

MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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At the Annual General Meeting held on the 16th September 2004 Tony Fox of Collingham Gardens and Paul Dean of Carneby Close were elected to the committee following the resignations of Terry and Marina Rogerson due to family commitments, and Father Stephen McCaulay who has taken up a post in Her Majesties Forces.

The Mackworth St, Francis under 14's football team are doing really well especially as it's their first season! A big thank you should go to Nick & Gaynor Middleton for all of their time and effort with coaching the lads and arranging transport for the away matches. They now have 22 boys registered for the team –well done.

We have enlisted the help of Lee Parry from Sporting Futures and 3 students from Derby College with coaching boys under 13 years of age, whether they play in a football team or not. The boys meet on the Astro Turf at Derby College, Mackworth Estate on Friday nights 5 p.m to 6 p.m. There are no charges and all boys of 13 years and under are welcome to attend. We are looking for parents to give us a helping hand, so please come along, meet with us and see how you can help us to keep the children and youth of Mackworth Estate out of mischief and trouble.

We have not forgotten you girls, come along on a Tuesday night between 5pm to 6pm in the main Gym at Derby College, on Prince Charles Avenue. It is free, again the help of Sporting Futures.

The contract has been signed with the firm who are going to be carrying out the drainage work on the Knightsbridge Recreation Ground. Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions and the water logged state of the ground it was felt by the experts that it would be better if work was delayed until spring of 2005. This delay will not stop the football pitch from being fit for use in the 2005/2006 season.

The MECA are again working with Derby City, Parks Department. We will be applying for a grant of up to £40,000 to purchase a "sports wall" to be sited on the Knightsbridge Recreation Ground for the use of the young people.

The committee and the Parochial Parish Council of St Francis Church are finalising the last few details before signing the lease for the Family Centre. We are pleased to be moving this project forward as planned, and accept that this slight delay although disappointing, must only be expected with such a major project. We will continue to keep everyone fully informed of the progress – so watch this space.