

still the best. We will be using Matta surfacing for the protective surface under the equipment. We are proposing the addition of much more exciting equipment for climbing, balancing and swinging and the refurbishment of the large swing and slide. Also a zip wire and outdoor gym equipment will be provided. We are hoping to start the project after the Jubilee in June, so that the equipment will be available before the school summer holidays. Councillor Gareth Wilson has worked tirelessly to secure grants from various sources to enable us to pay for what should be an up to date and exciting place to play and for this Cllr Parr, Chairman of the Council and Recreation Committee would thank him for this.

The Skate Park is about to undergo some repair work, which will make it safer. In the future we hope to replace it completely. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) will be cleaned at the beginning of May. This will necessitate it being closed for a few days. We have chosen May, as the football season will be finished. We have installed two sheds on the Rec field. One is for the Cricket Club and the other for the Football Club. We hope that they will be used for equipment storage, which will free up the large storage cupboard in the pavilion to enable it to be used for items belonging to other users. After an inspection by the Fire Officer the Pavilion has had a Fire Alarm System installed. We have also replaced some of the old heaters and lights. The building is now cleaned each week by professionals and this has made a world of difference. It looks and smells nicer and the toilets have loo paper and paper towels replenished when needed. Several user groups have commented positively. There are still things to be done and therefore we have a long wish list but little by little we are making both the Recreation Ground and Pavilion a place that all users can be proud of.

K. Road Safety:

Last years successful Minor Highways Improvement bid has recently been installed. The 40mph signs have been installed on the A1421 with visual gates. These should reduce the traffic speed before the 30mph signs past the bend on Station Road. We have submitted a new bid for 2012-2013 and Cllr G Wilson attended the committee of County Councillors to present our bid to extend the 30mph signs on the A1123 both on Hop Row/New Road and West End / Hillrow. We continued to fight against the increasing numbers of lorries coming through Haddenham. We attended the Heavy Commercial Vehicles meetings, where there are Parish Councillors from the villages not just in East Cambs, but South Cambs and Huntingdon District Council area too. New signs "Not suitable for HCVs" have been erected at both ends of Church Lane. The crossroads in Haddenham cause serious concerns with the crossing of two 'A' roads the A1421 and the A1123. Noise from HCV's, vibration to houses and the increased pollution are of great concern to nearby residents. We have been monitoring the Nitrous Dioxide pollution for the last year. We have monitored vibration and noise and particulates during March in conjunction with other nearby villages.

L. Street Lighting:

The County Council is, over a 5-year period, updating their streetlights with new energy saving replacement columns. They have asked parish councils if they would like to take over the running of some of the older County Council lights. Haddenham Parish Council has declined this offer, as it would not be cost efficient. There was also very little information with regard to the County Council replacement column plans for Haddenham and Aldreth. A Parish Council street light bracket on the old church hall in Church Lane hasn't been working since last year. A replacement light on the wall is required and when a suitable bracket and lantern has been found that meets the requirements of the hall residents, Parish Council and local residents this work will then be completed. We report all street light outages to the appropriate contractors. Please check the column or bracket light numbers before reporting outages. PC---- for Parish Council lights and CCC--- for County Council lights. To report a faulty street light please email Cllr Stuart Smith on stuartsmith@uwclub.net or telephone 740906.

M. Youth Club:

A new group of Year 9s from Witchford School has started to attend and we also carried out an information session at Witchford School to boost numbers recently. The current stats are 653 attendees over the year, which averages out at 16 attendees each week. Activities at the club include Playstation, pool, Xbox, café and table tennis. We currently offer c-card and we are also hoping to go ice-skating in March. We have carried out smoking cessation work with some of the older young people and we have also had sessions delivered by CASUS re drug education. We have been successful in gaining a citizenship pilot, which takes place for 4 weeks over the summer holidays and this will be offered to 16 years old across Ely. We have also been donated a new table tennis table. Conditions and general appearance of the Pavilion have improved since the new cleaners started.

