

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **September 2011**

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about **400**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

**Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person** and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) if you want to receive this membership service.

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## 1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Saturday  
September 3 **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Gowland Todd Park**  
9:00 a.m.  
(six hours including the drive to the park)  
Meet at the park and ride near St. Rose of Lima Church to drive to the park.  
A four hour hike to the Squally Ranch lookout. The trail is steep to start, but levels out; good footing.  
Pack a lunch and dress for the weather.  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
**Web site:**  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Tuesday  
September 6 **Juan de Fuca Emergency Services**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building  
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

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Tuesday  
September 6 **Marine Trail Holdings Rezoning Public Hearing**  
5:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
& Wednesday  
September 7 Edward Milne Community School Auditorium  
See newsletter item for details.

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Wednesday  
September 7 **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation**  
**Commission (SEAPARC)**  
Monthly Meeting Cancelled; next meeting September 7  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Sunday  
September 11 **Shirley Fire Protection Society**  
**General Meeting**  
2:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Tuesday  
September 20 **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)  
Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Planning Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the  
CRD website at:  
[http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom_/index.htm)  
Select the year and month of the agenda you wish to read.

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Thursday  
September 22 **Otter Point Official Community Plan Review**  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Planning Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Finalizing the committee's recommendations.  
See newsletter item below for details.

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Sunday  
September 25 **Juan de Fuca Salmon Restoration Society  
Dedication Ceremony**  
1:30 p.m.  
2895 Sooke River Road

**RSVP requested by September 18**  
E-Mail: [admin@jdfchartersalmon.com](mailto:admin@jdfchartersalmon.com)

**Note:** No on-site parking. A shuttle bus will begin running  
from Edward Milne Road (by the BC Transit Park & Ride) at  
12 noon.

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Monday  
September 26 **OPSRRA Board of Directors  
Monthly Meeting**  
**Members welcome!**  
7:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Agenda available on request.  
Contact Arnie Campbell at [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca)

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Wednesday  
September 29 **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

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Saturday  
October 1

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society  
Hike TBA**

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Web site:

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October 4

**Juan de Fuca Emergency Services  
Monthly Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building  
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

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Wednesday  
October 5

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission (SEAPARC)**

Monthly Meeting Cancelled; next meeting September 7

6:30 p.m.

Board Room

SEAPARC Leisure Complex

2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Mondays

**Karate for all ages**

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

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Tuesdays

**Kundalini Yoga**

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Cost: \$5

With Alanda Carver

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Thursdays

**Shirley Quilters and Crafters**

**Sessions resume September 15**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Everyone welcome

Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

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Thursdays

**Nia Dance / Movement Class**

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Melody Kimmell:

250-646-2995

[movingmelody@gmail.com](mailto:movingmelody@gmail.com)

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## 2. UPDATE: COMMUNITY SIGNAGE PROJECT

The project to make and install *Welcome to Otter Point* and *Welcome to Shirley* signs along Highway 14 is almost complete. Four high quality signs have been made from Western Red Cedar for the highway project and additional donations have allowed for a smaller *Welcome to Otter Point* sign to be made for Otter Point Road at the District of Sooke boundary. These highly visible community identification signs will help travellers know when they are entering and leaving Shirley and Otter Point. They will also complement the Pacific Marine Circle Route information website and hopefully assist tourists looking for local accommodation, businesses, parks, points of interest and food and recreational services.

All five signs are now waiting to have the wording routed into the face by Barker Manufacturing. Once that is done, MainRoad Contracting will do the installations.

The final cost of making and installing these signs is estimated at \$6,000. OPSRRA raised \$3,675 in cash donations; the balance was met by supplier discounts and the donation of materials and services. The following organizations and businesses have made it possible to pursue this community project:

- Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission
- Butler Brothers Supplies Ltd.
- Sooke Home Hardware
- Warburton's Woodworks
- Barker Manufacturing
- MainRoad Contracting
- Sooke Business Park
- 3L Developments

OPSRRA member Murray Tomkins did all the design work, costing and sign assembly for the project

**Note:** We would like to raise a few hundred dollars more for a reserve fund in the event we encounter any unanticipated expenses and to provide for on-going sign maintenance. Donations of any amount would be appreciated. Businesses will be given a receipt for tax purposes. Contact OPSRRA director Fiona McDannold, Wayne Fritz, Bob Phillips or Arnie Campbell for more information, or if you are able to help with a cash donation.

