

THE NEW BAMFIELDER

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Marc Phillips portrayed a saintly gathering in this Christmas collage, celebrating the Bamfield Community Hall's annual Christmas social. Many Bamfielders and friends of Bamfield sipped (thank you **Brian Douillard**, our Mississippi gambler bartender), nibbled (thanks to everyone for an "only in Bamfield" buffet: smoked salmon, pickled herring, kelp squares, devilled eggs, and sweets beyond mention), sang, sans accompaniment (enriched by many voices, now familiar from **Nancy Hendry's** choir, and our perennial **Eileen Scott**), and all this in a cuddly-warm Rix Centre with a fabulous Christmas tree (thank you, marine station). *L. Druehl*

Toto, where are we? This year's Christmas Concert resembled a final competition of a WCVI Talent Search. About 110 family and friends enjoyed a snappy performance

put together by teachers **Kristin Russell** (her 5th) and **Katie Ratz**. Our principal, **Dave Maher** lauded the school staff and students and started the show. First, BCS singers (leads, **Seth Nookemus**, **Jayson Nookemus**), and dancers (**Helena Howard**, **Cierra Nookemus**, **Natalie Clappis** whose synchronized movements mesmerised), accompanied by BCS drummers. Next were a series of skits and performances with a Bamfield Christmas theme, each preceded by a student-presented pun and accompanied by great Bamfield videos. All of the presentations were delightfully delivered, with the students (17 of the 21 student body) strongly projecting their contributions. One of many show-stoppers was the Grade 1 & 2 **Tauri Young**, **Leira Young** and **Nolan Nookemus'** xylophone playing, that brought the house down. Looking forward to kindergartner **Parker Geall's** future performances. **Santa** delivered gifts and wisdom to the kids while the guests purchased draw tickets and bid in a silent auction (lavish, donated items from prawns to totems) and extracted much needed cash for extraordinary school activities. A total of \$2285, plus a \$500 donation by a generous Bamfielder was raised (last year, \$1283). Kids, you make Bamfielders proud. *L. Druehl*



The reawakening of The New Bamfielder's PayPal, after 2 years absence, allows you to contribute online to our students' music and other extracurricular activities. Thank you! See www.bamfielder.ca for access.

Business opportunity. Market Bamfield Gold. This weed, made famous by the novel, *Cedar, Salmon and Weed* (available in Bamfield shops & on BC Ferries) may be pushed as a mild, organic, free-range relaxant, farmed by local transient aged, young people.

Bamfield Medivac in 2017 involved 19 persons: 4 by Air, 5 by Coast Guard, and 10 by Ambulance. The procedure starts with our nurse calling the Patient Transfer Coordination Centre in Vancouver. A receptionist takes the call, sometimes asking, "Bamfield, where is that?" Following the geography lesson, a nurse comes on the line, "Bamfield, where is that?" Finally, a doctor, in conference call, decides the severity of the case, with the Bamfield nurse advising on local conditions (mostly road), and transport is arranged. *L. 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 but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*

A serious tinker, Bruce Masson, started life in Bamfield until his father, **Ken Masson**, was transferred from the Bamfield Cable Station to Vancouver. After that, summer visits to his grandparents', **Bill** and **Mary Patrick**, home at 433 Bamfield Rd. This quaint clapboard house was built in 1928 and, thanks to Bruce's ingenuity, is now 40% powered by wind and sun (his response in 1999 to Y2K). His other creations include an electric car, "built from the ground up," and an on-demand hydrogen fueled truck. A recent passion is his aquaponic system (distinguished from hydroponics by connecting a fish pond with a green house). His pond supports koi that he feeds grass clippings and Cheerios—these decorative



fish will live long: Bruce is a strict vegetarian. In turn, nutrient-rich pond water is pumped to the green house where veggies are grown, soil-less, in clay pellets. **Pat Needham** helped build this system. Bruce retired after 31 years of dentistry in Victoria and now splits his time between Bamfield and Port Alberni. He considers himself "rather reclusive, mostly due to health issues," but is now interested in interacting with the community. Perhaps he could contribute to the creation of a "green" new Community Hall. *L. Druehl*

January coming events

- 8 - Back to School
 - 15 - Community Affairs 6:30 @ BCS
 - 18 - Writing Workshop with **Joanna Streetly**
time tba Please sign up through the BCSA
 - 25 - Family Literacy Night
 - 31 - Community Lunch 12 noon @ BCS
- Janessa Dornstauder, BCSA Coordinator**

A Kitchen Window. I sit at the kitchen table, looking out the window at the rush of water flowing past. Such energy, such direction, such strength. The wind is blowing towards the south-east with relentless force, but it's warm in here; a good, safe vantage point. A pair of tourists released from the Francis Barkley look in and wave. People move up and down the boardwalk in soggy raingear and gumboots. Wet dogs are left on the dock to await their guardians return. The kayaker can't get across and turns back for a safe ride in the skiff. Maybe she's late for work? This is a new experience for me. I'm an east-sider at heart accustomed to the relative calm and privacy of Port Desire. Can someone give me a lift across?
Jennifer Druehl



A Bamfielder's visual comment



Moving Together, as Tsawalk, into the Future. Potlucks at the House of Huu-ay-aht are always a treat. The Christmas dinner was no exception. It was fabulous! The delicious turkey dinner was created by Mike Chyunyk & Shay Wasse-naar from The Pub, they also did kitchen cleanup. Many tasty dishes were also provided by the communities. A real treat was the singing and dancing by the Huu-ay-ahts. Always a delight. Santa made an appearance to the joy of the kids. Children everywhere were so much fun to observe. Thank you Stella Peters for your efforts to involve everyone. It is most appreciated! It appeared a record number of locals attended & more tables were needed. Thank you Huu-ay-ahts for sharing your House with Bamfielders. Wishing everyone much happiness in 2018!
Rae Hopkins



Only in Bamfield. Forty guests joined the students and staff of the Bamfield Community School for the final community lunch of 2017. The \$7 fare, prepared by **Nancy Sherry**, consisted of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, tossed green salad and cake, all enjoyed in the company of excited kids and chatty friends and neighbours. This function, provided by the Bamfield Community School Association, is held the third Wednesday of every month. **Janessa Dornstauder**, coordinator BCSA, would appreciate a RSVP.