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Mangere Bridge Library

Ka Pai and well done to all the children who have taken part in Dare to Explore...Auckland Libraries Summer Reading Adventure over the summer holidays. There were activities running at the library throughout December and January to support the children in completing their challenges. A special thank you goes to Mangere Bridge Hammer Hardware, Mangere Bridge Super Value and Bridge Fruit n Veg for their kind donations of items to make the events possible for the children.

2013 in the library sees the Craft Group getting back together on the first Thursday of every month. Starting at 4.30pm and running until 7pm why not join in and share what you are making. If you are interested in learning how to knit or crochet come along and talk to the members. Someone is sure to be available to teach you how.

There are the Tea & Topics sessions on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 10.30am and the Book Club on the third Thursday each month, 7-7.45pm. A great place to share what is good to read.

For the teenagers in the community we have the Teen Book Club on the second Thursday each month, 4.30-6pm. Join in the discussions about what you are reading, play games and join in the activities, look through the new books to arrive in the library, and much more.

For the children there is the Book Club, The Block Party (fun with LEGO), Singalong Storytime, Wriggle & Rhyme, and School Holiday Programmes. Full details of these can be found on the Auckland Libraries website at www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz or ask one of the friendly librarians on your next visit.

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Our first night back is Wednesday 13th February and the A.G.M. will be on 6th March.

New members are welcome, so if you would like to give Indoor Bowling a go come along on a Wednesday evening around 7.15 pm. We play three games with supper after the second game. It is only \$2 an evening, your first night free and a yearly sub of \$20. All you need is soft soled shoes for walking on the mats.

For further information call Marilyn 634 2241

What's on in the Bridge

MONDAY	Guides 6-8pm. CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm. Methodist Church Hall. St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm. Tai Chi All ages, students \$6 - 7pm St James' Church Hall - Ph 266 7473 Wriggle & Whyme 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 9:30 - 10:30am Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Ctr. Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 - 12:30 Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
THURSDAY	Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00, Memorial Hall Scouts 7-9pm.
FRIDAY	Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
SATURDAY	Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
SUNDAY	Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
Mon/Tue/Thu	Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
2nd Sun's	Sunday Walking
Tue - Thu	Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
Mon/Tue/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 phone 634 6091 for information

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Happy New Year to you all! Before focusing on upcoming events I need to acknowledge a number of people and organisations who helped make the Santa Parade such a success in December - despite the tornado on the North Shore which resulted in a few floats pulling out and a drop in crowd numbers. However, our weather here was dry and sunny with very little wind.

With over 50 floats participating this year the parade exceeded its previous 1.5km length! There were 16 arts and crafts stalls which were all kept busy. The success of the parade and festival afterwards is due to great community support, not just from Mangere Bridge but from the wider Mangere Ward area and beyond. There were several new floats including one from Moana-Nui-a-kiwa pools from Mangere Central. Ambury Farm won the best float award.

The Business Association acknowledges with thanks funding from the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board, Four Winds and Lion Foundations. Without their financial support this long-standing parade could not continue. I'd like to express special thanks to Harcourts (colour posters), Draw Art Supplies (face paints), Airheads Bouncy Castles, Jiggles the Clown, Higgins Contractors (Santa's Float and driver), Mangere Floral Studio (Santa's float decorations), Bridge Community Network (marshals) and Mangere Maori Wardens.

Boutique Market:

This Sunday market is now one year old and well established. Regular stallholders include: Blackwood's Artisan Breads, The \$5 Deli, Neelus (gourmet Indian spices, chutneys and halwas), Ginza Teppanyaki (Japanese dumplings), Dutch Pancakes, Kiwi Tucker (Mussel Fritters) Ian's Wooden Toys plus a variety of other stalls including Cheltenham Cakes and Caitlin's Cupcakes who each come twice a month. Recent additions are Fun Halal Food and Aroma-Soma. We now have a waiting list and once that number grows sufficiently we will expand the market into Naomi & Bill Kirk Park.

Upcoming Events:

As St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year we will have our annual celebration on Saturday 16 March. The Food & Wine Festival will be on Sunday 21 April however these are dependent on the outcome funding applications.