## 3. FARM AND FOOD GARDEN TOUR

The second annual Sooke Region Farm and Food Garden tour took place on August 14. The Sooke Region Community Health Initiative organized this even in support of local farmers. It was a self-guided walking tour of commercial and private food producer in the local areas. This year's event featured 11 locations - including nine in Otter Point. The more compact placing of locations this year meant less travel time and was welcomed by many who enjoyed the more leisurely pace.

Congratulations are extended to the Sooke Region Food CHI and the property owners who allowed hundreds of us to wander their land, ask questions, sometimes sample their products and perhaps puzzle how we could make our land as productive as theirs. Events such as this truly help to define a community and

emphasize the need to keep some of the area more rural in order to provide space to sustain our local farming economy and food production capability.

The following farms and food gardens in Otter Point participated in this year's tour:

- Edward & Gemma on Poirier Road.
- Anne & Emma's Shared Garden on Robinson Road.
- The Swamp on Tugwell Road.
- ALM Organic Farm & Full Circle Seeds on Otter Point Road.
- Bella Terra Farm on Kemp Lake Road.
- Juliette Farm on West Coast Road.
- Tugwell Creek Honey Farm & Meadery on West Coast Road.
- Orveas Creek Organics on Clark Road.
- Silver Cloud Farm on Anderson Road.

#### **4. SEPTEMBER PLANTING FOR WINTER**

Marika Nagasaka of ALM Organics Farm. Submitted the following article to the OPSRRA newsletter:

September is an important month, your last real chance for any winter harvesting opportunities.

These crops will need the protection of a cold frame, especially if you are away from the ocean. A fellow gardener who lives at Gordon's Beach can count on harvesting chard from his garden year round, whereas at ALM, to have chard year round, we have to plant it under the protection of a cold frame. The crops can tolerate freezing solid, but it is the combination of freezing, thawing, wind and rain that can cause these crops to fail, which makes cold frame space very valuable.

Plan to seed winter hardy greens in September. Cold hardy lettuce, mustards, arugula, asian greens (komatsuna, mizuna, tatsoi, etc.), spinach and other wonderful salad items such as minutina, mache and claytonia are all good choices for September sowing. If you have space available, you can direct seed these crops. We tend to start the majority of these crops as transplants, and transplant as space opens up. As well, herbs such as cilantro, dill and chervil should be direct seeded in cold frames sometime this month for crops that you will harvest from all winter for use as herbs or as a great addition to winter salads. The goal is to get these plants well established before winter, harvest lightly all winter and then heavily in the early spring. Greens barely grow through-out the winter months, so plan to plant as much space as possible to provide yourself with greens. We charge a much higher price for winter salad to reflect this reality.

Spinach is perhaps the most forgiving winter greens crop, it does keep growing (albeit slowly) through the winter months and it is the one crop I feel I can push the planting date with. Sow cold hardy varieties September through early October.

## 5. OPSRRA DIRECTORS CONSIDER SPEAKING AT MARINE TRAIL HOLDINGS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6 and continued (if necessary) on Wednesday, September 7 to hear comment on the proposed rezoning of property west of Jordan River to accommodate a recreational development. Marine Trail Holdings is proposing a phased development that, when completed, would have 257 strata lots for vacation homes as well as one lodge, two recreation buildings and six caretaker cabins. In exchange for an increase in density they are agreeing to transfer ownership of 243 acres of their property to B.C. Parks to provide a buffer between their development and the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail and would place a covenant on another 259 acres which would remain as public green space.

While this is not the time to try to stifle economic development in our area, there are elements of this rezoning application which your OPSRRA directors feel need further consideration because of possible impacts on the residents and taxpayers of Shirley and Otter Point.

**The directors of OPSRRA are therefore considering making a submission at the public hearing and would like to hear from members who have a comment either in favour or against our participation.**

**Send your comments to any of the directors; the deadline to hear from you is Monday, September 5.**

Here are the points which we would focus upon in our submission:

1. OPSRRA spoke in support of the Rural Resource Lands Zoning and Land Use Bylaws in January of 2010. View these bylaws at:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/juandefucaelectorala\\_/bl35910000-1/bl35910000.pdf](http://www.crd.bc.ca/bylaws/juandefucaelectorala_/bl35910000-1/bl35910000.pdf)

In our opinion, the bylaws were a successful compromise, arrived at after extensive community consultation. Included in the bylaws was a provision for some recreational development in the Rural Resource Lands. However, the size and form of this rezoning proposal far exceeds what was presented two years ago. Also, the Rural Resource Lands Land Use Bylaw defines cabins as **“temporary accommodation for the traveling public”**. The Marine Trail Holdings proposal is for a building strata development with owners or others being allowed to stay for up to 60 days at a time for a total of six months in a calendar year. This is not accommodation intended for the traveling public.

