

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Historical Society learns about early Panmure

Panmure Historical Society members Ted and Kate Haughey passed on their knowledge of the area now called Panmure. Ted told of the geological start and the violent volcanic activity that formed Tamaki Basin in 12 000 BC.

Tamaki River in those days was a small creek with a Maori village on the shores of the basin. In 7000BC Mangarei (Mt Wellington) erupted and the lava flowed into the basin and forced the spring water to push a way out into what became the Tamaki Estuary.

While recorded history only came about when the early European settlers arrived. the Maori who had settled on the high cliff with plenty of fresh water springs and volcanic soil to grow their vegetables.had a well told verbal history. They travelled by canoe to another marae at Glen Innes and could move over to the Manukau through the portage track. Several tribes occupied this area through the years but the marauding Hone Hike in 1821 raided south with firearms that he had traded in the Bay of Islands. Capt. Downie, Master of the sailing ship "Coromandel" had been sent to try and make peace between the tribes of Inaki (Panmure) and Hone Hike from the Bay of Islands. Unfortunately the northerners laid siege to the pa, razed it to the ground and killed any survivors. The land was empty for some years.

Rev Selwyn Marsden in 1820-21 came to the area four times and reported noting the mile long village with plentiful storehouses full of potatoes, kumera, turnips etc. There were approximately 7000 people living in the Auckland area. In 1927 D'Urville reported seeing Maori people at the mouth of the Tamaki River but the hinterland was empty until it was subdivide for the early settlers.

.In 1845 Governor Earl Grey, who was Lord Howick, encouraged the Fencibles to come to N.Z. for defence purposes and the Irish Catholic ex-servicemen signed up for 7 years service to get the land they were promised.in recompense for leaving their homes.

A detachment of the 5th Irish Engineers came out and settled in the vicinity of Queens and Kings roads. Slowly the stores were built a general store, Post Office, several Hotels, butcher, baker, blacksmith and other tradesmen became established

A fishing factory was established by the newly built wharf and so the village grew. The old Stone cottage at Panmure is open every second Sunday to all visitors.

The Mangere Historical Society welcomes new members, and invites them to join them on the third Tuesday of the month at St James Hall Church Rd at 1.30p.m.

Local Soccer Club Rates Well in the NRFL



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

The Onehunga/United Soccer Club continues to rate well in the Northern Regional Football League (NRFL) 2009 1st Division Competition.

Last month one of their First Team players (Kyosuke Kitano) and both of their First Team coaches (Ron Warbrick and Geoff Cooper) were awarded Player and Coaches of the month in the NRFL.

Across the board the Club is in good heart with many hard working coaches and players ensuring a positive and robust centre of physical activity for all ages.(See www.oumafc.org.nz)

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,

The Village has been very quiet, which is normal during cold, winter months. However, the Rimu Road over bridge is due to re-open to two-way traffic in early July so hopefully this should bring an improvement.

My time seems to have been taken up with CCTV, from which we have had some good success and Auckland Governance issues. There could be huge implications for us, as a Business Improvement District, depending on what model the new council decides to adopt. However, we can't assume it will adopt any model and therefore I have been in discussions with other Town Centre Managers from across Auckland. Having made great progress in the last five years it would be a tragedy to see local shopping centres deteriorate.

In discussion with the District Health Board, and as part of its Strategic Business Plan, the Business Association is looking at the long term healthcare needs for Mangere Bridge with a view to establishing a medical centre. A group of Mangere Bridge residents came together to form a local focus group (MICH - in the Bridge*) to consider the aspirations of our community in relation to the provision of primary healthcare services.

It is now time to ask for feedback from the wider Mangere Bridge community.

Copies of the questionnaire are available at the library where there is a box for the return of completed forms, by 10 July at the latest please. Further details can be found on the following websites; www.mangerebridge.co.nz and www.mangere-bridge.co.nz.

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

AMBURY PARK CENTRE FOR RIDING THERAPY

Last year Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy had an excellent Ribbon and Prize Giving day where their students ably demonstrated their skills. Students left Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy to do a further training course, a Foundation Course and an Early Childhood course at Unitec after achieving NCEA Level 2. Others took on further correspondence study, work as part of the family business and work experience in landscape garden work.

