

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Ambury Farm Day

The countdown is on for Ambury Farm Day – Sunday 16th October 10am – 4pm

Bringing country life to people from the city. Ambury farm day is aimed at families and children under the age of 14, last year the event attracted a whopping 30,000 people.

There will be cow milking, llamas, cow lotto, tractor rides and axe men, sheep shearing, pony rides, bullock rides, horse and carriage rides and loads of farm games. Tami Neilsen, Best Female Artist 2011 at the National Country Music Awards will take to the stage along with Pacific Island performers and the ever popular Farm Idol.

It's the farmiest day on the council calendar.

Free entry, free parking, free entertainment. - Look forward to seeing you all down on the farm!

Any question phone the office on 636 6118.

Waterlea Primary

There is lots of great learning going on at Waterlea School. As well as everyone trying hard to improve their reading, be good writers and be clever mathematicians there are lots of other areas we are growing in.

The Year 4 – 6 are buzzing with excitement about their musical "The Show" which is running from the 4th - 6th of October – a must see.

The Junior School have been learning about rocks and they now know a lot more about our local rocks after a visit to the Mangere Mountain Educational Centre.

On the sporting scene we have been busy too. We are proud of our athletes who had success at the Interschool Cross Country. A special mention to Leon Van der Heijden who came 1st in the 10/11 yr old boys and Reese Carnachan who came 3rd in the 9 yr old girls. Group results, the 8 yr girls and 10-11 yr boys both came 1st. Waterlea being placed 4th overall. (attached is a photo of Reese Carnachan as she crosses the finish line.)

Our rugby league teams braved the elements and played in a local tournament run by Auckland Rugby League. There were 2 grades- the

Under 45s and Open. We are proud of the Under 45s who came third in their pool.

Rugby fever hit Waterlea - a sea of colour swept through the school as everyone supported their World Cup team on the day of the opening ceremony.

New Scout Hall

If you like me you have been looking at the new building next to the bowling club and wondering what it is.... here is the Official News....

Have you seen the new Mangere Bridge Scout groups hall under construction along Taylor Road, just behind the Bowling Club. This is exciting for the scout group and the community. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from community groups who may be interested in using this great new facility. The building will be officially opened at the beginning of December, the building will be available in the new year 2012. All enquiries welcome. Ph: Patrick McGinniss 027 981 754 or email mcginniss@clear.net.nz.

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Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
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- 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.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library
- Tuesday:** Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 5 - 6:30pm
- 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:** Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
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.
- 3rd Thurs** - Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm
4th Wed - Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30

Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

I remarked to someone recently that I have a love/hate relationship with events. When I first start planning one I hate the thought of all the work that has to go into it. But I love to see the joy on the faces of those who attend them. The look of sheer delight on the faces of the children when the Chinese Lion Dance Team came onstage at the concert was reward in itself. The 'lion' was quite a character, batting its big eyelashes and several times looking as though it may step off the stage and also taking a great interest in the speakers set up on either side.

There was a Russian flavour throughout the concert, including a stall set up a Russian shop where the concert-goers could purchase Russian products. The shop also provided the Gift Basket for the Lucky Programme Prize. If you're looking for something different to give as a gift then pop into the 'Skazka' shop at 16 Kingdon Street, Newmarket.

The models had a lot of fun dressing up for the 'Fashion through the Ages' (1880 - 1980). Still in their old-fashioned costumes four of the models then went to Onehunga for the last hour of their festival and were often stopped by people wishing to take photos.

Photos of these Adopt-a-second-Team and Heritage Month events will soon be available on the Business Association's website: www.mangere-bridge.co.nz

Village Focus - Yanky Doodle Dandy: Opening soon by the ASB roundabout. Coronation Restaurant & Café: Also opening soon, 9am - 9pm six days.

Super Value: With the Rugby World Cup finals just around the corner it's not too late to get yourself kitted out with supporter's t-shirts, caps and beanies. If you're settling in for some serious TV watching they have popcorn on special! While you're in the store, check out their fresh egg trays too.

Kathy's Shop: If your next favourite team, after the All Blacks, makes it into the finals there are still flags available at the shop.

Hong Kong Takeaways: Try their Chinese and European food and noodles. They are open until late.

