



Bushy Tales

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



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Editors Note: Your editor had to be gone with the Coast Guard a lot last month and I got in a hurry to put together and send out last months issue of this newsletter which resulted in the Month of issue and Issue # being wrong. Last months issue should have been "Issue #3" and it should have been "May 2008". Sorry for the problem. Will try to do better in the future.

Roster Changes

New Email address:



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Classmates Who Have Transferred To The Eternal Duty Station

Our love and prayers go out to the family and friends of our classmates who have gone on before us. We will miss them, yet we can find comfort in knowing that one-day we will all join them for the greatest of all reunions



Reunion Information

Editors Note: See the last 3 pages of this issue for a reunion flyer.

Mini Reunions



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I've attached a picture snapped yesterday by my wife, Paula, at our home at Moss Creek, near Hilton Head, South Carolina. That's me on the left and on the right, Chico Kieswetter, Bushy Park class of 1956. We were just getting together after 50 years. Some highlights from our conversation:

1. Chico recalled getting into a basketball game and blowing his first chance to score—by dribbling too far underneath the basket. But probably he did that because he was so happy with his ball handling skills after Coach Cannon made him practice.
2. He did not remember Harold Dille spraining his ankle and going on crutches to the '56 tournament in Blozis Hall, Frankfurt,

because Chico's dad took the family back to the states sometime that winter—in late January.

3. He did want to get in touch with Harold and I told him that I talked by phone with Harold a while back—at his home somewhere in rural Maryland where he has gone to retire after a career as a Washington, D.C., police officer.
4. Chico remembered Tom Quist vividly—as I did—and wondered if anyone knows what happened to him. We both remembered Quist doing crazy things like standing outside the classrooms at Bushy Park with school going on --- Dickinson's or Hynes-Threlkeld's English class, we thought – and doing things like leaning in the window and giving everyone a raspberry.
5. We both remembered Byron "Reb" Williams and wondered what happened to him. What I remember most vividly about Byron was how he identified with James Dean. That was right after "Rebel Without a Cause" and "East of Eden" had come out but before Dean killed himself in his Porsche.
6. Six Degrees of Separation department: it turns out that Chico and my Paula were classmates in grade school and junior high in Manhasset, Long Island. Chico didn't finish at Manhasset High because he left to come to Bushy Park but the family left, as I mentioned, before he graduated and he finally got out of high school by attending a prep school. His dad worked for U.S. Rubber—he wasn't military.
7. When I told Chico that my twin sister, Margery McFarland, lives in Mill Valley, California, he asked me if she ever owned a horse and when I said, yes, she did, we started in on people we might both know who also own horses and live in Mill Valley. It turns out that Chico knows a few. So now I'm going to find out if Margery knows any of them as well.

That's about all I've got for now. I will send this on to Chico and let him add anything but go ahead and use this in your next edition.



Memories of Bushy

No articles received.

This and That



Billie (Culp) Bules (54)
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To all our email family and friends:

We have a contract on our house, as of last Sat. and the closing is set for May 27th. So, things are moving quickly for us now. Dave and I already had a trip planned to Fayetteville, AR to look it over and get a feel for what part of town we wanted to buy in. We'll be gone May 16-21 and can now make it a "home buying" trip instead of just a "home looking" trip. So, things are coming together for us. If all goes as scheduled, the packers will come May 28,

movers May 29 and we'll be on the road to Arkansas May 30th. If we are able to find a home there and move into it early in June, Mom will join us in July.

So, our computer will be shutting down around May 27th and when we are up and running again in June, we'll email to all of you once more with our changes of email address and home address. We would appreciate hearing from you after our move and keeping in touch.



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You are invited to view the launch of a selection of new works by Francis Kelly on his website - under the section Venice - a New Vision www.franciskelly.com - you can see and read about his innovative treatment of a favourite theme - enjoy, Gail

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Just wanted to thank all my dear, dear friends from Bushy Park for their condolences following the death of my son, Ronnie. The cards and letters and phone calls were so comforting, and they sure helped me through a rough time. A few of you had met him at the Biloxi reunion, and may have even talked to him a bit, although knowing my son, a lengthy conversation wasn't one of his strong suits...even with his family! But he was a good, kind, loving person, who enjoyed trucking, country music, and putzing around on his computer. We in his family miss him so much.

But my Bushy Park family was with me, and that meant a lot, believe me. Something told me a long time ago...my God, fifty years??? Can't be...that I was making friendships that would last a lifetime. I wasn't wrong. You have all been a source of happiness and good memories, and the knowledge that we are all there for each other is balm for any troubled soul.

