

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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BAMFIELD CREEK NEWS

Why did the pilchards have such a large die off in September and why did the seagulls, who would eat anything you throw their way, not touch the pilchards? Marc Phillips



Dead pilchards in Bamfield Inlet.
photo Marc Phillips

Bamfield West gets a 'Kids Don't Float' PFD loaner board. A requisition is in to Transport Canada for the East side HUU-ay-aht dock. This should be in by next spring, maybe before then. A **VIHA/BCSA** project. Donna Dunn. photo Sheryl Mass



Frequent visiting Humpback checks out the Bamfield boardwalk.
photo Paul Demontigny



Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, December 1st, Community School 12 ~ 3, to book a table, contact Michelle: 250-728-3002, mishpish13@gmail.com. **Avoid cross-border line-ups, exorbitant ferry fares, jolly cafes & pubs: Shop Bamfield support Bamfielders**

A MUSHROOM FORAY

Search and Rescue (SAR) teams from Alberni Valley, Tofino/Ucluelet, Parksville, and Mt. Arrowsmith, along with the Bamfield Community Emergency Program and approximately 30 residents of Bamfield and Anacla sought lost Bamfield mushroom pickers **Catherine Thompson** and **Jim Spencer**.

They had set out at 2 p.m., October 14, for the Black Lake area, and when they hadn't returned by 6:30 p.m. their friends and members of the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department initiated a search. The RCMP was notified at 10 p.m. that night and the larger search was initiated. However, out-of-town SAR teams were delayed by impassable roads, the first group arriving mid-day on October 15. The wet, cold and hungry couple stumbled out of the undergrowth around 4 p.m., after 26 hours in the bush. L. Druehl

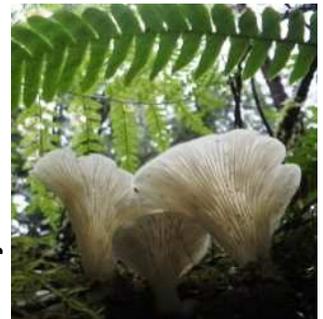
Gratitude and Afterthoughts.

Thank-you to all the people who helped look for us; made meals; lit candles and sent us their prayers. Thank you to the SAR teams that came from all over the Island. Special thanks to **J.P. Hastey** who knew where to look and **Colin Afleck** for his keen senses, that tuned in to our footsteps as we tried to find our way out and twilight approached (70 mile an hour winds, thunder and lightning). We cannot describe how relieved and overjoyed we felt to see everyone's faces. While lost for only a relatively short time everyone was forced into making hard choices on what to do. It seemed strange that a leisurely stroll could escalate into an emergency but it did very quickly and if it weren't for everyone's help and some good fortune it all could have turned out very differently. We were ill prepared for a night in the bush and put ourselves and others at risk, so we extend this thanks most humbly. We are so grateful to feel loved by this community and be back in our warm home. Sincerest Thank-you to all, Catherine and Jimmy and Raff. photos J. Spencer

1st night out!



Oyster Mushroom



Hydnum/Toothed Fungus



Flu and pneumococcal vaccines available at the Bamfield Hospital early in November. Donna Dunn

SOS! Bamfield needs its own first response land Search and Rescue team. If you are interested in taking part/learning more please email bcsa.ct@gmail.com or talk to Catherine. A list of names has been started. Catherine Thompson

Catherine's November Events

- 9th-** Remembrance Day, School, 11am-noon.
- 11th-** Remembrance Day, School, 10:30 am.
- 19th-** Community Affairs 7:30pm. School.
- 27th-29th-** Storytelling Workshop- Part 1. Call 250-728-1220 if interested.
- 1st Dec.** Christmas Craft Fair, 12-3, School.
- Every Tuesday & Thursday,** noon, yoga, Health Clinic.
- Every Tuesday,** 7:30, Basket ball, school.
- Every Thursday,** 7:30, open gym, school.. C. Thompson



Steve Clarke with Johnny Blue and son, Karl, working on the **Bamfield Memorial Pavilion** in Centennial Park. Volunteers to help conclude this project are sought. Contact Steve 250-728-3119. photo L. Druehl

Where's the tsunami? The 7.7 earthquake that struck Haida Gwaii, 27 October, did not generate a substantial tsunami. It did give rise to an "advisory" for our region. Presumably this advisory is conveyed to various officials and Community Emergency Programs where it is assessed. Tofino, that I assume was also on an advisory, called for an evacuation. I first learned of the potential of a tsunami from family that called from Vancouver. Other Bamfield folks were similarly informed by outsiders. From these scant observations, it seems there could be an uneven distribution of information. In this incidence, this made little difference other than some anxiety. However, had a tsunami materialized, time for last minute preparations could have been lost. This is a coast wide and not just a Bamfield issue. Hopefully, some explanation will be forthcoming. *Let us know your thoughts!* L. Druehl

The Bamfield Literacy Retreat and Regional Training took place at the Rix Centre, BMSC, 18-20 October. Everyone **LOVED** Bamfield, and several said they would come back to hike our trails, enjoy Music-by-the-Sea. Catherine Thompson, BCSA Coordinator. *Eds Note: C.T. should be made an honorary member of the Bamfield Chamber of Commerce.*

Some of the 22 Literacy workshop attendees preparing for a Brady Beach Visit. photo C. Thompson



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

Bamfield's Loss! "We love Bamfield. We don't want to leave but we must secure our retirement," said **Anita and Joe Pearson**. In 1999 Anita quit international banking in Frankfurt, Germany, for a Canadian experience: to lease and operate the Sprout Lake River Farm lodge in Port Alberni. It was in P.A. she met Joe. Joe, an Alberta boy, came to Bamfield in the mid 90's from running a bar in Chemainus and has been our post master for the past 7 years. He has been instrumental in driving Bamfield road improvements. He is concerned about Bamfield's future. "We need to quit this East and West Bamfield thing, get past oil side vs. water side and embrace the HUU-ay-ahht." Anita has worked for **Ralf and Rita Weber** at the Tides and Trails Market for 5 years. Her promotion, along with the Webers, of *The New Bamfielder* has reaped several hundred dollars in support of our student mentoring program. Joe received a **J. Phillips** pastel of the post office as an expression of thanks from the Bamfield Community Affairs Society. We'll miss you two. Auf Wiedersehen! L. Druehl



Anita and Joe receive BCAS gift from Rae Hopkins at farewell party. photo S. Demontigny

Bev & Rick Macleod cast their culinary magic feeding 27 school guests a Halloween feast: Dirtballs & Worms, Giant Spider Eggs, Leaves & Twigs, Green Witches Fingers, and a refreshing Ghou-lade. These great theme lunches are much fun and tasty...but maybe a little pricey at \$5! This was followed by an orgy of pumpkin carving. L. Druehl, photo, too.



Thank you BVFD for a great Halloween party. About 170 folks enjoyed music by the **Chum Buckets** and our newly discovered sparrow, **Kelly Clement**. L. Druehl. (singer, K Clement; dancer; **Erica Simonson**; strummer, **Phil Lavoie**) photo H. Kucera

