

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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The team at M.B.C.I.S would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the support with the newsletter and website this year. Without the support (articles etc) we would not be able to do these for all of you, we will be looking at expanding the newsletter next year and a few other things. We will be back nice and fresh with our first newsletter for the year around the 1st of Feb.

Merry Christmas and have a great new year!

Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

held on the 2nd December

The police patrol car, with lights flashing and siren blaring and followed by the Manukau Pipes and Drums, announced the start of the 2010 Mangere Santa Parade at 6.30pm sharp. A crowd of over 6,000 lined the footpaths to watch the parade which this year had 50 participating groups. Floats entered included; Manukau City Parks, Ambury Farm Park, Papakura Coastguard, Mangere Bridge Yacht Club, Mangere Bridge Lions Club, St John Youth Division, Mangere Bridge Play Centre, St Anthony's Church, Manukau Rovers Rugby Football Club, The Tararata Stream Team, Super Value, vintage cars, jeeps, speedway cars, and many others. These were interspersed with pedestrian 'floats' including Mangere Bridge Primary School, Walking School Buses, Cubs and Keas, Sea Scouts (complete with bubbles), the local Pony Club and Walking Group, and the SPCA Dog Squad.

Shrek, Puss 'n Boots and Donkey, Bat Man and Robin, Darth Vader, Superman, Spider-man and Ninja Turtles, enthralled the children with their antics along the parade route. Bringing up the rear was Santa, complete with snow, and helpers Gingerbread Man and Penguin who helped him hand out sweets afterwards (donated by Super Value).

Jiggles the Clown, on his miniature motorbike, entertained the children during the parade and at the festival afterwards did some juggling, balloon modeling and other fun things.

There were a number of new craft stalls this year plus candy floss, kettledrum popcorn and French crepes. There were free rides on Daisy, the red, double decked bus and there was also a steady queue for pony and cart rides and face painting (paints donated by Draw Art Supplies). Mangere Bridge Kindergarten and the Scouts ran sausage sizzles. The very popular Frank E. Evans Band rounded off the evening by entertaining café customers and the remaining crowd till 9.15pm.

The Business Association acknowledges funding from the former Mangere Community Board, the Four Winds Foundation and The Lion Foundation. Without their financial support this long-standing parade would not be possible. Carol-Anne Armitage, the Village Manager, expressed her gratitude to Rotary, the recently formed Mangere Bridge Foot Patrollers and the Mangere Maori Wardens for their assistance as Marshals who kept things running smoothly from start to finish and also to the Manukau Harbour Crossing Alliance for providing Santa's float.

What's on in the Bridge

Monday: Guides 6 - 8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm
St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473.

Tuesday: Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 4 - 5:30pm

Wednesday: Brownies 6 - 7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall.
Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road

Thursday: Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Friday: Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.

Saturday: Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am

Mon/Tue/Thru - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am

Mon/Wed: Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall

2nd Sun's: Sunday Walking

Tue - Thur: Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road

3rd Wed: R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall

Mon/Wed: Chen Style Tai Chi, all ages - 10am
St James Church Hall - Phone 266 7473

1st Thu: Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 634 1062.

1st & 3rd Sat: Village Square Market.

Contact Details for Scouts - 0800 Scouts

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

I manage do quite a lot of my Christmas shopping in the Village. It's amazing how much variety there is when you take the time to have a good look around - and you don't have the crowds and parking hassles to contend with. Here are some ideas:

Bit of Everything Shop: is well named as they sell; arts and crafts, bone and wood carvings, glassware, bags and a large variety of books.

Cafés: some have gift vouchers available which is a nice gift idea.

Hammer Hardware: gift vouchers for the man of the house.

Kathy's Gifts: lots of gift ideas here including Mangere Bridge T.Shirts in assorted sizes and colours.

Mangere Floral Studio: has a lovely variety of gift baskets plus arrangements and cut flowers for the Christmas table.

Mangere Bridge Fruit and Veg: take orders for church flowers. Just give them a few days notice.

MB Pharmacy: their Christmas Cracker Gift Book has something for everyone; Top Gear Stig toiletries; handbags and wallets, kitchen accessories, toys including clowns and bears, baby sets, photo frames and albums and a variety of mugs and glasses. They also offer a free gift wrapping service.

