



## BLU UPDATE JUNE 2012

**Rain or shine?** “Bad weather always looks worse through a window” Tom Lehrer.

So, if you’re working out in the gym or stretching in your Pilates class you may feel sorry for the swimmers but they are probably having a very enjoyable time. Even though the water temperature has dropped from 21.5 to 15 degrees Celsius this morning.

**Gym** Out with the old and in with the new! Despite the inconvenience that movement of equipment in and out of the premises caused, we hear from our gym users that they are enjoying use of the new equipment and the revised layout in the gym. To celebrate the new facilities, and the summer of sport, the Lido will be hosting a FREE British-themed open day on 16th June between 10 am and 4 pm. Visitors can try the new gym free of charge, take a fitness class, enter one of the British-themed gym challenges, get free equipment tutorials on Power Plate, Suspension Ropes and Kettle Bells and receive free Personal Training sessions. Visitor gym visits, tutorials and personal training sessions must be booked in advance. Visitors must be 16 or over.

**Schools** Look out for excited primary school children in and around the pool. So far, 13 schools have booked a day at the Lido. Apart from a swim with instruction from Lido Mike, they will have a pack of worksheets covering Lido and Olympic history. A whole wonderful day can be booked for a year 4, 5, or 6 class for only £2 a child.

**Cinema** at the Lido. Friday 20th July: Anchorman [Certificate 12A] Price: £12.50. Doors open 7.30pm. Film starts 9pm. Pool closes at 5pm due to set up.

Wednesday 29th August: Viewers’ choice. Visit [thelunacinema.com](http://thelunacinema.com) to see the choices and vote. Voting closes 1st July.

Food and drink (including alcohol) can be purchased from The Lido Cafe. Guests are asked not to bring their own food or drink.

Tickets now available from [thelunacinema.com](http://thelunacinema.com)

**The Lido Cafe** is now open to the public from 8am every day with entry from poolside from 7:30am Monday – Friday. And open to all from 8am at weekends. A new beach hut is rapidly(?) taking shape and there is a

better range of food and drink available from the current hut than last year. Flamenco Olivar are performing on 19<sup>th</sup> June. This will be outside if the weather is dry. Spaces are limited and there is a £5 charge which goes straight to the performers. Guests need to arrive by 7:30pm and booking is essential. [www.thelidocafe.co.uk](http://www.thelidocafe.co.uk)

The **hydropool in the spa** is still not very reliable. There has been an expert survey and Fusion will be looking at the resulting report and making decisions about repairs and upkeep.

Fusion are looking for more part time **lifeguards**. If you know anyone with appropriate qualifications ask them to get in touch with the general manager, Clare Motton, at the Lido.

**Car park.** There have been several unavoidable closures. Some were to allow old gym equipment to be removed and the new machines delivered. Some are ongoing to allow for drainage works to the park. We are still waiting for Fusion's detailed proposals for a properly regulated car park.

**Early morning swim prices** There has been a bit of confusion over the price of a swim before 10am at weekends. The latest Fusion price list suggests this is only £2.85 (the same as Monday-Friday) but the reality is that an early morning season ticket will get you in free before 10am 7 days a week; but there is no reduced price for an early morning casual swim at weekends so it will cost £5.65. And similarly, free entry for over 60s before 10am only applies Monday-Friday. Fusion will correct this error in their next leaflet and online. But don't forget, entry is also cheaper after 5pm Monday-Friday. Cost is £3.15 [£2.65 concessions.]

**Booking a swim** will soon be possible online so you can avoid standing in an hour-long queue on a hot day. Follow BLU on Twitter or watch our website for details when Fusion releases them.

**Telephone contact with Lido.** A number of users have been in contact with BLU because no one answers the telephone when the weather is hot and the Lido is busy. BLU has drawn this to the Lido Manager's attention and she is trying to find a solution (which for technical reasons is apparently not as easy as you might think!). If you are phoning to cancel attendance at a class and have access to the internet, you can email them and will get a refund.

Some of you will remember **Gethan Dick** who was the Heritage Education Officer at the Lido for three years and who created many magical events. Gethan and her partner, Myles, have created an artwork in Coldharbour Lane at the Fabrik building. Also, you're invited to the world premiere of

116 COLDHARBOUR (the 3D film Gethan and Myles made to go with the artwork) at the Ritzy cinema on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.

**Whippersnappers** run an after school club from Monday to Friday. They also do a school pick up from Rosendale Primary, Jubilee, Turney and St Jude's schools for children aged 5 and older (subject to availability). They provide a meal and dessert followed by one or two activities for £15 a day per child. [www.whippersnappers.org](http://www.whippersnappers.org)

Windrush Triathlon Club's inaugural **Aquathlon** on 27<sup>th</sup> May was a huge success with around 80 enthusiastic competitors and 35 equally enthusiastic volunteers who helped to run the day.

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