

Bushy Tales

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



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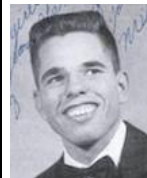
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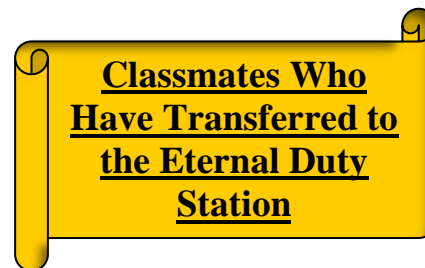


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1962 – Dona (Hale) Ritchie
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A little reminder to all –if/when you change your email address, please let Pat Terpening (58) Owen nemoamasa@sbcglobal.net or me know, if you want to continue to receive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



**Leland Clark Beach (59)
November 7, 1941 - December 15, 2023**

Leland Clark Beach, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas passed away December 15, 2023.

He was born November 7, 1941, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to Helen Edith Mills Beach and Leland Kenneth Beach.

After graduating from high school in London, England, he returned to the states to be near his mother's family in Indianapolis, Indiana, and to pursue his love of drumming. Lee attended Butler University for one year and transferred to Julliard School of Music for his Bachelor and Master Degrees in Science. He also has a teaching degree from Columbia University and a paralegal certificate from Tulane University.

At the beginning of his career Lee performed with the Paul Lavallo's Cities Service World's Fair Band of America at the New York World's Fair. He was the original drummer for Man of La Mancha on Broadway.

Lee was with his first wife Bonnie Adelson for four years. During their marriage the two of them played for the Radio Television Orchestra in Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

Lee took a job with the New Orleans Symphony, leaving Bonnie behind in Europe where her career flourished as did his in Louisiana. Lee soon married his second wife, Judith Martin, a singer and pianist. They were together for 19 years as Lee advanced to Principal Percussionist and Judy set up a studio to teach at home.

The New Orleans Symphony closed its doors due to gross mismanagement, but the orchestra members took their time and formed a member owned orchestra, the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. Lee met his third wife, Diane Renee Upchurch, as a co-worker at the LPO. He was the Bookkeeper, and she was the Customer Relations Director. They were together for 30 years. She was with him when he took his last breath. They were surrounded by the wonderful people from Arkansas Hospice, Nurse Laura and CNA Brittany.

Lee is survived by three sons, a stepson, and a stepdaughter.

Lee has thirteen grandchildren. Son, Anthony "Tony" Beach Capozzoli (Jullianne), Tony has two sons. Son, David Martin Beach (Yani), David has a daughter and two sons. Son Michael "Walker" Sumner Beach, Walker has three sons and one daughter. Stepson Stewart Smith has two sons, Stepdaughter Abigail (Rob) has two daughters.

There will be a memorial service at Hot Springs Village, Village United Methodist Church in early summer.

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Edward Conrad Blonts, III (59)
February 18, 1943 - December 15, 2021

Edwards Blonts, known as “Butch” to many of his family and friends, passed away in Portsmouth on December 15, 2021. He was born to Edward Jr. and June Thompson Blonts and a graduate of Granby High School. He was a devoted husband, proud grandfather, and a hero to his daughter. He will be sorely missed.

Young Ed spent much of his childhood and teen years abroad, including England and Turkey, thanks to his father’s role in the United States Navy. Later he settled in Hampton Roads, although the term settled may not describe it accurately. He liked to move around, finding homes and projects to his liking in Virginia Beach, on the Peninsula and finally in Portsmouth.

Ed enjoyed the company of people and loved to tell stories and hear one in return. He was never at a loss for words, in speech or crosswords. He never met a stranger, and he was always ready to lend a hand.

A true jack of all trades, and a man of many passions, from his younger years playing football and tennis, to his time spent on stage, to his wood-working projects that gave him so much joy, Ed was always busy and always successful.

He made a mark as an innovative entrepreneur, opening Beach Pizza Delivery back in the ‘80s. It was one of the first to bring pizza and wings to the doors of folks at the Oceanfront and beyond. After that, he managed people and several businesses before retiring to Portsmouth. But he never stopped working. He was always ready to help family and friends fix an appliance, build a cabinet, or do whatever needed to be done. Many will only have to look around their house to see fine examples of his work. He was very proud of the beautiful furniture he created.

In addition, he loved to shoot pool. Many who played in local pool leagues against him will only have to look at slightly empty wallets to remember his skills.

Ed was preceded in passing by his parents and his brother Chris Blonts. He is survived by Donna Blonts, his wife of 55 years, his daughter Pat Cawley, his grandson Shay Cawley, his sisters Jenny Fortney and Becky Gilbert, and a very sad cat.

He loved animals very much, especially his many feline friends over the years. So in lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in Ed’s name to the Portsmouth Humane Society (portsmouthhumanesociety.org) or your local shelter.

We would ask you to please remember Ed in your thoughts. We would ask, but if you knew him we know you will find it hard to forget and will carry him with you in your hearts as will we. In celebration of his life, a private memorial for friends and family was held in January, 2022.

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Kevan Joseph Acton (60)
March 2, 1942 - May 24, 2023



Kevan Joseph Acton was born on March 2, 1942, in Mt. Kisco, NY to Carmen and Joseph Acton. He was predeceased by his parents and both siblings, Dennis and Stephanie.

