

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Remember Ambury Farm Day 12 October

It's that time of year again! Lambs and calves are about to make an appearance at Ambury Farm. With 312 ewes they are expecting 380 lambs. You might notice that their sheep numbers are down, this is because they are breeding rams for all the Regional Park farms.

Each year park visitors are asked to stay out of the lambing paddocks, as ewes and lambs are easily disturbed and separated. Often people see a lamb by itself and worry that it is lost, however in most cases the mother is off grazing and has left her lamb in a spot to come back to.

docks if you see calves in there, as their mothers can get over protective.

Like always the farm is expecting a few orphan lambs. Each year the public is invited to come along and help bottle feed these lambs.

Feeding usually starts at the end of August, by that time any orphans will be strong enough to run to the fence and drink a bottle with ease. The lambs are fed at 8.00am and 4.30pm during week days, during the weekends they are fed at 8.00am, 12.00pm and 4.30pm.

Remember also dairy cows are milked every



By asking people to stay out of the lambing paddocks they have a lot less problems with lost lambs. Stan Hall our farmer checks the ewes and lambs twice a day and keeps a very close watch on them.

Please let the Rangers know if you have any concerns, by calling the contact Centre on 366 2000 ext 2 or by phoning the park.

Lambing will be finished by mid September, it is then that you are free to roam through the paddocks and watch the lambs at play.

The farms 40 beef cows are also calving, so you are asked to please keep out of the pad-

day at 10.30, come and see the milking action Don't forget Ambury Farm Day this year is on the 12th October.

If you would like to volunteer on the day or have any queries please don't hesitate to contact them on 636 6118, or email

janine.nillesen@arc.govt.nz.

## What's on at the Bridge

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 9.30am - 10.30pm
Mon/Thu	Plunket Car Seat Rentals 12.45 - 2.45pm Plunket Rooms. 5 Taylor Road. M/Bridge
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
Every Fri	Sing-a-long Storytime 10.30am Library
Mon/Wed	Senior Citizens Housie, 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

## Handbag Snatchers and Some Advice

A major Auckland-wide handbag snatching ring has recently been uncovered.

The raids involved 30 officers with 15 search warrants which resulted in nine men being arrested. It is possible that some of them may have been involved in handbag snatches in Mangere Bridge which were caught on CCTV.

To check for stolen property recovered from handbag thefts go to:

[www.police.govt.nz/recovered](http://www.police.govt.nz/recovered).

As a safety measure, when walking along the service lanes to or from your vehicle, please keep your handbags on the side away from the roadway.

### Copy Deadline for November 2008

Deadline for the November Issue is the 24th October 2008.  
To ensure that your article makes the November issue fax copy to 636 6096 or post to 6 Conifer Lane Mangere Bridge

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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## Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,

Daylight saving is just around the corner and it will be great to enjoy the longer evenings and pop down to the Village for a light evening meal or catch up with friends over a coffee.

**Summer Entertainment Series Oct - Apr**  
Summer entertainment commences in October with Live Music on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, outside the café strip, 6.30pm – 9.00pm. We have some excellent talent in the area and it's a relatively inexpensive, entertaining evening. Mangere Bridge was recently referred to as Auckland's new Devonport.

### Santa Parade

Planning is well under way for this popular event and Santa has written it into his diary. Please ring if you would like to be involved in the parade, have a stall or promote your club during the entertainment afterwards.

### Art & Craft Market, 1st & 3rd Saturday, 9am – 1pm

As many people are having to trim their budgets there is a need for good quality, inexpensive gifts. To build up our market again for spring/summer we need more stallholders. \$10 per stall, (supply your own table/gazebo). Booking essential.

### Village Focus

Congratulations to Judith Whyman Bridal Gowns who was placed in the top 5 finalists for the Westpac Manukau Business Excellence Awards. This is quite an achievement for a sole operated business up against some very large companies. Well done Judith! Bridge Café is now open till 9.00pm from Wed - Sat.

### Management Office

As I am often out it is best to contact me to make an appointment to meet with me. Phone: 636 7491, E-mail: mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz.

kind regards

*Carol-Anne Armitage*  
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

# CCTV Cameras An Asset to Security Patrols

ICON Security Group reports Village relatively quiet

The ICON Security Group report that the last few months have been relatively quiet from a security perspective.

Whilst this may be partly attributable to the poor weather, they believe that the recently installed CCTV cameras have also played a part as they are a valuable addition to their security patrols.

## Term Three at Mangere Bridge School

Term 3 started with a blaze of excitement.....The terms focus was on The Arts as well as Literacy and Numeracy.

