



DOUAI PAVILION

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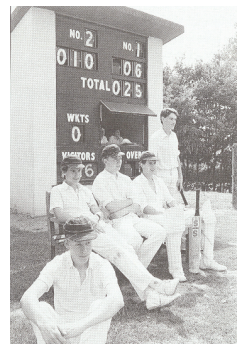
The 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1 brings a timely reminder of the 56 old boys of Douai School who died.

The Pavilion on the playing fields was built in 1922 to honour their lives by fostering those of future generations who could play the games and dream the same dreams on the very turf they had used.

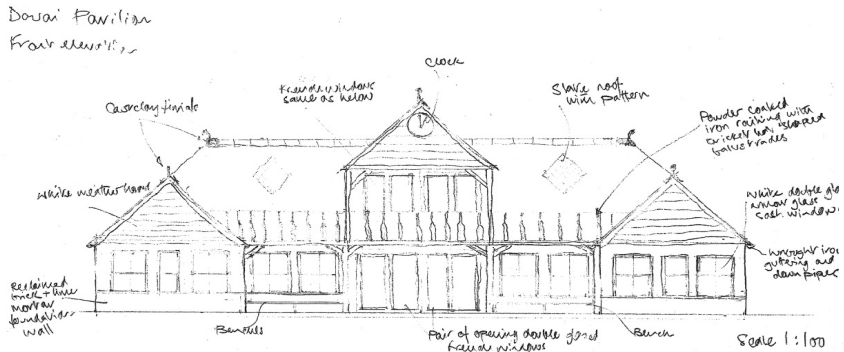
An inspirational Joint Project



Today the Pavilion is derelict. But a new generation of would-be sporting heroes want the spirit of those remembered to live on, and they need your help. A new Pavilion is to be erected. It's an ambitious project that will see the status of the war memorial preserved and will also serve an exciting new purpose. It will include a private clubhouse which will house Douai School memorabilia and provide a focal point for old boys and the wider Douai Society. Today the park is well used and enjoyed by many sporting clubs and local schools and the community.



Past and Future



This project links old and new. Facilities downstairs include changing rooms, a kitchen and clubroom. Critically, the design also features the upstairs “Douai Room” which will display plaques, photographs and shields - the memorabilia of Douai School. The cost is in excess of £500,000. Woolhampton people have pledged £150,000 of which two thirds has already been promised. It’s hoped the Douai extended community will match this. The upstairs room needs to be funded separately because grant giving bodies (which it’s hoped will fund the surplus) will only finance sporting facilities. The project is led by locals who have established Douai Park Recreation Association (DPRA) as a charity and negotiated a 99 year lease from the Abbey, at a peppercorn rate.





WHAT IS DOUAI PAVILION TO YOU? Somewhere to watch cricket and reminisce? Or resurrect old boys' matches? A glorious setting for a party? Willow on leather, cricket teas? Did you play here with the first XV who went to Twickenham in 1988 and through the power of your voices turned your team anthem "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" into the now accepted anthem of British rugby? Perhaps the fields were your refuge.

Is this a cause you would support

- so future generations benefit from a working Pavilion as you did
- so old boys who died in World War 1 will not be forgotten
- so the memory of Douai School lives on in a fitting home?

YOU CAN DONATE BY DIRECT BANK TRANSFER to

Nat West account "Douai Park Recreation Association" number 62232096, Sort code 601507, or send a **CHEQUE** to "Douai Park Recreation Association" at The Coach House, Upper Woolhampton, Berks. RG7 5TA

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