

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Newsletter

I would just like to take a quick minute to thank everyone for their support over the year, business owners, article contributors and everyone else for reading it, without all of you the newsletter wouldn't be possible

Mangere Bridge Santa Parade

The flashing lights and siren of the police patrol car heralded the start of the parade at 6.30pm. This was followed by the Manukau Pipes and Drums and behind them three vintage cars carrying VIP's including Mayor Len Brown. The crowd, estimated at 6,000, lined the footpaths to watch the parade which this year had 54 participating groups. Floats entered included; Ambury Farm Park, Girl Guides with their Wacky Sheep, Papakura Coastguard, Asics Drive (which won best dressed street for Rugby World Cup), St John Youth Division, Mangere Bridge Kindergarten, Play Centre, St Anthony's Church, Manukau Rovers Rugby Football Club, Super Value, vintage cars, jeeps, speedway cars, and many others. Pedestrian 'floats' including Cubs and Keas, Onehunga-Mangere Soccer and Softball Clubs, Sea Scouts, the Pony Club, Mangere Bridge Primary School, Walking School Buses, Mangere Bridge Walking Group and the SPCA Dog Squad which was a great favourite along the route.

Bananas in Pyjamas (B1 & B2) and their friends, Shrek, Puss 'n Boots and Donkey, Bat Man and Robin and others boogied their way down the parade route stopping at regular intervals to pose for photos. Santa's float, complete with snow, came courtesy of Higgins Contractors and was decorated by Mangere Floral Studio. Santa had a walk-about meeting the children and handing out lollies which were donated by Bridge Mini Mart and Super Value.

There was lots of food to eat with two sausage sizzles plus candy floss, kettledrum popcorn and French crepes. There was also a steady queue for pony and cart rides and face painting. Once again the face paints were generously donated by Draw Art Supplies in Hastie Ave. The hugely entertaining Frank E. Evans Band rounded off the evening at the café strip.

Funding for events is getting harder to find and the Business Association would like to thank the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board, Four Winds Foundation and The Lion Foundation for their financial support without which the parade would not be possible. Carol-Anne Armitage, the Village Manager, wishes to acknowledge Bryan Wannell and Peter Judd for their help along with other members of the local community including Mangere Rotary, Mangere Bridge Foot Patrolers and the Mangere Maori Wardens who assisted as Marshals and kept things running smoothly. - Photos can be seen at <http://gallery.mangerebridge.co.nz>

Christmas Season Services at St James

Carols in the Village: 15th December at 7.30 pm. In the Village square this year. Join with the community of St James and Mangere Bridge in singing the lovely old Carols. Bring the children, a candle or torch, some nibbles and a rug to sit on.

Nine Lessons and Carols: At St James Church: 18th December at 7.00 pm.

A beautiful service with carols and lessons, Choir and candles. The Christmas story in word and song.

Christmas Eve: Midnight Service. Saturday night 24th December at 11.30 pm.

Join with us as we ring the midnight bells to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, and to bring in Christmas Day. First communion service for Christmas.

Christmas Day: Sunday 25th December at 9.00 am. The day we celebrate the gifts.

The gift of Jesus from God, and the gifts received from and given to those whom we love. Children bring a favourite toy for a blessing. Christ is born.

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.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall

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.
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

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

Opening Hours

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

Phone: 09 636 4249

Ph/Fax: 09 636 6228

We are in the middle of the village shops
Parking in front and behind the Pharmacy

Mangere Bridge Pharmacy 25 Coronation Road Mangere Bridge

Helping the "Bridge" community
for over 50 years!

Pop in and see Justin, Molly, Joanna or Sue at
YOUR local friendly, family pharmacy.

Services

Prescriptions
Medication Compliance Reviews
Medication Unit Packaging
Vitamins
First Aid
L'Oreal Haircare and Skincare
Cosmetics
Gifts

Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

After months of preparation the Santa Parade has been and gone. The weather was perfect for the 54 groups that took part and the stalls and entertainment that followed. Mayor Len Brown said it was a fantastic parade and that he really enjoyed being part of it. Following the mayoral, 'vintage' car was our local MP William Sio then our Local Board Chairman Peter Skelton.

If you've been out and about at night you will have noticed that the tree lights have been replaced. The Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board approved funding for this project and also for a replacement notice board which will be installed soon. It was designed by Howard Wills and is much more user-friendly.

It's lovely to see the hanging baskets up again. Our sincere thanks go to Dolly Lowe and Naomi Kirk and their team of volunteers from the community. They do need more people so if you would like to help out with the baskets please contact me.