Brandy's Roasts: Roast dinners that tastes like homemade. They also have a range of desserts and slices. Dine in or take away.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

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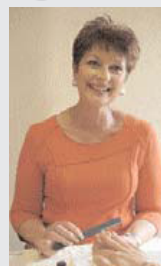
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Zumba starts 4th Oct 6-7pm \$3 per session phone Viona 021 118 55749

Create your own eden 15th Nov 6-9pm - Basic composting workshop, worm farming and Bokashi please contact Kaipatiki on 482 1172 to make a booking

Tia Chi - Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 \$2 per session

Aged concern senior citizens - FREE Monthly talk community constable 11oct

Tai Liu Chuan Fa - Southern style along with self defence. Suitable for both male and female 25oct 7-9pm \$35 7 weeks

Wairua Mirimiri Clinic Spiritual Massages and Healing ph 275 4476 to make an appointment

Looking for direction - Private readings, Clairvoyant call Helen - 275 5337

Mangere Bridge Scouts

Hedges trimmed, Gardens weeded, any painting etc? Mangere Bridge Scout Group are looking for the above. September is bob-a-job month and we would like to help.

If you have any jobs, big or small we would like to hear from you.

Contact Patrick on 027 4981754 a/hrs 275 1107 or Michelle 027 4810396 a/hrs 6366703.

A Little bit of help asked for from the Community

On Tuesday August 16th between 1am and 6am, a blue Mazda Demio was broken into and precious possessions were stolen. A white 13" MacBook and charger, as well as a black and white polka dot bag were among the items taken. The laptop contained 3 years of University work, which I need urgently to pass this year. I urge anyone who has information to come forward or who ever stole it to return my belongings. If anyone has any information about this event or any of these items please contact Zeyn on 021 255 2072. A cash exchange will be provided upon the return of these belongings.

Gyms told to shape up

Did you sign up for a gym contract 6 months ago and you've only been twice? Are you paying in instalments? You may be able to get out of the contract!

The Commerce Commission recently said that gym membership contracts that are paid in instalments and are subject to fees or interest are likely to be consumer contracts and must comply with the Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act. If a contract is not in line with the Act then it may be invalid and unenforceable!

The Act requires:

1. Disclosure - This Act requires that when someone enters into a credit contract they must be given a disclosure statement that is:

- in writing
- clear, concise and not misleading
- expressed in a manner likely to bring the information to the attention of a reasonable person
- provided to all debtors and guarantors

2. Key information provided

The contract must be given to the consumer within 5 days and must include the key information eg. : the initial balance

- the cash price
- all extra costs, each fee and charge including the total interest
- payment details
- a statement of the right to cancel
- what will happen if you fail to pay

So, if they've breached the Act, can you cancel your gym membership?

YES. If your gym contract does not meet the above requirements, and is a credit contract, it cannot be enforced against you.

For advice/assistance on credit contracts or a range of legal matters come to the Mangere Community Law Centre at Unit 9, Shop 27 Mangere Town Centre, or give us a call on 09 275 4310.

The Law Centre will be starting its next "Law In A Nutshell" course on 26th October. It's an 8 week course (every Wed morning 9.30-12.30) on a range of helpful topics - more info to come.

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Icon Security

Again it is pleasing to report that all is quiet on the security front.

One issue that our patrols have been highlighting over the last month is the accumulation of rubbish, scrap and construction debris that has been left behind the shopping centre on regular occasions.

Not only does this present an eye sore but it also attracts the criminal element and creates a very serious risk if set alight.

We recommend that any such materials resulting from construction or refurbishment of sites should be at the very least contained within waste or refuse bins if not removed from the site on a daily basis. Many of these bins have locking lids to prevent unauthorised dumping of rubbish and are easy to have delivered and removed.

Heritage Month

The Village Manager has been kept busy over the last few months with the planning and preparation of two major events; a Fashion through the Ages fashion parade on 17 September and International Concert on the 24th.

After meeting at the library 25 fashion models made their way to the Village Square at 11am where they did a circuit then paraded through the Village, much to the delight of shoppers. The costumes included the elegant era from the turn of the century, a 1920's bathing suit, a typical 1940's family and on through the years to the styles of the 1970's. The event re-united a Russian family with a member of a local church which had sponsored them to come from Russia in the late 1960's. Together with Russian costumes there were some from Poland, Samoa and Tonga plus the very vibrant colours of costumes from the Yukon province of South West China. Ms Armitage sincerely thanks Robyn Fleming, the wardrobe mistress from the Dolphin Theatre, for outfitting many of the models and those who supplied or made costumes, plus the models themselves for their willingness to participate in the event.