Kevan grew up in White Plains, NY. He formerly lived with his wife and children in East Schodack, NY. Latterly, he lived in the Danforth Adult Care Home in Hoosick Falls, NY.

He died peacefully at South Western Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, VT on May 24th,

2023 after a brief illness. Our much-loved husband, father, grandfather and brother-in-law had suffered from the ravages of Alzheimer's Disease for too many years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Carol; his deeply cherished children, Kirsty and Jamie and adored granddaughter, Eliza; Kirsty's husband, Eric Scott, Jamie's partner, Angie Craig, and brothers-in-law Charles and Peter McNicoll.

Kevan graduated from Union College in 1964 and joined the US Navy. He attended OCS, specialized in EOD, and served as a junior officer on the USS Shangri-La. After his honorable discharge in 1968, Kevan visited the UK where he met Carol McNicoll. They married there before moving to the US. Kevan attended Albany Law School, graduated in 1972 and then began his career as a defense attorney. His first position was with The Legal Aid Society in NYC and the South Bronx. He also worked with Legal Aid in Westchester County before becoming an Assistant Federal Public Defender in New Haven, CT. Eventually, he returned to Albany to work as an Assistant Attorney General until his retirement in 2009.

Kevan was a talented, self-taught musician. He was an excellent guitarist, bassist, pianist and had a beautiful singing voice. Some of his happiest times were spent playing in various musical groups.

At his family's request, Kevan's cremation will be a private event. There will be a celebration of his life at a later date.

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Gloria Ackley (58) Gorham
May 15, 1940 – August 15, 2015

Graveside Service was held on September 28, 2015, at 1:00 pm at Mount Vernon Cemetery , 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks, California.

Parents: James Marvin Ackley 1919 – 1992, Audrey Mae Hubbard Ackley 1920 - 1997

Siblings: Patricia Beverly Ackley 1939 – 1939, Patricia Colleen Ackley Holford 1941 - 1994

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Vere Timmons (59)

Some of you may know, but some may not, but my brother Vere Timmons passed away on December 13, 2023.

His memorial service will be in Clovis, California on **February 3, 2024, at 11:30 AM**. If anyone wishes to attend, text, or email me for the location details.

If anyone wishes to write me something to read about Vere at the service, I will do so for you.

Bettie now lives in an assisted living facility in Texas very close to her son Jim Chisum.

Sincerely,
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Mary J. Eaton (55) Fout
October 26, 1937 - October 19, 2004

Mary Jane Fout, who had struggled with complications from diabetes, returned home from school Oct. 19, 2004, and sat in her favorite chair to nap peacefully. She never awakened, dying a week before her 67th birthday.

Mary Jane was a well-educated woman, holding three masters degrees. She earned her last degree, in library and information sciences, at the University of California, Berkeley, while working full-time and raising three children.

Mary Jane worked at Armijo High School, Fairfield, CA for 30 years. She first worked as a Career Center counselor, then a history and foreign language teacher, and later was the school librarian. Her love of books and learning can be seen when you enter Armijo High School's library. Her numerous donations made the library a comfortable and enjoyable place to be.

Mary Jane was a valued member of many organizations. During the past 30 years, she was a member and past president of Assist-A-Grad, and the American Association of University Women. She was instrumental in developing and maintaining the AFS Program at Armijo High School, as well as being a host parent to a multitude of exchange students.

Mary Jane is survived by three children, Justine, Elizabeth, and John; and her grandson, Krystov.

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Mary Lu English (56) Howell
1938 - April 2, 2023

Mary Lu English Howell, 85, stepped into the awesome presence of God on April 2, 2023. This was Palm Sunday which is fitting for anyone who knew her. Her whole life was centered around the Lord

Jesus Christ. She lived by example.

Everyone who knew Mary knew she had the sweetest childlike countenance and faith. She served Jesus faithfully until her dying breath.

Mary suffered many hardships in life that would break most people. Her faith never wavered. Her heart was always full of forgiveness and love. Nothing could separate her from her faith or family. She lived a very simple and humble life, but now Great is her Reward! She is experiencing riches above and beyond anything she could have ever imagined.

Mary was born in Houston, Texas. She learned to sew at an early age, and most of the time made her own clothes. Later in life, she was drawn to reading poetry. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was her favorite. Until recently she could recite "A Psalm of Life" for anyone who would listen. As an adult, she loved to tend to her plants, trace her family's genealogy, sing in the choir and take photos of her family and friends she loved so much. Christmas was her favorite time of year. She always looked forward to seeing friends and family who she had not seen in a long time.

Preceding Mary in death are her mother, Ruth Scurlock English; Siblings, William (Bill) English, Virginia (Ginny) Taylor, Ruthy McMellon and Dorothy (Dotty) Dewitt; Son in law, Jeff Reynolds and father of her children, Ernest E. Howell.

Left to carry on her memory are children, Karen Howell Rogers, Betty Howell Reynolds, Susan Howell Smith, and Paul Howell. Grandchildren, Brandon Addison, Lana Addison, Chasta Reynolds Marshall, Dara Reynolds Glass, Joshua Smith, Ryan Smith, Hayley Howerton and Sydney Howell. There are also 16 great grandchildren who will miss her. She is also survived by sister Peggy Joiner and brother John English (#7 she would lovingly call him), as well as numerous nieces and nephews who were so special to her.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt. She was also known as "Mother Mary" to many young people back in the 70s Jesus Movement. Her home and kitchen were always open to anyone who was in need. This carried through until the end of her life. She will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of knowing her. She was truly a Gift from God.

