

THE CAMELOT HERALD

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November 2025

Dates to Remember

- Nov 11: Remembrance Day
- Nov 30: Advent Begins

Birthdays!!

- Nov 06: Lani White
- Nov 17: Barbara Whitney
- Nov 19: Doug Seeley
- Nov 25: Diane McNeil



Camelot **ACTIVITIES**

- ♦ **SUNDAY:** Bingo at 1pm! Drop in for Bingo in the dining room; includes a special treat from our Chef.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** 09:30 am– Chair Exercises in the lounge.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** 03:00 pm– Trivia in the lounge.
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** 09:30 am– Chair exercises in the lounge
03: 30 pm– **Happy Hour!** in the Lounge. Please bring your refreshments.
07:15 pm– Movie night in the lounge.
- ♦ **Birthday Dinner** on the last Sunday of each month to celebrate Residents who have had a birthday that month.

SERVICE REMINDERS

- ♦ Elevator maintenance : Every 2nd Thursday of the month.
- ♦ Fire Alarm: Pacific Coast Fire conducts the Fire alarm test on the last Thursday of every month.
- ♦ Garbage/ Recycling: Garbage is picked up every second Wednesday. **Please remember to segregate the garbage and place in them in their delegated bins. Do not put garbage into the RECYCLE bin. PLEASE pass on the information to your Personal Care Aid Worker.**

MISCELLANEOUS

- ♦ Please note, residents are requested to **not use their scooters in the Main Floor, Elevators, and your suites**. Request you to kindly park the scooter in the basement before proceeding to the main floor and your suites.
- ♦ Reminder! We are a “ No Scent” building. For the comfort of residents and visitors who have allergies, please refrain from wearing strong perfumes and colognes.

FOOD SERVICE

- ♦ Extra Tray/ Guest in Dining Room: **Please notify the office/ kitchen 48 hours in advance for an extra guest meal.** These are \$15.00 per guest meal.
- ♦ Reminder! **Please do not enter the kitchen.** For your HEALTH and FOOD SAFETY the kitchen is restricted to staff only. This is to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the food preparation areas. If there are any meal cancellations, or changes to portion sizes, please notify the office so we can make the necessary adjustments.

COFFEE MEETING

- ♦ The next Coffee Meeting will be on November 19th at 10:15 am.

What's Happening Around Town

- Nov 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30: Salty Sundays, Time: 02:00 pm to 04:00 pm, Location: Maritime Museum of BC, 744 Douglas Street, Victoria, BC.
- Nov 06: Singer, Songwriter Showcase, Time: 06:00 pm, Location: The Coda, 751 View Street, Victoria, BC.
- Nov 07: O Christmas Tea! A British Comedy, Time: 07:30 pm to 09:00 pm, Location: Royal Theatre & McPherson Playhouse, 805 Broughton Street, Victoria, BC.
- Nov 15 Jan 05m, 2026: Festival of Trees, Location: The Bay Centre.
- Nov 15: Tillicum Winter Market, Time: 10:00 am to 03:00 pm, Location: 3155 Albina Street, Saanich, BC.
- Nov 15: Intro to Needle Felting, Time: 10:30 am, Location: Knotty by Nature Fibre Arts, 1919 Fernwood Road, Victoria, BC.
- Nov 29: 43rd Annual Santa Claus Parade. Time: 05:30 pm, Location: Belleville and Government Street.
- Nov 29– Dec 31: Lights of Wonder, Time: the Lights Turn on at 4 pm daily, Location: Centennial Square, Vitoria, BC.
- Nov 29: 2025 Metchosin Christmas Spirit Market, Time: 10:00 am to 04:00 pm, Location: Metchosin Community Hall, 4401 William Head Road, Victoria, BC.

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

— JOHN MCCRAE, CANADIAN POET, DOCTOR
AND MEDICAL OFFICER DURING WWI



THE CAMELOT CINEMAS

Nov 01: Singin' in the Rain (1952) Classic Musical. Romantic Comedy

A silent film star falls for a chorus girl just as he and his delusionally jealous screen partner are trying to make the difficult transition to talking pictures in 1920s Hollywood.

Cast: Gene Kelly. Donald O' Connor. Debbie Reynolds

Director: Gene Kelly. Stanley Donen.



Nov 08: The Ballad of Wallis Island (2025) Quirky Comedy

An eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favorite musicians to perform at his home.

