

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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A Very Foreign Experience: The Japanese toilet. The panel mounted on the side of a heated seat controls the temperature and pressure of the bum wash, which is either a

straight water jet or a gyrating spray. When finished, and who is in a rush, a warm air dry. Think of all the toilet paper you'd save! \$500

will set you up with a wireless controlled model...surprise your friends. *L. Druehl*



Swallows in the Park. Baby tree swallows chirp in the Centennial Park Community Garden as their parents soar about, gathering thousands of no-see-ems, mosquitoes, and other insect vermin. Their birdhouse is one of eight put up around Bamfield by **Andrea Butler**

...six have been successful (one at the school has 3 years of chicks and at the Butler's, 4 years). The birdhouses substitute for their normal homes in old hollow trees...most of which have been logged. Thank you, Andrea. *L. Druehl*



photo R Hopkins

Island Timberlands petitioned. A Bamfield Community Affairs motion, moved/ S. Clarke, seconded/ S. Jennings and passed unanimously contested Island Timberlands' logging Flemming Island. 151 signatures were obtained (4 b.s. names had to be removed...a pain). Copies were sent to our MLA and MP, HFN, and Ministers of Tourism & Forestry. *L. Druehl*

Support A Bamfield Bear Aware Program to educate tourists and locals and to provide bear proof garbage bins for residences and businesses. We need to raise \$500 and then a \$2000 seed grant will be given from the provincial Bear Aware Program to establish a volunteer Bamfield program. Donations can be made at the Post Office, General Store and Breakers Marine. For further information contact **Mandy Ross** at dragonflybamfield@gmail.com

Bamfield's New Burning Bylaw, according to Fire Chief **Mark Kelly**, "has stirred a few calls.... I am pleased that we have this in place. Other communities in the ACRD are not so pleased with us. It seems we have started something that has been controversial in other communities in the RD." *L. Druehl*

Family Friendly West Park hosted a spontaneous evening of BBQ, baseball, a movie, and music (generator courtesy of the fire department). The new picnic tables (thanks **Mitch McPhee** for finishing the job) were appreciated as was the Spinny Cup (butt sucker) and tether ball. The event was all a bit of a trial run. Keep your eyes open for other events. *Andrea Butler*

Bamfield Council endorsed by Regional Director, **Eric Geall** (10 August, *Alberni Valley Times*). "I think that's [not having a council] really been part of the problem that Bamfield has had historically." Our present Community Affairs Society provides for unlimited expression by Bamfielders. Governing councils often become polarized, and decisions are influenced by the desire to gain power to advance one's agenda (or win the maiden). Then, there is the mayor! Attend Community Affairs meetings, third Monday of each month, 7:30, School; help shape Bamfield. *L. Druehl*

The canning workshop on August 20th was lots of fun! Originally we capped the registration at 8 due to the small space, in the end 14 attended. We cooked and canned salsa, and then **Suzanne Jennings** gave us a demonstration on filleting



and canning salmon. I filleted my first fish! We enjoyed cookies and tea while everything cooked and everyone went home with a jar of salsa and salmon. Thank you **Suzanne Jennings** and **Hedy Demontigny** for sharing your expertise and a big thank you Jennings for opening your home to us and making this workshop possible. *Catherine Thompson. photo H. Demontigny*



photo Marc Phillips

First Nations visit Bamfield, see www.huuayaht.org, Canoe Journeys



Eileen Scott's climbing rose is 35 feet, 1 inch high, as determined through triangulation by Dylan and Kristen Hopkins. According to Guinness Book of Records the record is 91 feet. *L. Druehl. photos D. Hopkins*



Shape up! Deb Moncur (www.heartofthevillageryoga.com, Victoria) volunteered her skills instructing Bamfielders in yoga during August. Even the oldsters got involved (**B. Baden, S. Baker, S. Clarke, L. Druehl, J. Cooper, J. Moncur!**) Thank you Deb! Yoga, sponsored by the Bamfield Community School Association, meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-1 pm, at the Bamfield Health Clinic. Everyone welcome. *L. Druehl. photo R. Hopkins*