MB Stationery: has a nice variety of reasonably priced gifts including: movie cards and gift cards for The Warehouse, Mitre 10, Bendon, Bling, the Baby Factory and others. They can also print your own personalised greetings paper from a photograph.

Natural Beauty: has new giftware arriving every day. Take your time to browse in this busy little shop and you will find some hidden gems as well as their natural beauty products.

RosBake: is taking orders for Christmas Cakes and Dutch Stollen. They also do a range of cheesecakes and sushi.

Super Value: will have a variety of Gift Baskets available.

United Video: stock iTunes gift cards plus top-up cards for Telecom, Vodafone, 2° and pre-paid power.

Village Butchery: has new opening hours; Tues to Fri 8am - 6pm, and Sat 7am - 4pm, closed on Mondays. Taking orders now for their popular Christmas Hams and their home-made gourmet sausages. Get in quick so you don't miss out.

On behalf of the Business Association may I wish you all a Merry Christmas, restful holidays and best wishes for 2011.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Free cooking demonstration

Want to learn how to cook easy, cheap, healthy food?

(eg: fried rice, pizza, noodle fritters, banana-berry smoothies, onion bread)

WHERE:

Kowhai Court, behind Mangere Town Centre (next to Lab Test)
follow signs

WHEN:

Saturday 16th October

TIME:

9.30 - 11.30am

Ph Julie or Pam 254 4177 for more info, leave a message or just come along and join in.

Onehunga Community Centre

83 Church Street, Onehunga Ph: 634 9253 (by the Library)

For all classes check out www.onehungacentre.org.nz

Festive Christmas Celebrations 8th December 2010

From 3pm the Onehunga Community Centre and Library will be decorating their wonderful tree in the foyer. Bring along a donation of pet food for abandoned animals and it will be swapped with a decoration. A sausage sizzle for hungry tummies will be available for \$1 each. Entertainment will include International Choir singers, Waiata, Dance performances.

Jenny, Lisa & Michelle (Onehunga Community Centre Team) wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and safe, happy holidays.

The Onehunga Community Centre would like to also thank the Mangere Bridge Community & the staff at the Mangere Bridge Community Information Services for their continuing support.

Down on the farm

Another great Ambury Farm Day was held 11th October 2010. The first Ambury Farm Day recalled by Robin Schwass (first Ambury Park Ranger) had very small beginnings, with the idea of bringing the town to the country, to experience all things farmy, shearing, milking, mustering, tractor rides, pony rides. These days Ambury Farm Day is a huge attraction for thousands of people from all over Auckland, but the country theme remains the same.

An Estimated crowd of 27,000 people poured into the farm on the day, the weather was fabulous and everyone enjoyed all the attractions. Each year we rely on 200 volunteers to get Farm Day alive and kicking, without these people Farm Day could not run, so a big thanks to all those who volunteered, thanks for making a difference. Please contact us if you wish to discuss or have questions about Farm Day.

We were not able to fit the entire article into this edition of the newsletter, you can view the rest at www.mangerebridge.co.nz/2010/ambury.pdf

TREES TREES TREES

If you have had new trees planted by the council outside your home on the street - please take the time to water these through the hot summer months, that way we as a community will benefit from having these beautiful trees line our streets for many years to come.

2011 Entertainment books: We are now taking preorders for the 2011/12 Entertainment books, they will be \$65 as per this year and for every one brought \$13 goes to help the newsletter get even better - books will be available sometime in March, so make sure you get orders in with name and phone number / email we can get them to you, please let us know on 021 815 184 or shane@mangerebridge.co.nz

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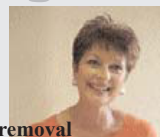
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A note from Alice

This month I have been focusing on burglary prevention, I have written about the simple things like closing windows etc there are also other initiatives. One of these that have proved to be successful is the Neighbour Hood Support Groups. If you do not have one in your street and would like to start one or want more information on what these are or entail then please call into the Mangere Bridge Community Constables Office and speak to me or staff there.



