

Waterlea School Introduce a Zero Rubbish Community

The Waterlea School Community say that they are doing their best to be more environmentally friendly by having a zero rubbish community. The children are asked to take home any rubbish related to the food that they bring to school while organic rubbish is fed to the schools worm farm.

Both rooms 8 and 10 are having turns at running the schools worm farm.

Members of the school's community continue to support the school in many ways - they supervise road patrols, take small groups for extension - assist in setting up class routines as well as attend open days.

The very successful Garage Sale was a reflection of the wonderful support the school receives from its school community.

The WYNRs soccer coaching programme started by Wynton Rufer has been run free of charge this term for the schools Middle and Senior students. WYNRs is an example of the generosity shown towards Waterlea School by external organisations.

While the school has a strong focus on literacy and numeracy lessons the teachers have planned many fun learning activities.



Examples of these include outdoor challenges provided at the Birkenhead Leisure Centre for the seniors, Healthy eating lessons, Gifted and Talented programmes as well as Life Education classes.

The school's library so efficiently run by Penny Jensen, Linda Jeffares and Anita Hundborg has been recognised by the National Library Service for its excellence and recently hosted a meeting for other school's librarians.

Waterlea School was recently an honoured recipient of a "Play it Strange Ukulele Orchestra" receiving 20 Ukuleles kindly donated by David Richwhite.



Teachers will be attending a Ukulele workshop to sharpen their skills so as to make the best use possible of the newly acquired Ukulele orchestra.

WANTED - PIANIST for a home grown musical in St James' Church Hall. Rehearsals commence in June, three performances in September. Guaranteed fun and good company during the winter months. Phone Di on 634 2003 or 027 299 3692

What's on at the Bridge

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| Every Wed | Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall |
| Every Thu | Bridge Art Group 9am to Noon Memorial Hall |
| 2nd Sun's | Sunday Walking |
| Every Wed | Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm |
| Wed | Brownies 6 - 7.30pm |
| Mon | Guides 6 - 8pm |
| Every Mon | CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm Methodist Church Hall |
| Mon | W.I. second Monday of the month |
| Cub Scouts | Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 years |
| Kea Scouts | Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm 5 1/2 - 7 1/2 years |
| Scouts | Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm 10 1/2 - 14 1/2 years |
| Mon/Tue/Thu | Plunket Playgroup 9.00am - 11.30pm |
| Mon | Plunket Toy Library 11.30am - 12.15pm |
| Sat | Plunket Toy Library 10.30am - 11.30pm |
| Mon/Thu | Plunket Car Seat Rentals 12.45 - 2.45pm |
| Tue - Thur | Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road, M/Bridge |
| Mon, Wed, Fri | Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road |
| 3rd Wed | R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall |
| Every Fri | Sing-a-long Storytime 10.30am Library |
| Mon/Wed | Senior Citizens Houseie, 1.00pm Bridge CRT Hall |
| Mon | St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm |
| Wed | Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS |
| | Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm |
| Last Tues | Cafe Church at Latin Coffee 7.00pm |
| Wed | Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre |
| Art & Craft | 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month Village Sq Market |
| 1st Thu | Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips every first Thursday Phone 634 1062 |
| Daily | Mathematics/Mandarin Tuition Phone 622 2688 or 021 135 0368 |

Mangere Bridge Security Report

ICON are pleased to report that again they have received minimal reports of any significant crime. One initiative that has no doubt assisted them is the intelligence sharing between ICON and the Police. ICON provide the Police with a daily spreadsheet of all the reported incidents and suspicious or unattended vehicles in the area, this is merged with the Police internal data bases to look for trends and matches. ICON replicate this reporting to the Police for other Business Associations, so potentially activity reported in Mangere Bridge could translate to the resolution of a crime committed elsewhere in the city.

They say that an issue where the businesses at the Bridge can assist is by providing ICON with an updated list of emergency contacts. Recently they found an insecure business but were unable to contact the owners to attend and lock the premises. ICON ask that you e-mail them your business's name, nominated emergency contacts, as well as telephone and mobile numbers. Address e-mails to Anton Welsh at: awelsh@icongroup.co.nz. They emphasise that this information will be treated in confidence and only used for emergency contact.

