

BLU UPDATE January 2013



*The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
Dolly Parton*

A Happy New Year to all our members. But unfortunately, we begin the year with having to report that a **BLU LAPTOP**, which contained our membership list, **WAS STOLEN** during the Christmas holidays. When you joined BLU, you gave us your email address and many of you also provided your home address and phone number. You will recall that we didn't ask for any financial information and the membership list contains no such information whatsoever. We very much regret this incident. The theft was, of course, reported to the police.

Fusion are looking at ironing out some gym member price anomalies. Some people think there were special offers guaranteeing a fixed price for life. If you had such a deal AND have evidence please let us know ASAP by email: info@brockwelllido.com

More than 200 brave souls plunged into the Lido on Saturday 14th December for the **Crisis Midwinter Swim**. We don't have the final figures for the amount of money raised but expect it to be substantial. Congratulations to all who took part, many in fancy dress, and thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

The Croydon brass band and two choirs from local schools led the singing at the Lido's **Carols by the water**, also on December 14th. The event raised £500 for St Christopher's Hospice.

Our **winter swimmers** continue to enjoy the relatively balmy weather and moderate water temperatures. They are hoping for some ice before long to justify calling themselves "icicles".

Recently, Fusion have been much more prompt at removing the **unsightly tagging** that has spoiled the appearance of our beautiful, 1937, listed building. There has been a bit of an outbreak of this criminal behaviour in Brockwell Park and in Herne Hill generally. Please report any you see to the local Council or to the owner of the premises and call the police if you see any offenders in action.

Although major work was undertaken to sort out the problematic hydrotherapy pool, some features have remained unreliable. We hope that everything is now running smoothly BUT **spa users** can do their bit by respecting the rules. That means using the gym showers to wash and shampoo before and after using the spa, leaving the spa showers free for rinsing between spa facilities. It also means taking nothing into the spa apart

from something to read and maybe a plastic bottle of water, although there is a drinking fountain. Please do not take in food, drinks or toiletries. And wear proper swimwear. Underwear will not suffice! The main principle is, of course, mutual respect and consideration. There is now an alert button in the spa which you can use to call a member of staff to report any problems.

The **car park** plans have slipped again and regulation is now planned for February. In the meantime, PLEASE park in designated spaces and never in disabled bays unless you are displaying a blue badge. Think! One day you might need a disabled bay.

We were very sad to see the new **flags** ripped down by the gale force winds and look forward to seeing them flying again.

BLU have shared gym users' concerns about cleaning, untidiness, and maintenance issues with Fusion who have promised to take positive action. Please let us know how things are going, via Twitter, Facebook or email.

If you are a Lido member or a season ticket holder you can get a **discount** at our local Intersport, 134 Herne Hill SE24 9QL and Amphibian Sports, 44a Chapel Road, West Norwood, SE27 0UR. And, of course, at The Lido Café. If you are on TLC's email list, you will be aware that they have a very generous discount offer on evening meals at the moment.

<http://www.thelidocafe.co.uk/>

All at BLU wish you every success with any New Year's resolutions and wish you a fit and happy 2014

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