

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas events for St James Anglican Church

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**Stir up Sunday:** 25th November at 9.00 am. Come and help make our Christmas cake during the service.

**Advent Wreath blessing service:** 30th November at 7.00 pm. Combined service with St Anthony's church in Kirkbride Road. Bring your family wreaths for the blessing

**Advent Sunday Service:** 2nd December at 9.00 am. Holy Communion. We begin to anticipate the Second Advent or coming of Jesus Christ as Messiah. Advent Carols.

**Carols in the village square:** 13th December. 7.00 pm All welcome. Come and join with us in singing the old favorite carols.

**Nine Lessons and Carols at church:** 16th December at 7.00 pm. A lovely service of carols and readings with choir, candles and bells.

**Christmas Eve:** 24th December at 11.30 pm. Holy Communion. Midnight Service. O come all ye faithful, by candlelight.

**Christmas Day:** 25th. December at 9.00 am. Holy Communion. Celebration of the Birth of the Christ child in the manger at Bethlehem. Unto us a child is born.

**Sunday after Christmas:** 30th December at 9.00 am. Holy Communion. A chance to wind down and give thanks for the gifts of love, food and friendship.

## Eggs did fly, at the NZ Rocketry Challenge

Ten teams of year 7 & 8 students battled it out for the title of best rocket scientist, in the inaugural NZ Rocketry Challenge on Sunday, at Ambury Regional Park in Auckland.



Cheered on by a 150-strong crowd, these junior rocket engineers launched a raw hen's egg high into the air. To win, they needed to fly to a specific altitude, and their 'eggstronaut' had to come back safely and undamaged. Each rocket carried a digital altimeter to provide a precise reading of the height achieved.

A team from Diocesan School for Girls, Epsom took out the competition. Their best flight was only 3 metres off the target altitude of 150 metres. Second and third place teams came from Tauranga Intermediate School and Baradene College respectively.

After their first flight, teams were busy making tweaks to their rockets, adding additional weight and trying to find the optimum egg-packing technique for success.

"The winning team showed great consistency, with their rocket being only 6 and 3 metres off the target altitude for their two flights," said Mark Mackay, executive director of KiwiSpace. "This is precisely what we were hoping for with the competition - application of good scientific methodology and aerospace engineering skills."

There were inevitably some failures that added to the drama and excitement of the day. Parachutes failed to open in some cases, resulting in ballistic re-entries – but impressively, some of the eggs survived these landings due to great 'passenger safety systems'.



## 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 5 - 6pm  
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 7 - 9pm.

**Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.

**Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am

**Sunday:** 9am - 1pm Village Boutique Market

**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.

**3rd Thurs** - Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm

**4th Wed** - Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30

**4th Fri** - Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling club information call 634 6091

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## Village Happenings

*with Carol Anne*

With 55 floats (plus 16 stalls) participating in this year's festival on 6 Dec the parade route is bound to exceed its previous 1.5km length! The success of this event is due to the great community support from the wider Mangere Ward area. The Business Association acknowledges with thanks funding from the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board, Four Winds Foundation and The Lion Foundation. Special thanks to Harcourts (colour posters), Draw Art Supplies (face paints), Higgins Contractors (Santa's Float), Mangere Floral Studio (Santa's float decorations), Bridge Community Network (marshals) and many other volunteers.

I'm always running late with gift shopping but can usually find most of them and appropriate cards at the village. There are some real gems if you take the time to have a good look around - and you avoid the crowds and parking hassles. Here are some ideas:

**Coin Max:** lots of gift ideas here including hair accessories and make-up

**Coin Save:** good selection of caps and T-shirts and stocking-filler ideas

**Coronation Restaurant:** have gift vouchers and will be open on Christmas Day

**Hammer Hardware:** gift vouchers for the man of the house.

**Liquorland:** Fly Buys points

**Mangere Floral Studio:** lovely variety of gift baskets and floral arrangements

**Mangere Bridge Fruit Supplies:** taking orders for flowers

**MB Pharmacy:** nice gift range and good savings with their new loyalty Club Card

**MB Stationery:** nice variety of gifts including movie and gift cards - great for teenagers

**United Video:** iTunes gift cards, top-up cards for Telecom, Vodafone and 2Degrees

**Village Butchery:** Taking orders now for Christmas Hams. Get in quick so you don't miss out!

**Yankee Doodle Dandy:** imported clothing from the USA

You can order library books online by using your library card number. With the new integrated library service we now have a huge selection of books to choose from. Stock up for the holidays.

Look out for the Mangere Bridge page in the Onehunga Community News.

The business association's new committee is: Bruce Manning (Chairman) Harcourts; Jim Norris St Vincent de Paul; Paul Kenney Bridge Fruit n Veg; Justin Ng Mangere Bridge Pharmacy; Sepali Naus Mangere Floral; Jus Giarn Super Value; Apat Singh Liquorland; Vinod Patel Top Dairy. On behalf of our members may I wish you all a happy Christmas, restful holidays and best wishes for 2013.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

## Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby a Great Success

The inaugural Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby took place on Sunday November 18th 2012 on Ambury Rd, Mangere Bridge. We had over 50 drivers and 35 trolleys entered for the event, with most drivers coming from Mangere Bridge, Mangere and Onehunga, however our furthest entrant, John, came all the way up from Whakatane to participate in his aptly named speed machine, Hurtle the Turtle.

The Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby was open to everyone - little kids, big kids, and adults. Lots of children entered with trolleys built as combined efforts by them and a parent, as well as a few Neighbors, and proud grandfathers, who helped out in building a trolley.

We ran build clinics every Saturday at the Mangere Bridge Scout den and had great turnouts at these helping people along the way in building their trolleys.

Lots of great work and effort went into the trolleys and all their hard worked paid off with a family oriented community day where we celebrated the completion of the project with a day full of good spirited competition - with races to see who built the fastest trolley racer, as well as Backyard brilliance Award, Crowd favorite prize, Style-Meister award and Spirit of the Derby Award.

The organizers would like to thank all race participants as well as the hundreds of spectators that turned up on the day. We'd also like to thank everyone that volunteered to help set up and clean up at the end, as well as help out during the event. All of you made it a great day and without your support and help we couldn't have had the event. With such great support from everyone this year we really look forward to it being an annual event and promise it will be even bigger and better, and more fun next year.

**To check out photos from this year's event and keep up to date with next year's Trolley derby check out the website at [www.mbtrolleyderby.co.nz](http://www.mbtrolleyderby.co.nz)**



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## Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc

The November meeting was attended by more than 70 residents. Almost as many as attended our AGM. The current interest was the proposed Central Interceptor which is a 4 ½ m tunnel from Western Springs to Mangere, that Watercare wishes to construct to carry a mixture of sewage and stormwater to the Treatment Plant at Mangere. The Associations objections to this proposal are that although initially there will be no increase in sewage coming to the plant, the large quantity of stormwater in big storm events that will be entering the Manukau could have serious effects on the fragile harbour. Also looking years ahead with population growth, we will find the bureaucrats will want to double the size of the treatment plant and divert more sewage through this tunnel to the detriment of the harbour and the increased spills of foul air on to our neighbourhood. There was a dreadful stench from the plant on Monday 21 at 2 am. Residents are urged to get submissions in by 3 December. Our Auckland Council Councillor Alf Filipaina addressed the meeting and explained how the make up of the new City did not allow him to have any input into the decisions of the Local Board. He agreed with the local concerns about the boat ramp proposals but was unable to voice our concerns with the Board. A message from the Local Board member Carrol Elliott advised that the all tide boat ramp modifications would start in April. A contractor has been selected. Bill reiterated the boating communities' complete opposition to the board's proposal as the modifications had not had public consultation and the outcome would be a ramp more dangerous than the present one. Senior Auckland Council management have advised that they can't interfere with Local Board decisions. This is a worrying impasse.. The mangrove workshop organised by our guru Mark Erskine was a resounding success. Representatives and MPs from Mangawhai to Whangamata were unanimous in their intention to lobby Parliament to change the ridiculous rules set by local councils that are making money out of consent fees charged for groups to wrest their foreshores from the invasion of mangroves. Citizens have to pay the fees, do the removal and dispose of the weeds. Hardly fair. There will be no meeting in December (too close to Christmas). January meeting will be on the 16th at the St. James Church Hall at 7.30 pm.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Onehunga Community Centre wishes our wonderful community a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year. Thank you for your continuing support during 2012 and we look forward to seeing you next year. Our offices will be closed from 21 December 2012 and will re-open 14 January 2013.

### 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	10.30am - 11.30am	\$5	(beginners/introduction)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5	(intermediate - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(soft tech & recyclables)
Drawing Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Create with Milly	Thursday	10.30am - 12pm	\$5	(Learn to make crafts)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Painting Classes	Friday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Onehunga Art	Saturday (3rd Sat mthly)	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5	

### ADULT INTEREST

High Notes	Monday	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free	(learn Te Reo thru song)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30am	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	\$4	(art for special needs adults)
Scene	Tuesday (1st Tues mthly)	1.00pm - 3.00pm	From \$3	(social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	\$2	(bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

### 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	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	Gold Coin	(5 - 11yrs)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)

### EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Mondays & Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tues & Thurs	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5	
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Hot Hula (New Teacher)	Thursday	11am - 12pm	\$2	(children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

### Dedicated Rescue Vessel- Expressions of Interest

Recent drowning have and rescues have highlighted that there should be a dedicated rescue vessel located on Auckland Councils reserve land on the corner of Coronation Rd Waterfront Rd Mangere Bridge.

We need community support to implement such a project and encourage our local community to become members of the rescue group to provide a valuable service in the upper Manukau harbour.

We already have the promise of a tractor to launch and retrieve the rescue vessel.

If you know of anyone or have any interest in this yourself please contact Jim Jackson on 0274730226 [jim@jackson.co.nz](mailto:jim@jackson.co.nz).

## Important Contact Details:

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