Waterlea School Say Thank You

Waterlea would like to thank the Mangere Bridge community for their support during their very successful fundraising *Garage Sale* held on March 16. The staff and children of Waterlea School thank everyone who either made donations or attended the Garage Sale on the day. The Garage Sale raised \$3500 which ensures that every class will get a WET DAY GAMES PACK. Waterlea School said that without the communities support this would not have been possible.

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Village Happenings

Hello everyone,

Mangere Bridge Village was a sea of green for the St Patrick's Day Celebrations. Two Irish bands and buskers entertained through out the day and the cafes were packed out.

The well behaved evening crowd, which was even larger than last year, had a great time and it looks set to be yet another popular event on our annual calendar. Checkout the photos of previous events on the new Business Association website:

www.mangere-bridge.co.nz

St Patrick's Day Draw Competition

Congratulations to Barbara Maxwell who won the \$50 gift voucher from the Village Butchery.

Autumn Festival Weekend

Jazz Festival Sat 19 April 5.00pm to 9.00pm

The North Harbour Swing Band, Edwina Thorne and Ronnie and Max plus others, including several new bands, are booked. Three of the bands have local connections; The DeSotos, Red Pepper and a new blues band called R.O.A.R. Bring a picnic tea or buy a takeout meal from one of the cafes or takeaways and dance under the stars to some top entertainment. Coronation Road will be closed between the roundabouts for these events. We have a dispensation from the liquor ban for this area, which includes Kirk Park. This will be strictly policed. Plastic glasses please and bring something to sit on.

Food and Wine Festival

Sun 22 April 11.00am to 4.00pm

Many of last years stallholders have booked plus several new ones. The cafes will again have liquor licenses. It may pay to reserve a table. Children's activities include Little Kabooze Train and Pony and Cart rides. It should be a great event so please invite friends and family. If it is wet there will be a message left on 636 7491. The rain date will be the following weekend.

Judith Whyman Bridal Gowns has a wonderful selection of gowns and accessories for your wedding or other special occasion. Shop hours are Tues to Sat 10.00am to 4.00pm

I am available by appointment at the Management Office, phone 636 7491

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Real Estate Revelations

From Harcourts, Mangere Bridge - Dawn Gull Realty Ltd

Uncertainty levels may be increasing on both sides of the Real Estate equation which, from the point of view of the Harcourts office in Mangere Bridge, is a positive development.

Real Estate sales increase when there is uncertainty. To explain this more fully take for example a market where everyone is certain that prices are falling. On such a market many people try to sell and very few try to buy, hence a decrease in sales activity. Alternately, when everyone is certain that house prices are rising fewer people attempt selling, so while there may be many buyers around, sales activity again remains low.

However when a situation arises where some people think that there is a "Peak" in the housing sale prices while others think that in fact we are actually in a "trough" there are both sellers and buyers, hence the increase in sales activity.

People therefore often ask "Are we in a Peak or in a Trough with regard to house sale prices?"

Here is where we can reveal a very important Real Estate secret. Real Estate agencies and their sales consultants have no more special expertise on this matter than anyone else that you might ask.

Given that various so called experts have got this wrong on many an occasion, most Real Estate professionals are wise enough to keep their viewpoint on the matter private. These wise professionals know that if they were to expound their prediction of what they felt could occur in the future and it was both

wrong and listened to, the resulting consequences could prove tragic.

However on the other hand, if you need a sales consultant who is totally focused on getting the best price for your property, regardless of market conditions, or you are actively searching for the right property to purchase then that is what we here at Harcourts are qualified to do.

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Bridgemen Meet Monthly

The Bridge Men's Group are back at the St James Hall and meet monthly on the third Saturday of each month at 8.00am. Next meeting is on the 19th April. This is a support group for men from all areas, to discuss issues affecting men at home and at work over a great breakfast of bacon and eggs, spaghetti, toast, muesli, juice etc.

Open to men's older sons to enable some quality father and son shared time.

Cost is \$5.00 per person

The theme for April is : Is there life after death?

