

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Mangere Bridge School Festival

Saturday 7th December 2013

Come along and experience foods from Tonga, NZ, Samoa, Mexico, India and the Cook Islands.

Bring the kids along to enjoy the Rides, Activities and Treasure Hunt, or try your luck with the Silent Auction and Raffles. (Raffle will be drawn at 10.30am on the day).

We also have our famous carboot sale – \$15 per car. Come along and make some money before Christmas selling anything you can (Sorry NO food stalls – All food sold on the day will be sold and prepared by the school).

Gates open at 6.30am (for a 7am start) and the festival closes at 12pm

For further details & bookings contact Mel on 0274 860 960 or email: mangerebridgePTA@gmail.com.

Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

The annual Santa Parade at Mangere Bridge Village is on Thursday 5 December starting at 6.30pm.

The parade is now 1.5 kms long and takes 45 minutes, leaving from Domain Road and travelling north along Coronation Road then back up again on the other side so the children get a really good look at all the floats. There are lots of good viewing spots along the route. Coronation Road between Domain and Church Roads will be closed with no parking but there is plenty of parking in the side streets.

Santa's float is always last and he gets out at Naomi & Bill Kirk Park to hand out lollies to the children. After the parade the festivities continue on in the village and park with lots of activities for the children including; bouncy castles, face painting and pony & cart rides and entertainment by R.O.A.R, the festival band at the café strip.

There will also be a good variety of craft stalls with some inexpensive ideas for Christmas gifts. Local sports and other organisations, such as Girl Guides, Scouts and Lions Club, will have information stalls for 2014.

Due to the road closure traffic will be re-routed either, along Hastie Ave if travelling north, or Crawford Ave if travelling south. If you're driving home from the south after work it's best to go along Wallace Road. Please follow the detour signs.

Copy Deadline for December 2013

Deadline for the December Issue is the 21st November 2013. To ensure that your article makes the December issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz. We cannot guarantee a definite delivery time for the Village Newsletter, however we will do our best to have it delivered before the advertised upcoming events.

What's on in the Bridge

- MONDAY** Guides 6-8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm.
Wriggle & Whyme 9:30 -
School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm
Bridge Crt Hall
- TUESDAY** Keas 5-6pm
Cubs 5-6:30pm
Line Dancing (intermediate) 6-7:30pm
- WEDNESDAY** Brownies 6-7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm
Mangere Mountain Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 - 12:30
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
Line Dancing (absolute beginners) 7-8pm
- THURSDAY** Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,
Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
- FRIDAY** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- SATURDAY** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- SUNDAY** Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
- Mon/Tue/Thu Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- 2nd Sun's Sunday Walking
- Tue - Thu Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
- Mon/Tue/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
- 4th Fri Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling
club phone 634 6091 for information

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

Although a bit windy it was sunny and dry for our Heritage Event and a good crowd turned out for the Chinese Market with food and crafts, Tai Chi demonstrations, 'Fashion through the Ages' fashion parade, the Soulstep Marching Team and the wonderful E-Pacs Lion Dance Team who paraded around the shops after their performance in the Village Square.

The Penny Farthing bicycle was a great hit as were the free rides in an old jeep. The human statue, a bronze-looking Pioneer Lady, had the children entranced. The display of old photographs around the village has been such a great hit that we are going to leave them up for a while.

The following day's Boutique Market customers enjoyed mussel fritters, hangi and Maori crafts along with some traditional sing-a-long Maori songs.

Submissions are now open for the updated Unitary Plan. The planning team has taken onboard all the nearly 22,000 feedback forms they received from the public earlier in the year and the 2nd draft is now available to view at the library on online at:

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/planspoliciesprojects/plansstrategies/unitaryplan/Pages/abouttheproposedunitaryplan.aspx>

Check it over to see how it relates to your property. If you still have concerns you can put in a formal submission by 28 February 2014. You are able to request to speak at the hearings. There are also a number of public meetings when you can meet with planners. The southern district date is 13 November between 1pm and 8pm at Manukau Civic, 4 Osterley Way, Manukau City.

Village Focus

Bridge Variety: They have in another shipment of boxed wine glasses. They are seconds but still a very good buy. The shop is open until 1pm on Saturdays.

Coronation Restaurant & Café: The restaurant is very popular so get in early to book your end of year Christmas functions. They cater for those on Gluten Free diets.

Mangere Bridge Pharmacy: Don't forget the pharmacy has a loyalty card called 'Club Card' which offers many benefits. Talk to the staff next time you call in.

Village Butchery: They are already geared up for BBQ weather with a nice selection of meats including gourmet sausages and marinated steak plus chicken chili & lime and peanut satay kebabs. It's not too early either to be thinking about ordering your Christmas hams!

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Bridge WasteWise Initiative

The Mangere Bridge WasteWise Initiative had its official launch at Ambury Farm Day. Several hundred children of all ages tried our recycled paper making activity, turning shredded waste paper into beautiful handmade paper. The queue for the activity and the picnic tables outside the tent proved to be a fantastic place for our WasteWise champions to talk to families about household waste and the upcoming changes in the Council's waste collection.

Many people we spoke to were already recycling and composting, and were concerned about the amount of rubbish going to landfill. Most people were unaware of the Council's plans to change the way rubbish is collected and paid for, and welcomed information.

Our local Friends of the Farm and Foreshore Group is leading the WasteWise Initiative in partnership with Auckland Council. We're looking forward to meeting more people in our community and talking with you about ways to reduce the rubbish we produce. Look out for us at the Mangere Bridge Village market day on 10 November.