2. The Rural Resource Lands Land Use Bylaw states that **“forms of development that increase demands for services and infrastructure and that negatively impact the rural resource nature and the integrity of rural communities of the area are discouraged”**. In our opinion the scale of the proposed application by Marine Trail Holdings, which at full build out will have a larger population than the immediate communities of Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew, is inappropriate and will increase demands for taxpayer supported service and infrastructure.
3. There are possible serious implications for fire and emergency services. Documented risks for fire, both structural and wildfire, have been made and we make reference to the memorandum from the Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Commission, which was received by the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning Department on March 21, 2011.
4. An issue often raised at our OPSRRA meetings is the condition of Highway 14 which runs through our two communities. The road is narrow, difficult to



maintain, has sharp curves and steep grades, no shoulders and has to accommodate heavy industrial, commercial, recreational and domestic traffic as well as pedestrians, cyclists, horses and joggers. Most of the traffic heading to and from this proposed resort area will pass through Otter Point and Shirley. Increased congestion on Highway 14 will likely have an impact on the Otter Point, Shirley and Port Renfrew Volunteer Fire Departments as the further removed you are from police and ambulance services, based in Sooke, the greater the likelihood the volunteer fire departments will have to be the first responders for traffic accidents. Is anyone offering to improve Highway 14 or compensate our taxpayer supported volunteer fire departments?

5. This rezoning application is substantially different from the application for rezoning referred to the Advisory Planning Commissions in September 2009. The present application was not referred back to the local Advisory Planning Commission's after revision, even though the revisions were of a magnitude as to make this rezoning application in effect a new application.
6. At the heart of this rezoning application is whether or not the CRD Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), as agreed to by all the municipalities and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area in 2006, allows for this size and form of strata development. Some members of the CRD Board have given notice that if Land Use Committee A approves this rezoning application, they will bring a motion forward that could result in the CRD Board having to take the matter to Court for another decision. As a ratepayers association these are our tax dollars being spent to whatever end. One of our association's bylaws states that we want to ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents. In the past we have supported the principles of the RGS as it is one way to protect rural parts of our community from intensive development. If the RGS can not adequately protect the Rural Resource Lands from intense development should we have concern about Shirley and Otter Point?

In a perfect world this rezoning application would not have come forward in this manner. In a perfect world it would have:

- Been smaller and in an area away from the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail.
- Catered to different styles of transient vacationers such as campers, RVers and short-stay visitors as well as longer-term residents instead of being exclusively a long-stay strata ownership resort.
- Been brought back to the Advisory Planning Commissions for further community comment.
- Had the province commit to improvements to Highway 14 in exchange for the 243 acres of parkland being given to them by the developer.
- Had the CRD provide some compensation to the local fire departments in exchange for the 259 acres of green space they negotiated as an amenity for approving this development.
- Abided by the spirit of the CRD Regional Growth Strategy.

**Note:** OPSRRA submitted two letters during the Marine Trail Holdings rezoning process. One was a joint letter with the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society (see OPSRRA newsletter April 2011) proposing that the CRD work with the provincial and federal governments to try to find funds to purchase the properties that act as a buffer for the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail and the other was to

the Juan de Fuca Regional Director (see OPSRRA newsletter May 2011) about the process used by the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee to approve its recommendation to rezoning the properties.

## 6. OTTER POINT OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW

The Otter Point Official Community Plan Review Committee has almost finalized its recommendations to Juan de Fuca Planning Services. At its August 3 meeting it voted to recommend acceptance of the Sensitive Ecosystems Inventory and the final report from HB Lanarc. The HB Lanarc report contained the results of the June 2011 community survey which was based upon goals and objectives which the committee drafted to reflect previous community comment. The survey recorded community agreement with the committee's recommendations in the range of 80-100%, with five exceptions:

- Acquiring a community hall (72% agreement).
- Investigating the extension of community water (67% agreement).
- Support for a motorized recreational park in the Rural Resource lands (67% agreement).
- 2 Ha (5 acre) average parcel size with a 0.8 Ha (2 acre) lot minimum in Settlement Area 5 which included residential zoning outside the existing Regional Growth Strategy Rural Residential Area (67% agreement).
- 2 Ha (5 acre) average parcel size with a 0.8 Ha (2 acre) lot minimum in Settlement Area 6 which included forestry zoning inside the existing Regional Growth Strategy Rural Residential Area and encouraged the Transfer of Development Potential to parts of these areas if community amenities are provided. (73% agreement).

