

BLU NEWS! JULY 2017



Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world.

- Ada Louise Huxtable

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

On July 10th, 1937, a schoolgirl, Thelma Phelps, was pushed into the Lido by the Mayor of Lambeth during the opening ceremony. During this year's celebrations, Thelma's great-niece, Jennifer, read a message from Thelma before being pushed into the Lido by Mayor of Lambeth, Marcia Cameron. "Congratulations to Brockwell Lido on reaching your 80th birthday and I send my best wishes for the celebration. I have happy memories of the wonderful place, long may it continue."

The Lido shone on Saturday 8th July for the 80th anniversary celebrations. Users and guests enjoyed and engaged in a day of activities - aqua aerobics, swim races with Streamline Swims (thanks Mike and Sarah), synchro swimming (thanks Susan), face painting and drumming from Whippersnappers (thanks Caroline and your team), Zumba (thanks Rachel) and the Fabulous Honeys all came together in an explosion of sound and dancing. Thanks go to Julian for compering. £302.48 was raised for WaterAid from sales of books and raffle tickets. Prizes included the first three of a limited edition of 80 specially designed prints by renowned artist, Peter Forsyth. The rest of the edition can be bought at Brockwell Art Services in Railton Road. The day ran smoothly! Casey McGlue, who along with Paddy Castledine ran the Lido as Brixton Beach from 1994 - 2007, joined in the celebrations, sadly Paddy was unable to be there but his mum, Jean, was! Thanks to all our volunteers, who put in hours of work, the cake makers, Lido Mike and Sarah for whipping up swimmers and teams, Parliament Hill swimmers who came south (see, it's not that bad!), Hylda for music and songs, Lee White for bringing his family along and jumping in the pool, to the enthusiastic decades leapers and the Mayor of Lambeth, Marcia Cameron who gave an inspiration speech, and Helen Hayes our local Labour MP and supporter. Thanks to The Lido Cafe for food and refreshment, lifeguards past and present for keeping us safe through the seasons and keeping us entertained, to the entire Lido staff for contributions throughout the day - and to the weather, for staying dry!

While a mile swim was taking place between Brockwell Lido and Parliament Hill teams, providing the perfect backdrop to a memorial for Ruth Thompson, a small group gathered at the deep end by the historic, now listed, lifeguard chair to remember our wonderful friend Ruth. Ruth loved the Lido and worked tirelessly on the BLU committee and on the steering group. She is a much loved and greatly missed member of the team. Ruth's husband, David, unveiled a plaque, thanks to Lee for arranging this.

80TH ANNIVERSARY TOWELS, BASEBALL CAPS, SWIM CAPS, T-SHIRTS

All on sale at reception.

BROCKWELL LIDO VANDALISED

Brockwell Lido was damaged overnight after the celebrations and again the night after. Gazebos and picnic tables were thrown into the pool, giving the lifeguards and staff more work to rectify the situation and re open the pool. Engineers were on site sorting out the alarms and new security is already in place.

We've had on-going problems with bike theft. Thieves have taken securely locked bikes in broad daylight, right in front of Lido reception. Ensure your bike is locked properly and if you see anything, we urge you to report it immediately.

LUNA CINEMA

The pool will close at 6pm on Thursday July 27th for a showing of The Graduate! Tickets still available for this and Jaws on Thursday 28th September!

PEAK DAY SWIMMING

During peak days, there will be two entrances, one for those who pay as you go, the other for all pre-paid swimmers, members and season ticket holders.

LIDO CAFÉ

Please contact the cafe directly for closures and events.

We wished farewell to John who has worked at the cafe for many years. We thank you for all your contributions and hard work making us happy. We miss you but wish you a well-earned rest and adventurous time ahead. Welcome to Amy, the new cafe manager!