Note from grandchild, Chasta, "How amazing it must have been to walk into Heaven's Gates seeing all of her family and friends that were patiently waiting for her, and hearing Jesus say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

We will love and miss you.

[There will be a private gathering for family at a later date]

Obituary published on [Legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com) by Boone Funeral Home and Crematory - Bossier City, LA on Apr. 2, 2023.

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Henry J. Guertin, Jr. (59)
April 4, 1941 - September 14, 2012



Henry J. "Butch" Guertin, 71, of Whitinsville, MA died Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, in Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

He was born April 4, 1941, in Leominster, MA the son of the late Henry J. Guertin, Sr. and Rita G. (Gagne) Guertin.

Henry had served in the U.S. Navy and loved to play pool.

He is survived by his sisters, Coralie A. "Coco" Lajoie of Northbridge, Cynthia B. Porter of Natchitoches, LA, Ruthann Mitchell of Bedford, TX, Susan M. Dagg of Silver Springs, FL, Sherri L. Cumpston of Leander, TX and Michelle L. Roy of Northbridge and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Buma Funeral Home, Whitinsville, MA.

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Stephen Baker Gazley (59)
July 21, 1941 - September 2, 2022

[Stephen Baker Gazley](#) born 21 July 1941 in Corpus Christi, Texas, the son of [Richard Clarke Gazley](#) and [Mary Louise Baker](#) - died 2 September 2022. Stephen married, 12 June 1966 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, [Virginia Lee Harper](#) Stephen is buried in Bryan City Cemetery, Bryan,

Brazos County, Texas.

[Editor's Note: Click links on names above to see related family tree. Very Nicely done.]

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Cleo Chambliss (57) Courington
April 23, 1939 – February 12, 2023

Cleo Chambliss Courington, age 83, of Hawthorne, Florida passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2023. Cleo was born in NY.

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Carol Ann Chrones (60) Burdine
February 6, 1942 - April 19, 2023



Carol Ann (Chrones) Burdine, 81, passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Carol Ann was the first of three children born to Thomas A. Chrones II and Virginia (Shaul) Chrones. She was preceded in death by her parents and eldest child, Charles Paul Rigo, III.

After high school, Carol attended business school for a short time before following in her father's footsteps and joining the United States Air Force. She was stationed at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts. After her military service, she moved to California eventually ending up in Lompoc near her parents. In 1969, she met Don Burdine while working as an Interior Designer for a local furniture store. They married in November of that year. Future employment opportunities took them to Alabama, Florida, and finally in 1983 to Washington state where they finished raising the last three of their five kids.

Carol's faith in God was of utmost importance to her. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was very active in the local congregations, wherever they lived. In 2004, Carol and Don had the opportunity to be house parents at the Cherokee Home for Children in Cherokee, Texas. After completing their service there, they became caretakers at the Copper Basin Bible Camp in Prescott, Arizona. Finally, in 2015, they fully retired and returned to Ethel, Washington, where they were welcomed back with open arms by the many friends at Toledo Church of Christ.

Carol had several hobbies that she enjoyed throughout her life. In her earlier days, she was a wonderful seamstress and made many articles of clothing for her growing family. She enjoyed quilting and embroidery, also. Carol loved to cook and enjoyed hosting large gatherings. She also spent a great deal of time working on the family genealogy and making connections with many distant relatives.

Having a kind and generous nature made it easy for Carol Ann to develop lifelong friendships with many. These friendships along with her faith helped sustain her after her cancer diagnosis in 2020. As her health declined, Carol and Don were moved out to Arkansas in 2022 to be closer to their daughter. She continued her final year of life with a positive attitude and trust in God.

Carol is survived by Donnie, her husband of 53 years; her children - Chris Rigo, Stina Klassen, Lonnie Burdine, and Thomas Burdine; her grandchildren - Kristin, Crystal, Jonathan, Brittany, Michael, Jared, Evan, Chris, Alyssa, Jasmine, and Logan; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Carol Ann was laid to rest with Military Honors at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Springfield on Monday, May 1, 2023.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hospice of the Ozarks in memory of Carol Ann Burdine. <http://www.hospiceoftheozarks.org>

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Sharon L. Dailey (61) Shirley
July 25, 1943 - October 15, 2023

With heavy hearts we regretfully announce the passing of Sharon Shirley, 80, of Alexandria, Virginia. She is survived by her beloved husband of 55 years, David, her daughter, Kate, and son-in-law, Blaine. Sharon also leaves behind her sister,

Jan. A celebration of life service will be held on December 2, 2023, 2 pm, at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, 2006 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22307.

Sharon was born to Dorothy and John Dailey on July 25, 1943, in Tucson, AZ. Sharon and her sister were raised in an Air Force family. Her childhood was spent in multiple countries and consisted of moving to a new neighborhood, with a new house and new friends every three to four years. Sharon graduated from Bushy Park High School in England in 1961. She went on to Radford College for Women shortly thereafter, then began working in the insurance business for Insurance Unlimited in Alexandria. One of Sharon's strengths was her mastery of accounting and love of numbers.