I can be contacted via the business association's website: www.mangere-bridge.co.nz or phone 636 7491 to leave a message.

kind regards *Carol Anne Armitage*
Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Whilst there was no meeting of the association in January, there are a number of significant projects underway. After considering feedback from Mangere Bridge residents, NZ Transport Authority (formerly Transit NZ) have reviewed their design of the proposed footbridge to replace the old Mangere Bridge, increasing it from 6 metres wide to at least 12 metres wide (the existing bridge is 15 metres wide). Thank you to all residents for their suggestions following the presentation of displays in 2012.

It is also proposed that the bridge may rise gently from the South end, so that there will be plenty of head-room for leisure craft to pass beneath. The bridge may have a similar profile to the motorway bridges; featuring a gentle gradient for cyclists and pedestrians, and a higher point in the middle. This proposal will make the upper harbour accessible again after over 100 years of isolation.

NZTA has also stated that they will construct the bridge in such a way that a central lifting section may be retrofitted at some future date if larger vessels need to pass beneath. Big smile from the folk who are still in favour of a canal between the Tamaki Estuary and the Manukau. So that's all very exciting.

Our Mangere Otahuhu Local Board have always maintained that the new bridge won't be built for many years and that the bridge will not be high enough for recreation boats. Let's hope that NZTA are more optimistic and forward thinking. If this all happens in the next two years, serious thought should be given to the suggestion that a better and more spacious boat ramp and facilities would be better located under the motorway bridges instead of trying to make a 'silk purse out of a sow's ear' of the temporary ramp that is on the causeway.

Auckland Council has advised that the contract for the refurbishment of the present ramp should be let soon and work will start in April or May. What a shame there can't be some lateral thinking amongst our leaders. There have been various ideas about what can be done in the upper harbour. Did you know that in 1942 the American Forces in NZ were keen to reclaim the upper harbour for a huge air force base? Sir Barry Curtis wanted to establish a rowing course on the northern side. That could still be a possibility. A bit of dredging here and there. Perhaps the Courier might call for public ideas...

Meantime it's all go on the Onehunga side with a start to the long-awaited new Onehunga foreshore development. The weedy lagoon is to be filled in and will be replaced with a new recreation area. 2013 seems to be shaping up into an interesting year. Everyone is welcome to attend our next public meeting on the 20th February in the St James Church Hall at 7.30 pm - we would love your feedback and suggestions.

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Morning Services:

9.00 am: Morning Service with Holy Communion.
9.00 am: Sundays Cool children's Ministry.

Evening Services at 7.00 pm:

First and third Sundays: Evening Prayer. New Zealand Prayer Book Service
Second Sunday: Café Church. Contemporary service with Tea, coffee and food.
Fourth Sunday: Evening Prayer. 1662 old Prayer book Service

Other Services:

Seasonal services, for Easter and Christmas, Patronal Festival.

Or for other special occasions: As advertised.
The 9.00 am Sunday morning service is broadcast live on 106.7 fm

Other services may be broadcast from time to time.

Other events:

For more information on:
Home Groups
Men's Breakfast
Ladies fellowship
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Phone 09 6343009 or email radio@xtra.co.nz.
Web: www.st-james-nz.org.

Mangere Community House

Anger Management 5 week Course starts 14/2/2013 from 10.30am - 11.30am registrations now open.

One on One Relationship Counselling available also.

Onsite JP available every Thursday from 11.30am - 12.00pm.

Free Drivers License Course starts 4/2/2013, registrations now open.

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Sew Style (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)
Art Classes	Mon/Wed	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(soft tech & recyclables)
Create with Milly	Thursday	10.30am - 1.2pm	\$5	(Learn to make crafts)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	gold coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Onehunga Art	3rd Sat/month	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	1st Tues/month	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 - 10.30am	\$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	Mon/ Wed	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tue/Thur	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Boxfx	Tue/Fri	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	

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
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Stallholders – \$10.00 per vehicle –

Stallholders are able to arrive from 7.30am to set up their stalls.

To book a space stallholders should phone 09 6340763 ext 203 and leave a message – somebody will get back to them.

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