

Update on Brockwell Lido

10 May 2004



Swimming

Yes! There will be a swimming season at Brockwell Lido this summer! However, the opening date will depend on completion of essential repairs and maintenance.

Lambeth has arranged for Paddy Castledine and Casey McGlue who have run the pool for the last 10 years to return for their 11th summer at Brockwell Lido. Paddy reports that they would like to open at the end of May, but the request from Lambeth to run the pool this summer came very late and the wet weather is making it difficult to get repairs done quickly, so a May opening looks unlikely at the moment. From end of May there will be a message on the **Lido phone (020 7274 3088)** giving the latest information about opening date and times. Once open, Paddy hopes that the hours will be similar to last year:

- 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm for afternoon swimming
- evening swimming, bar and food on warm evenings
- 6.45 am to 10.00 am morning swimming (possibly from late June)

Classes at the Lido

Classes continue, as usual, at the Lido with an excellent programme 7 days a week including Yoga, Tai Chi, Buddhist Meditation, Balinese Energy, Copoeira and Children's music workshops and acrobatics. You will find timetables for classes on the BLU web site at www.brockwelllido.com. For children's workshops and birthday parties ring **Whippersnappers** on **020 7738 6633**. For further information about **Yoga** contact **07976 650886**.

Caroline Burghard and Kirk Service of Whippersnappers acted as "keyholders" of the Lido from January to May this year when the Lido was "between leases". They improved security, established a reception service for all classes and co-ordinated a campaign to clean up the Lido. Thanks to their efforts and the work of other staff who run classes, the programme continued successfully through the winter. Whippersnappers will soon be submitting a planning application to convert the current football changing rooms into a suitable venue for the children's workshops they now run at the Lido.

25 Year Lease for the Lido

The temporary arrangements for the Lido this summer are necessary because of the lengthy delays in the negotiations between Lambeth and Fusion of the 25 year lease for the Lido. However, both Lambeth and Fusion report that all issues are close to being settled in principle and Fusion hopes to assume responsibility for the Lido in the autumn. Peter Kay, Chief Executive of Fusion, reports that his team remains as enthusiastic as ever about the project and anxious to recommence work on the project to restore and refurbish the Lido.

Brockwell Lido Users

The BLU steering group has continued to monitor the progress of the negotiations on 25 year lease and to keep members informed. BLU is still working, as part of the Lambeth Steering Group, to resolve outstanding issues in the Community Service Agreement (CSA) which defines the role of the users and local community groups in monitoring the quality of service at the Lido and contributing to planning future developments. BLU supports the classes at the Lido by using the BLU web site and mail-outs to disseminate information and answer queries. We are working to have existing activities protected in the CSA.

We shall continue to keep you informed as plans about the summer and autumn develop.

Hiring the Lido

For information about hiring the Lido for parties or events email Paddy and Casey at evianlido@aol.com.