If you're looking for some gift ideas for Christmas there is quite a selection available at the Bridge. Shop at your leisure and enjoy lunch at one of the cafes. It's a lot less stressful to shop local. Here are some ideas:

Hammer Hardware: Good variety, plus gift vouchers for the man of the house.

Mangere Floral Studio: See their gift selection, including gift baskets and floral arrangements for the Christmas table.

Mangere Bridge Fruit Supplies: Take orders for flowers but require a few days notice.

MB Pharmacy: Have a leisurely browse around their gift shelves. Free gift wrapping service.

MB Stationery: Selection of wooden toys, swings and gift cards including The Warehouse, Mitre 10, the Baby Factory and Movie Cards.

Ros Bake: Taking orders for Christmas Cakes and Dutch Stohlen. They also do a range of cheesecakes and sushi.

Super Value: Has 2 Degrees top-up cards and i. Tunes cards which make good gifts.

United Video: Stock top-up cards for Telecom and Vodafone plus prepaid power.

Village Butchery: Taking orders now for Christmas Hams and homemade gourmet sausages. Get in quick so you don't miss out.

See the business association website www.mangere-bridge.co.nz.

On behalf of the Business Association may I wish you all a Merry Christmas, restful holidays and best wishes for 2012.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Waterlea Primary

Recently Waterlea School has been exercising our creative talents. At the end Term 3 the Waterlea School families were wowed at our stunning variety show performed by our very talented Senior School. "The Show" was a great way to show case our children's talents while giving the children an opportunity to perform on stage and in the spot lights.

Our song birds have also been on stage. The Waterlea School choir, under the tutorage of Helen Wedde, sang along with other Auckland schools a variety of Christmas songs in the Kids for Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice.

Lorraine Harrod trained the Waterlea Ukulele Group so they felt confident when strumming popular tunes along with 2500 children at the Ukulele Festival at The Trust Stadium-Henderson . Room 1, along with their teacher Shirlyn Prasad created some Rangoli patterns to celebrate Diwali in their own special way.

Aiken Shadbolt from Room 11 decided that Waterlea School should start a chess club at lunch-times. He discussed his idea with the Linda Jefferes, the school librarian. Now once a week during lunchtime the Chess Club meet in the library.

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

We had our prizegiving on 9th November, playing 3 short fun games while enjoying drinks and nibbles and then trophies were awarded. A cheque was presented to a representative from Mangere Bridge Plunket Playgroup for \$1757.00 which was raised from our tournaments held during the year.

At the end of the evening door prizes were given out, the raffle was drawn and everyone enjoyed a lovely supper.

Thank you to the committee and members for another great year and look forward to seeing everyone back at bowls on 10th February 2012. Hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year.

If you would like to join for 2012 contact Charlie 622 3254 or Marilyn 634 2241.

Mangere Boat Club

We have all heard those fishing stories about the one that got away. Well Mangere Bridge hosts the Mangere Boat Club on Kiwi Esplanade where stories abound. The club celebrates its 50th Jubilee next year, so from small beginnings by a few, it has grown to be a friendly fishing club that holds many fishing competitions throughout the year. It supports water safe policies and encourages youngsters to participate in pleasurable leisure activities. Membership is now open as we have a cap on the number of members if you are a keen fisherman contact the club on 6364673 for details on how to join or just call in.



Enjoy a taste of Christmas

Workplace Family or Friends and Family?

Festive Treats Menu from \$39.95 per person	FULL Christmas Buffet from \$55 per person
--	---

Winner 'Restaurant of the Year' NZ Culinary Fare 2011

- View our Menus by clicking on 'Conference' on our website
- Menus available from 7th November 2011 till 31st December 2012
- Bookings are essential

Jet Park
AIRPORT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
www.jetpark.co.nz

A. 63 Westney Road, Mangere T. 09 256 2190 E. conference@jetpark.co.nz

Accountant

Kensyl Holdings Ltd - Ken Taylor B.Com.

- Over 30 years experience in accounting, sales and marketing
- Accounting to suit all your needs
- Monthly and/or annual accounting and taxation work
- Long or short term assignments
- Prompt and efficient service

We can work from your office or ours
Located in Mangere Bridge

Confidentiality assured. competitive rates.

Contact Ken Taylor

Phone: 622 2982, Fax: 622 2987

Mobile 0274 761 223

email: kensylholdings@xtra.co.nz

SUE'S FOR

Beauty

Hairdressing
Facials, Waxing
Manicures & Pedicures
Lash & Brow Tinting
St Tropez Tanning

*Make up for that
Special Occasion*



SUE TYLER

Tel: 634 2980, Mob: 021 286 4466,
19 Andes Ave Mangere Bridge

LOOK!!! LOOK!!!

