



## A MESSAGE FROM DOUAI PAVILION AND PARK



We hope you are all managing to stay well through this difficult time. Things are changing regularly, but hopefully we are starting to see more positive signs as to when we may be able to resume some of our normal day to day activities.

Douai Pavilion and Park is a fabulous venue, situated in Upper Woolhampton. It provides facilities for a wide range of sporting activities (Cricket, Football, Tennis), fitness classes (Pilates, Yoga), choir, well-being groups, but is also the focal point for an annual Programme of Community Events for the local area. These are hosted by Birch Associates Events on behalf of Douai Park Recreation Association and aim to raise funds for this charity, but also other charities such as Naomi House & Jacksplace, Charlie Waller Memorial Trust, Woolhampton Church spire fund, British Legion and many others.

The Pavilion building continues to remain closed until further notice, based on the advice given by the Government and Health experts. However, they are suggesting that the hospitality industry may be able to resume early July, so this is the time frame we are currently working towards.

Sport and fitness are an important contributor to our well-being and even more so during these turbulent times. So, although the Pavilion building is closed for the moment, the Park grounds are very much available for you to take a walk or a run (for the more energetic) and get that much required fresh air and exercise, as the Government have recommended.

**Remember to do this on your own, or with members of your own family that are living in your household and stay at least 2 M apart from anyone else.**

At this point Cricket and Football clubs/matches at the Pavilion, have temporarily been suspended. It maybe at some point later in the summer it will be possible to resume some cricket matches and we will keep you updated on this.

However, it is now possible to play tennis again, providing the social distancing rules are adhered to. So, for information about using the tennis courts and joining the tennis club, as a family or individual member, please contact Claire at [cdrendersby@gmail.com](mailto:cdrendersby@gmail.com).

Individual coaching is available by contacting Steve Birch on behalf of Matchpoint Tennis Coaching on Tel. 07557 650427 or [stevethebirch@googlemail.com](mailto:stevethebirch@googlemail.com). Steve also provides a racket stringing service.

It is the intention to run Summer sport camps from mid-July, but we will need to keep you updated on this and how the social distancing regulations impact the sessions. For further details contact Nick at Golden Goals – Tel. 07455 300948

In relation to our Community Events Programme, we will be keeping everyone updated via email and through the Douai Pavilion website with an exciting programme. You can see the details on the Events section of the website – BAE events, so please take a look.

It is our intention to resume Friday night bars from the 10<sup>th</sup> July, providing the Government guidelines remain the same and weather permitting. As we have such a fantastic outside space, social distancing will be made much easier and guidelines as to how we will operate, will be communicated nearer the time.

Regrettably, we have had to make the hard decision to cancel the Open-Air Cinema on 29<sup>th</sup> August screening THE ITALIAN JOB, this year. It would not have been financially viable to host this event, in relation to implementing the social distancing that would be required. We will aim to host the same event the same time next year. In its place, on the same day we will have an outside bar, live music, and food for you to come and relax and enjoy!

It is our intention that the Christmas Market will still be taking place on 22nd November and will have lots of stalls inside and out and Father Christmas will be visiting again to meet the children, with lots of festive performances and food stalls etc.

The Christmas Party night was such a great success last year and raised a lot of money for charity, so we have decided to repeat this again with an Auction and live music.

The Pavilion and Park is a charity that relies on funding from all the events and other activities that take place and so once the current situation with the Corona Virus is over we hope you will continue to support the Pavilion once again . To find out more details regarding all the sporting clubs and other fitness groups and activities that we offer please see the below details. If you would like to become a 'Friend of Douai Pavilion' see below details.

Please can we also take this opportunity to thank the continued support from all of our sponsors and supporters, through this difficult time.

Let's look after each other and stay safe.

The Team at Douai Pavilion and Park

**If you require further details in relation to any of the above, or would like to book the Pavilion for a private event, please contact Steve Bates through the website at [www.douaipark.org.uk](http://www.douaipark.org.uk) or for the Event's programme, Sue Birch at [sue@birchassociates.co.uk](mailto:sue@birchassociates.co.uk) or Tel. 07501 011442**