

27 May 2003



Dear Member

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 15 June

BLU's annual general meeting will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 on Sunday 15 June at the Lido. All are welcome to attend.

At the meeting BLU officers will give an update on Lambeth's selection of an organisation to manage and develop the Lido over the next 25+ years (see below). We are hoping a decision will have been made and ratified by councillors by the date of our meeting and a senior management representative of the managing organisation will attend.

The meeting will also elect the Steering Committee including officers for these positions:

- Chair
- Vice-chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Memberships secretary

Please consider standing so you can be nominated at the meeting. E-mail us with any queries beforehand.

Festival Day - Sunday 8 June

A festival day has been organised at the Lido for Sunday 8 June for 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, whatever the weather. Adults: £5. Children: FREE with a flyer.

Activities will include:

- Drumming workshop and display, dance display, acrobatics, music workshop
- Yoga displays, Tai Chi displays, baby massage, meditation
- Water games, face painting, swimming, craft stalls

The Future of the Lido

As described in our April newsletter, sent out by e-mail, the Lambeth Steering group, comprising 50% BLU representatives has been reviewing proposals for Lido management and development in order to address concerns raised over all proposals.

Fusion has now been selected as the preferred bidder and BLU is participating in discussions on outstanding matters including:

- Protection for current activities and teachers
- Pool opening hours
- Ongoing user representation

We are hoping negotiations will be completed in the next couple of weeks and Lambeth councillors will confirm a decision. BLU Steering members will provide more information at the Festival Day, at our AGM and at the Lambeth Country Show.

This Season

The current managers have advised Lido opening as follows:

- from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm until mid-June, subject to the weather. Call the Lido on 020 7274 3088 to check.
- from mid-June early morning swimming will be re-instated and pool hours will be: 6:45 am to 10:00 am and then 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm on weekdays. On Saturdays and Sundays the café will be open for brunch at 10:00 am but the pool will not be open for swimming until 12:00 noon, closing at 6:00 pm.

We hope the weather is kind and you'll have a great summer enjoying the Lido.