A+CUTS

- ✓ Free Quotes
- ✓ Competitive Price
- ✓ Excellent Work

- Hedges
- Gardening
- Tree trimming
- Section Clean ups
- Onehunga Weed Spraying
- House and Spouting Cleaning

Ph Chris Lockett

636 4929 or Mobile 021 259 5516

66 Kiwi Esplanade, Mangere Bridge

Webtastix Internet Services

Voip: Voip is basically phone calls over the internet, it differs from services like Skype in that with voip you connect your home phones up to the service so that it is basically identical to the normal home phone we are all used to, the only difference is you can take phone numbers with you when you move and phone calls are extremely cheap, you can also transfer your current phone number over to this service. We are also still taking bookings for after hours support, calls will be taken until 8pm for more info please call Shane on 282 3191 or 021 815 184 or you can email shane@webtastix.net - WIS also offers after hours PC support, Business Email accounts, website hosting / Spam filtering and alot more, please call for more information.

Mangere Bridge Library

The new Auckland Libraries' Summer Reading Adventure: Dare to Explore is almost here. Enrolments start on Monday 12 December. This programme is designed to keep your children (5-13 years) reading over the summer holidays and has the proven benefit of maintaining their reading levels, and often making an improvement, ready for the new school year in 2012. To finish and celebrate there is to be a fun finale at the end of January. More information will be available in your school newsletters and in the library from 1 December

Dates to remember:

Monday 12 December is the final Wriggle & Rhyme session for 2011.

Thursday 15 December the Adult Book Club has its monthly get together from 7 – 7:45 pm. Come and share the books you have enjoyed with the group. Please bring a plate.

Friday 16 December is the final Singalong Storytime session for 2011. For the whole family, starts at 10:30 am. Storytime will resume in 2012 on Friday 27 January, 10:30 am

The Library staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season with your families.

New Scout Hall

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.

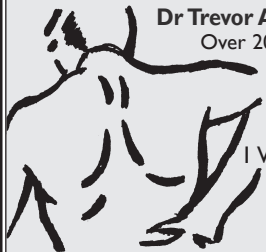
Mangere C.A.B

The Citizens Advice Bureau Mangere invites applications for the next Basic Training Course. If you have some time to spare and are interested in becoming a Volunteer at the Mangere CAB please call 09 275-6885 or visit us in the Mangere Town Centre (Orly Avenue behind the library). We are open Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4.00pm. **Christmas operating hours:** 'The Mangere CAB will be closed from 12.30 pm Thursday 22 December 2011 until 4.00 pm Friday 6th of January 2012. From Monday 9th of January 2012 until Friday 27th of January 2012 the Mangere CAB will be open from 10.00am until 2.00pm. For further information call 09 275-6885

Stepping Stones To Optimum Health

**STONE
CHIROPRACTIC**

Dr Trevor A.H. Stone, D.C.
Over 20 years experience



1 Waterfront Road
Mangere Bridge
Auckland
New Zealand
Phone (09) 622 1540

House Proud Painting Services

Interior and Exterior

Fair Pricing / Supporting
Local Business

Call Rachael & Tane
NOW

09 622 0178

houseproud@hotmail.co.nz

PAINTING

WALLPAPERING

Tradesman with 30 years experience!
For a free, no obligation quote
For all your Interior or Exterior Painting

PLEASE CONTACT:
**Murray Wix 636 7447
OR 0274 900 748**

**TROUP
FUNERAL
HOME**



110 Kolmar Rd,
(cnr Weston Ave)
Papatoetoe Ph: 277 2526

Troup Funeral Home has been accepted as a member of the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand and adhere to FDANZ code of ethics.

Troup Funeral Home is situated on the corner of Kolmar Rd and Weston Ave in Papatoetoe but they are available to serve all areas of Auckland.

Dianne Troup is a qualified Funeral Director with many years experience and she is joined by Karlene who is also a Funeral Director and for many years worked with grieving families at Middlemore Hospital.

The death of someone we love affects us in many different ways. Dianne and Karlene care for the deceased, and their families in a way that recognises the uniqueness of the grieving experience. Using their natural compassion they will calmly, honestly and clearly guide you through the many decisions involved in arranging a funeral.

They are available to discuss any questions you may have at any time and welcome the opportunity to reassure and inform you.

AUCKLAND PROFESSIONAL PAINTERS LTD

Based in Mangere Bridge,
Interiors, Exteriors, Residential &
Commercial Painting

Ring Mitch 027 652 8069

(09) 636 3613

appltd@xtra.co.nz

Specialists in suspended ceiling
re-painting.

