

BLU UPDATE March 2014



*Spring has returned.
The Earth is like a child that knows poems.
Rainer Maria Rilke*

Lido Dates for your diary

Monday March 17th: Summer swimming season tickets go on sale

Tuesday, April 1st: Summer swimming season starts

Tuesday April 1st: Car park regulation begins

Weekend of May 3rd and 4th: Modern Movement event

Weekend of October 4th and 5th: Fun Palace (tbc)

Good news for winter swimmers! Fusion have told us that, in response to users' enthusiasm for **winter swimming**, next winter the pool will be open every day rather than five days a week as currently.

Swimming season tickets will be available from Monday March 17th at reception for the summer season which starts at the beginning of April. You can find [prices here](#)

If you had a season ticket last year you can get a **reduction of 15%** if you pay by the end of March.

Water temperatures have been gradually climbing and now hover around 10 degrees Celsius. Our winter swimmers describe that as "positively balmy". If you are more of a **gym** person, you can show off your muscles around the pool and get a tan, all free within your membership. Plunging into the water is not compulsory! You can find live details of [pool opening times here](#).

The **spa**, especially the hydrotherapy pool, continues to experience occasional problems and we can assure our readers that Fusion is aware of these and is working to improve matters, whether mechanical or user-generated.

Breakfast, lunch or dinner at **The Lido Café** is a real treat, especially when you can sit on the terrace, overlooking a sun-drenched pool. Or just pop in for a coffee, reputedly the finest in Herne Hill. Lido members and season ticket holders get 10% off the bill. Just show your swipe card.

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BLU has raised issues about mal-functioning machines, including TV's, in the **gym**, and Fusion has promised to take action. We are told that standards of cleanliness in the changing rooms have improved since our February

meeting with the Lido Manager.

A camera has been installed which will monitor the **car park**. Signs are in place setting out the rules. The objective of regulating the car park is to make parking more available to bona fide park or Lido users. We hope that commuters, shoppers and traders will be deterred. We also expect disabled bays to be properly protected. Everyone will get two hours free parking and disabled drivers can get an extra free hour by registering at Lido reception. **The car park scheme goes live on April 1st.** This is not a seasonal joke! The only fools will be the ones who get a £100 fine.

Back for its seventh year, **The Modern Movement**, south London's prestigious, free festival celebrating 20th century design. May 3th - 4th. 10.00am -4.30pm. A range of specially selected dealers and architects, including Retro Barn, Dad Design, Sarah Potter Furniture, Da Silva Interiors and ID for London will be selling a stunning range of classic vintage furniture, jewellery and objects d'art set against the backdrop of the art deco Grade II listed Lido building. The main organiser of The Modern Movement is Moses Otunla, owner of the Herne Hill vintage furniture showroom, Bleu.

BLU member Shelley Silas is talking to Fusion about holding a **Fun Palace** for a few hours at the Lido during the weekend of October 4th-5th. If anyone has any ideas for this, please let Shelley know directly. Nothing has been confirmed, but she's thinking about a giant hamster wheel in the water, free diving sessions, that kind of thing. She's in discussion with Fusion and would love to hear from you prior to a meeting so she can take your ideas along. This is for the community, so all are welcome to assist! If there are any scientists out there, please get in touch. Or musicians. We want art, science, music, dance, everything and anything. The RSC, Manchester Royal Exchange, The Southbank Centre, a shop in York and a Scout group are all holding their own Fun Palaces. Shelley thinks the Lido should have one too. And it might just be that the Lido agrees. What do you think? Email Shelley at shelleys@clara.co.uk
You can find out more at <http://funpalaces.co.uk>

Finally, please give Fusion feedback about any aspect of the Lido by filling in one of their "Please Tell Us What You Think" cards. By all means let us know too via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or email us at info@brockwelllido.com

However you use Brockwell Lido, enjoy it! Best wishes from the BLU team.

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