

# BLU News! October 2015



*O suns and skies and clouds of June  
And flowers of June together  
Ye cannot rival for one hour  
October's bright blue weather*

Helen Hunt Jackson (1830-1885)

## DIARY DATES

**THE LIDO CAFE EARLY CLOSURES:** The cafe will close at 4pm on October 24th, November 14th and 21st, and at 1pm on Monday 30th November for private occasions.

**THE LIDO CAFE:** Kizomba and Salsa teacher at the Lido, Richard Voogt will be hosting a dance & social evening at the Lido Cafe on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-10pm. There'll be a fun taster class from 6-7p.m. to get your feet moving with everything from Merengue, Bachata, Salsa and Kizomba. From 7-10 it's drink and talk time! No pre booking, just turn up! And the 6-7p.m. session is free! Could there be a better way to step into a new week?

Christmas bookings will soon be open for festive food at the Lido Cafe. Christmas menus will be available soon. Check twitter @thelidocafe for updates.

**BLU FORUM AND AGM:** Many thanks to all of you who came to the BLU Forum on 26th September. Attendance was great (more than 60 people present), BLU and BLSG committees were elected, new constitutions approved, praise and criticism was heard and responded to by Fusion, Lambeth and BLU. Croissants and rum cake were enjoyed. For minutes and top feedback topics with Luke Fenton's responses go to our website.

This year's Fun Palace on October 4th was blessed with wonderful weather. More than 2500 people enjoyed a day of science, dance, horses, kayaking, paddle boarding, a scavenger hunt in Brockwell Park and so much more. If you'd like to be involved next year, let us know. We're keen on scientists of any kind, arts and people can show others how to learn, create, do something new.

At our monthly meeting with Lido manager, Luke, we were delighted to hear about massive improvements in maintenance, both dry and wet sides, since the appointment of Kevin Sutton. Pool changing rooms are looking much better, showers are working, gym floor repairs are complete, together with new kick plates. Weighing scales are in place in gym and changing rooms. New, improved soap dispensers are shortly to be installed. New seats have been ordered for spin bikes. Replacement of the second half of the poolside decking has started.

Best news of all is that the re-furbished spa area, complete with new hydrotherapy pool is due to re-open on 19th October.

**YOUR VIEWS MATTER:** Access to the whole pool, with no lane ropes on Sundays between 9.30a.m. and 10.30a.m. has been very popular. If you would like more open pool sessions next summer, let BLU know.

If you use the GYM, do you have a view on the music played? Too loud? Too soft? Like/hate Kiss FM? Let BLU know!

### **THE WINTER SWIM SEASON!**

The winter swim season starts November 1st to 31st March 2016. Check our website for schedules. Pay As You Go, Winter Swim Only Membership (Nov - March) and Annual Swim Membership (Nov - Oct) are all available. Buy Annual Swim Membership now and swim into the New Year at 2015 prices! Winter Swim Only Membership and Annual Swim Membership include use of the spa during the winter swim season. For Pay As You Go it's a bolt on. Please be aware that opening times can vary with light conditions, so please check Twitter and Facebook for daily updates. The Christmas Day swim is happening again on....er...Christmas Day. The Crisis mid winter dip takes place on Saturday December 12th. Register or book now.

### **Christmas day swim:**

Bookings will commence from mid November - no charge. However, as last year a donation will be requested at the time of entry and all donations will go towards purchasing something spectacular for the centre!

9am - 9.15am entry to the lido (front doors will be locked at 9.15am) Swim up until 10.30am

Front doors close at 11.00am Maximum bookings, 75.

For detailed info on this and more go to our WEBSITE  
[www.brockwelllido.com](http://www.brockwelllido.com)

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