on Porchester Terrace



Riding the Tube: Ann, Judi, Windy and Lamar



**Number 19 Porchester Terrace:
Ann, Judi, Windy and Lamar**



Letters to the Editor



From: Lindsay Ervin (60)

Hi, Bill and Pat,

Thanks for including all the photos that I had sent to you for this issue. Thanks for ALL you guys do to make this newsletter happen!! I know everybody viewing your work really appreciate what you do. We from Bushy have a BOND that will never go away. I know this just from communicating with a few of my fellow students. Your work helps everybody, from Bushy, kindle those great memories we all had while we were at Bushy Park!! Thanks again.

Best regards,
Lindsay Ervin (60)

From: Lindsay Ervin (60)

Hi Pat,

I have no concerns about you putting what I said in the newsletter. Sure, you need input for as many students as possible to make the newsletter go, but if it wasn't up to you and Bill to keep the newsletter going, nobody would get the great news from past Bushy classmates.

I never attended any other overseas schools after I left Bushy. After Bushy, my dad was stationed at Griffiss AFB, Rome, NY (Griffiss now no longer in existence – FYI, Woodstock 99 was held at Griffiss and it turned out to be a total disaster!!) My dad retired after Griffiss and he set up his own medical practice in Rome until his death in 1976. Again Pat, you guys have been great in helping all Bushy students, keep up and have some great memories of our teenage days at Bushy Park. Thanks.....soooo much!!Lindsay

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From: Norman Alm (61)

Hi Bill,

Enjoyed the Sept '21 issue - thanks for such a great job.

What wonderful clear pictures from Lindsay! The unidentified 'Janet' in several of them is Janet Bode (61).

Best wishes,
Norman Alm (61)

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From: Sherry Burritt (57) Konjura

Wow...all the pics from '57~'58 are great....I actually took one of them - the one from the all-school picnic in May of '57 with Marshall Kremer and Karl Phaler! I think Lindsey ID'd the pic as being from a basketball rally...but it was the all-

school picnic. So many pictures showing the building, too...all gone now....the deer have taken over 😊

Best,
Sherry Konjura (Sherry (Cheryl) Burritt '57)

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From: Ron Crowe (64)

Got this from Bill Brandow '65 and it's an important message to share with you as we reach our "Vintage" years. Real Bill's message carefully and evaluate your physical status.

Ron Crowe (64)
Relaxed & Retired

Hi, Ron,

Thank you for sharing the email from Bill Brandow (65) with Pat Owen. I think that it is something well worth sharing with all of our Bushy Park classmates. We are all at an age where this could be present in any one of us.

Kind regards,
Bill Rumble (57) Co-Editor

From: Bill Brandow (65)

Hi guys.

Hope you are doing well. I just got released from the hospital on Thursday and thought, if you want to you, can share with other Bobcats out there the following little tale.

Cautionary Carotid Tale

Heidi and I are feeling blessed and thankful to share this and hope it helps someone.

In June of 2018 my primary care at the VA performed his usual exam and during the stethoscope check of my neck heard some restrictions on the left carotid. He ordered an ultrasound and the results indicated about a 40% obstruction of the left internal artery and no action was recommend at that time. Blood work indicated decent cholesterol numbers. I had no symptoms that anything was amiss. No issues appeared in subsequent visits. Then the COVID shutdown, forced us to do "tele-health", which kept us from doing any "hands on" checks for 2020.

Finally, able to get an in person visit in mid-July of this year, my primary again listened to my carotids and said another ultrasound was in order. This time the results were dramatically changed and indicated a 70% blockage at the left internal artery. A consult with a vascular surgeon at the Reno VA in the middle of August was conducted and the surgeon recommend performing an endarterectomy and NOT doing a stent since, in his opinion, during that procedure some plaque could be dislodged leading to a stroke. Seemed reasonable to me and we scheduled the surgery for Sept 8. Well, that is now done.

The surgeon indicated that the actual blockage was closer to 90%. They kept me in ICU post op overnight due to the nature of the surgery. Overnight recovery went well, and I was discharged by noon on Sept 9th. I was, and still am, swollen and discolored and some nerve trauma to the left side nerve that controls facial movement. They indicated that it may take a month or so to resolve. Not much pain at all.

The thing is, I had no clue. I never felt bad or fatigued or confused and my lab work for the most recent tests (and previous tests) showed total cholesterol was 164 with the HDL being 46 and LDL being 98.

So, a word of caution in case your medical folks don't regularly check you for this, even if your cholesterol numbers look good, HAVE THEM DO IT.

Heidi and I are extremely thankful to my primary care folks, the surgeon and support folks at the Reno VA hospital that are trained and blessed to be able to do these things. Besides, I still got a lot of music to play.

Take care everyone.
Bill and Heidi Brandow

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From: Anthony Taylor (58)

As you may recall, a couple of years ago I found that Helen LaBouy (nee Reinhardt), the wife of one of my good friends in our immediate neighborhood, attended Bushy Park in 1959-'60 (she would have graduated with the class of '61). Well, about a week ago I introduced myself to a woman sitting next to Gitta and me at our neighborhood Starbuck's; we had seen her there as a regular customer over the past several years but had never before spoken to her. As the conversation progressed, she was telling us about places where she had lived while growing up and mentioned London. Immediately my keen ears picked up on here story, especially after she also mentioned that her father worked for the Navy at the American Embassy in London, so I asked her if she had attended Bushy Park. Well, yes, she graduated from Central High School in 1962. I then asked if she was on the mailing list for Bushy Tales? No, she was not aware of it, so I told her all about it and promised to let the powers-to-be (you guys) know that another Bushy Park grad had been found in the far Northwest living in Carnation, WA (the original hometown of Carnation cows and milk), very small town about seven miles from us. So here are the details:

Rosemary Romans Neff, Bushy Park '62
Carnation, WA



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