There has been yet another attack on the toilets in Mangere Bridge. This time someone tried to burn them down which is not optimal. There is a photo of the suspect in the Mangere Bridge police office. If you know who this person is instead of being embarrassed by your association with him please just let me know his details as at the moment we have nothing to go on.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Mangere Bridge a Merry Christmas. Have a great holiday.

Replacement notice board

With the recently upgraded footpaths we need a new notice board. The Village Manager is keen to hear from anyone who might like to design and/or build a new one, in a Village theme. Contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491 or email village@mangerebridge.co.nz for specifications.

Mangere Bridge Stationers

A big thank you to all those who supported The Red Nose Appeal. \$109.50 was raised for this great cause.. Many Thanks Raewyn.


Webtastix Webhosting is offering community groups an email address which will be groupname@mangerebridge.co.nz anyone wanting one please get in touch with shane@mangerebridge.co.nz

Waterlea School Gala

Waterlea School recently held their Twilight Gala on Friday 5th November. Fortunately the rain managed to keep away and it was a fantastic night had by all. Overall the event raised over \$20,000 which will benefit the School enormously towards resources and making our playgrounds safer. There was plenty of positive feedback from gala goers, commenting how much they enjoyed the evening and our sell-out hangi once again.

We were well supported by our local community groups too. Waterlea School would like to thank all the local businesses and companies that were generous with their products and donations. These companies were recognised on our Sponsors Board which was displayed on Gala night as well as in our newsletters which go home to all our families.

Congratulations to all our raffle and competition winners. Waterlea School enjoys a great community spirit and once again we have come together and celebrated that amazing spirit. Without strong support from the parents, Waterlea Staff and our local community our gala would not have been possible. So THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Gala 2010.



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Ctc: Ron 021 887047 or bridgecomchurch@gmail.com

Mountain View School

On Friday 5 November The Rt Honourable John Key officially opened Te Papa Tuhono Events Centre and Amphitheatre at Mountain View School. This magnificent Events Centre was an achievement that was inspired by the children and a result of when people and communities join together with a vision for the future. When Mountain View School won the Goodman Fielder School of the Year Award in 2003 the prize was \$50,000. The community was consulted and they overwhelmingly wanted a Community Centre in various forms. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of community support and investment in all stages of this project. The independent raising of over \$3 million dollars indicates the number of organisations and people who have contributed over 7 years. The design of the building reflects the multicultural community with a Pacifica Wave roof line, cultural verandah pillars and links to the volcanic stone wall amphitheatre. Artwork by local artists, a wooden fishnet design ceiling, state of the art theatre facilities and lighting, modern kitchen and food technology areas as well as sports facilities are just some of the inside features. So many ideas and hard works have achieved – this place where people from many different cultures can join together.

The full article with pictures is at www.mangerebridge.co.nz/mvschool.pdf

Neighbourhood Support Christmas Gathering

WHERE: Kiwi Esplanade Waterfront

(on grass area between Seaforth and Chipping Dale)

WHEN: Sunday 12 December 5pm

(if wet Sunday 19 December 5pm)

Bring your own food and drink – BBQ available for use
Childrens games and prizes. See you there!

(Supported by Bridge Community Network)

Ctc: Lindsay Jones Ph: 634 7990 Mob: 021 546379

Onehunga Community House

- 2011- Wearable Arts Course. Use recycled trash and it into wearable arts.
- 2011-Rick Julian drawing Classes Pencil, Charcoal and Pastel
- 2011-Pump Boogie Low Impact aerobics . Suitable all levels of fitness. New classes starting in 2011.
- 2011- Rooms for hire- Large Room [seats up to 100 people] \$16 per hour. Medium Room [seats up to 80 people] \$11 per hour, Small Room [seats up to 30 people] \$7 per hour. All rooms come with kitchen facilities, chairs and tables.

Inquiries to Tony Broad Coordinator

636-9900, 83 Selwyn Street Onehunga or ochouse@xtra.co.nz

Your Business Association won another award at Manukau City Council Business Improvement District's final Annual Awards ceremony in September. It was a special award for 'Best Use of Resources 2010' because the association manages to stretch their very small budget a long way and have achieved such a lot for Mangere Bridge Village. They have won awards for three of the four years that these awards have been running.



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