On a happier note, Mike and I have started our summer traveling plans...at least we've put some

things on paper. We're going down to Gulf Shores the last weekend of this month, and will probably head out to Arizona right after the October reunion, but the time between the two trips is up for grabs. Any ideas? There are so many places we want to go, and things we want to do, it's hard to choose. Retirement is such hell. LOL

Anyway, thank you all again for caring. It's nice to know you're out there.

The Story Continues



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BICYCLING EUROPE ON \$1.00 A DAY:

A Cold War Geographic and Cultural Memoir

Chapter 14 - August, Bergen, Norway

The next morning I toured around downtown Bergen, bought a replacement brake cable, and went to the dock where the ferry would take me to Newcastle. The bad news was that all tickets to Newcastle were sold, and I would need to check every day for a space available ticket. Very bad news, because I was out of money. Plus, they told me I would be lucky if I got out of Bergen in a week.

What had happened was this: I had budgeted \$1.00 per day between cities, and \$3.00 per day in those cities (Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, etc.). First, I think \$4.00 per day would have been more appropriate in the big cities, and second, I spent more time in the big cities than I had originally intended.

After checking around at the dock, and talking with various people, I wound up at a local trucking company asking for work. I was tall, and confident I could handle anything they might offer. When no

one spoke English, I asked if anyone spoke German. At that point they quickly offered me a job as "second driver" to work with a driver that spoke German. He was clearly disliked by the other drivers. As it turned out, he was a Quisling, who cooperated with the Nazis during the war. No one else would ride or work with him. During the week I rode with him, I truly think he was happy to have the company, and the help. We went all over Bergen moving furniture, canned goods, boxes of fish, and concrete products. I checked with the ferry every day on the way to my campsite on the fiord, bought a fresh salmon steak, and picked up my earnings. Altogether, I made about \$50.00, which was a lot of money in those days.

From Wikipedia (edited by the author):

Quisling, after Norwegian fascist politician Vidkun Quisling, is a term used to describe traitors and collaborators. It was most commonly used for individuals and groups which cooperated with Axis occupiers in World War II.

In Norway local, non-German, fascist parties took part in the conquest of the country.

In contemporary usage, "Quisling" is synonymous with "traitor," and particularly applied to politicians who appear to favor the interests of other nations or cultures over their own.

I managed to keep most of my earnings so that after a week, when I finally got a ticket to Newcastle, I boarded the overnight ferry with enough money to eat well onboard, even though I was sleeping on the deck.

My next destination was Edinburgh, by way of Newcastle where a check waited for me. The Festival of Edinburgh was going on.



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Dear Gary: Thanks for another Bushy Park Newsletter.

Although you say it is short, it is a very good one. I really got a good laugh out of Wit and Wisdom – Military Sources. And I had no idea that Gail Kelly's first trip to BP was that long ago (just kidding).

I have always liked your format and design, especially on the front page, and the blue line border is also very attractive.

As you know, we will run some important info re the BPN in the next issue of the AOSHS Quarterly. I am confident you will receive some more good input.



Dave McManigal (56)
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Gary,

I'm sure it's not what you want to hear, but your fillers were the best part of the newsletter. The latter was good, but the fillers were rib-tickers. I appreciate your great work!



John Michael Kelly (61)
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Hi Gary,

***Brave Men, Gentle Heroes* by Michael Takiff.**

I would like to bring this book to the attention of CHS Alumni as one of our classmates, (Mike) William Perkins (61) is highlighted in several places. I met Mike Perkins at CHS and High Wycombe AFB in 1959 and again at Beale AFB in California in 1961. I joined the Army in 1962 and while stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas Mike and I met once again. We re-connected after many years thanks to *Bushy Tales* and the outstanding efforts of all who work to keep the Website and Newsletter going. I encourage our Classmates to read this book, which outlines the experiences of many brave men to include Mike Perkins – it will make you proud to have shared the same school with such men! You

will find out about how *ordinary people do extraordinary things*.

Mike Perkins is now retired from the Army and stays active as a College History Professor, the Boy Scouts and his Church. Mike had many friends at CHS and some have remained in contact and will be aware of this book.

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

Blue water Navy truism:

"There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky."

From an old carrier sailor

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe."

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.



