

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### Mangere Bridge Library

Especially for our adult patrons, did you know that you can attend a monthly Book Club at the library – these are held on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7 pm. The next one will be on April 21, be the first to see some of the new titles arriving in the library daily. The next scheduled Tea & Topics session will be held on Wednesday 27 April at 10:30. We even provide morning tea.

For our teenagers the Ace of clubs book club meets on the second Thursday of each month starting at 4:30. For more information pop into the library and talk with Suzie.

And lastly for our children we have some wonderful events coming up.

- The Block Party, a LEGO session, is held on the first Saturday every month from 1:30-3:00 pm. Each session has a theme to build on with afternoon tea provided. The next one is on April 2.
- Wriggle & Rhyme – active movement for babies, every Monday in term time. Starting at 9:30 this is a session for parents with babies and toddlers.
- Singalong Storytime every Friday morning starting at 10:30 – fun and music for the whole family.
- A school holiday programme for all children – contact the library for details.

For full details visit [www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz) and click to the Events pages. Or contact Mangere Bridge Library on 636 6797.

## Easter Services at St James Church:

**Palm Sunday:** 17th April at 9.00 am

Blessing of the Palm Crosses

**Maundy Thursday:** 21st April at 7.30 pm.

Footwashing service. Reenactment of Christ's washing of the disciple's feet.

**Good Friday: 22nd April**

1. Procession of the Cross: Meeting at 8.00 am at the Hammer hardware then 8.30 am Stations of the Cross up to the church.
2. Morning Service: 9.00 am. At the church.

**Easter Eve: 23rd April** (midnight service of light) 11.30 pm.

**Easter Day: 9.00 am**

**Other notices:** Worship Live: 9.00 am on Sunday mornings 106.7fm

St James Anglican Church broadcasts their worship services live on a Sunday Morning at 9.00 am.

Listen at 8.45 for the service details announcement for the day.

The evening prayer service is also "on the air" at 7.00 pm:

**Anzac Day Parade and Service;** 25th April (Easter Monday)

Parade forms up in the Mangere Bridge Village at 9.00 am

Parade moves off up Coronation Road at 9.30 am and arrives at the Mangere Memorial Hall for the service to start at 10. am.

## Autumn Ambury Cleanup

Make sure you come along to the Autumn Cleanup at Ambury, this is our annual cleanup of the foreshore, it's suitable for all ages and prams, bring suitable footwear, a drink and a hat. We will supply gloves, rubbish bags, a wonderful view on a lovely foreshore or out and about on the open space of the farm. There will be a bbq lunch and a surprise for the children afterwards.

Sunday the 10th April - Meet at the barn - Be ready for a 10am start.

Any questions please call Janine on 636 6118

We are currently taking preorders for the Auckland Entertainment book 2011/12, the books are released on the 4th of April! if you would like to order one please email [shane@mangerebridge.co.nz](mailto:shane@mangerebridge.co.nz) or call 021 815 184

## What's on in the Bridge

- Monday:** Guides 6 - 8pm.  
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.  
Methodist Church Hall.  
St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm.  
Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm  
St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473.
- Tuesday:** Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Keas 4 - 5pm  
Cubs 4 - 5:30pm
- Wednesday:** Brownies 6 - 7:30pm  
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm  
Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am  
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre.  
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall.  
Exercise Classes with *DYNABANDS* Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm.  
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm  
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
- Thursday:** Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall  
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm.
- Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- Mon/Tue/Thur** - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- Mon/Wed:** Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
- 2nd Sun's:** Sunday Walking
- 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
- 1st Thu:** Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips phone 634 1062.
- 1st & 3rd Sat:** Village Square Market.
- Contact Details for Scouts - 0800 Scouts

### Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm  
Thursday - Friday 9am to 6:00pm  
Saturday 9am to 1:00pm

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# Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

The village was a sea of green for St Patrick's Day on 17 March with shoppers and stall holders decked out in green. Much to the delight of the children multi-coloured green balloons were handed out throughout the day. There was a great turnout for the day's events which included a very successful Market Day. An Irish band played at lunchtime and another in the evening when the café diners enjoyed singing along to some well-known Irish tunes and a few even got up to dance!

**Autumn Festival Saturday 16 April** - Due to a severe lack of funding this year's weekend event has been condensed into one day, on Saturday 16 April. There will be no road closures or detours required.

- Food & Wine Festival; 10am - 4pm
- Jazz & Blues Nite; 5pm - 10pm

**Thursday Night Live Music** - April sees the last of our Live Music nights. Say farewell to summer in style and enjoy these great bands; 7th Chicane Duo with Max Purdie and Petra; 14th The Acoustic DeSotos; 21st The Beatmobiles, 28th ROAR. Lucky Café has a BYO License for these nights. Pars Kebabs is fully licensed 7 days.

**Adopt a 2nd Team for the Rugby World Cup** - Our business association has been given the opportunity to adopt a second team as part of Rugby World Cup events. Our team is Russia, a soccer-mad country, that has never qualified for a rugby world cup before and they are very much the under dogs.

