

## *Douai Pavilion – Anniversary of the end of World War I*

“We will remember them”

Around 100 residents from Woolhampton, Beenham and Midgham enjoyed a commemorative lunch and exhibition at Douai Pavilion on November 11th, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. The original Pavilion was an official war memorial to those from Douai School who died in action. The school no longer exists and the old Pavilion has been replaced but the new building still stands as a memorial and houses memorabilia from the war years and more recent.

The home cooked lunch was prepared and served by Birch Associates Events and a group of volunteers. The Pavilion was decorated with Union Jack flags, bunting and special displays, including poppies designed by the children, from Woolhampton and Beenham Village Schools, Elstree School and Precious Thymes florist. A special thank you to John Trigg for the material he provided commemorating the First World War, from the local area.

The lunch followed a memorial service at St. Peter’s Church in Woolhampton attended by Trumpeter Gerry Ruddock the lead trumpeter of the London Symphony Orchestra, playing the last post, Woolhampton School Choir and Cub, Brownie and Scout groups who marked the occasion with a church parade from the War Memorial in the churchyard.

Also on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November a talk was given by Col. Bruce Duncan MBE entitled

### ‘Adventures of a Military Man Abroad’

to commemorate the end of the World War I

**Proceeds were raised for the Charities “Help for Heroes” and “The Royal British Legion”.**

