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Grooming of a Matriarch, Rose Janelle, our post master, community servant, social worker, artist, and C. of C. has seen it all. Following high school she was a heraldry painter (**Queen Elizabeth** has two pieces of her work). For the next 8 years she trucked, worked in gas stations, gift shops, and home-steaded. In 1983 she and her husband, **Mike Jay**, visited **Ted Austin** in Grappler where they painted on and off over 3 years. "Bamfield was the first place I'd been where you could really breathe." Her first job in Bamfield was harvesting kelp for **Kitty Lloyd**, later she ran an oyster lease with **Ken Skarland** and family. She married **Don Noade** in 1994; at the pirate's wedding she was two hours and four minutes late, "Icing the cake." At one point she was down and out. "Locals shipped me out for a year of repair. That was the most important year of my life. **The Ebbas, Irmas, Pats, Eileens** and others have defined who I strive to be." In 2012 she became post master. When asked about retirement, she replied, "I can't imagine living any place else, and I hope I die here, even if it is from licking stamps." Thanks Rose for being you.

L. Druehl, collage by M. & J. Phillips

Hey, a great party! Rose Janelle got a big surprise when Bamfielders gathered at **Tish McPhee's** house on October 27 to help Rose celebrate her 65th birthday. The longtime local and stalwart of the community was honoured by friends with lots of laughter, fine food, and guitar jamming as the soiree spilled onto the candle-lit boardwalk. Big thanks to all who came out and to Tish for hosting the party and cooking up a storm! *A Boardwalk Observer*

Helena Howard & Cierra Nookemus' Coming of Age Ceremony was celebrated by more than 200 folks at the House of Huu-ay-aht. The event, sponsored by the **Howard Family**, started at noon with a lunch and ended at midnight after a turkey dinner. The girls were feted by drumming, dancing, singing, speeches and a canoe portage. What a pleasure to observe this ceremonial launching of these two young ladies. Huu-ay-aht, thank you for this glimpse into your past and into your future. L. Druehl. Photo Helena (L). Cierra in a ceremonial canoe, by **Stella Peters**.



December Coming Events

9th Community Hall Christmas Social
Rix Centre, 7 pm, member+Guest free.

17th 31st Bamfield Christmas bird count.

20th Community lunch, school

21st Extravaganza School Christmas Concert, 7 pm.

16th Christmas baking exchange and library social, school library

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 but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. Louis Druehl



Lest we forget, is not an issue in our school. The hall walls bore witness to student projects related to Remembrance Day. At the ceremony, mc'd by principal **Dave Maher**, the kids recited Flanders Field, and other pieces relating to WWI. **Vanessa Young** and **Ajay Dennis** laid wreaths of honour, while **Grace Geall** held the colours and Const. **Pete Batt** played the pipes. A few guests shared their experiences. *L. Druehl*

A quieter Remembrance Day was held at **Eileen Scott's**. About 16 Bamfielders observed Remembrance Day with an exchange of experiences, coffee, cookies and fellowship. Eileen shared her memories of being in and near London during the blitz: rationing was severe (1 oz cheese per week) but no one went hungry—most had gardens. Clothes were rationed, too, and people become clever at fashioning new from old. Planes seemed to be always flying overhead—theirs and ours. The flying bombs were a terror. Eileen recalled a movie theater, filled with children had been hit as had a tube (subway) entrance. Outside of the city, folks had steel Quonset huts for bomb shelters and in the city, a steel box, in the home that doubled as a table served the same purpose. Other city folks had designated seats in the underground railway stations. Eileen concluded with a sigh, referring to now, "We haven't learned a thing." *L. Druehl*



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Bamfield Stalwart BVFD Volunteers, Reign! Back row: Tao Eastham (Capt.), Ameila Vos (Capt. FR), Middle row: Daniel Zayonc, Katie Ratz, Pogo Hannay, Max Salamon, Gord Hawkins (Capt.), Dan McFadyen, Mark Kelly (Deputy Ch.), Kyle Hancock, Phil Lavoie (Chief), Paul Demontigny, Alex Niese, Front row: Owen Newson, Majid Hajibeigy, Toby Reeve, Eric Clelland, Rachel Munger. Yes, 18 members when just over a year ago we barely had 9! Was a great training weekend where 2 staff from VIERA (Vancouver Island Emergency Response Academy) came out and ran everyone through fire training for exterior operations. Other noteworthy things: Halloween was a huge success! Sold out! Great band! Epic costumes! New fire boat to protect the harbours! It's now in the water and we have started practices with it. *Phil Lavoie* . **Note:** A chimney-fire call out to Anacla had 10 members from both sides of the creek ready to roll in minutes. The system is effective!



Kelper Apprentice, Majid Hajibeigy, is working with Bamfield's Canadian Kelp Resources, Ltd., learning the ins and outs of kelp production. Majid, recently graduated with a bachelors degree in UBC's Agriculture Sciences, is interested in exploring the production of kelp for animal feed and an animal feed supplements. Possibly, he would establish a kelp operation in Barkley Sound. Majid, is a wild fire fighter with Boulder Mountain Fire Rescue. He feels like Bamfield is home. He has joined the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department, and he is a welcomed newcomer. *L. Druehl*. Photo Majid with his parents, **Mohammad** and **Iran**, in Port Desire.



The inaugural 6:30 Affairs meeting was attended by 21 folks. Roads dominated the meeting...potholes on the west side, enumerated and queried...not much administrative interest; Deputy Minister of Highways visited Anacla, re Bamfield Road...don't hold your breath. A report re the Bamfield meeting on short-term rentals will be produced, with similar data from other jurisdictions...keep your eyes open for potential bylaws. Logs stolen from Community Forest have been found and will be sold for \$4000. Room for more adult learners at BCSA, contact **Janessa**. *From unofficial minutes*

Roasted kelp with chocolate and garnished with popcorn, anyone? The winners of the 2nd annual seaweed cook off : Rylan Command (Uvic), Talen Rimmer (Uvic), and Kelsey Langille (UBC), members of Patrick Martone's Fall Program seaweed course have created a convection: MacroPods. www.bamfielder.ca for recipe.

