



Welcome to the Dawes Community Association Hernhill, conveniently located in the heart of the countryside between Whitstable, Faversham and Canterbury.

The Dawes Community Association (DCA) was founded in 1904 as the Dawes Institute; we are a registered charity (no. 1081764). The DCA is run by a committee of volunteers from the local community; our premises are attached to Hernhill Village Hall and backed by the village playing fields with a large car park to the front.

The DCA is a members' organisation and everyone participating in DCA activities is required to become a member, we ask for a small fee towards administration (currently £10 per family per annum). Application forms (and Gift Aid forms for UK taxpayers) can be downloaded from our website [www.dawesca.co.uk](http://www.dawesca.co.uk). The DCA hosts a range of activities including:

### Childcare



Pre-school 9am - 3pm in term time for children aged 2+  
Ofsted Inspected • Government funding accepted • Qualified Childcare Practitioners

- We provide high quality childcare
- We create a happy, stimulating, secure environment
- We allow development of children's natural abilities
- We believe in child centred planning and learning
- We have a large and varied range of age appropriate toys, equipment & activities
- We enjoy free flow access to a secure outside area

Breakfast Club 8am - 8.45am and After School Club 3.15pm - 5.30pm for ages 2-11 years  
For more information about Childcare Provision, please call Hanan on 01227 751195.

## Dawes Hernhill Herons Junior Football Club



The Dawes Hernhill Herons Junior Football Club was first established in 1992 by founding members David Brenchley and Bruce Miles. From those first early years the club has always been forward looking whilst at the same time providing a safe and supportive environment where local children can learn about football and take part in organised matches. The Club recently obtained FA Charter Standard Club Status.



Hernhill Playing Fields

There are over 100 children, aged between 5 and 12, registered with the club most of whom come along and enjoy training on a regular basis. Training sessions take place at Hernhill Playing Fields between 10am and 11.30am on Saturday mornings. For more information please call Malcolm on 01227 750256 or 07709 905452.

### **Keep Fit**

Keep fit classes Classes are held regularly either in the Village Hall or the DCA rooms.

The classes are as follows:

THURSDAY 7-8pm Body Sculpt

SATURDAY 9-10am Body Sculpt

SATURDAY 10-11am Circuit Training

Body Sculpt is an all over toning class using weights, which can be varied to suit your ability. Circuit Training is a series of 12 'stations' each used for 1 minute, the stations are a mixture of exercises for upper body, lower body, abdominals and some cardiovascular in between! Each person works on a different station so there is no competition; everyone works to their own level.

The classes are open to any DCA member, regardless of age or fitness level. We hope to create a relaxed friendly atmosphere where you can exercise according to your ability. Each class is £3.50 paid weekly, no booking required, just turn up!

For any information on the classes or general fitness enquiries feel free to contact Alison on 07801 824867.

## Parent and Toddler Group

Hernhill Parent and Toddler Group runs every Thursday in term time from 9am until 10.30am. Everyone with pre-school age children is welcome. We offer a range of activities including a baby area, a craft table, a reading corner and an activity which changes on a weekly basis. Parents can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and get to know other local parents; the children have a snack of mixed fruit at 10am. The weekly cost is £1.50 per family. Please drop in!



Parents are encouraged to take an active role within the group, we all help with different areas, whether that be planning and implementing the craft activities, reading a story or simply making the tea! We are a small, friendly group who welcome new members. If you have any questions, please contact Gabi on 07770 427755.

## Singing Workshop



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The DCA are pleased to announce a new regular activity starting at the DCA - A Singing Workshop. Designed for children aged 6+, with a focus on fun and performance this will start on Saturday the 19th of February and will run from 11:20am until 12:50pm. The current aim is to prepare for the Hernhill Merry Makers Spring Concert; you can find out more about this at <http://hernhillforum.wordpress.com>

## French Link

Hernhill is twinned with the French town of Vis en Artois. We are currently trying to re-establish links and have recently issued an invitation for them to come and visit us, to coincide with the Village Fete. If you have any knowledge of the history of our links with Vis en Artois or are interested in getting involved, then please contact Rob on 07887 923594.

## **Fireworks**

The DCA run the highly successful annual fireworks event at Mount Ephraim Gardens, Hernhill, FAVERSHAM ME13 9TX. The 2011 event will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.



This very well known local event includes an excellent fireworks display, a licensed bar, food and other entertainment. The beautiful grounds of Mount Ephraim House make a wonderful backdrop to this spectacular fireworks display. The DCA are always looking for volunteers to help with this event and particularly if you have experience as an Event Co-ordinator. If you are interested in helping in any capacity please contact us on 01227 751195, all helpers will receive a free family ticket for the event!

## **Tennis**

Although there is no Tennis Club running presently, DCA members are able to hire the outdoor tennis court at the rear of the playing fields. If anyone is interested in running an organised Tennis Club, please get in touch with us on 01227 751195.

## **Men's Club**

The Men's Club make use of the DCA Centre and the snooker table therein. To become a member please contact us on 01227 751195.

## **Other Sections**

In the past other sections, including Ladies' Club, Youth Club, Bowls and Lunch Club have existed, sadly these are all currently dormant. If you would like to volunteer to resurrect any of these activities, or indeed if you have ideas for new sections that would benefit the community, please get in touch.

## **Contact Us**

More information, membership forms, Gift Aid forms and contact details can be found at our website [www.dawesca.co.uk](http://www.dawesca.co.uk) or simply call 01227 751195.