

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

Wow what an amazing night! The weather cooled down a bit which made a fantastic evening for the parade - we could not have asked for better.

This year was a totally different experience for me actually being in the parade, it was amazing to be on a float and see the crowds and the reactions from children; it was absolutely amazing and made it all so worthwhile.

The floats and groups that entered really were fantastic. Everyone went to a great effort this year, which was much appreciated. We have an award going out for the best group and also the best float - with so many to choose from it was not an easy decision.

The fundraiser BBQ which was supplied by ASB bank and run by our new local netball club, The Mangere Bridge Vipers and was a great success and all funds raised will go towards the club. The ever popular clown, Jiggles, entertained the children before the parade and at the festival. The Waterlea choir was a great hit and also the break-dancers who entertained the crowd prior to the parade kicking off.

Santa had a new float this year, his own sleigh, thanks to Kevin Sullivan who drove Santa and of course a BIG thanks to Santa for popping in from the North Pole to be present at our parade.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who had a float or walking group, and also to my costume volunteers and marshals without you all it would not have been possible.

Also thanks to four winds, Mangere Otahuhu local board, Lion foundation and the Mangere Bridge business association.

When speaking to all the people that had entertainment and food stalls everybody said that they had a really successful night and that they enjoyed the parade. To me this just shows what a fantastic community we have here in Mangere Bridge. We really get involved and make things happen, a community which I am proud to be a part of.

Best float award goes to - Plunket Playgroup

Best group goes to - Mangere Bridge Primary with the Kapa haka group

I will be in touch with these groups to present them with their awards :)

MERRRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE! - Thanks, Kate Adams, Village Manager



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CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm.
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 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm
Mangere Mountain Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
- THURSDAY** Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,
Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
- FRIDAY** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am, Mangere
Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd
- SATURDAY** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- SUNDAY** Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
- Mon/Tue/Thu** Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- Tue - Thu** Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
Meet at Village notice board - 636 3556
- Mon/Wed/Fri** Mangere Bridge Playcentre
9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
- 2nd Wed** R & R Meeting 7.30pm
St James Church Hall
Library Book Club 10:30am
- 1st Thu** Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 526 0250.
- 3rd Tue** Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James
Hall Church St
- 4th Wed** Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30
- 4th Fri** Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling
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Village Happenings

with Kate

Village Focus

December already! I really can't believe how fast this year has gone; it's been such a busy and successful year for the village. We have had some great events, St Patrick's day, Live music at the Café strip, crafty Sundays, Food and wine festival and the finale being our Santa Parade last week - which was just amazing and truly shows what an amazing community we have here in the Bridge.

On behalf of myself and the Mangere Bridge business association I would like to wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas and look forward to what we have in store for next year.

Native Gallery - Have new stock in store so pop in and check out their new t-shirts and singlet's for summer.

Mangere Bridge Florist - Have amazing wreaths and gifts in store for Christmas, go in and see the girls

Hammer Hardware - Great ideas in store for the man of the house

Coin Max - lots of gift ideas here including hair accessories and make-up

Coin Save - good selection of caps and T-shirts and stocking-filler ideas

Fresh Choice - Have Christmas hams and turkeys in stock

Upcoming events 2015/16

Crafty Sundays

To be held at Naomi and Bill Kirk park - 2nd Sunday of every month for the summer period starting November 8th. Lots of craft stalls, collectables and artisans to view. To book a stall contact me on 021776139 or email info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

Summer Series Live Music

Summer live music at the café strip has started. Looking at having an open mic night in the New Year, details to come.

I can be contacted on email
info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

kind regards

Kate Adams

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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Mangere Bridge Newsletter

I would like to quickly thank all of our supporters and advertisers for this year, we have continued making our community newsletter better and better and all of it wouldn't have been possible without their support, so please support the local businesses when you possibly can.

We continue to ask for improvement ideas from everyone and we have a stunning new design all ready for the New Year for our newsletter so look forward to that!

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a very happy new year, and we look forward to seeing you all next year

Thanks! - Shane (Mangere Bridge Newsletter)

Mangere Bridge Village Boutique Market

Every Sunday 8:30am to 2pm

\$5 Deli, Gluten-Free sausages, Doggie treats, Flowers, Jewellery, Cheeses, Home baking, Cupcakes, Dumplings, Juices, Pancakes, Jams & Pickles, Soaps, Thai food, Fritters, Cushions, Hangi, Manchester, Hand knitting, Ginza Tepanyaki and more ...

