

## WHEN TO RE-OPEN?

What a disappointment! Like all other swimming pools and gyms we had been tipped off that the Government would be announcing the re-opening of indoor leisure facilities, from early July, but, despite announcing the re-opening of pubs and hairdressers, the Prime Minister had nothing for pools!

In the House of Commons the culture secretary, Oliver Dowden, whose responsibilities include sport, has said that there is an aspiration for gyms and leisure centres to re-open in mid-July, subject to the agreement of public health authorities, but this is far too vague to rely on as a basis for firm planning, particularly as it could well take up

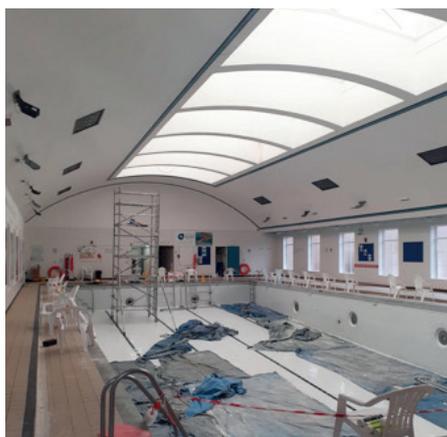
to two weeks or more to re-fill and re-heat a swimming pool, and re-train staff in new COVID safe procedures.

So, despite our wish to get back into action as soon as safely possible, we are just going to have to wait a little longer for firm news. And when Jesmond Pool and Gym is able to re-open for business, it is unlikely to be "business as usual", at least for some months.

Watch this space, and check out our website <http://jesmondpool.online> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/JesmondCommunityLeisure/> for the latest situation.

## AND NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS!

As most of you know Jesmond Pool and Gym has been far from quiet during the lockdown period. The main pool hall and upstairs activity room ceilings have been re-painted, and improvements made to the changing rooms, to create more space.



Beginning to paint the Pool hall – wait until you see the end result!

## ONLINE SUCCESS

Our online classes and videos have been even more popular than expected, with extra classes being added all the time, to meet demand, see <http://jesmondpool.online/jesmond-activities-timetable/>. Many thanks to all those involved in setting these classes up, and to those of you taking part. It looks as if the demand is there to continue many of them, even after we re-open.

Many of you have supported our fundraising campaign through <http://jesmondpool.online/video-2-2/>, which has, at the time of writing, attracted donations totalling nearly £4,000.

## BECOME A FRIEND OF JESMOND POOL

You are receiving this newsletter because not only do you appear on our list of Friends of Jesmond Pool & Gym, but you specifically agreed to receive email communications. If you know of anyone else who would like to receive future newsletters, they can do so through our website (so long as they use the section headed "Marketing Permissions" to tick the box "Email") or by emailing [friends@jesmondpool.online](mailto:friends@jesmondpool.online).

In future we will keep you up-to-date with our re-opening plans, and include some special promotions for our Friends.

Let us know if you have any particular comments or queries by emailing the friends (as above). **Keep safe and healthy!**