

BLU UPDATE February 2014



*Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! Rage! Blow! You cataracts and hurricanoes,
spout Till you have drenched our steeples, drowned the cocks!*

William Shakespeare. King Lear

Our **gym** rep passed on your comments about cleaning and maintenance issues, and Lido managers have promised to deal with these. Some improvements have already been noticed. There are more working showers. The faulty studio clock has been fixed. We were waiting to hear what happened to the high spec scales that we understood to have been ordered; sadly, we have now heard that one of the two professional scales that were purchased for the gym was stolen. We can't really expect Fusion to replace it.

It may seem a bore but if you have a complaint, or, indeed, a compliment, PLEASE take a few moments to fill in a **Please Tell Us What You Think** card, available from Reception. These are properly logged and if you supply your contact details and ask for a response, someone should get back to you promptly. The more people who take action, the better our services will be, one voice is great, loads of voices even better. Please pass on your comments to BLU as well, via Twitter or Facebook or email info@brockwelllido.com

The **Spa** seems rather more reliable than before although there have been occasional concerns about the murkiness of the hydrotherapy pool water. We hope that users are showering before entering the water to avoid polluting it with oils and potions and, dare we add, sweat.

Some work was completed only to be undone by our freaky weather. The **flags** in front of the Lido entrance, for example, were wrecked by gales within days of being replaced. Fusion have ordered another replacement set.

The best news is that signage for the **car park** has been agreed and ordered. Very soon, cameras will be in place, the car park will be regulated, and miscreants will face heavy fines if they park outside designated bays, or in disabled bays without displaying a valid Blue Badge or if they leave a vehicle in the car park overnight.

If you have never seen the **iconic film** "Lido" directed by Lucy Blakstad as part of the BBC's Modern Times series in 1995 or if you would like to see it again, here is the link, courtesy of Jason Cobb who featured it on his blog where he often writes about our Lido. <http://vimeo.com/71503820>

Our stalwart **winter swimmers** have not been daunted by the weather. In fact, the worse it is, the more they seem to relish the experience. Some of them are keen and crazy enough to be part of a group that, once a month, swims in three outside pools and a pond and run between each of them. You can see more about their adventures here: <http://entirelysurroundedbywater.blogspot.co.uk/>

Pool opening times to end of March are:

17 Feb - 2 Mar	Mon, Wed & Fri 7.30am-11.00am	Sat & Sun 8.30am - 12.00pm
3 - 9 March	Mon, Wed & Fri 7.00am-10.30am	Sat & Sun 8.30am - 12.00pm
10 - 16 March	Mon, Wed & Fri 6.45am-10.15am	Sat & Sun 8.30am - 12.00pm
17 - 30 March	Mon, Wed & Fri 6.30am-10.00am	Sat & Sun 8.30am - 12.00pm

You can sign up as an individual or as a team to do a **Swimathon** in aid of Comic Relief between 21st and 23rd March at

<http://my.sportrelief.com/search/event/result?id=2194>

The **Crisis winter swim** held in December raised over £11,000. Congratulations to everyone who took part or contributed.

Lifeguards are already being recruited for the summer season, beginning in April. So if you know someone with the relevant qualification, get them to pop in to the Lido with a CV.

Whippersnappers Acrobatics Classes are led by The Mighty Wanderer Acrobat with Cate Mason. Classes are suitable for 5–13 year olds and are split into Beginners, Intermediate and Advance Levels. **Capoeira Classes (Brazilian Martial Arts)** are led by Fabio Gomes and assisted by Annaliese Garratt. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. Classes take place after school in Whippersnappers at Brockwell Lido. Call 0207 738 66 33 to book a place/get more info about courses.

The Lido Café has a great menu for February. And on Wednesday evenings they do a great burger and beer deal for £10.

It's definitely worth asking for a loyalty card. And, if you are a Lido member you qualify for 10% off all your purchases, when you show your membership card - unless you're in there so often they know you well.

We have heard very positive reports about Rachel's **Ballet Conditioning** classes on Saturdays and Sundays. Please let us have your feedback about any classes you attend.

At our sister Lido, **Tooting Bec**, they are rehearsing for a late pantomime *Swimderella - A Lido Legend*. Tickets are now on sale online for Saturday 1st March, matinee and evening performances. Come and watch plucky young lifeguard *Swimderella* attempt to secure her place on the swimming team. Will she find true love? Hurry, tickets are selling fast!

<http://www.slsc.org>

Don't forget that you can get up to date BLU news about the Lido on Twitter and Facebook.

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