



Newsletter Apr 2018

We've been busy over the last 3 months! Find out what we've been up to...



This year we are celebrating an incredible 30 years of Stanley Woodcraft Folk, and they are hosting some amazing events at The Den! The first of these was a fabulous indoor stargazing experience, with our very own planetarium! This was a totally unique family event with two public showings, and two more for Woodies' members at their sleepover. We even had a visit from a little green man!



We also had an eggs-cellent FREE family funday during the Easter holidays at The Den, attended by a whopping 220 people! There was a double-decker soft play bus, a disco, bouncy castle, face-painting, arts and crafts and a visit from Gekko from PJ Masks. Everyone had a fun-filled day, thank you to the Genesis Trust and all of our volunteers for making it happen!



Top left: Easter Family Funday
Top Right: Planetarium
Bottom Right: Neon Disco at Woodies Sleepover





Top Left: Gig Night Audience
Top Right: Sound Hub Young People
Bottom Right: Staff and Volunteers



After the success of our first Sound Hub Project Gig Night, we held a second event in March. The young people were awarded certificates for their music accreditations, presented to them by The Den's Chair Phillip Marshall, before showing off their musical talent to a packed audience of over 60 people! As well as a small entry fee, there was a raffle to raise funds to support the continuation of the project.

We have recently been awarded £6,000 from local County Councillors Cllr Charlton, Cllr Boyd, Cllr Milburn and Cllr Marshall . This funding is to upgrade our facilities and improve the security of The Den! It will allow us to refurbish our alarm system as well as enabling us to cover some staff costs for managing the work. Look out for the improvements taking place over the next few months.



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