In 1965, while she was working in Alexandria, she met her husband, David, on a blind date. It was love at first sight for David. The two went on to marry in May 1968.

Sharon's priorities changed with the birth of their daughter, Kate, in 1973. Sharon became involved in their daughter's schooling and athletics. She volunteered at the school as a class monitor, librarian, and teacher's assistant.

Sharon enjoyed sports and was an avid fan of all Washington and University of Virginia sports. In 1981, Sharon won an autographed football from the Washington football team, which was hand delivered by famed quarterback, Sonny Jurgensen, to their house.

As Kate grew up Sharon returned to work for the US Treasury in 1997, where she stayed until she retired in 2011. Sharon was always happiest when she was helping people. She never met a stranger. People were always instant friends. Her conversations were open and encouraged others to talk about themselves. Sharon had a giving heart and was extremely generous with her time and talent.

After she retired, she indulged herself in her favorite pastimes: attending church, enjoying visits with family and friends, and reading cozy mysteries. She also continued her love of accounting by managing the family finances through Quicken and volunteered to count offerings at her church.

If you would like to honor Sharon's memory, please consider a donation to Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church to upgrade their heating and air conditioning at 2006 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22307 (*If writing a check, please include a note that the donation is for the HVAC improvement*).

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Robert Raymond Rumph (56)
April 27, 1938 — January 16, 2024



Robert Raymond Rumph, known to his loved ones as Bob, passed away at Kempton of Charleston, South Carolina on January 16, 2024, at the age of 85 after a long battle with congestive heart failure. He was born on April 27, 1938, in Fort Jay, Governor's Island, New York. Bob was a very organized, logical, intellectual, and helpful individual who had a caring nature towards others and was very supportive of his family members. He possessed a funny dry sense of humor that brought joy to those around him.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Rumph, his mother, Helen Rumph and his first wife, Ginny. He is survived by spouse Paige, his sisters, Nancy Butzer and Joann Wurzbacher, his daughters, Wendi Rumph and Betsy Cullen, as well as his granddaughters, Valerie Cullen and Rachel Cullen, and many other family members and friends.

Bob had an impressive educational background. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1962. He furthered his

education by obtaining a Master of Science in Education with a focus on Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University in Greenvale, New York, in 1974.

He returned to USMA Department of Tactics as a Senior Air Defense Artillery Instructor. There were also a multitude of other military educational programs that he completed throughout his military career.

Bob dedicated a significant portion of his life to military service. He served in the Army, specializing in Air Defense and Artillery from 1962 through 1988, ultimately retiring as a full Army Colonel. His commitment and contributions to the military community were commendable. He served in the Vietnam war and further shared his leadership skills amongst many tours of duty. His military decorations include Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze star, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal, Parachutist Badge, Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Following his military retirement, Bob became the president of RBC Enterprises and the owner of ACCEL Temporary Services of Charleston. He also worked as an adjunct professor, sharing his knowledge and expertise in mathematics curricula at Trident Technical College and Central Texas College.

In his leisure time, Bob enjoyed challenging himself with crossword puzzles. He had a talent for drawing and painting, expressing his creativity through these mediums. Bob was an avid supporter of the Friends of the Library organization and enjoyed shopping for cars. He also kept himself informed through his interest in Fox News. He often enjoyed his favorite candies of black licorice, turtles, and tootsie rolls.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration service honoring Bob's life, which will be held at the J. Henry Stuhr West Ashley Chapel located at 3360 Glenn McConnell Parkway in Charleston, SC on **Thursday, February 1st at 1pm. EST**

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Bob's memory to West Point, a cause close to his heart.

Bob will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His legacy of dedication, humor, and kindness will forever be cherished.

The service may be viewed via Livestream using the following link :

https://youtube.com/live/JcK_zvxXAJg?feature=share

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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](#)





From: Jerry Barry (55)

Here is a memory of (in this case life outside the school). We made an effort to have a life in the local community (local church, local Scout Troop). Gang shows and rambles were a part of that; here's a rambles remembrance. Hope you can use it.

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In my senior year at Central, I took my first ramble across the English countryside. The local Scout Troop of which I was a member (and with my brother, eventually Queen's Scouts), the 24th Harrow, was sponsored by the Congregational Church in Harrow. The ramble was the weekend of Easter, 1954 (how long ago that is!), a traditional Easter Ramble. My brother, Gerald (Sam) and I, members of both the troop and the church, joined in the ramble.

We joined the Youth Hostel Association. A one-year membership was, I recall, three shillings. This gave one overnight and meal privileges at any of the many hostels in the area/country. After making reservations, a group of about a dozen, girl guides and scouts, we set out from the assembly location, a train station, of course, and went an hour out of London to the northwest. As the hostels provided food and a place to sleep, only a small knapsack needed to be carried, with a sheet sack, camera, and toiletry supplies as needed or desired. Rain gear naturally; this was the English countryside. We had sun and no rain, although the trails were oft muddy.

After a short walk the first day, visiting an old church ruin, Norman as I recall, we made landfall at the first hostel, spread ourselves into the dormitory rooms and assemble for the first dinner, a chop with two vegs and a pudding. Hot tea of course. Conversation with the hostel hosts and a review of the planned course for the morrow, and off to bed on a thin mattress and matching blanket.

