

MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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We are now moving on with the negotiations for the lease of the Mackworth St, Francis Family Centre, Father John Phillips and the PCC have agreed with MECA the main outline of the lease, the building is now being transferred to the Derby Diocesan Board of Finance who will oversee the final negotiations on behalf of the PCC.

At the AGM in September Paul Dean resigned from the committee due to his departure to a warmer climate, his place on the committee was taken by Kevin Bowler, Chair of Mackworth St, Francis FC.

Many of you will have seen the drainage work taking place on Knightsbridge Recreation Ground, and to date this appears to have been a success. The Sports-Wall also seems to be a success and is being used constantly.

Working with the Mackworth Estate Crime Prevention Group and Councillor Ray Baxter, we have put pressure on the Parks Department to clean up the shrubberies opposite the shopping parade on Prince Charles Avenue and Wimbledon Gardens these had become over grown and unkempt and an eyesore since they were put in, in 2000.

Mackworth St, Francis FC is going from strength to strength thanks to all of the hard work and dedication put in by parents and friends. Thanks, to Julie Bowler they now have approximately 18 young ladies training on a Tuesday evening between 5 & 6 pm at Derby College with a view to playing in a league next year. Anyone who is interested in helping or any youngsters who would like to join any of the teams please contact Kevin Bowler on 01332-749096 or 07875-481199.

We are running dance lessons for both boys and girls on a Thursday Evening between 6 & 7pm at the Community Centre Prince Charles Avenue, any child between 4 & 17 years of age are more than welcome.

Some of the youngsters on Mackworth Estate have been asking if a netball team can be formed, the answer is yes, but unfortunately to do this we need help from an adult with knowledge of the game, time to spare and willing to coach the youngsters. We have also been asked if we could help some youngsters who like fishing and again to do this we need support from adults who would be willing to take the youngster and teach and encourage them, if you can help please contact Paul Pegg 01332-521595.

Derby College Mackworth, Sporting Futures and Sport in Education based at the College are again supporting us with future activities. Derby College have invited us to make use of a mobile telephone system where they will text both parent's and or the youngsters with various activities that are taking place on a daily bases during the half terms, but to be able to make use of this system we require names and mobile telephone numbers, so please will you fill in and return the forms that will be given to your children in due course.

The Mackworth Estate Community Association committee would like to wish **all** Mackworth Estate Residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.