Working with you to achieve excellent results

From preparing your home for sale to final negotiations we have the expertise to guide you through the whole process.

Ph Michele & Team 634 3036

Number 1 selling office in
Mangere Bridge



M.R.E.I.N.Z Licensed REAA 2008
51 Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge



NOW OPEN

at

359 Onehunga Mall

Phone: 634 6260

Open 7 days 9am - 7pm

Onehunga Community Centre

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Mondays & Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5
Zumba	Tuesday & Thursday	9.30am - 10.30am	\$2 (children welcome)
Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5 (children welcome)
Hot Hula	Thursday	11.00am - 12.00pm	\$2 (children welcome)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music Mondays	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)
Looney Tunes	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Monday	11.30am - 12.30pm	\$5 (pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	\$2 (5 - 11yrs)
Rip It (Kids Hip Hop)	Wednesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free (8 - 12yrs)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free (10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gold Coin (pre-school age)

ARTS & CRAFTS

Sew Styley (L1)	Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	\$5 (sewing machines provided)
Sew Styley (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5 (sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$10 (learners - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5 (soft tech & recyclables)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5 (art with Rick Julian)
Yarns (knitting/crochet)	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin
Onehunga Art	Saturday (3rd Sat mthly)	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5

ADULT INTEREST

Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free (learn Te Reo thru song)
Su Jok	Monday & Thursday	10.30am - 2.30pm	Koha (microtherapy/acupressure)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30pm	Free (music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30am	\$4 (art for special needs adults)
Scene	Tuesday (1st Tues mthly)	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin (social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin (bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

Join Plunket in Mangere Bridge

Plunket has been part of the Mangere Bridge community for over 60 years. We would like to offer those who have a passion for well being of children to join our organisation. This goes out to all the people who have had connection to Plunket in the past and those who does not know much about this iconic NZ organisation.

There are over 2000 new babies born in the Mangere area each year. Plunket is there to ensure they have the best possible start. With things being economically tough the services provided by Plunket become even more important.

As well as the well child checkups Plunket have playgroups, parenting education, toy library, Car seat rental as well as coffee groups. All are welcome to join these local activities.

Plunket is an advocate for the well being of children locally and nationally. Our mission is "Together, the best start for every child"

If you want to help your local Plunket and want to keep updated on what the organisation is doing, you can become a Plunket member. It is \$5 to become a member and the forms are available at the Plunket rooms or Mangere Floral Studio.

Contact details: Kathy Swords 636 2222 or Sepali Naus 636 6291

Burglars in our area.

Good morning all, Just letting everyone know that the bridge is getting some unwanted attention by a couple of burglars from Mangere central area.

They are 17 and 18 year olds and are currently on bail for burglaries.

Their MO is to drive their vehicle up a driveway. access the external power box and turn off the mains power.

When they gain access and set off the alarm they rip the control box out to kill the alarm.

Usually the alarm sounds about 6 times before it is silenced.

Please make your neighbours aware and watch out for each other. This close to Christmas these types are hard out "shopping" - **If it looks slightly suspicious ring 111**

Important Contact Details:

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
Village Management Office	636 7491
Mangere Bridge Community Information Services	
Village Newsletter	021 815 184
Mangere Bridge Website	021 815 184
Articles	articles@mangerebridge.co.nz
Advertising	shane@mangerebridge.co.nz
Other	newsletter@mangerebridge.co.nz

Brierly

Plumbing and Gas Services Ltd

- Plumbing • Drainage • Gas Fitting
- Renovations • Local Friendly Service

Even the dreaded blocked toilet or leaking roof is no problem

"Big enough to do anything, small enough to care"

Phone 622 0446

Mobile 021 872 487

Muir Avenue, Mangere Bridge

REPAIRS

24hr Service

zips, hems, pockets etc.

Joan

Phone 636 9498

Miro Road

Mangere Bridge

Copy Deadline for February 2011

Deadline for the Feb Issue is the 24th Jan 2011. To ensure that your article makes the February issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.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



**REGISTERED
MASTER
ELECTRICIANS**

All Installations, Repairs,
Rewiring
Free Installation Quotes
PH 636 5031

CAR PROBLEMS?

- Prompt Service
- Reasonable rates

Kevin Smith

Smith's Auto Services,
7 Claresholm Pl, Mangere Bridge

for all mechanical servicing
or electrical solutions.

Give me a call on

634 2586

or **0274 990 651**

BRIAN'S LAWNMOWING

Mangere Bridge



Regular Reliable Service

Phone Brian or Carol on 636 4391
or leave a message