Next morning a quick washup before breakfast, a surprisingly nice meal; a rasher of bacon, an egg, potatoes, and beans (of course) and a broiled tomato. A packed lunch was provided by the hostel, watercress sandwiches with cucumber on buttered bread and an apple. Water in one's own bottle. No hot tea, unfortunately. Across the county through the vast network of public lanes, roads, and paths, through farmers' fields and pastures - remember to close the gates when necessary to open one when no stile was provided - and watch for the bulls. No hurry on a ramble, more a stroll than a walk, if you will. A pause in a pub in the afternoon for a lemonade, or a pint if you were old enough and so inclined, then on to the next hostel, arriving in time to settle in (unfold your sheet roll and set your backpack down on your chosen bed) and then to tea before dinner. Most pleasant.

The last day's ramble was different only in the particular start; and the terminus, at another British Rail station, and a ride of less than an hour back to the Harrow-on-the-Hill station.

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From: Pat Terpening (58) Owen

Bill - not knowing why or what the 'candidates for vice -president were disqualified for not knowing the required amount of legal names'.

Maybe someone who was at the meeting can give us a clue?

From the November 1956 issue of "The Inklings"

“JUNIORS WEEP FOR VEEP”

Central's second largest group of students, the juniors, met in Cafeteria No. 2 on Tuesday the 9th of October to elect class officers.

Since the three candidates for vice-president were disqualified for not knowing the required amount of legal names, it was decided to elect the vice-president at the next meeting. The candidates for the three remaining offices gave short speeches all pledging to do their best in supporting the Junior Class, Junior Review, and Junior-Senior Prom if elected. The class then voted by secret ballot and after the count was taken it was announced that Dan Frantz was the juniors' choice for President; Secretary, Patty Fawbush; and Treasurer, Sandy Kosanke. The meeting ended with a word from Mr. Poole urging some of the juniors to run for student council offices.”

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From: Lamar Parish (60)

I just finished reading the December newsletter and went back to re-read the November one.

Vicki Brown’s article on the *SS America* was especially interesting. Because we returned in 1957 on that ship. (We went over on the *SS United States* in 1955)

Here is our family photo on the *America*, which became our Christmas card in 1957. Only two of us went to Bushy Park, Wendy and me. Judi was too young, and Annie was too old.

