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New Beginnings

On Sunday 14th March Mangere Bridge community Baptist Church welcomed and commissioned their new pastor David Jenkins and his wife Dorothy. The church is looking to provide for increased needs in the community with these talented and experienced leaders being added to the existing team. Recently new youth and young people activities have started and soon other needs such as counselling and other community activities will be undertaken. The church has a very happy and friendly time gathering together for praise and worship on Sunday mornings at 10am at the church centre cnr Woodward and McIntyre road Mangere Bridge and you are all welcome. Church contact phone 636-0962

Waterlea Primary

Waterlea School is buzzing with excitement because we have been able to swim in a pool at school. In the past we have had to bus our swimmers to Mangere Town Pools. Having a pool at school is thanks to the Pools In Schools Trust and the good work of Penny Jensen and a dedicated team.

The Waterlea swim team did the school proud at the annual Interschool Sports held recently at the Papatoetoe Centennial Pools. All swimmers produced excellent results with our fair share of 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings. Overall the school was placed 2nd out of the 11 schools competing.

Our softball and kiwi cricket teams have been training for the Mangere/Otahuhu Interschool Sports Day.

Waterlea put their Feet First - families joined the children to walk around Mangere Bridge's wonderful Ambury Farm and Waterfront landscapes.

Scooters, skateboards, bikes and walking are all ways children are able to get to school as we are a Travel Wise School. Children have been hearing about ways to share the footpath safely.

A new class is starting in Term 2 to accommodate our New Entrant children.

The sale of Entertainment books is just one of our PTA fundraisers. If you would like to purchase an Entertainment book please give Natalie Hobson a ring on 021 210 9441 or ring the school office on 6364233. Mark the evening of the 2nd November on your calendar now so you don't miss out on our GALA. This is always a highlight on the Mangere Bridge entertainment calendar.

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.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
- Tuesday:** Keas 5 - 6pm
Cubs 5 - 6:30pm
- 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.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
- Thursday:** Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 7 - 9pm.
- Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- Sunday:** 9am - 12pm Village Boutique Market
- Mon/Tue/Thur** - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- 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
- 1st Thu:** Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips phone 634 1062.
- 3rd Thurs** - Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm
4th Wed - Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30

Opening Hours

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Village Happenings *with Carol Anne*

The lilt of Irish laughter was heard around the village on St Patrick's Day with shoppers and stall holders wearing various shades of green and tall Irish hats. The market was a great success and the children were delighted to pick out a green balloon from the village manager's large bundles. 'Jigs r Us' played for the lunchtime crowd and moved around the village. 'Drops o Brandy' entertained the diners in the evening and the cafes and restaurant were booked to capacity. The sing-a-long was enjoyed by all and some even got up to dance.

Food & Wine Festival 15 April

We have received enough funding to hold the Food & Wine Festival on Sunday 15 April, 10am till 4pm (rain date 22nd). Our sincere thanks go to Four Winds and Lion Foundations and also the Manukau Courier for their part sponsorship of the event.

Jazz & Blues Nite 14 April

I am hoping to get two Jazz & Blues bands on 14 April for a Jazz & Blues Nite. Watch the notice board and our website for updates.

Boutique Market

This has been running every Sunday from 9am till 1pm with a good number of regular stallholders. The market will become part of the Food & Wine Festival on 15 Apr but will take a break on Easter Sunday.

Village Focus

Dry Cleaning: There is still a dry cleaning agency at the Post Shop. They are open from 9am - 5.30 weekdays and 9am - 1pm Sat. However staff is usually there earlier than 9am if you need to drop anything off on your way to work. Just knock on the door.

Yankee Doodle Dandy: There has been a delay in their overseas shipment arriving but in the meantime Edward is taking orders for water tanks. He has three different sizes displayed in the shop. With the amount of rain we are getting in Auckland you can collect a good amount of rainwater in these tanks which can be used for washing the car etc.

I often have to attend meetings but am usually available on Tues, Wed & Thur afternoons by appointment. Phone 636 7491 or contact me via the business association's website: www.mangere-bridge.co.nz.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager
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At our March meeting we had quite a few new faces in response to our proposal to have a working bee to remove mangrove seedlings along the Kiwi Esplanade fore-shore. By the time you read this the event will be well gone, but judging from the interest, we expect a successful outcome. The meeting was dominated by the presentation of the Associations submissions to the Auckland Council Long Term Plan. We are making submissions on Council's Mangrove Management Policy and the plan to build a huge new sewage interceptor from somewhere in the Te Atatu area to the Treatment Plant at Mangere. Our Mangrove submission asks that the existing policy, set up by the previous Auckland Regional Council and adopted by the new council should be radically changed. Why should residents have to pay the council huge sums of money to obtain a resource consent to remove weeds from the harbour that council should be doing anyhow. How ridiculous, that without permission we can only remove seedlings no higher than 300mm. Recently a group got consent to remove a block of mangroves but had their approval revoked because someone had seen a protected seabird dive into the open water outside the mangrove forest. Now the group has to find \$50,000 to go to the Environment Court to try and get their consent back. As for the new interceptor, we are asking that a lot more work be done investigating the proposal. The plan is to use the huge tunnel as a holding tank to prevent sewage overflows in heavy rain conditions. During the protracted hearings on the Treatment Plant upgrade held in the late 90s we succeeded in getting a limit on the quantity of effluent being deposited in the Manukau Harbour. This limits the amount of sewage that the plant can handle. We are concerned that somewhere along the way the powers that be will say "Let's upgrade the Mangere Plant and send more sewage there as we already have the capacity in our new interceptor" Are we being unkind? Work is under way to upgrade the west side of the causeway to the old Mangere Bridge. The new footpath will project over the stone batter with several viewing bays. This will give us quite a bit more carriageway some of which was pinched from the other side when the cycleway was built. The all tide ramp upgrade is about to start (I've been saying that for three months!)