When I think of the business owners in the village I am aware that all have struggled to keep afloat during this time of recession. Others have battled against the odds having started with very little yet have worked hard and established a successful business for themselves and their families. So it seemed like Russia would be an appropriate team for us to encourage.

I'll be teaching the shopkeepers to say a few simple words of greeting to make our Russian visitors feel welcome; Lesson one: 'Hi' = 'pre-viet' (pronounced 'pre vee et).

I often have to attend meetings but am available by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons. Phone 636 7491 or email: [village@mangerebridge.co.nz](mailto:village@mangerebridge.co.nz). I can also be contacted via the business association's website: [www.mangere-bridge.co.nz](http://www.mangere-bridge.co.nz).

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*  
Village Manager  
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## Mangere Historical Society

Mangere Members of the Historical Society were very impressed to listen to our talented speaker, as Sir Paul Reeves educate us to how his life has been filled since he was our Governor General, 21 years ago. He has been Bishop of Auckland, Arch-Bishop of New Zealand, United Nations Ambassador to Guyana where he found a nation torn by racial disharmony and drugs. He was the Commonwealth Representative to Fiji from 2002 - 2007 where he was a member of the group who worked hard to develop a Constitution that encompassed both Fijian and Indian ethnic groups. Unfortunately several coups occurred and Bainimarama tightened his control on the Churches, Legal Profession, Government members etc. Those who rebelled against his decrees lost their pensions. Three ex-P.Ms have incurred his wrath and lost their incomes this way. Sir Paul recounted how he had been wined and dined and had reciprocated with Fijian Head of Government for many years and then discovered in 2008 that he was no longer allowed to visit these islands on the command of Bainimarama.

Sir Paul is the Chancellor of Auckland University of Technologies and travels extensively lecturing at University Campus in N.Z. and Australia

This ever growing group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at St James Hall Church Rd at 1.30. All welcome.

## Onehunga Community Centre

83 Church Str Onehunga (by the library) Ph 6349253

For all our classes check out our website [www.onehungacentre.org.nz](http://www.onehungacentre.org.nz)

**MONDAYS - BollyFit 9.15am-10.00am \$2 (also on Thursday Evenings 7pm - 8pm)**

Bollywood dance inspired aerobics. Exercise for all levels of fitness.

**Active Music & Movement 10.15am-11.15am \$2** - Fun way to interact with your children and make friends. Come along, and wriggle, sing and dance. Encouraging children to learn through song and movement.

**Harakeke** - the art of Maori weaving 11.30am - 1.30pm \$5

**Waiata 1.30pm-2.30pm FREE** - Learn Maori language through song. Join a multi cultural group of keen singers. We are a social group learning basic and no so basic Maori songs. Children welcome.

**TUESDAYS - Boxfx 12pm-1pm \$5 (also on Fridays)**

Get fit fast with a dynamic boxing exercise technique. Kids' play area available.

**Soft Tech Jewellery 12.30pm - 2.30pm \$10** - Hands on class learning to make jewellery with materials that are recycled or cheap. Great for you or for gifts.

**Rip-It Youth Dance 4pm-5pm Gold Coin** - Hip hop and contemporary dance classes for youth 8-12yrs. Youth instructors that are studying NCEA dance.

**WEDNESDAYS - Chi Ball Method 10am-11.30am \$5 (also on Mondays)**

Mind-Body exercise and wellness programme that promotes balance, well-being, harmony. Our instructor is a qualified registered professional.

**THURSDAYS - Knitwizz 1pm-3pm Gold Coin**

Knitting, crochet, embroidery. Come along, learn or show off your hand craft. Join a great group of all ages

**Y-Boxfit 4pm-5pm FREE** - High energy fun & fitness suitable for both boys & girls from 11 - 15yrs. Qualified YMCA instructor.

**FRIDAYS - Picasso Kidz 10.00am-11.00am \$6.50 (casual) \$50 (per 10 week term)** discounts for more than 1 child.

Interactive mother and pre-schooler (2 to 5 yrs) art classes. Paint, texture, sculpt. Great fun in a safe learning environment, with structure classes by Chantelle (bachelor fine arts & post grad dip in education)

**SCENE Activities Group 1pm - 2.30pm FREE** - 55+ social afternoon. Indoor Bowls, Scabble, Cards then afternoon tea. New people more than welcome.

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The rose has been bred by Bob Matthews of Matthews Nurseries. Matthews Nurseries are pleased to be associated with such a good cause. Jo Morgan, Fundraising Specialist says "This beautiful, bright yellow rose will add a 'gold medal' to the soon- to- be- built Valerie Adams Rose Garden and to your garden".

As stocks are limited, it would be advisable to pre-order now. Please contact Jo on 09 640 0250.

