

## **Addingtons Playing Field Committee Report – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The Addingtons Playing Field Committee continues to manage the maintenance, insurance, fundraising for improvements and annual inter village cricket and rounders matches.

Financially, we are in a better position than previous years in that our donation from each parish council now covers the field's running costs. We will not be asking for any increase in parish funding next year. In terms of what's new; we now have a lock up to store rounders and cricket equipment on the car park. There is a wild flower border running the length of the field on the right hand side although it remains to be seen what is coming up! The community orchard is thriving with blossom on most trees. The mowing contractors are doing an excellent job at keeping the field looking smart and well tendered. After the success and use of the running track last June, the school intend to 'scorch' the track again for this summer. Over the forthcoming months we will be looking to develop a long term plan for the playing field with respect to new equipment etc. The committee was deeply saddened by the loss of one our most active members, Colin Fry, in November. With this in mind, our annual inter village rounders match (25<sup>th</sup> June) will be an extra special event as Colin was the Great Addington team captain for several years. It is hoped that this will be a much bigger event than usual and the proceeds from the bar, food and raffle will be used to buy a bench in Colin's name for the field.