One student transitioned back into Elim College after achieving NCEA Level 2 and NCE Introductory Level in 2008. Overall in 2008 they had more students enrolled in and achieving results in NCEA. They have achieved the targets of achievement set for NCEA in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

In both 2008 and 2009 the Centre has experienced a larger intake of Maori students and they are looking at how they can best support them to be successful in their learning.

The Centre Charter and Strategic Plans and the Centre Policies for the school have been updated and are available to view at the Centre. Their Centre Prospectus has also been updated and a copy given to each student.

The Educational Review Office visited the Centre on the 28th and 29th of April to review their Secondary School programme. The visit went well.

This year they have had a number of new students who have settled into the programme.

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Join our fun group Tues & Thurs from 9.30am at the Onehunga Senior Citizens' Hall, 3 Pearce Street Onehunga. Contact Kimi 09-630 0629. Great indoors activity for the Winter.

The Centre is looking much tidier with new stall gates, allowing the horses to move around in their stalls, and a resurfaced Outdoor Arena which provides a softer surface for both horse and rider.

In Term Two they will be having their Success Maker Computer system upgraded to the latest version. This will benefit students in both secondary and vocational programmes.

The Centre will be holding the second day of their Revised Curriculum Teacher Only Days on the last day of this term, the 3rd of July. They look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers at their Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Independent Lifestyle Plan meetings over the year.

You are encouraged to take time to discuss your child/adult's learning with them so that you are well prepared for this meeting. The staff look forward to seeing you whenever you visit.

Later in the year they plan to have an Open Day and parent/caregiver forums to discuss student achievement and ask you what you consider as 'success in learning and achievement' at Ambury for Riding Therapy Park

Onehunga Mangere AFC Soccer Fun Week

The ONEHUNGA MANGERE AFC plans on holding a Soccer Fun week from July 6 to July 10 2009 during the school holidays

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Waterlea Celebrates Samoan Language Week

Waterlea celebrated Samoan Language Week with a performance by the Samoan cultural group at assembly on 5th June. The group thoroughly enjoyed taking part in practices conducted by Fiona Bakulich for the Feet First: Samoan Language Week

Waterlea parents were encouraged start the day with a walk by parking in Sullivan Ave and walking from Sullivan Ave through Waterlea Park to school. This helped reduce congestion at the school's front gate and was beneficial for parents too as walking:

- improves circulation
- helps breathing
- combats depression
- bolsters the immune system
- helps prevent osteoporosis
- helps prevent and control diabetes
- helps control weight.
- Remember to use your feet first.

The Senior and Middle Schools children have been eager to take part in swimming lessons. The school appreciates the generous gesture



from the Manukau City Council who have paid for the lessons. The Senior School families have paid for their children's lessons. The Junior classes will have their lessons in the last term. Children have not only improved their aquatic skills but have also learned skills in managing themselves.

Dynafit Classes Still Well Attended

Dynafit Classes still going strong 4 years on!

Ask Kaye Pilkington why her Dynafit classes are still well attended after four years and she will tell you that she has some fantastic local ladies who love these classes because they have had great results with improvement in strength, flexibility, balance and fitness.

Kaye is a qualified Personal Trainer and was the Sparc Real Duathlon trainer for South

Interested in Cards or Trivia

A person is seeking a small friendly group over 60 years of age for cards trivia etc evenings in the Mangere Bridge area. If interested please ring Marjorie on 634 9227.

Auckland this year. She encouraged girls from the Dynafit class to complete both Duathlons held at Ambury Farm, and all 6 beat their times in the second one. The same girls meet a couple of times a month to cycle with Kaye, sometimes to Sylvia Park.

If you are interested in improving your quality of life join them on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm at Manukau Yacht Club, Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge, cost \$10 per class. They cater for all abilities and they like to have fun. Take a mat, towel and water. Phone Kaye on Mob:0211124118 if you would like to know more.

Kaye says, "I believe girls can do anything, that age is no barrier to being fit, strong and healthy and that exercise doesn't have to be boring."



Te Kaunihera a
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Mangere Community House Programmes

-Whare Koa (MCC Operated)
141 Robertson Road, 275 4920
joanna.keane@manukau.govt.nz

What's Happening !