It is that time again for the Bushy Park Central High School

Gathering 2008 and the Class of 1958 50th Reunion
October 10th, 11th, and 12th 2008

We have reviewed several locations and hotels and have selected the Dallas / Fort Worth area. As you may not know, Texas has the second highest number of residents that attended Bushy Park. So expect all of them to be there.

Page two of this letter will provide you with the hotel selection and phone number for you to call for reservations. When you call **PLEASE** inform the operator that you are with the Central High School, London group. That will get you the special rate we have negotiated.

The hotel we have selected is the Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth Airport South. It is a primarily a businessman hotel during the week. The room rates are normally \$239 a night. We have worked it out with the Hotel, and with our large group, we will get the same rooms for \$99.00 a night.

In accordance with Marriott International, the DFW Airport Marriott South is now 100% Non Smoking in all guest rooms, meeting space, public areas, restaurants and bars.

The committee selected this hotel for it's location. It is only 4 miles from DFW Airport and offers complimentary 24-hour Airport shuttle service. It is only 12 miles to Dallas and 15 miles to Fort Worth. South on state 360 from the hotel 12 to 15 miles is Interstate 20. There are 3 high rated RV Parks just east or west on Interstate 20. (see page 4 for listings)

Reservations are your responsibility. The last day to reserve your room is **September 5th**. We have a block of 75 rooms set aside. The hotel has 295 guest rooms so we can go over the 75 rooms and receive the same rate.

However, after **September 5th** you will not get the group rate.

Please make reservations early if you plan on attending. If for some reason you cannot attend, you may cancel your reservation with 72-hour notice.

The schedule of events is as follows. Friday Oct. 10 is arrival. Saturday Oct. 11th we have reserved a banquet/hospitality room from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Class of 1958 is having a special dinner planned outside of the hotel Saturday night. Information will be provided by their committee. Sunday Oct. 12th we have scheduled a luncheon at 12:30 for our Gathering festivity. The banquet/hospitality room is reserved from 11:00am to 5:00 pm. You will note that we have left the evenings open for you to get together with old school mates and friends for your own entertainment. Monday Oct. 13 we have a small hospitality room reserved and it will be departure day.

Please print out page 2 and 3. They will provide you with the information you require. Like all the prior Gatherings, we have costs to cover and we are having a luncheon. This information is **on page #3** and must be mailed to the committee by **September 5th**.

SEE YOU IN DALLAS/FORT WORTH OCT 10TH, 11TH, AND 12TH

Hotel reservations and information

Hotel Marriott Dallas/Fort Worth
 4151 Centerport Blvd.
 Fort Worth, Texas 76155

Location 4 miles south of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport just off state 360

Marriott Reservation 1-800-228-9290 or 1-800-431-8162

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

Remember to say you are part of the Central High School London for the room rate

Cut-off date September 5th, 2008

Hotel information

- **295 guest rooms (219 king bed and 76 doubles
- **200 of the guestrooms are designed as “the Room that Works”, a Marriott concept featuring a large console table, mobile writing desk and fully adjustable ergonomic chair, specifically designed for the business traveler.
- **All rooms feature 2 telephones, 2 telephone lines and multiple data ports.
- **All rooms include iron and ironing boards, hairdryers, coffee and coffeemakers, and guest voice mail.
- **Indoor lap pool and executive fitness center
- **24-hour gift shop
- **River City Grille Restaurant and Lounge features both buffet and a la carte breakfast and lunch menus, plus an exceptional dinner menu. Room Service will be available from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm.
- **Extensive free parking
- ** Complimentary 24-hour Airport Shuttle Service and complimentary shuttle service to the Trinity Railway Express train station. The TRE is a new train to Dallas or Fort Worth. Ask at Hotel for time information.

Luncheon and operation costs

On Sunday Oct. 12th we are having a Luncheon Buffet. It will be in the banquet -hospitality room. It will be the last day we will all be together. We will have our Gathering festivities and we are also working on some special entertainment. We also have the cost for the banquet/hospitality room Saturday.

Please fill out the requested information, make your checks payable to Ren Briggs and mail to:

Ren Briggs
1671 Monte Vista Dr.
Bullhead City, Az 86442-7216
928-758-2963

Attendee **Please print**

Name: BPCHS Student _____
Female students include maiden name ie: Mary (Jones) Smith

wife/husband _____

other/guest _____

Address _____

City _____

State & zip _____

Phone number _____

E/mail _____

Total number Attending _____

Cost per person \$49.00

Total Cost submitted \$ _____

Note: The hotel charges 20% service/gratuity and 6% sales tax is included in the luncheon cost.

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