The committee approved the following recommendations at its August 15 meeting:

**Motion:** 1Ha (2 ½ acre) density average in the existing Settlement Containment Area with a minimum lot size of 0.4 Ha (1 acre), without increasing the permitted density as specified in the current OCP.

**Motion:** To recognize a category called the Otter point Resource Lands which includes forestry, agriculture and watershed lands in the existing Regional Growth Strategy Renewable Resource Lands designation with a minimum 4 Ha (10 acre) parcel size.

**Motion:** Crown Lands are designated as a separate category as part of the Special Rural Area.

**Motion:** 2 Ha (5 acre) density and 1 Ha (2 ½ acre) minimum lot size in areas outside the Settlement Containment Areas and not in the Otter Point Resource Lands.\*

- \* This motion was subsequently asked to be reconsidered by some members of the committee. Another motion is proposed that would reduce the density to 1 Ha (2 ½ acres) with a minimum lot size of 0.8 Ha (2 acres). Rescinding the originally motion and considering another motion will be on the agenda for a September 22 meeting of the committee.

All the HB Lanarc reports, the Sensitive Ecosystems report, community and group submissions and the minutes of the committee meetings are available at the following web site: [http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint\\_ocp.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint_ocp.htm)

## 7. SHIRLEY EDUCATION & ACTION SOCIETY (SEAS) REACTIVATED

After a two year break the Shirley Education & Action Society (SEAS) has been reactivated. Elections were held at their AGM on August 21st.

Elected were:

President	John Walls
Vice President	Michael Galizio
Directors	Tom Tidwell and Mark Vratnik
There is one Director vacancy	

## 8. UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Saturday, November 19 is Election Day throughout B.C. for municipal, school board and, in some areas such as the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, regional director and commissions. In Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point we will be electing candidates to the following positions:

- CRD Regional Director  
(1 position for the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area)
- JDF Land Use Committee  
(1 Shirley/Jordan River & 1 Otter Point position)
- Shirley/Jordan River Advisory Planning Commission  
(5 positions)
- Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission  
(5 positions)
- Sooke School District #62  
(4 positions from the Milne's Landing Zone)

So far, the following have declared their intention to run for election for the following positions:

- Regional Director–Mike Hicks (incumbent)
- Otter Point representative to the Land Use Committee–Heather Phillips (incumbent)

OPSRRA will publish the names of other candidates as their intentions are declared.

Any local area candidate wishing to have their personal statement distributed in the November issue of the OPSRRA newsletter can do so by contacting Arnie Campbell at [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) or 250-642-3113 by October 28.

OPSRRA will also be hosting an All Candidates meeting in early November.

The CRD and the School District will begin to release information for candidates for local elections in September. Meanwhile, information for prospective candidates can be found on this provincial web site.

[http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov\\_Structure/Elections/](http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_Structure/Elections/)

## 9. ACTIVE AGING IN COMMUNITY

The Senior Co-Housing Society submitted the following information to the OPSRRA newsletter in support of an up-coming event this fall.

We have choices and we don't have to do 'aging' the way our parents did. Many people think about finances when they plan for their future, but investing in social relationships can be even more important. Senior Co-housing offers proactive, 'green' options for combining private homes and a supportive community where people over 50 enable themselves and each other to flourish.

The purpose of this study group is to anticipate the opportunities, challenges and difficulties of 'aging in place' and what advantages community offers in comparison to the alternatives. The study group is designed to assist you in making choices about your future. It will help you decide if aging in a senior co-housing community will support your decision of aging successfully.