The Term focus was QUEST

The School began their term with a week's residency from the Footnote Dance Company. This group works with the staff and the children and have been doing this annually for several years. The school loves having them.. Mangere Bridge School had a production on the theme of QUEST which was planned for the last week of term incorporating all that the children had learned as well as showcasing their talents.

The entire school attended a performance by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra in September and spent time preparing their ears and minds for this wonderful experience.

Another exciting event involved the Education Review Office (ERO) who visited the school in August. They visit schools every 3 years and the staff looked forward to showing them the great things that had been achieved over the past 3 years.

The school wishes to thank those community people who gave 'stuff' for the school's garden mosaics. These will be in place —when it or if it stops raining!!!!

Each night the Icon Patrols report any suspicious activity or vehicles noted within the township and its environs.

This information is then summarised onto a spreadsheet and distributed to Carol-Anne, the Village Manager, as well as the Police Intelligence section. The Police merge the information with their own data (in the same format) and look for trends and information matches.

ICON say that it is important to note that the more information they can collect, the better the results will be (i.e. lower crime). If you have a security incident or are aware of people or vehicles acting suspiciously, please report it to Anton Welsh (phone 029 200 1713 or email [awelsh@icongroup.co.nz](mailto:awelsh@icongroup.co.nz)) and they will ensure that the information is reviewed and forwarded to the Police

## Amendments to Village Directory

### Yellow Card Directory

This is a well-used resource in our community. Unfortunately the gremlins were at it and we have a few errors. Please note the following amendments and write them onto your copy.

**Building Inspections** mobile is 027 445 5994;

**Drains Unblock** is Susan Reihana;

**Electrician** is now Hall Electrical, same contact details; **Gardening** delete Yvonne Thomas;

**Mangere Funeral Home** phone is now 275 8808, no mobile; **Real Estate** Barfoot & Thomson phone should be 634 5747 / 027 281 7534;

**Upholstery** address is now 2/6 Hill St, Onehunga.

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# Mangere Mountain Guided Tours

With summer on its way and the promise of warmer weather just around the corner it is now time to book in at the Mangere Mountain Education Centre for Guided tours of their Maunga – Mountain (the best preserved volcanic cone in Auckland with 1000+ yrs of Maori settlement history), their Mara Kai – food garden and Mara Rongoa - medicinal / healing garden.

Cost of the tour is \$5.00 per person.

For more information as well as the times of the Mangere Education Centre tours phone 09 634-7305. or

e-mail: [mangeremountain@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mangeremountain@xtra.co.nz)

## HERITAGE SEEDS FOR SALE:

**KAMOKAMO, KOANGAMAI** -white corn,  
**KAANGA WHERO** - red corn,

**HUE** - Pacific Bottle Gourd,

**HUE** - African Gourd. \$3.00 packet.

In 6-8 weeks they will have **KUMARA TIPU** available for sale. Stock from original heritage kumara.

Mangere Mt Education Centre.

100 Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge.

09 634 - 305.

# Invitation to Plunkets New Playground

Plunket volunteers and staff at Mangere Bridge would like to invite the community to join them in celebrating the opening of their new playground.

The playground has involved 2 years of planning and hard work. It has been extremely well received by all and the children at play-group are having a lot of fun.

To celebrate Plunket welcomes families to try out the new playground and to see all that happens at our busy clinic and rooms. Toy Library, Playgroup, Car Seats and Nurses will all be there to meet you and answer any questions you may have.

So bring the family for a play and a sausage sizzle. At Mangere Bridge Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road Mangere Bridge on the Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008 from 9am to 12pm.

# Mangere Historical Society

## President gives report on the years activities

Members of the Mangere Historical Society at their Annual General Meeting on the 16th of September, after being welcomed by the President, listened to her summary of the years activities in her report.

She spoke of the many fascinating speakers that they have had, the trips to Pompallier Centre in Ponsonby and the Historical Society Rooms and Cottages at Jellicoe Park as well as The Railway Enthusiasts Clubrooms in the Alfred Street.

She drew attention to how Mangere was represented at the Federation of Historical Societies Conference at Helensville, and took part in the Orpheus Festival at Mangere Bridge.

The members heard how using the new national Archives in Richard Pearse Drive the Societies own archivists have been updating their own Archives as well as buying new storage and equipment.

The Society, during the year, had, also published the "Changing Face of Mangere" which the audience were told had almost sold out.

The Society had had a satisfying and productive year with many of the members contributing in a variety of ways to the smooth running of this friendly Society.