Our next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 18 April at the St James Church Hall at 7.30PM. Come along and get this info first hand. Bill Kirk. MBR&R Assoc

Join our team of Happy, Treasured Volunteers at Merivale..

If you have time to spare and enjoy working in a friendly, supportive environment, we would love you to become part of our team.

There are several areas where volunteer help would greatly assist professional and administrative staff.

Perhaps you have other skills / talents you would like to share?

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Mangere Bridge Scout Group

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The Show Must Go On

A musical variety "THE SHOW MUST GO ON" will be presented in the St James' Church Hall Church Road Mangere Bridge at 7.45pm on Friday 20 April and 1.30pm Saturday 21 April.

All tickets \$12 each including refreshments, separate raffle each performance. Tickets available from Josie Goldsmith 636 7395 and Di Clark 634 2003. Book early, don't miss out!

The Lions are Roaring!

Mangere Bridge Lions are meeting at the Coronation Restaurant on a monthly basis and are looking for new members.

In the past month of march we have been involved in Shrove Tuesday which was held in Papatoetoe selling candyfloss to raise funds.

We have also been collecting for Red Cross appeal on Friday and Saturday 16th & 17th March and have also been parking wardens for Warriors league games at Mt Smart stadium and hope to continue for all the home games.

We wish to be involved in more projects within the bridge so if there is anything Lions Mangere Bridge can do to help please let us know.

Contact Details: Cath Imrie: 6347777 - Ian Ellice: 6369520

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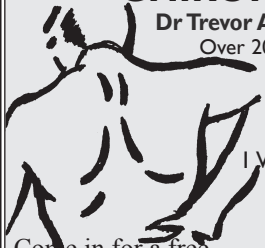
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Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$10 (learners - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5 (soft tech & recyclables)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5 (art with Rick Julian)
Create with Milly	Thursday	11.00am - 11.30am	\$5 (Learn to make crafts)
Yarns (knitting/crochet)	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin
Onehunga Art	Saturday (3rd Sat mthly)	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5

ADULT INTEREST

Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free (learn Te Reo thru song)
Su Jok	Monday & Thursday	10.30am - 2.30pm	Koha (microtherapy/acupressure)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30pm	Free (music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30am	\$4 (art for special needs adults)
Scene	Tuesday (1st Tues mthly)	1.00pm - 3.00pm	\$3 (social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin (bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music Mondays	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)
Looney Tunes	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)
Kumon	Monday & Thursday	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Ph 579 9229 (5-12yrs learning)
St John Youth	Monday	6.30pm - 8.30pm	\$10 p/term (6-18yrs)
Picasso Kidz	Monday	11.30am - 12.30pm	\$5 (pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	\$2 (5 - 11yrs)
Pre-School Ballet	Wednesday & Friday	1.45pm - 2.30pm	\$7.50 (2-4yrs)
Renaissance Dance	Wednesday	3.30pm - 6.15pm	Ph 275 9552 (5-16yrs Tap/Jazz/Hiphop)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free (10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Mondays & Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5
Zumba	Tues, Wed & Thurs	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3 (children welcome)
Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5 (children welcome)
Hot Hula	Thursday	11.00am - 12.00pm	\$3 (children welcome)
ACC Tai Chi	Thursday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Free (assessment required)
Tai Chi with Jacqui	Thursday	1.00pm - 2.00pm	\$6

Mangere Bridge Scout Group

Have you seen the brand new building in Taylor Road nestled behind the bowling club and beside the tennis courts?

It is the new Mangere Bridge Scout Group hall. This hall is not only for the Scouts, Cubs and Keas but for the community too. If you are interested in hiring the hall please ring Malcolm Hansen on 021 725 401.

If you have a child who is keen on the outdoors and doing crafts as well as keen to meet new people, how about popping in to see how Scouts, Cubs and Keas work. Cubs and Keas are on Tuesdays from 5pm and Scouts is on Thursdays starting at 7pm.

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

It is with great regret that we have to advise our President of the club Charles Toft passed away on March 13th. He has been a member for 27 years and our President for the past 12 years. Charlie has been a great asset to the Club and will be greatly missed. We also lost another member this year, Chris Payne who was also a great bowler and will be sadly missed.

Our first championship of the year has been played with the winners being:

David Ward, Jocelyn Rose and Doris Lowe

Runners Up: Neil Robinson, Nessie Thomson and Geoff Slee

We have had two new members join the club so far this year and wish them well in their bowling. If you are interested in joining please contact Marilyn on 09 634 2241.

Important Contact Details:

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