For further information about their ten week study group meetings on Thursdays from 7-9 pm starting October 6, either e-mail [seniorcohousing@gmail.com](mailto:seniorcohousing@gmail.com) or visit their web site at [www.seniorcohousing.ca](http://www.seniorcohousing.ca)

## 10. WHAT WAS COOKING 100 YEARS AGO?

We recently began a new feature for the newsletter that will take a look at what local area residents may have been dining upon 100 hundred years ago. Written records of family recipes from this era are next to non-existent. The Sooke Region Museum has nothing in their collection and of course those who lived in the local area 100 years ago are no longer with us—thus the challenge. The journey continues with something slightly different this month.

Let us know if you have some old recipes, grocery lists or household hints from an earlier era that we can share with others.

Henry Clark began operating a mail, passenger and freight stage line in 1898 that brought supplies to the Otter Point and Shirley area from Victoria. One of his many customers was Oscar Scarf who had bought a roadhouse on Otter Point Road, just east of Kemp Lake Road, in 1911 and for the next decade operated a stage stop and boarding house at that location and a post office across the road. A delivery ledger from that era remains in the possession of the Davies family (see Did You Know That?) who were related to the Henry Clark family through marriage. Page after page in the ledger lists the delivery of goods between 1911 and 1917 to the Gordon's (Gordon's Farm), Kirby's (Kirby Creek), Anderson's (Muir Creek), Milligan's (Kemp Lake) and other local pioneering families. Here are some of the supplies delivered to Oscar Scarf's stage stop which likely ended-up on the food tables of the day:

Boxes of oranges, cases of soda biscuits, bottles of Canadian Club, citric acid, root ginger, cases of milk, French Breakfast radish seed, vegetable marrow, soda water, ice cream, sacks of flour, hams, cases of lemons, bananas, boxes of grapes, chocolates, box of apples, sacks of sugar, prunes, wheat flakes, salt, lard, bacon, boxes of pineapples, baking powder and more.

## 11. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

**[Henry Clark's passenger, mail and freight stage was about the only contact local settlers had with the Outside World in the 1890s?](#)**

Henry Clark and his brother Edwin immigrated to Victoria in 1888. Edwin later moved to Sheringham Point Road in Shirley, where he opened the first post office, while Henry and his wife Bessie pre-empted an 80 acre property in Otter Point in 1893. The original log cabin they built on the farm was replaced by a wood frame house in 1914 and remains standing.

The freight, mail and passenger service required Henry leaving Otter Point in the morning and traveling over a wagon road through the forest to Victoria while making stage stops along the way. Once in town he would go from merchant to merchant enquiring about prices for his customers and collecting their orders; he then over-nighted before making the return journey to Sooke and Otter Point the next day. The stage was an open wagon about six feet wide by twelve feet long, with wooden wheels and two and sometimes three wooden seats mounted above the freight compartment. A team of three horses pulled the affair. Henry Clark's travels were not without incident: on one trip, a passenger sitting in the freight compartment fell off when the stage hit a bad bump and wasn't missed until many miles later; another, "under the weather" and propped up between two other passengers, was found to be dead upon reaching the next stop; a gentleman from Winnipeg, perched upon the new organ being delivered to the Otter Point School, was caught by a tree branch and left hanging as the stage continued; and then there were the fashionable women's hat pins—requiring Henry Clark to be on constant guard so as not to be stabbed as a lady's head turned.

The stage service was later increased to twice a week until 1914 when Henry retired to devote his time to full-time farming in Otter Point.

This month's **Did You Know That?** was prepared from information provided by the Clark family and from *The Sooke Story—The History and the Heartbeat*, written and published by the Sooke Region Museum.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help. Contact Arnie Campbell by phone (250-642-3113) or by email: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca)

## 12. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

**Do you operate a small business?** Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca) We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) under **Business Listings**.

**Note:** OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

**Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

ALM Organic Farm

Beaches West B & B

Bear Home Remodelling

Birds Edge Press

Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service

DanCyn Kioti Excavation

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suite

Fancy That Esthetics & Body Care

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Heron's Rest B & B

"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kirsten Sykes, Realtor

Knotty Beds by Nature

Le Sooke Spa

Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage

Ocean Wilderness Inn

Otter Point Beach House

Otter Point Electrical Service

Reflexology by Marlene Barry

Rock Beach Grill and Groceries  
(formerly Kemp Lake Store & Cafe)

Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop

Road's End Construction

Sandy's Drywall Ltd

Smiling Goat Farm Sitting Service

Stick in the Mud Coffee House  
Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast  
Three Sisters Farm  
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm  
Tugwell Creek Meadery  
Welcome Wagon  
Wood Visions

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