## Onehunga SCENE

At the monthly meeting (Tuesday 1st March) Onehunga SCENE had approx 15 new people come along to join in. The afternoon started with songs in Maori performed by the Onehunga Community Centre Waiata Group. A delicious light lunch was provided and served by MSL youth hospitality students.

Two minutes of silence was observed in remembrance of the Christchurch Earthquake victims. Immediately proceeding, the Full National Anthem was sung, the deep thoughts and feelings for the Canterbury people resounded throughout the Pearce Street hall. Onehunga SCENE would like to offer their compassion and heartfelt wishes to all those who have suffered in Christchurch's Earthquake.

The informative speaker was Driving Miss Daisy, a new service that provides a caring, safe and reliable driving service. The point of difference over other transport providers is the physical accompaniment assistance offered and is priced comparatively with other transport providers. For further information on this service please call 0800948432.

Russell, an accomplished keyboard player, played some lovely tunes which launched into a good ole fashioned sing-along. The skincare raffle was kindly donated by Honey and Herbs, The Apicare Honey Shop, 333 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga and was won by Desiree Alexandre, congratulations. The afternoon wrapped up around 2.30pm.

Next month, 5th April 2011 starting at 1.00pm we have the great people from Disability Resource Centre coming in to show and explain some helpful devices. This is something for everyone... I am looking forward to seeing how the utensil that helps open tight jar lids work! We are looking forward to seeing some Scottish dancing as the dancers from the Knox Scottish Dancing Dance club entertain us. (subject to final confirmation). Finally our afternoon wraps up with some afternoon tea at 2.15pm.

REMEMBER.... Indoor bowls on a Friday afternoon 12.30 – 2.30pm. Come down to the Pearce Street Hall meet some like minded people and get playing. Onehunga SCENE is looking to introduce new activities. We have started playing Scrabble & 500 (card game) and are looking for players. Any suggestions or questions please contact Shirley Rutley ph. 5242908, email shirley.michael@xtra.co.nz or drop into the Onehunga Community Centre Office, 83 Church Str, Onehunga

## Onehunga Mangere United AFC

**President's Corner:** The Football season starts on April 2nd.

Our Men's 1st Team will have their season introduction in their NRFL Division 1 position against Birkenhead.

Last year we had a mixed bag against this team and are looking forward to hosting the North Shore side on our home grounds on Saturday 2nd. The Reserves game starts at 12.30pm and the main fixture is at 2.45pm at Mangere Domain up the Mountain. All welcome to come and support the home team!

For the first time in our club history we will also be fielding an all girls Under 17 team in the Auckland Football Federation league. I have witnessed the dedicated training the girls have been putting in so we'll be keen to see their positive development over the season.

Last minute enquiries to our Registration Officer: Barbara on: blindsay@vodafone.co.nz or Ph 6368626 AH OR go to www.omuafc.org.nz

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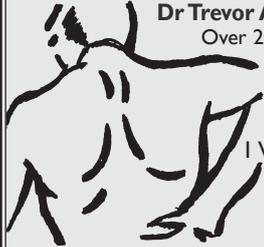
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Navigating your CELLPHONE workshop, 21st & 28th July. Learn how to use your CELLPHONE, from the basics to texting and using the camera. Bring your mobile phone, user book, and reading glasses (if required). Workshops are free but donations are gratefully received. Morning tea provided. Numbers limited, bookings are essential. Ph 279-4331 x 800 or phone Joanna 275 4920 to register your interest.

**Monthly Meetings with Aged Concern** – the 1st one is What is Aged Concern? What can they do for me? What services do they provide? . This will extend into chat mornings including Civil Defence, Summer / Winter days, WINZ - Superannuation, please phone to register your interest on 279 4331 x 800 (subject to change)

**I Believe I Can sing** - A personal musical development programme for children and young people (5-12yrs)

Starts Term 2 Monday from 3.30 \$20.00 per hour. email sops\_2002@yahoo.co.nz or ring 275 4920 for further details.

**Boxing For Fitness** starting Term 2 8wks 10.00-11.00 (Tuesdays and Thursday) 8wks \$30.00 + \$2.00 glove usage per session.

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If you are interested in providing a course or class please let me know

If you would like to run something – walking group, knitting, weaving, art, kids activity homework group... from the House then please let me know Ph Joanna 275 4920 - We also have rooms for hire.

## The Lions are roaring

In April mangere bridge lions will be holding a stall selling popcorn and candyfloss at the mangere bridge wine and food plus jazz festival on the weekend of the 16th April.

Will also have information about lions for anyone who is interested in joining mangere bridge lions.

Lions Mangere bridge Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month 1st meeting 12th April at yacht club on Kiwi Esplanade 630pm

The club is still looking for members so if you are interested or know of any projects in the community that lions could support come along and attend a meeting or call; Ian 6369520 or Cath 6347777.

**Mangere Bridge Emails:** Webtastix is offering @mangerebridge.co.nz email address's for Community groups based in the bridge for their use free of charge, to apply for one please email Shane at shane@mangerebridge.co.nz with your details



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