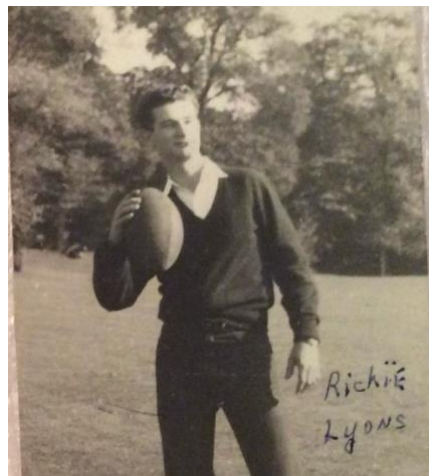


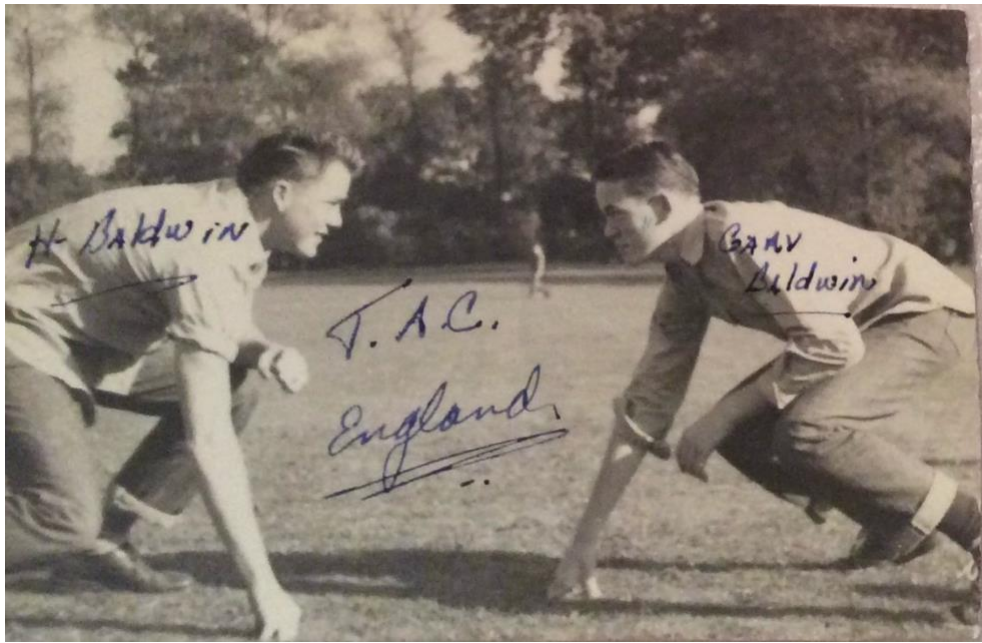
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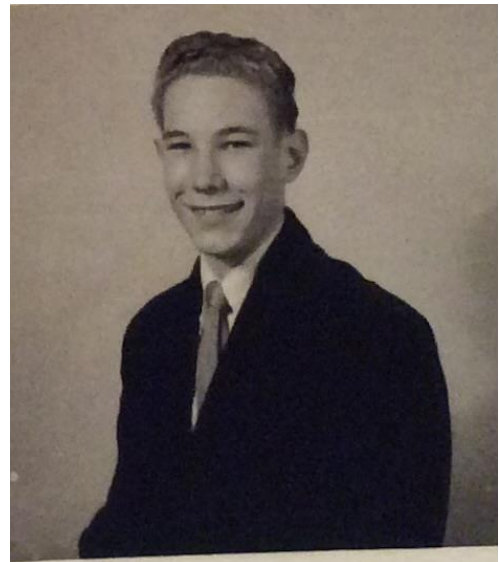
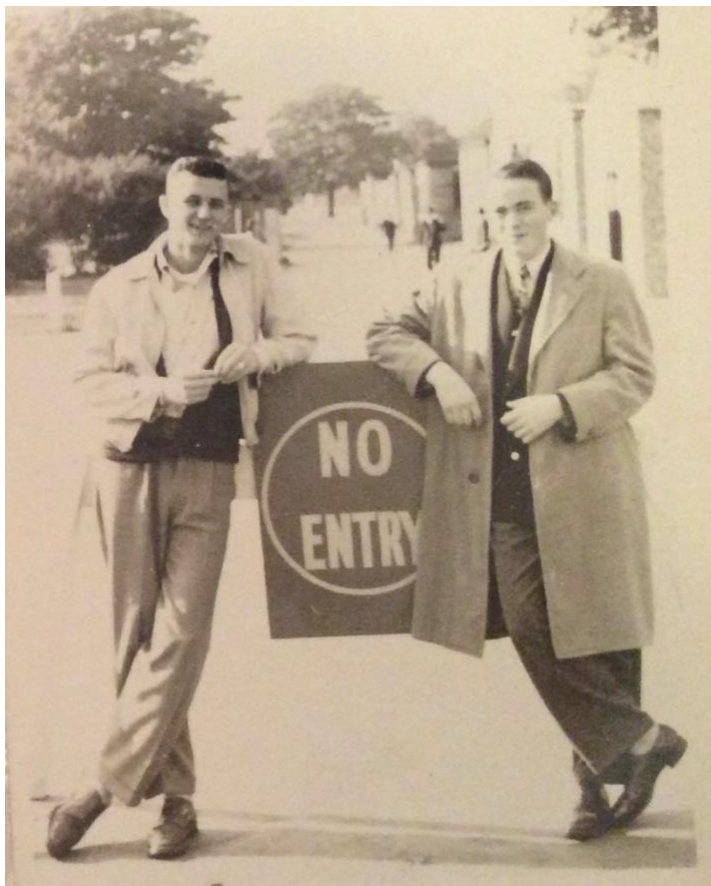
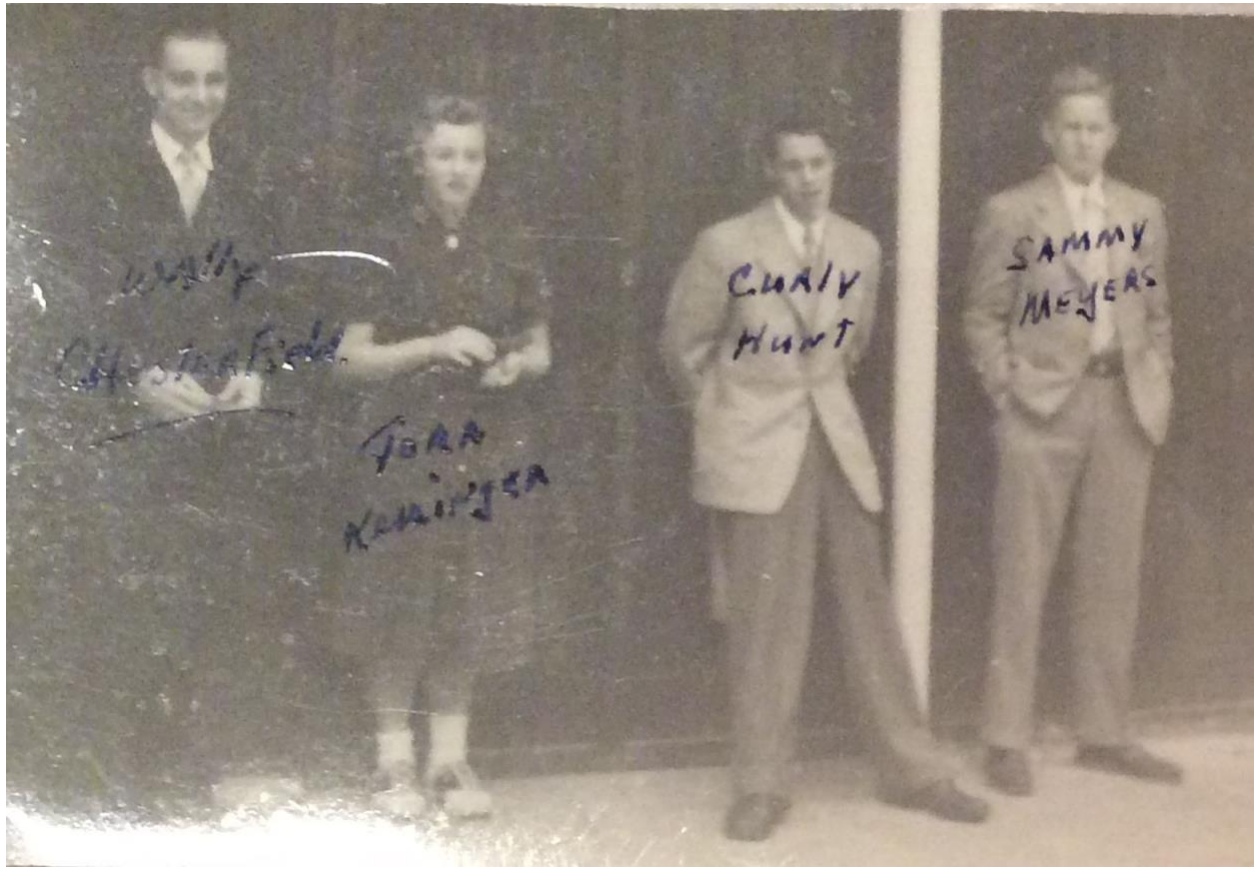
From: Carolyn Tish DeV Vaughn (56) Floyd

