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Poppy Butler reading her winning entry at O. A. & A. Photo R. Hopkins

Oysters, Authors & Ale. Oh, what a night it was! Great camaraderie, endless hors d'oeuvres, superb oysters and ale plus live entertainment! **Cat Thompson**, BCSA, coordinated another successful O,A&A evening at Rix Centre on April 14. The evening featured readings by **Poppy Butler** (youth poetry winner), **Bob McVie** reading his own work and that of **Bob Bremner** (adult poetry winner), **Clay Evans**, **Jim Spencer**, **Dustin Williams** and **Rae Hopkins** reading the winning short story by **Louis Druehl**. Invited guests **Sylvia Olsen** and **Eleanor Hancock** read from their published works. First class music was performed by **Joanna Finch**, **Jim Lambert** and **John Hughes**. A silent auction encouraged lots of bidding & Bamfield Arts Council painting project brought in approx. \$600 for the participating artists and \$600 toward literacy initiatives in Bamfield and Anacla. It was so good! R. Hopkins

Classifieds 322. Personals: WSM, aged but experienced, Phone 250-728-3 seeks fun evenings in exchange for stock tips.

Affairs of the Community. A good attendance of 28 oversaw the passage of two grants-in-aid: \$3976 for playground equipment to the Bamfield Community School Association (a highlight was the donation of pea gravel by the **Huu-ay-aht**) and \$5000 for a Memorial Tree shelter and amphitheater to the Bamfield Memorial Society (a highlight was the donation of cedar shakes by **Mark Stokes**). On lighter side, our Regional Director, **Eric Geall**, provided the proper pronunciation of *Ucluelet*. This was followed by an assault on Centennial Park volunteers for not following protocol and citing malcontent of "several westsiders" with the park operation. One would wonder why Eric didn't discuss his concerns with the park volunteers first. This upset a lot of people. On a final note, on Eric's insistence, the agenda highlighted the pedestrian trail from Anacla to Bamfield. This project is necessary for safety, beneficiary for tourism, and timely considering ongoing roadwork. At the February Community Affairs meeting, Eric, who with **Charlie Clappis**, had earlier agreed to champion the trail, reported that this trail was outside the scope of our road committee. Now we know that highways will not construct a trail. Period! *The Times Colonist* noted that Sooke got \$250K for a trail paralleling a road from the \$30 million BC Community Recreation Program. Similar trails are found near Ucluelet and from Cedar to Lantzville, bypassing Nanaimo. Maybe there is something here to explore. I



look forward to a positive 28 May Community Affairs meeting and AGM. Louis Druehl

On Sunday, 2 August 2009, Andrew Frank Cook died as a result of a hit-and-run on the Bamfield road. A pedestrian path from Bamfield to Anacla might have saved Andrew's life. Let's not lose another soul. L. Druehl. Photo, Toby Reeve

HAWKEYE MARINE GROUP NEWS: We're doing lots of repairs and updates this spring, including new roofs on Bamfield Trails Lodge, Ostroms Lodge, Hawkeye House and Salmon Outfitters (kitty corner to the Trails), with Bamfield Inn being re-roofed and cleanup done next. The Trails and Hawkeye House are spring cleaned and open for guests, While Ostroms and the Bay House are in the cleanup process. Kingfisher and Salmon Outfitters are next. Scheduled flights from the airport are in the works! We appreciate this opportunity to communicate with the community regularly about our current and upcoming activities and looking forward to working with the community and receiving your input regarding our proposed developments and current projects. We'd like to hear your views and on how our projects fit with the Official Community Plan (OCP). Details regarding our proposals can be viewed at Bamfield Trails Lodge. Thanks! Linda Anderson

Rein Them Dawgs In! Loose dogs on the boardwalk are stealing donated cat food from **Bamfield Cats!!!** Cat Volunteers

Catherine's Coming Events.

May 1st- Here We Come, 10:30am @ School
May 5th- Aguilar Pig Roast
May 7th- Cinco de Mayo Community Lunch, noon @ School
May 9th- EPP Workshop- What to do in the 1st hour after an earth quake?, 7pm @ Firehall
May 14th- Financial Literacy 7pm, TBD
May 21st- Victoria Day
May 28th- Community Affairs, AGM 7:30pm @ School
May 29th- Community Hall AGM, 7:00, Fire Hall
May 31st- Potlatch @ School.
RSVP required. C. Thompson,



Pink Fawn Lilies & a Western Trillium on Bamfield Main at 57 km (at Sarita cable car pull-out). Photo R. Hopkins

The BCSA receives \$1000 from *The Times Colonist* to purchase kid's books. The Huu-ay-aht added \$1000 for audio books and easy reader books.

Digital Storytelling Workshops, sponsored by Service Canada (\$17,700), will involve older locals and youths in creating local stories.

On the negative side, funding for our Community Access Program is cut, impacting locals without broadband and our visitors. L. Druehl

Recruiting Ploy? "On April 18 **Eileen Scott** came for her birthday. She turned 90! We decorated cupcakes and sang Happy Birthday and showed *Kindness*. On April 19 she came and showed us old pictures of the park. We saw how it was built. What a lot of work! Our favourite parts are the playground, gazebos and gardens. We discussed what makes a good worker for the park and how you can check if someone will be a good employee." written by: **Jagar, Natalie, Brady, and Andrew.**

Bunny visits Bamfield. We had a beautiful spring morning for the Easter Egg hunt at Centennial Park. About 15 eager Easter Egg hunters from Bamfield, Anacra and out of town were so excited they had to be restrained until the **Bamfield Community Hall Society** was ready! The smaller kids hunted closer to the road and the older ones on the playground side. After the prized eggs were all found, sampling of the chocolates followed as well a play at the playground. A big thanks to the **Easter Bunny** and Community Hall volunteers for making this morning very fun and memorable for all ages! Ali Bowker , photo at right too!



The Bamfield Community Hall Society AGM, May 29th at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall. Election of the Board, all nominations accepted. Help build it!

Thank you Ralf and Rita Weber for the freshly made donuts for the Centennial Park workbee (yummy!) and Pat Byers for coffee makings. Park Volunteers

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl



On Saturday April 14th at 6:15 PM a boat , broken from its moorings, was rapidly drifting toward the harbour mouth. An unidentified couple, with no consideration for their personal safety, peddled to the stricken vessel and wrestled it back to a neighboring dock, beating into in a stiff 5 knot westerly. Possible thoughts of salvage rights gave way to the Bamfield community spirit. Marc Phillips, photos too.