Cast: Tim Key. Tom Basden. Steve Marsh

Director: James Griffiths

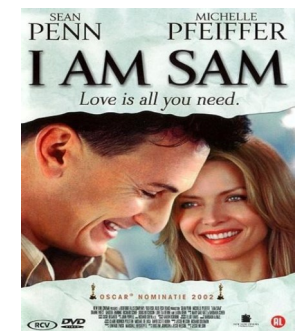


Nov 15: I Am Sam (2001) . Drama

An intellectually disabled man fights for custody of his 7-year-old daughter and in the process teaches his cold-hearted lawyer the value of love and family.

Cast: Sean Penn. Michelle Pfeiffer. Dakita Fanning

Director: Jessie Nelson



Nov 22: The Report (2019) Political Drama. Political Thriller

Idealistic Senate staffer Daniel J. Jones, tasked by his boss to lead an investigation into the CIA's post 9/11 Detention and Interrogation Program, uncovers shocking secrets

Cast: Adam Driver. Corey Stoll. Evander Duck Jr.

Director: Scott Z. Burns



Nov 29: On a Wing and a Prayer (2023) Thriller. Drama

After their pilot dies unexpectedly mid-flight, Doug White (Dennis Quaid) has to safely land the plane and save his entire family from insurmountable danger.

Cast: Dennis Quaid. Heather Graham. Jesse Metcalfe

Director: Sean McNamara



Remembrance Day 2025: The World is Still Fighting — Have We Learned Anything?

- Ryan Bayer

Here we are again. November 11.

Poppies pinned. Flags lowered. Bagpipes carrying *Amazing Grace* through the cold morning air.

Across Canada, people stand in silence — remembering wars past, honouring those who never came home, and reflecting on the cost of peace. It's a day of gratitude and remembrance, marked by quiet moments that remind us how deeply loss can echo through generations.

And yet, as we pause to remember the war that was meant to end all wars, it's hard to ignore that the world still feels unsettled.

Canada is not alone in this reflection. Across the Commonwealth, millions gather today to remember — in London, Sydney, Auckland, Delhi, Nairobi, Kingston, Bridgetown, and beyond.

From vast cities to small island nations, ceremonies are held in honour of those who served and sacrificed. Over 2.5 million soldiers from Commonwealth nations fought in the First World War alone. Many never made it home.

It's easy to forget how global those wars truly were — soldiers from every background, language, and faith standing side by side in the same mud, driven by a shared duty that transcended borders.

Fast forward to 2025, and the world remains in conflict.

Fighting continues in Ukraine. The Israel–Gaza crisis deepens. Civil wars persist in Sudan, Yemen, and Myanmar. Around the globe, divisions over politics, identity, and belief keep communities apart.

Even in our online spaces, disagreement can feel like another kind of battlefield.

And still, every November 11, we say, “Lest we forget.”

But perhaps the harder question is: *What have we remembered — and what have we let slip away?*

We talk about borders — on maps, in faith, and within ourselves.

Too often, those boundaries are still crossed without care. Nations ignore sovereignty. Beliefs are turned into weapons. Freedoms are debated more than defended.

Each time history gives us a lesson in compassion, we promise to do better.

But progress, it seems, is something we keep needing to relearn.

Canada once stood at the forefront of peacekeeping — working with others to bridge divides, rebuild trust, and calm the storms before they grew. There's a growing wish to return to that spirit: not through strength or control, but through empathy, dialogue, and presence.

Peace doesn't arrive through force. It grows slowly — through listening, compromise, and the courage to admit when we've been wrong.

If history were a teacher, humanity might be the student still struggling to understand the lesson.

We've advanced in technology, but emotional intelligence — empathy, respect, restraint — often lags behind.

So many conflicts, large or small, begin when understanding gives way to pride.

Sometimes peace simply means remembering how to pause, to breathe, and to let others be.

Maybe the point of Remembrance Day isn't to solve everything, but to start where we can:

- Support veterans, peacekeepers, and aid workers.
- Elect leaders who value diplomacy over division.
- Respect the beliefs, identities, and choices of others.

Learn our history — and try not to repeat it.

Remembrance Day connects 56 nations through shared history — but also shared hope.

As we stand in silence today, let that quiet speak not only of the past, but of the peace we still strive for.

Let us remember not only the fallen, but the lessons they left behind.

Let's work toward a world where we listen more, fight less, and see peace not as a pause between wars, but as the goal itself.

Because peace isn't passive — it's something we practice.

And in a world this busy, choosing it may be the bravest act of all.

Lest we forget — and may we keep learning, together.

