

Teas, Teas, Teas!

In Fernie church teas were (and continue to be) annual events at which community members looked forward to gathering. Each church had its time slot for its tea(s). For many years Christ Church held both a Fall Tea and a Strawberry Tea in June. Mae Williams remembers the ACW ladies, wearing hats and gloves, pouring very, very, very strong tea from silver tea services.

The Fall Tea slot for Christ Church at one time must have been very near the end of October; Mae Williams remembers someone saying "Oh, I can't stay too late as I am going to a Halloween party tonight." Currently the Fall Tea falls on or near the first Saturday in October, and coffee and tea are now served in thermos pitchers. Edith Ritchie comments that her mother (Bette Nohels) would be horrified!