



Denmead Activity Night



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Denmead Activity Nights ("DAN") is organised as part of the Denmead Youth Partnership. The Partnership is composed of Denmead Parish Council, Denmead Swings and Things and Hampshire Constabulary.

Basic Facts on DAN

- DAN is an Open Access youth club.
- **REGULAR OPENING:** Monday and Tuesday evenings 6 – 8 pm at Ashling Pavilion – termtime only
- Cost 50p per session + up to 50p tuck allowance
- Age range: 8 years +. There is no upper limit as long as they are still enjoying the activities and not disrupting the younger ones.
- Older members are expected to join the Young leaders programme and to help out.
- Young leaders have an extra session on Tuesdays from 8 – 9 pm
- Staffing: 2 part time workers plus volunteers.
- Activities: Sport (many), arts & crafts, cookery, drama, general activities including computers, games, etc
- Homework facility. We provide a base with computer facilities, etc for those who wish to work on homework or school projects. Staff are happy to encourage them to look things up and work out problems.
- **HALF TERM:** We open for half terms if there is sufficient demand. Normal hours = 8.15 am – 6.00 pm. Most of our trips take place during half term. Average cost : £15 – 20 per day including all activities. A few activities may cost more.
- Previous trips have included: theme parks, Calshot Activities Centre for skiing, climbing, etc, Theatre trips, Intech, Milestones, Basingstoke Aquadome, Bushcraft, Battlefront Games (outdoor laserquest), cinema, playzone, bowling, etc.
- Team Wales. During the Summer holidays we organise a residential trip for the Young Leaders and oldest members to the Brecon Beacons for Adventure Activities + Oakwood theme Park. Minimum requirement: secondary school. Cost £100 plus help with fundraising / £300
- In the interests of safety all children must be registered annually – so if you haven't filled in a form this year and want to rejoin please make sure you do.
- **FUNDRAISING**
 - Initially set up by grant funding this has all but dried up. Denmead Parish Council has underwritten the cost of staffing the project but all other costs must be met from fundraising.
 - Christmas Entertainment/Fayre. All members are expected to take part (either front of house or behind the scenes) in our annual drama / Christmas fayre. This is held at the beginning of December.
 - Denmead Swings & Things runs the local horse shows to help pay for the project. Those on Team Wales are expected to work at these plus any other volunteers – it takes a great deal of work to run the horse shows but over time they have resulted in the main playground in the park, skatepark and currently funding for DAN activities.

If you are interested just come along and join in.

When coming to club or picking up by car, please use the Southwick road car park which remains unlocked on club nights. Please do not park in Lowland road as it causes problems for the residents. After park closing times the other gates will be locked.

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