GO-APE

Lambeth and Go-Ape met with members of the community and user groups to discuss the early stages of implementing a junior Go-Ape in Brockwell Park. Two new adventure areas have recently been constructed in Battersea Park and Alexandra Palace. This is in the very early stages of discussion, Francis from Go-Ape was thorough in her responses to the many vital and valid questions raised. One concern is the location of the tree top adventure. An area suggested is by the tree circle, which is popular with the public for its proximity to the Lido entrance but also due to its shady area. Please note everything will be done in consultation with relevant organisations to ensure trees and structures are safe and well looked after. A main concern was the cost - everyone who attended was in agreement that those from less well off families and those with disabilities must be able to feel welcome with concessions in place. We cannot create a divide between those who have and those who do not. The discussion will continue, but if it doesn't work and too many people oppose it, it will not happen. Further meetings to be advised when the public can attend and voice their opinions.

GYM REFURB

Plans are being finalised and users will be notified before the end of July.

CAR BOOT SALE

Brockwell Lido car park. This takes place every second Sunday of the month, until September (inclusive) except for August when it's the first Sunday! Car park will be closed until 2pm, but parking on the road is free at the weekends.

LIDO BY MICHAEL

You enter the walls
And the outside world stops

From Waterwords. Edited by Melanie Mauthner and Hylda Sims and published by BLU in 2008

GREAT OUTDOORS

The Fusion Great Outdoors timetable has started. BOOTCAMP, BUGGY FIT, RUNNING CLUB and NORDIC WALKING will be added to the timetable & where possible, Brockwell Lido will be looking to run many of the existing group exercise classes outside.

SWIMTAG

SWIMTAG is designed to motivate and support our swimmers. Using membership cards to activate a wristband on the docking station, simply slip on a band and jump in the pool. Return your wristband to the docking station and swim data is automatically uploaded to the website. Stats can also be automatically emailed to members. Swimtag is only available to Lido members, as your cards are swiped and linked to your online account. And it's free and compatible with other Apps, such as Fitbit. Ask at reception for more details.

FUSION LIFESTYLE APP

We're aware that not everyone has a smartphone or computer, so booking via phone or in person are the only options. However, some of you will have already discovered the Smartphone App that enables you to book classes online. Check timetables & book up to 7 days in advance.

Apple Download
Android Download

SWIM

- Free swimming for over 60's, weekdays before 10am.
- Check out concession prices for various groups, early bird swimming discounts, and family tickets for 1 or 2 parent families with a second parent receiving a 50% discount and the children also receiving discounted rates. Contact the team at Brockwell Lido for more information, or enquire at reception.

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Twitter: @Brockwell_Lido

Instagram: Brockwell_lido

HEALTH SUITE

A polite notice to all users that no oils, salts or body lotions are to be used anywhere in the health suite and please note SHAVING IS NOT PERMITTED. Several people have been politely asked to refrain from this, it is highly unpleasant for other users. We would also like to advise that food is also not permitted within the Health suite area. Please shower before and after you use the sauna, steam room and hydrotherapy pool. It's up to everyone to help keep this facility clean by following all rules. BLU members may ask you to stop doing any of the above if they see you, respect everyone's wishes. If you are walking between the pool and the dry side, PLEASE wear footwear and avoid dripping on the floor in reception to avoid accidents.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANNERS

BLU does not condone and will not tolerate bullying or harassment via social media or in person, of Lido users and staff. We will take all necessary measures to deal with any unsavoury behaviour.

LIDO CAR PARK

Parking enforcement is in effect, please make sure you are parked in the correct bays as tickets will be issued. Drivers who park in disabled bays (without a blue badge), loading bays or even try and squeeze into the motorcycle bays (yes, a few drivers have been wedged in unable to leave) BEWARE! PLEASE don't do it.

MANAGERS' MEETING

BLU reps meet with Lido managers every month. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to discuss. Compliments, complaints, suggestions all welcome. If you don't tell us about a problem, we can't fix it! If you have ideas, let us know. We've launched a #TellBLU on our Twitter & Facebook sites where you can tell us what you think - good, not so good or indifferent. ALL views are important, as we have monthly meetings with Lido Management where we raise user concerns.

BLU

BLU is the only official Lido users' group who speak for YOU with Fusion and try and right any user issues. If you see a problem tell a member of BLU or a member of staff and we will do our best to resolve all issues ASAP. BLU has regular meetings with Lido managers and The Lido Café. Please let us know what you would like us to discuss by emailing info@brockwelllido.com or come find us, one of us can usually be found in the gym, studio, poolside or spa!

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