Stall enquiries to Donna 027 280 4551 - Come along and support the Village Market.

Mangere Bridge Village - 30 Coronation Road

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

From the November meeting at St James Hall.

The Neighbourhood Support start up barbecue went well with 200 sausages consumed. So far 130 people have signed on and the number is growing. The initiative is backed by Police, Neighbourhood Support NZ, CPNZ Mangere Bridge, Crime Stoppers and the Business Assn to help us to help each other against crime.

The new craft fair being held on the second Sunday monthly on Bill and Naomi Kirk Reserve adds flavour to the bustling boutique market in the village. A great opportunity to buy gifts for Christmas.

There is an opening for anyone who loves flowers to maintain the hanging baskets in the village to replace Dolly and her team. Just contact the Kate or Pauline at the MB Business Association.

New security cameras are being trialled and the Business Assn are keen to have them installed in 2016 as a huge improvement on existing ones.

We thank Jim Jackson of the Onehunga Enhancement Society for his time, talent and work on the Onehunga foreshore which is appreciated on both sides of the harbour. It also means we now have new beaches to enjoy.

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Mangere Bridge Carols by Glowlight

Thursday 17 December

7:30pm - 9pm

The village square outside the Hong Kong Bakery

Bring a blanket, a chair and the family!

Glow sticks provided for the children.

Sausages available for sale from 7pm

If the night is wet the carols will not happen.

For details please contact Lindsay 021 546 379.

Mountain View School Taniwha of Learning



Now that the Silasila Modern Learning Environment building is complete Mountain View School has reinstated the Taniwha of Learning at the School entrance. It is designed for the children to learn the colours of the rainbow in order and how to count in 1's, 5's, 10's and 100's up to 1000 while they play on the Taniwha.

Christmas services at St James

29 Church Road, Mangere Bridge.

The little stone church on the hill.

Nine Lesson and Carols	13th December at 7.00 pm
Christmas Eve:	24th December at 11.30 pm
	Midnight Service of light and first Communion for Christmas
Christmas Day:	25th December at 9.00 am
Celebration Sunday.	
Sunday after Christmas:	27th December at 00am.
	Service of Holy Communion.

Services from St James are broadcast live to the parish (Mangere Bridge, Onehunga, Hillsborough, and Penrose) on low power fm., SJAC106.7fm, with Christian music being broadcast 24/7.

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Villa Maria - Summer Concert Series

Christmas In The Vines with Sol3 Mio - Sunday 20 December 2015

Once again the sensational Sol3 Mio are coming back with a seasonal themed show included opera arias, standards, traditional songs, Christmas carol favourites and performances by special guests.

SIX60 - Saturday 16 January 2015

The festival-style event will feature SIX60's unforgettable live show with fresh music from the new album and the beloved anthems from the band's debut and support acts, yet to be announced.

Mangere Historical Society

Members of Mangere Historical Society enjoyed meeting in St James Church for a carol singing season before returning to the hall and telling stories of previous memorable Christmas days.

One had been in the Solomon Islands and there was plenty of babies born that Christmas Day to celebrate the reason for original Christmas Day. One of our members had given birth at 5 past midnight on Christmas Day. The birth of a baby boy and his cry was the first thing heard by sisters one Christmas day. Another recalled having to bury the family pet under a tree that day. A very well loved angel from the top of many Christmas trees was displayed, her tinsel was showing signs of her age and handling. One member remembered fondly hearing Kings College boys singing carols outside her room in Middlemore Hospital prior to Christmas. One member produced a cigarette case that had been given to the WWI soldiers, and his Grandfather was one of them. It had an impression of the Princess Royal on the lid. He read a passage from the book Gallipoli describing Christmas on the Frontline. Everyone has memories of this special time shared with family or friends.

Life Membership was presented to Bill and Naomi Kirk for their many years of membership with the MHS. Bill's name was registered at the first meeting in 1982 and he has been a wonderful asset with his clear memories of growing up in Mangere and has been able to provide answers to our many queries through the years. Loud clapping supported this presentation. They have both made wonderful contributions to Mangere through many decades. Health and Happiness was wished for all.

Copy Deadline for February 2016

Deadline for the February Issue is the 22nd January. To ensure that your article makes the February 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.



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