

## RAIN DIDN'T STOP PLAY

despite another summer of cold, wind & rain, the Lido pool did a healthy trade in family groups & loungers by the side as well as distance swimmers, tri-athletes & other serious exercisers. Lanes in part of the pool proved helpful with enough space left for people to merely splash about in the shallow end. Water temperature average 19 deg. – warm once you're in.

**Fusion's Heritage Education Coordinator**, Gethan Dick, organized a schools' swimming programme involving about 850 local schoolchildren **Three artists in residence** – Elena Tognoli, Janetka Platun & Claire Collison, ran arts events by & in the pool involving 800+ people. The **Midsummer swim** was a great success. It's hoped to make it an annual event. **Links** with ACE, Open House & London University of the Arts are set to continue. Altogether 4200 people were involved in the heritage education programmes. Gethan thanks BLU members for their invaluable help & reminds us that ideas for Lido events are always welcome: [gethan.dick@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:gethan.dick@fusion-lifestyle.com).

**Other sparkling occasions** were **Whippersnapper Children's Swimming Gala** (first at the Lido for 50 years) with 350 kids taking part & an inspiring **Latin Night & Barbecue** with Salsa Class included.

## POOL CLOSES SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm.

but a number of events are planned for the winter season including scuba diving courses, & Model Submarine Association war games as well as the second **winter swim** (the latter, we trust, will not coincide with MSA's military manoeuvres!).

**THE GYM**, of course, remains open. Classes include **Salsacise, Body Balance & over 50's keep fit**: [www.brockwell-lido.com](http://www.brockwell-lido.com) 020 7274 3088

## HOLISTIC CLASSES & NOISES OFF

BLU has always been committed to yoga, Tai Chi, meditation & related activities in the Lido. Classes, protected in the lease between Fusion & Lambeth & supported by Fusion's Centre Manager, take place in nicely refurbished studios. Students have access to dry side changing rooms & showers. However, there are problems, most importantly that of noise-disturbance from adjacent rooms. Hard to meditate to disco beat! Short & longer term solutions are being discussed with Fusion. We'll keep you informed...

## A SURVEY AMONG LIDO USERS

is soon to be carried out by Fusion. Make your views known: watch our website for details or phone/visit the Lido as soon as possible to take part.

## WHIPPERSNAPPER WINTER

Ring : 020 7738 6633 for details of winter shows. Whippersnapper space will be hosting the launch of BLU's new book, *Waterwords*, on November 15.

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## BLUdates:

### USERS' FORUM & ANNUAL MEETING

with **BLU AGM** is on **Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>** at **Brockwell Park Lido** from **10 to 12** refreshments & agenda available from **9.45**  
**All Welcome** **Please Come**

**Fusion** will be reporting back on the season & future plans & will be available to receive your complaints, congratulations & suggestions. Recommendations & complaints made at this meeting will be taken forward to **Brockwell Lido Steering Group** on your behalf. **Elections to BLU committee** will take place - **we are looking for new members.**

**If you care about your Lido** & want a say in its future, don't miss this crucial meeting which will assess the first full summer of the new-look Lido & how it can continue to improve and serve you.

### BOOK LAUNCH

...The ice cold water touched my toes  
I took a deep breath  
And my world changed

We hereby invite you to the **launch** of *Waterwords, Lido Poetry*, BLU's second book: **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the Whippersnapper space at the Lido from 6.30 to 8.30pm.**

There will be refreshments and readings from the book. *Waterwords* features 120 poems + artwork (mostly from children) composed in the park and by the pool. It will be on sale at £6.95 with a free copy available for each of those in the book.

Although we have traced most of the contributors, we are aware that we lack a few addresses – if you wrote a poem for us at the Lambeth Country Show or by the pool last year you should be in the book - please come along to claim your copy and join in the festivities. Postcards of poems taken from *Waterwords* are also available. An ideal Christmas present for all ages, *Waterwords* will be available in most local bookshops, at the Lido, through BLU website or by post from BLU.

### *Waterwords – Lido Poems*

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