Contact: Janine Nillesen (0272160183); Frances Hancock (021 0722696); Meredith Fountain (meredithf68@gmail.com)

MOUNTAIN VIEW'S BUTTERFLY HOUSE

Mountain View School staff constructed a butterfly house with giant bamboo gifted by an Auckland farmer. It is surrounded by gardens, planting boxes and hanging baskets filled with flowers and plants that butterflies like to feed on. Mountain View School children are trying to encourage and protect butterflies particularly the Red Admiral butterflies as they are endangered. The children have grown swan plant seedlings and are watching for the eggs on the plants to hatch into caterpillars and beautiful Monarch butterflies. If you are passing the school look for the butterfly weather vane on top of the amazing Butterfly House.



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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Our first meeting since the AGM was held on Wed 18th September. Val Payne the newly elected Chairperson welcomed a smaller than usual number of residents. Carol-Anne the Village manager talked about various matters. The bark footpath beside the large plane tree is still a matter of concern. Quite a large protruding root has appeared several metres from the tree right in the middle of the barked area. Discussions on a solution are ongoing. She reported that new hand cleaner dispensers had been fitted in the toilet block, but they have been stolen. As there had been some concerned expressed locally that there was a new departure track over Mangere Bridge causing more noise at night, an Air New Zealand senior manager had come to the meeting to talk about flight arrivals and departures, and to describe the new Smart Approach path that is being trialled on the normal approach to the western runway that tracks over One Tree Hill towards Howick. The new approach does not come anywhere near Mangere Bridge. He showed radar records that showed seven days of arrival and departures from the eastern and western runways. 70% of arrival and departures are to the west and 30% to the east. It is in easterly wind conditions that Mangere Bridge has departing aircraft overhead. This departure procedure has not changed in over twenty years. Under easterly wind conditions aircraft west bound are required after take-off, to fly towards Manukau City until 3000 ft, then turn left and take up their required heading. This takes them mostly north of Mangere Bridge. A questions about noise levels suggested that an aircraft at 4000 ft would have a noise level of 60db for about two minutes whilst a neighbours motor mower or leaf blower could be up to 80db for fifteen minutes. The meeting was then addressed by Kevin Stitt, a Favona resident and Conservative Party candidate for the Mangere Otahuhu Local Board. He understood the concerns residents had with the lack of direct communication and consultation with the community by the present Board. He will stand up for you and your family, and says it is time for Transparency. The October meeting was well attended. No report from town Manager or Local Board. A letter to be sent to the Local Board congratulating them on the election results. The letter was also to ask that a board member attend our monthly meetings, and that letters to the Board be answered as this seemed to be a problem with the previous board. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the St James Church hall.

Accommodation Wanted

Do you have your house vacant during the 15th-20th Jan or a spare room available? The Manukau Yacht Club is hosting the 48th Hartley 16 National Championships, everyone is welcome to watch the event and help support the locals in getting the trophy back!

Our outside of Auckland entries are wanting a bed / to book a house. A fair accommodation free, preference is West of Wallace Rd.

Please contact Sheree Insley if you can help out on 622 2197

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Sew Style (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	10.30am - 11.30am	\$5	(beginners/introduction)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5	(intermediate - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$8	(soft tech & recyclables)
Creative Kids	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(art classes for 8-12yrs)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	gold coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Onehunga Art	3rd Sat/month	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5	

ADULT INTEREST

High Notes	Monday	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free	(learn Te Reo thru song)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30am	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	\$4	(art for special needs adults)
Scene	1st Tues/month	1.00pm - 3.00pm	from \$3	(social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	\$2	(bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music Mondays (Class 1)	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Music Mondays (Class 2)	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am	\$5	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	gold coin	(pre-school age playgroup)

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Monday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tue/Thur	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Hot Hula (New Teacher)	Thursday	10.45am - 11.45pm	\$2	(children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

FOOD & COOKING

Kiwi Cooking	Thursday	11.30am - 1.00pm	\$2	(Learn to cook traditional kiwi meals)
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Fencibles... where did this name come from?

Mangere Historical Society learnt so much about these British soldiers brought to N.Z. by Earl Grey to defend the outlying settlements of Onehunga, Otahuhu, Howick and Panmure. De-fencibles they were. They had to have had at least 15 years in service with the Army, be in good health and under 48 years old. They were normally pensioners from the military service. The promise of a cottage and an acre of land that would be theirs after another seven years service in Auckland was welcomed.

Ten ships arrived with 700 Fencibles plus their families between 1847-1852. Only one hundred wives were allowed to come per each regiment. The wives and children were allowed to bring their necessities and provisions, but no household furniture. The soldiers brought their tools of trade. Everything else was to be procured on arrival. This influx almost doubled the population of Auckland. Conditions were primitive on the ships and many died of measles, typhoid, smallpox etc. Washing was done on board with salt water, and the bedding was meant to be aired, twice a week, weather permitting. On the "S.S.Clifton" they lost 4 men, 3 women and 49 children on the trip out. Conditions were harsh for the families when they arrived. There were no cottages waiting for them. They had to make do with Raupo huts built for them by the local Maoris. Some people had to wait up to two years to move into their end of one of the double unit cottages at one of these outposts. Examples of these can be seen at the Howick Historical Village. Their uniform was a dark blue serge with a red strip down the side of the legs and around the wrist and forage cap. Boots had to be alternated on their feet, to make them wear down evenly. Discipline was extremely harsh and the pay was 13 pence a day. Church service attendance was mandatory. The Onehunga based men could bolster their income by working on farms in the Epsom area. Some of the wives did the Officers laundry. The Fencibles were summoned to protect parts of Auckland when there was thought to be an attacking party of Maori approaching. On discharge from their military service, many set up shops using their trades as cobblers, blacksmiths, bakers etc. Many tales were told about the times and conditions these Fencibles had to cope with, as they adjusted to life in that country so far from their families in England and Ireland.



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