Come and see the amazing video of Ian McCormack. Ian died after being poisoned by deadly jellyfish, but is alive today to bring his remarkable story to everyone.

If you require any information contact Les on 634 3009

Ed Hillary Memorial Hill Climb

Everyone is invited to gather at the Sports Clubrooms, Domain Drive, Mangere Mountain at 8.00am on the 12th of April before climbing to the top of Mangere Mountain for a short service to honour the memory of Sir Ed Hillary.

Bring your own pebble or stone which will be collected to add to the memorial cairn at Mt Tongariro

St James Church Fair

The annual Fair will be held on the 3rd of May at the Church Hall, in Church Road, Mangere Bridge.

The doors will open at 9.00am.

In addition to the usual stalls, the Fair Cafe will be open for refreshments and the ever popular sausage sizzle will be operating.

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Mangere Women's Institute

Once again the social hour was well attended with most members arriving early to claim a chair at the tables. It would seem that many have their "favourite" position for their little flutter.

After the usual monthly meeting the Annual General Meeting was held at which Mrs June O'Neill was re-elected President for a further 12 months, as was the committee.

Mrs Kath Greenland was also elected for a further term.

Each year the members are learning more and more of the organisation which was founded in 1921.

The gathering sadly remembered a former member Mrs Yvonne Russell who had passed away. Yvonne had been ill for some time.

The members offered their sympathy to her mother, Edna a long time member, and her husband Dave and the family.

Mrs Pat Blayney, a local resident, demonstrated her skills at cake icing. The gathering were amazed how quickly the cake was iced, decorated with roses and Easter eggs and then wrapped in cellophane.

Pat then went on to relate stories of her travels to the

USA and Canada.

On her first visit to the States, when on checking in at Auckland International Airport an official asked her why she was carrying a large float usually used for spreading and smoothing concrete.

Fortunately she managed to convince the officials that the float was one of the tools of her trade - icing cakes. The members can verify the fact that Yvonne DOES use the float when icing a cake.

At the end of the demonstration and address, Yvonne was thanked and presented with a small token of appreciation.

The beautifully iced cake was raffled with the lucky winner being Mrs Doreen Grey.

The Institutes next meeting will be held on Monday the 7th of April.

For further information please phone the President June O'Neill on 636 9790

Thought for the month -

Spend your life lifting people up,

Not putting people down

St James Live Study Broadcast on 106.7 FM

St James Anglican Church is preparing to run an on the air DVD and Group Study after Easter. It is anticipated there will be the ability to phone in during the sessions with questions. Anyone interested in joining in this on the air on SJAC 106.7fm from St James Community Radio please contact Les on 634 3009 for more information or to register your interest

School Holiday Soccer Fun Week

A School Holiday Soccer Fun Week for children between the ages of 6 and 18 years of age will be held at Waterlea School from the 21st of April through to the 25th of April.

The cost is \$75 for the whole week.

Go to the website: www.omuafc.org.nz (Junior Page) for a registration form or for more details phone Peter on 634 0675

Copy Deadline for May 2008
 Deadline for the May Issue is the 24th of April 2008. To ensure that your article makes the May issue fax copy to 634 4251 or email: mangerebridge@harcourts.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

IF THE SHOE FITS - USE IT

The Silver Sneakers say that if the shoe fits - use it.

This group meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am in the Onehunga Senior Citizens Hall, 3 Pearce Street, Onehunga.

The Silver Sneakers promote - Gentle rhythmic exercise to improve co-ordination and balance - Dance to sharpen the mind - Music to lighten the spirit - Safe-as-houses resistance exercises to keep the bones strong - and a Range of motion exercises to oil the joints.

The first class is FREE then the cost is a \$4 donation per class.

Silver Sneakers invite you to join in the fun and at the same time make new friends. If you require any further information please contact Kimi by phoning (09) 630 0629

ANZAC Day Parade and Service

The Anzac Day Parade will follow the same format as last year.

The Parade will begin forming up outside the cafes in Coronation Road at 9.00am and will lead off at 9.30am for the march up Coronation Road to the Memorial Hall for the service beginning at 10.00am. All youth organisations are encouraged to come along and join in the Parade and Service.

