

## **BLU AGM SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2006**

### **COMMENTS ON THIS YEAR'S SEASON**

Thanks for making it happen

Enjoyable swimming season, helped by July weather

This summer was brilliant

I love the Lido. I am a new resident

I used the Lido about 20 times this season. The whole experience was delightful...busy, relaxed, buzzy and very exciting

Welcome improvements on quality of poolside food

I really liked the Beamish and Mc Glue beach hut...the quality of the food was much better

Season tickets very good value

Season ticket for family was very well-priced

Adult season ticket is a bargain

Season ticket a fair price but long queues for season ticket holders was frustrating

Nice that same lifeguards appear each year

All staff have been fantastic and are an essential part of the Lido. They must be retained

This year...great! An opportunity to meet with friends from last year. Good atmosphere as always

6.45 opening was great as was late closing

Very good year but, sadly, the season was too short

Early closure disappointing but understandable

Injuries caused to adults and children by rough bottom of pool...please address

Water level sometimes very low

Lido season was fine although I thought the atmosphere was a little different. Otherwise it was a miracle that it was open and here's to next year!

The consistent cleanliness of the water was most welcome this summer. I think the Beamish cafe is a great addition too, although i'm keen to keep prices down where possible. Also hope the Ivy/plants will still be part of the final building, even if they have to be cut down for building work for now.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR LIDO IN FUTURE

Next year, more of the same, only better!

More rubbish bins/cleaning needed

When it was hot the early morning sessions got very crowded...it would be helpful if it could be laned off to avoid crashes.

Please can we have half an hour of adult lane swimming at weekends before the hordes arrive

The steps at Dulwich Road are a disgrace. Could this be put back to park maintenance people? Rubbish everywhere. Pleased to hear that paul Harvey will sort out the steps

No smoking

Ban dogs at all times

Swimming club

Club for regular swimmers, all year round, like they have at Tooting

Extension of season (whole of September or longer)

Extend season till end September

Keep open through September...it's the best month of all for outdoor swimming. Last year at Tooting we swam deliciously until early November

April opening would be viable to extend season

Next season, hopefully longer

A little concerned about next year if there is an over-run on the building project

Really pleased that Jeremy is looking at the length of the pool season. June to end September ought to be investigated/costed seriously (not necessarily 13 hours per day) I will certainly swim if water is over 15 Celsius

Can the pool open later (9pm) if the weather is really good? Likewise, at weekends. Is there any flexibility?

Please can we have earlier opening at weekends, say 8am

Barbeques

Let's have some barbeques again

Bring back the barbeques

Bring café back into use all year round.

The beach hut has contributed in a very important way to the ambiance of the Lido. It makes such a difference to have hot drinks, snacks at a reasonable price--- and a place to sit down and meet others at all hours including early morning. Will the cafe be open all hours and will it welcome cold, dripping swimmers? If not, is there a "beach hut" replacement that is friendly----??? Vending machines are not an adequate replacement.

Involve Paddy McGlue (sic) in food type events, Barbeque night

Very concerned about pricing. Lambeth gives free swimming to all OAP's. I gather Fusion is not swayed by this.

£5 for a single swim is too much

Concessions for pensioners

Get Lambeth Leisure card honoured by Fusion. Bring in competitive pricing information as pressure on Council. EG new Josephine Baker pool in Paris...25% free attendance, 25% concessions, 50% full fare

Fast track queues for season ticket holders

Showers for swimmers look pretty inadequate. Between 7.30 and 8.30pm there are often more than three people in the showers...all trying to get to work

Provide canvas changing rooms, like the Serpentine, in heatwave

Can't wait for the new changing rooms that will be clean and cared for, I am sure

Regular BLU newsletter in summer...there wasn't much news of the contract/early closure in 2006 (email might have blocked BLU messages)

Please inform public of works programme by way of information board

Celebrate as "Lambeth jewel"

My one concern is lack of provision of capital fund investment for pool machinery and infrastructure of pump and engineering equipment. As it's the original it's bound to need replacing/upgrading at some point. A need for some water engineering expertise (or surveyor) on BLU committee

New plans need as much bike provision as possible. Tooting is superb in this regard

Develop links with government and local PCT's re health agenda, particularly around "prevention"

Develop lateral connections with Southwark ...Council, resident and voluntary community organisations since Lido is resource for them as much as for Lambeth residents.

We must involve more young people to give them a sense of ownership of this rare and valuable community resource. Doing so might well result in less vandalism on the site and protect it for future generations. None of us will be there in 70 years time! We have to share it now

Hope the Ivy/plants will still be part of the final building, even if they have to be cut down for building work for now.