Pat! Tish here in West Virginia. Several years back I sent photos from my Junior year at Bushy. Would you like me to resend some that may be of interest to those of us still above ground? They may be in your files(?)from way back when you first got in touch with me. Let me know, okay? Lots of us are off the scene, but not all.....

[Editor’s Note: I deeply apologize to Tish for failing to include these photos sent to me in 2017. I can offer no explanation for why this occurred.]















The American Teen-Age Club
request the pleasure of your company
to a
Summer Formal Dance
at Winfield House Officers' Club
on August Twenty-fifth from 8.00 till 1.00.

Invitation to be presented at door. Dress Optional.

American Teen-Age Club of London

Date August 25th 50

Dear Lesb

There will be a movie & social

at the 12th Avenue Sq at 8.00

on Aug 25th

Please attend.

Secretary.

REMARKS



Swingdance Dance at the S. A. C.

<i>Allen Atkinson</i>	<i>Frank Emboss</i>
<i>Pete Skouson</i>	<i>Laura Mae Holly</i>
<i>Holland</i>	<i>Eddie Warren</i>
<i>Sam Shaw</i>	<i>Ray Adams</i>
<i>Buddy West (Walter)</i>	<i>Bob Lyle</i>
<i>* Jim Sutherland</i>	<i>David Dailey</i>
<i>Felicoid</i>	<i>Mo</i>
<i>Bob West</i>	<i>Richard Kibbe</i>
<i>Harper Keller</i>	<i>Charles Andrews</i>
<i>Lebe Smith</i>	<i>Pete Laughlin</i>
<i>"H" Baldwin</i>	
<i>Buddy Atkinson</i>	
<i>Long Beach</i>	
<i>Tex Martin</i>	
<i>Frank Mason</i>	
<i>Jimmy Myers</i>	
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Letters to the Editor



From: Michael Kelly (61)

Hi Pat,

It's hard describing what happened after leaving Bushy Park so I thought a few photos would cut down on the verbiage. We lived in the UK from 1956 -1959. My brother Jerry, sister Linda and I attended either Bushy Hall and/or Bushy Park. My Dad was transferred to Beale Airforce Base in California where I consider my adult life surfaced. Back to the UK, base housing was comfortable living in High Wycombe but the bus ride to Bushy Hall / Park was ridiculous! (Ask Penny Ormand). Two hours going, two hours returning. If we would have attended a local school, I could have had a lot more sleep and maybe I could speak better English.



Bobcats 1959



Perkins & Kelly SLC Utah

What did I do after Bushy? Military service?

My Dad was transferred to Beale AFB, Calif 1960 and I attended Wheatland Union High School for my last two years. I played football and we were undefeated two years in a row. Community College was next with more football, but the US Army was calling. Basic training was interesting, and the First Sergeant thought I was Combat Kelly so he appointed me "Platoon Sergeant" in charge of around 50 recruits. Somehow, I pulled that off and wanted more....so the Airbourne Infantry was looking good (\$55/month extra). Somehow, I stumbled across another, newer form of torture – "Special Forces" and volunteered. After surviving the "blue caps" in Jump School, I was bussed to Fort Bragg, NC. I wound up in the Orderly Room – my mistake was I could read & write. In Nov 63, I received orders to report to a cruise ship USS Patch, (slightly different class as the SS United States) then a midnight train ride through Russian controlled East Germany to American controlled West Berlin. The surprise of my Army career – Detachment "A", Berlin Brigade is a book in itself – Google it if interested.



1961



High Wycombe



1962 (True!)



Separation 1965

My enlistment was completed in 1965 and I returned to the USA on another first-class Army cruise ship. In 1965 & 66, the Vietnam War was turning into a problem for veterans, so I dropped out of college and DOD were looking for ex-Special Forces soldiers for security work in Vietnam. After long hours on a C-141, I in-processed at Tan Son Nhat Airport, Saigon. My assignments varied and over a 3-year period and I spent time at Quy Nhon, Vung Tau, and finally back to Saigon and promoted to an Investigator. This assignment was in relation to American contractors & 3rd country nationals only – not US military personnel. I grew tired of working for the DOD and took a break in 1968 and put my GI Bill to work and enrolled in a Deep-Sea Diving School, Oakland, California (3-month technical school).



US Navy "heavy gear"



KMB Light Weight Air

After completion, I moved on to New Orleans, the gateway to fun and the offshore oil & gas industry and there was a shortage of divers. I worked on a variety of projects, some involving my military training using explosives and decided to move to Singapore.

