



Ayre Manor News Letter

December 2018



Charles Dickens' novel, ***A Christmas Carol***, published in 1843, was one of the single greatest influences in rejuvenating the old Christmas traditions of England. While it brings to the reader images of light, joy, warmth, and life it also brings strong and unforgettable images of darkness, despair, coldness, and sadness. Scrooge himself is the embodiment of winter, and, just as winter is followed by spring and the renewal of life, so too is Scrooge's cold, pinched heart restored to the innocent goodwill he had known in his childhood and youth.

A Christmas Carol, played a major role in reinventing Christmas as the modern holiday, emphasizing family, goodwill, and compassion over communal celebration and hedonistic excess.

Clement Clarke Moore's 1822 poem ***A Visit from Saint Nicholas***, also known as ***'Twas the Night Before Christmas***, popularized the tradition of exchanging gifts, and seasonal Christmas shopping began to assume economic importance. Christmas was declared a United States Federal holiday in 1870. The poem also transformed the earlier image of Father Christmas, who predates the Santa Claus character as a figure associated with holiday merrymaking and drunkenness to the modern image of Santa Claus as the chimney-descending bearer of gifts.

Clement Clarke Moore came from a prominent family and his father Benjamin Moore was the Bishop of New York who was famous for officiating at the inauguration of George Washington. The tradition of reading *'Twas the night before Christmas* poem on Christmas Eve is now a Worldwide institution.



**"MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL AND TO ALL A
SAFE HOLIDAY "**



CHRISTMAS

Craft AND Bake Sale!



Saturday, December 8th
10:00 pm till 2:00

Everyone is welcome to come out and have a look at this years Christmas craft and bake sale . Come socialize with people you haven't seen since last years craft fair. Share in a cup of coffee at the coffee/treat table. This is also a great opportunity to buy some great gifts for friends and family or to stock up on some delicious home made baking. We will have something for everyone.

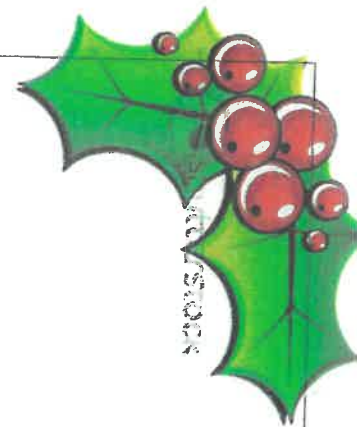
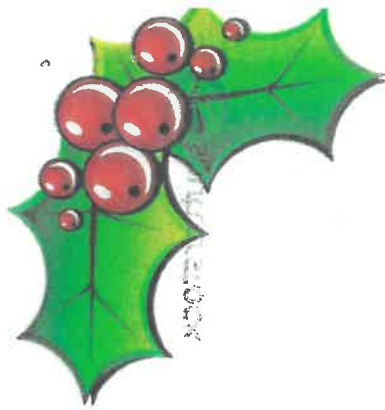
All money made will go to the Activity Department for supplies they need through out the year.

Thank you all who have helped out in advance. Your support and encouragement for the Activity Department means a lot to us who work in this department.

It Takes Team Work,

BIRTHDAY BUNCH

Nelly B (CC) 3rd
Margaret S. (CC) 5th
Jeanette M (CC) 7th



**All Sooke Churches
Christmas Service.
Thursday, Dec 13th
1:30 pm AL Side**

Special Performance by:
Sooke Community Choir
Wednesday, Dec 12th
6:00 PM Sharp AL Side

Judy and friends will be caroling around Ayre Manor starting on the CC Side at 5:00 pm. Thursday, December 20th.

This group has been coming to Ayre Manor for the last 3 years and they really enjoy seeing everyone and having a visit.

Everyone is welcome to participate

Sooke Youth Group

Will be stopping in to sing carols
With everyone
Friday, Dec 21
5:30 AL Side

Ayre Manor
Resident & Families
Christmas Party at
Ayre Manor
Wednesday, December 19th
2:00 till 4:00 (AL)
Everyone Is welcome
Sing along w/ Joan

Saturday, Dec 22nd
3:30 pm AL Side
Mia, Sophie & Autumn
Will be at Ayre Manor to
entertain you all with their
musical talent on the piano
and violin.
Come out and Support these girls.

Decembers Entertainment

- Dec 3rd Music w/ Jean Bedard 1:30 (AL Side)
Dec 5th Songs w/ Joan Songhurst 10:30 (AL)
Dec 5th Xmas baking for craft fair AL Side 1:00pm
Dec 8th CRAFT FAIR 10:00 am Start. (AL Side)
Dec 11th Music w/ Claddaugh Clan 1:30 (AL)
Dec 12th Music Therapy w/ Suvi 10:45 (CC)
Dec 12th Sookę Community Choir 6:00 pm (AL)
Dec 13th All Sookę Church Service 1:30 pm (AL)
Dec 17th Birthday Hour w/ Steve Bolger 1:30 (AL)
Dec 18th Music w/ the Encores 1:30 (AL)
Dec 19th Nyrę Manor Christmas Party 2-4 pm (AL)
(Guest piano Player Joan Songhurst 2:30- 3:30)
Dec 20th Judy & Friends Caroling 5pm start (CC)
Dec 21st Youth Group Sing Along 5:30 (AL)
Dec 22nd Girls Trio, Violin and Piano (AL)
Dec 25th Christmas Day visit from Santa
Dec 26th Happy Hour w/ Guy Marchi 1:30 (AL)
Dec 27th Music w/ Steve & Sherry 1:30 (AL)

Every Thursday is chair Zumba w/ Colleen 11 am on AL side

Every Friday is Yoga w/ Amy at 10:45am CC side