Black Lake Workbee at Jan and Nelson Meadows was fun and we got lots done. Workers were **Syd & LaRae Baker, Ed & Agatha Friesen, Hedy & Roger & Steve & Paul Demontigny, Jean Richardson, J.P. Hastey** and **Catherine Thompson**, along with the Meadows' son, **Aaron**. We chopped wood, beat back branches and mudded walls in their new home, followed by cakes and sandwiches. If you are interested in helping mud walls or seeing their amazing property contact the Meadows. Thank you mystery person who chopped down some of the alders. *Catherine Thompson. For the Meadow's Message & Black Lake pictorial, go to www.bamfielder.ca.*

Another Port Alberni Secret. Deja-Vu-Books on 3rd Avenue, which we remember as a second-hand shop, has a wealth of books with great prices and credits on returns. Also, collectable Hot Wheels and Royal Albert China. When manager **Jance Knutson** was asked about Bamfield customers, she replied, "There are two Bamfield women who come together and seem so happy." Who might they be? And when asked why she is located in an industrial area, said, "In the flats we don't have to sell new items." *L. Druehl*

Helby Islander Lured into Bamfield by the successful Bamfield School summer camp. Proud grandfather, **Brian O'Reilly**, retired lawyer, resident of West Helby for 33 years, brought his charming granddaughter, **Alyssa**, to summer camp where she encountered the clever bounty hunters, **Kristen and Dylan Hopkins**. Lemonade and wham, got 'em. On his first visit to Bamfield he encountered **John Evans**. After 33 years, they encountered again and recognized each other! Brian alluded to a pagan ritual, perhaps a means of bonding East and West Helby, **The Great Slug Races**. More investigation is needed. *L. Druehl*

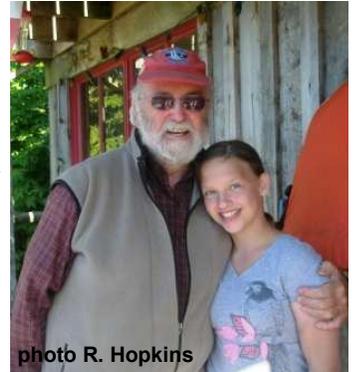


photo R. Hopkins

A Bamfield First. The Bamfield Graduate Students Society, with efforts spearheaded by president **Kat Anderson**, hosted the first showing of *Blackfish* on Vancouver Island last night. Over 70 people, including members of the community, summer students, graduate students, and researchers attended. Folks settled on the couches, chairs, and pillows on the floor of the Rix Centre, ate kettle corn, and learned about the history of **Tilikum** the killer whale. The showing was a great success and the Graduate Student Society hopes to do more of these community events in the future. Keep tuned. *Amanda Kahn*

A Marine Station Critique. **Joe Pearson** wonders about Marine Station "staffing changes that seem far too extreme....Not that change wasn't needed..." He fears a Station that would veer from "...a place to educate young adults in Marine Science." to a caterer of music and weekend retreats for the well-to-do. Joe admits he is working with rumors and feels "...no real information has been given in regards to the future direction of the Marine Station and where it is going." For the full critique, go to www.bamfielder.ca. *Louis Druehl*

Catherine's September Up Coming Events

- 2nd- Labour Day
 - 8th- Grandparents Day
 - 9th- Toastmasters meeting @ School, 7 pm
 - 12th- Writers Workshop. LifeStory Writing: Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary
 - 14th- Oysters, Authors & Ale. RIX @ 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20, purchase in advance.
 - 16th- Community Affairs Meeting. 7:30pm at the School.
 - 23rd- Toastmasters meeting @ School, 7 pm
 - 27th- Resume Writing and Cover Letters with Hana Kucera @ school
 - TBA- Making Jam with Michelle Van Boven
- Catherine Thompson, Coordinator, BCSA*

Marine Station Responds to Joe's Critique.

Director Brad Anholt describes the usage and financial status of the Marine Sciences Centre that led to recent changes in programs and personnel. See www.bamfielder.ca for complete statement. *Louis Druehl*

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*