If unable to make the Parade start point in time it is suggested that people join in the Parade as it passes up Coronation Road or alternatively meet up at the Memorial Hall for the 10.00am service.

There will be light refreshments afterwards.

More information - contact Les Dixon on 634 3009 or listen in on SJAC106fm for the news bulletins



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Mangere Community House Programmes

Age Concern Programmes - Eat well/Live Well, Winter Health and many more ... Ph 279 4331

Safe With Age - Driving Seminar Ph 279 4331

In-House Counselling - Friday am Phone 277 5337 to make an appointment

Games Morning - Scrabble, Rummicub - Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am, all welcome

Jigsaw Morning - Friday 10.00am to 11.00am, all welcome

Drivers License - Beginners, Restricted, Full and HT, phone Harry on 257 2099 or Sam on 257 4213

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AA Aroha - Sundays 7.00pm Ph 636 8281

Widow and Widower Group - ph Varna 275 4249

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Tournament 04 . 03 . 08

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2nd O. Speer (S), N. Martin, A. Rogers

3rd R. Williams

4th M. Matulich

5th C. Boyle (Balmoral)

6th G. Cotton (Mangere)

7th E. Jacobsen (S), G. Copland, Moa

Lucky Skip J. Small (Pap. RSA)

Two J. Wood

Lead N. Webb

Ladies Champion Triples

1st J. McGillicuddy (S), J. Hunt, M. Leydon

R/u J. Fitzpatrick (S), J. Wood, C. Pert

Tournament 18 . 03 . 08

1st A. Evans (S), P. Fitzpatrick, G. Pert

2nd G. Cotton (Mangere)

3rd B. Foster (Epsom)

Lucky Skip J. Small (Pap. RSA)

Two J. Wood

Lead R. Mann

For more particulars or assistance phone 634 1102

Taken For a Ride

The speaker at the March meeting of the Historical Society was Arnold van Zon. He and his wife came to New Zealand in 1971. After their children had grown up they decided to go cycling and have clocked up 100,000kms pedaling across the USA, Canada, Alaska and around Australia, the UK, Scandinavia and Europe.

Members were shown a fascinating selection of slides showing their 14,000km ride from Beijing to Paris.

Each of the cyclists had 30lb of clothes, as well as food etc. which they carried on their 23 gear bikes.

Travelling through many of the countries the scenes changed from the Great Wall of China and Zian the home of the Terracotta warriors to deserts and vineyards. While conversation with the locals was impossible, sign language was able to assist them.

Some of the roads were terrible and in Khazikstan they found potholes that were deeper than the bike wheels. In all, throughout the journey, they had just 9 flat tyres.

The next meeting of the Historical Society is April the 15th at the Selwyn Church Hall at 1.30pm

Mangere Bridge Village

Coronation Road closed between the roundabouts
at Rimu and Miro Roads.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL WEEKEND

JAZZ FESTIVAL, SATURDAY 19 APRIL 5pm - 9pm
Featuring: • Ronnie & Max • Edwina Thorne - Trumpet Dival
• North Harbour Swing Band • The De Sotos • Red Pepper

FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL, SUNDAY 20 APRIL 11am - 4pm
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Mangere Bridge Library

Coming Soon - Shine Like a Star

On Wednesday 9 April 2008 at 10.30am the library will host Stuart McIntyre.

Stuart will speak about his work as a Life Coach at this months Tea & Topics.

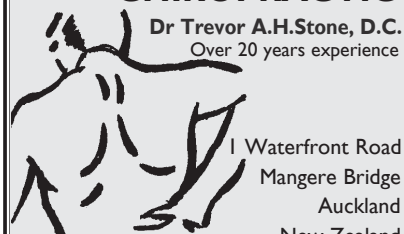
Shine Like a Star! This is coming soon! The library will be running a holiday programme during April for the children.

The Manukau Libraries website is worth a visit as it has all the details of events held at the library
www.manukau-libraries.govt.nz

For more details contact the Library on 636 6797 or e-mail: mangerebridge.library@manukau.govt.nz

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