On the following Saturday the concert was held at the War Memorial Hall where it was standing room only for the varied, three hour programme. The groups who performed were; Te Toi o Manuka Kapa Haka; Hup Jong Mune Wushi Cultural Association who performed a Chinese Lion Dance; Eastern Accordion Ensembles; Fraser School of Dancing with highland and national dances from England, Scotland and Ireland; With One Voice Choir; Chervona Ruta Russian Dancers; Connolly Irish Dancers whose choreographer was with Michael Flatly's Riverdance Troupe; Favona Desi Girls with the hugely popular Bollywood; Arabesque Belly Dancers from Egypt; Zumba 64 Production, an enthusiastic and very fit group of young men from Mangere College who got quite a number of people up to join them. The final group was The Rhythms of Marylena who performed a Tongan love song and a Samoan welcome song then the drums and dancers from the Cook Islands brought the concert to its end.

Ms Armitage sincerely thanks all the performers; the sound technician Mark Wenski of Niteshift Promotions, helped by his son Jaden; Howard & Hillary Wills who entertained the audience with songs from around the world in between items; Diane Clark (stage manager) who kept things running smoothly behind the scenes and the many volunteers from the community who helped set up the hall and packed away the chairs afterwards.

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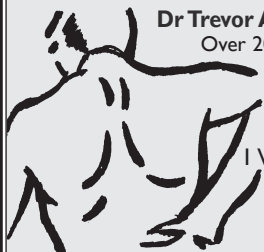
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Santa Parade - Thursday 1 December

Yes, it's that time of the year already and the Santa Parade is not so far off so it's time to do some creative thinking for your floats! It would be great to see a combined churches float this year for the nativity.

It's also a great opportunity to publicize your club or group during the entertainment that follows after the parade. Space will be allocated for participants to erect tents and for stalls.

If you would like to take part this year please contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491 or info@mangere-bridge.co.nz.

Onehunga Community Centre

83 Church Str Onehunga (by the library) Ph 6349253

For all our classes check out our website www.onehungacentre.org.nz

MONDAYS - ACTIVE MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Class 1: Jam'in with Jane 9.30am - 10.10am
Fun structured learning thru Rhyme, Rhythm and song
Class 2: Looney Tunes 10.30am - 11.10am
Wiggle, dance, clap, sing. This class is less structured than class 1 earlier.

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Fibre Space (Sewing Classes) 9.30am - 11.30pm / 12.30 - 2.30pm \$5
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FRIDAYS - PICASSO KIDZ 11.30am - 12.30am \$5
Art is such a fun and creative way for 2-5yrs to develop their fine motor skills. This class requires parent interaction, is structured with flexible elements to adapt for different levels.

THE ART OF MAORI WEAVING 11.30am - 1.30pm GOLD COIN
Come along and meet Annie our new tutor, an experienced flax weaving teacher to learn this wonderful culture art form.

WAIATA 1.30pm - 2.40pm FREE
Learn Maori thru song. This is a group of mixed ethnicity New Zealanders who love to sing.

TUESDAYS - ZUMBA 9.30am - 10.30am \$2
Fun, Fitness Everyone welcome.. Children can zumba too!

JEWELLERY MAKING 12.30pm - 2.30pm \$5
Hands on class learning to make jewellery with materials that are recycled or cheap. Great for you or for gifts.

ZUMBATONIC - NEW 3:45 - 4:15pm \$2
Zumba for kids aged 5-11 years... Grown ups can Zumba with their kids too!

WEDNESDAYS - CHI BALL 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.

RIP IT DANCE 4pm-5pm FREE
Youth dance (hip hop) class, boys & girls 8-12yrs. Awesome Aunshai is a fabulous dance instructor.

THURSDAYS - HOT HULA 11am - 12pm \$2
Hot Hula fitness is a fun, new and exciting dance workout set to the sounds of traditional Polynesian drum beats fused with funky Reggae

KNITWIZZ 1pm-3pm GOLD COIN
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Y-BOXFIT 4pm-5pm FREE
High energy fun & fitness suitable for both boys & girls from 11 - 15yrs. Qualified YMCA instructor.

FRIDAYS - Yoga WITH TANYA 9:30am - 10:30am \$5
Bring along a mat, towel and bottle. Great for beginners

ONEHUNGA SCENE ACTIVITIES 12.30pm-2.30pm GOLD COIN
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