The election of officers took place with the President Janet Presland, the Secretary, Val Payne and the Treasurer Barbara Dixon being re-elected unopposed. The committee of Carol Mutch, Judith Wilson - Archives, Lorraine Stone - afternoon teas, Val Benjamin - Speakers, Maureen Hargreaves -

Trading table, Nel Colyn - Hostess, and Bryan Belcher - Handyman all agreed to stand again and were returned unopposed.

Bryan Belcher was awarded the Mangere Arts Community Cup for his outstanding contribution over many years.

The speaker for the day was Judith Wilson who spoke of her mother, Lettie Annie Allen a woman before her time. She was a Social Worker before there were any social workers and a suffragette with an intense interest in women's affairs.

Amongst her many works she started the IHC Parents Assn. as well as Birthright, to assist single parent families.

Losing her husband, who passed away at the age of forty, Lettie, with six children to support, went to work in Wellington where after two weeks in the job took over the office.

The work she was doing led to her becoming the first woman JP in Wellington.

Lettie met the Queen three times, the Queen Mother twice, she spent twenty years on the Wellington City Council, fifteen years on the Hospital Board while at the same time serving on many other boards and committees. Spending a life helping others she died after a full life at eighty years of age.

All are welcome to join the Society who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at Selwyn Church, Hain Avenue, Mangere.

# SANTA PARADE

## Thursday December the 4th

Yes – it's that time of year again! The Santa Parade is not far off. This annual event continues to grow in popularity and we are now calling for interested groups wishing to take part.

We have had some great floats in recent years and are looking forward to what this year's parade will have to offer. So it's time to get your thinking caps on!

There is also a great opportunity to publicize your club or group during the entertainment to follow after the parade. Space will be allocated for participants to erect tents and stalls.

If you would like to take part this year please contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491.

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## Mangere Yachting & Boating Club

The Manukau Yacht and Boating Club held their AGM recently and most committee members have continued in their positions. The committee is looking forward to seeing the club house refurbishments finished and to hosting the Hartley 16 Nationals on 14-18 January 2009. This will be sponsored by IRL. The Club managed plenty of Winter Sailing this year with not too many cancellations, and were treated to some pretty exciting racing. Members are all set to have a fantastic Summer Series commencing 5 October.

### 2008/09 Summer Series:

- 5 Oct** 1300hrs Challenge Cup x 2 races  
**19 Oct** 1300hrs Memorial Cup x 2 races  
**2 Nov** 1300hrs Memorial Cup x 2 races

## Mangere Bridge Touch Rugby Team

Despite the wet weather during Winter a good keen group have been going to Touch practice each week.

Currently they are still practising at the site office by the old Mangere Bridge each Monday from 4 to 5.15pm. Shortly they will be moving over to Swanson Park

If you would like to join there is a list in the Library where you can add your name and details

- 16 Nov** TBA Manukau Regatta Waiuku  
**30 Nov** 1130hrs Club Races x 2 races  
**14 Dec** 1100hrs Club Rum Races x 2 races

Those with trailer sailers looking to have a sail are invited to come along. The Club runs cruising races after the start of their club racing for those who just want to have a sail.

For those juniors interested in having a sail, Mangere Yacht and Boating Club have a fleet of Optis available.

Check the Club's website <http://mymbc.org.nz> for contact details

## Hospice Masquerade Ball a Success

The Hospice Masquerade ball held at the TelstraClear Stadium on the 15th of August was a resounding success. Over 180 people donned masks and dined and danced the night away.

Reports indicate that the food from Austin's Caterers was excellent, the entertainment superb, while the auction, with Hayden Duncan from Baileys, returned an impressive amount of money for Hospice.

## SILVER SNEAKERS

The Silver Sneakers Gold Standard Seniors Exercise Class offers gentle exercise that does your body good!

The Seniors exercise group meets on a Tuesday and Thursday at the Onehunga Senior Citizens' Hall, 3 Pearce Street Onehunga, with classes starting at 9.30am

There is a \$4 Donation.

So go for gold with their functional exercises, resistance exercises, flexibility exercises, rhythmic and dance movements.

All are aimed at keeping you able-bodied while at the same time helping to sharpen the memory and mind.

Phone Kimi 09-630 0629

## Pilate Mat

Pilate Classes are held every Thursday between 9.30 and 10.30am at the St James' Church Hall, 29 Church Road, Mangere Bridge.



These Pilate Classes are great for those looking to improve their body shape and posture. Or perhaps for those who feel they possibly need more toning.

The first session is free.

The cost after that is \$8.00 per session

Please take a mat or blanket, towel or cushion AND a bottle of water.

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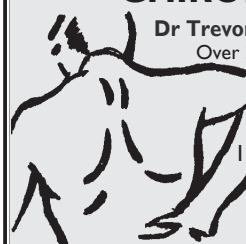
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