

“Festival of Lights” with tours at Alderwood

by Gwynn Shaw

It's been 5 months since we've been in our new home. We can now find our way to the Community Hall and back home again! Recreation has been busy getting volunteers used to our new set-up.

In October we were on two bus trips, on the 15th the Bay View seniors had a ceildh and lunch for us in the Lions Den in Whycocomagh. On the 25th we went to the Rose Garden in Port Hawkesbury for Chinese Food, and then went to Richmond Villa in St. Peter's to visit our friend Peggy MacLellan. We finished our visit playing Bingo and Dorothy Ellsworth was our only winner. Thank you Richmond Villa for the wonderful hospitality.

Our knitting club meets every Tuesday and Thursday morning in Taigh Sona, with the guidance of Marie Bethune, Kaye Garland, Joanne Turner and Shirley Wild. We have been busy making baby blankets, pillow covers, dishcloths and now we are working on Christmas Stockings.

We are so pleased at Alderwood to have Donnell Beaton coming in and doing slide shows of Baddeck many years ago. A lot of our residents can relate to those pictures. Our own Betty (Lever) Clark was born in the Court House in Baddeck (Betty quotes, "Not in the jail.")

The monthly birthday party was sponsored by CWL of Iona. We are so

fortunate at Alderwood that we have so many groups and individuals that volunteer. If you would like to join our volunteer group contact Pat at 295-2644 Ext.227, we are always looking for extra help with our programs.

Baddeck Working Council has begun fundraising for a new bus at Alderwood. Our present bus is 11 years old and is starting to show its age.

To start off the Christmas Season we have a special event Alderwood "Festival of Lights" on Saturday December 4th. Choices of two tours are available 2-4 or 6-8 pm. Our six homes will be decorated with different Christmas themes:

- Hillside comes alive with a Santa theme
- Unama'ki will warm your hearts with Native Hospitality
- Taigh Sona hints of days gone by with Teddy Bears
- Loch Bhreagh transports you into the Victorian Era
- Belle Isle brings out the Natural Christmas
- Bras d'Or hosts Frosty the Snowman

The courtyards and entrance way will be decorated. Volunteer Theresa Buchanan and her team have agreed to take on the task of doing the decorating.

Tickets are available for \$20.00 each and can be purchased from Gwynn or Pat at 295-2644 ext. 227 or at *Kata Renas* on 503 Chebucto Street Baddeck. Money raised will go toward the decorations.

Author book signing and reading

The Bishop's Man



Author and CBC journalist Linden MacIntyre speaks about his award winning novel *The Bishop's Man* at a reading in Baddeck.

by Jim Morrow

Explaining aspects of his novel *The Bishop's Man*, winner of the 2009 Scotiabank Giller Prize as well as the

2010 Libris Fiction Book of the Year Award to a large audience in Baddeck, Linden MacIntyre said the initial impetus to write something about sexual abuse was the suicide of a friend of his whose suicide he believes could be attributed to sexual abuse.


He tried to portray the the Roman Catholic Church hierarchy as a bureaucracy, with Bishops as bureaucrats, obeying pontifical orders not to speak of the percolating problem within the orders.

He also wanted to break the stigma or code of silence within parishes where people suffered from asbuse and expose the brotherhood within the priest hood which allowed it to happen.

He believes that after recent charges and legal trials as well as the release of his novel, victims are getting some relief from their ordeal. He hopes the days of covering rather than facing up are over.


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