At that time, there was a shortage of deep-sea divers. Living in New Orleans was a real kick but entering the pro-ranks in the diving world required a low paying apprenticeship (basically OJT) on what Gulf Coast diving was all about. (aka Forest Gump & Shrimping) and quickly learned the Cajun way, I “broke-out” and the benefits were upgraded as a diver. After remembering how great Singapore was, I packed up my dive gear and headed back to Asia and had a job with Cal-Dive (later name changed to Oceaneering) and again my Military training paid off. I worked for Oceaneering for several years working in exotic places to include Morgan City, LA, Trinidad, Colombia, London (my office was on Cockspur Street where Mike Perkins battled Teddy Boys), Aberdeen, West Africa and most countries in SE Asia. I worked in the Offshore Oil & Gas Industry for over 40 years.

Yes, did return to Bushy/England several times over the years (worked in London, lived in Putney, 4 years in Aberdeen. In more recent times, several trips back to the UK, visited High Wycombe and London and visited just about every war museum my brother Jerry & I could find.

What are your fond remembrances of England / Bushy. Good, lasting friendships – Mike Perkins, Heidi Robinson, Bonnie McCabe, Dick Lasher, and a few others. Bushy gave me the opportunity and introduction to American Football. And the discovery of antique shops – what a blast that was. I have since collected maritime artifacts.

I chose to remain in Singapore and have been a Permanent Resident for over 30 years and remain in contact with several Vietnam Veterans through the VFW and SF Association, Chapter 3 in Bangkok.

Visiting Southeast Asia, stop by for a visit (Vets, bring a challenge coin).

Cheers, Mike Kelly

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From: Sean Kelly (78)

This was announced the other day - I wondered if any Bobcats from Bushy Park had memories of this place and having gone to it, gone swimming there or fallen in love there, worked there etc. I was asking Robert R. Harrold-Rees Turner-Hilliard II if he recalled it and it was he who suggested asking all the Bobcats via you - See link below about the potential revamp of the pool

<https://www.mylondon.news/whats-on/whats-on-news/revamp-swimming-pool-dubbed-south-28415395>

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From: Sean Kelly (78)

Happy 2024. Last year I wrote to two people - US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to remind them that June 6, 2024, marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day - and perhaps the last time any of those who participated in the landings on the beaches in Normandy might still be alive and in any capacity to attend. I also specifically asked them to consider doing something (a fly-by or a cruise by) of the South Coast of England from where so many Americans and Allied troops departed on the historical invasion. For info (and because it's been a long time since CHS/LCHS History class!) around 160,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy on that morning and 73,000 of those were from the United States.

Every year (or most years there's always a ceremony in Normandy - often attended by national leaders or the great and the good. This year being the 80th - well I thought they might want to do something more for the communities here on the UK's South Coast that were heavily bombed and for those who gave up their homes and, indeed, villages, for the allied forces.

Indeed, even before D-Day - the greatest single loss of Americans lives in the UK in history would occur on 27 April 1944 during a fateful training exercise on Devon's south coast at Slapton Sands when 749 Americans would die due to a combination of planning and communications failures, an attack by German E-Boats and just bad luck (a number drowned due to floatation device positioning) as they practiced for D-Day by starting to come ashore at that long shingle beach that had similarities to the coast they had planned to land on in Normandy. If you don't know about this story you may want to read about Exercise Tiger. It was kept secret by most involved until the 1980s and there are still stories around the tragedy that circulate today!



So, I would ideally like to see some focus not just on Normandy but on the South Coast of England this

year - and it wouldn't take much - a flyby from Lands' End in Cornwall to Kent and Essex in the East. OR allied ships passing by and maybe a gun salute at several locations).

Anyway, I wrote a request some months ago to the leaders of both countries to give them plenty of time to action matters. Have I heard a word? No. Am I surprised? No. Is anything likely to happen? I don't know!

What I do know is that I would very much like it to.

I realise the world situation has put some serious constraints on military operations, but this is an important part of history - and certainly for many of us who were at CHS or, as it became, LCHS, it is, I would argue by historical extension, part of the reason our parents/we came to be there. (PS - it was in 1949 only about four years after WWII ended that South Ruislip Air Station USAF opened!)

And there are times when the Anglo-American relationship (which is evident today in actions overnight against Houthis in Yemen for their actions against shipping in the Red Sea) should be celebrated. This is one of those times!

And so, I am hoping something may still happen to not just commemorate D-Day at Normandy but either on the way there or back - to pay recognition to the UK's South Coast.

I don't know if any of you are connected or have an 'in' with the powers that be in either country but maybe it's worth a conversation to remind them of these events and the 'commemorative recognition opportunity' that only needs their command to happen!

Respectfully,

Sean Kelly
LCHS '78

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From: Liz Griffiths (62) Jackson

With so many Bushy Park former students in the Sarasota, FL area, we're planning another lunch. Class of '62 regulars are Patty Jones Lawrence, Anne Cable Gringas, Kathlee Knopke Bryant and Liz Griffiths Jackson. Eugene McCoy '59 is also joining us March 6 at 12noon. Any other Bobcats who would like to attend, email Patty at pjlawren@aol.com for details and directions. Hope to see you there. Liz Jackson

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