Tai Chi Wednesdays 1.00-2.00 Gold Coin

In House Counselling Friday am Ph 277 5337 to make an appointment.

Games Morning Scrabble, Thursday 10.00-11.30 all welcome

Driver Licence Beginners, Restricted, Full & HT ph 257 2099

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Al Anon Wednesdays 10.00am

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www.manukau.govt.nz Keywords community houses

Copy Deadline for July 2009

Deadline for the July Issue is the 27th June 2009. To ensure that your article makes the July 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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ICON Patrols While the Village Sleeps

Every newsletter ICON provide an update on reported crime and then outline areas in which business in the Village can take greater accountability for their own security (such as installing monitored alarms etc).

This month, a change, they have reported on some of the interesting things that their Patrol staff get involved with whilst most everyone else is safe at home.

ICON Group has at least 25 vehicles on the road every night checking on premises and attending alarm and noise control callout's.

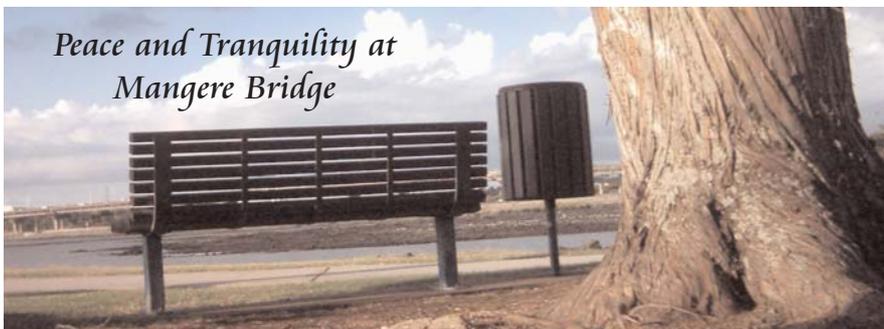
All of their vehicles are fitted with GPS, both for safety and improved reporting, and each also is in car radio telephone communication with their 24 7 Call Centre.

Whilst the Patrols each have specified runs and duties, over recent years 'supplementary duties' have included:

- Delivering a baby
- Rescuing persons from a burning crashed vehicle
- Calming and restraining drunk drivers following vehicle accidents
- Putting out fires at a number of premises (mainly arson attacks)
- Photographing suspicious persons and their vehicles as a deterrent to move them out of industrial areas

They also work very closely with the Police and regularly assist with intelligence sharing and the apprehension of offenders.

Maybe security isn't as boring as one would sometimes imagine!



*Peace and Tranquility at
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St James Anglican Church to Celebrate 150 years in Mangere Bridge

St James Anglican Church in Mangere Bridge Celebrates 150 years of Mission and Ministry in Mangere Bridge

The celebrations will be held over the weekend of 24th July to 26th July

These dates have been selected, as the 25th July is the celebration of our Patron Saint St James The Great, the Fisherman. A very appropriate choice of name for our church considering its closeness to the Manukau Harbour, traditionally a great provider of all types of sea food and especially scallops.

Friday 24th: Is set up day, with the hall open in the afternoon and evening for viewing of memorabilia and photos of St James.

Saturday the 25th. The main celebration service will be held at 9.30 am.

And as we expect an overflow attendance, there will be an auxiliary service in the Church hall at the same time with video and sound being piped in.

The Bishops of the three Tikanga of the Anglican Church (Pakeha, Maori and Pasifika.) will be in attendance and will celebrate the Holy Communion.

The day's events will conclude with a meal to be held at Te Pua Marae in Mangere Bridge. Sunday the 26th:

There will be the usual Sunday service at 9.00am with a morning tea to follow after the service.

This is a great milestone in the history of this little stone church and we look forward to another 150 years of continued ministry to all people in our area of Mangere Bridge.

New Taichi Class Starts in July

Taichi is taught at the Chinese Community Centre and also at St James Church Hall.

A new Taichi class commences on Tuesday the 21st of July at the Chinese Community Centre for people who are over 50.

This class is an extension of the ACC classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Classes are also held at the St James Hall Church Rd on Mondays at 7pm.

This class is more vigorous than the Tuesday classes and would suit people who are a bit fitter

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