

This year...great! Busy, buzzy, relaxed...

Enter the Lido from Dulwich Road steps--Whippersnappers reception is housed in the recently excavated spectators' ticket office, also the way in for Yoga, Pilates, Meditation - the usual varied, seven-days-a-week all-year-round programme (*timetable on BLU web site*)

Try the park side to view the building site. Awesome! But it's almost on schedule, just a small glitch when Thames Water arrived on time but encountered a problem when switching to the new main. Lido works continue and Thames have committed to complete the works shortly.

BLU /BLSG AGM

Feedback:

an excellent, lively, well attended meeting. Thanks to 3 Fusion staff, Peter Kay (Chief Executive), Carl Bentley (operations manager) and new Lido Manager Jeremy Lake as well as Lambeth Officer, Paul Harvey who were there to update Lido plans, hear comments and suggestions from users and answer questions.

Positives from AGM floor included: good value season tickets; all staff fantastic; 6.45 opening and late closing appreciated; great food from the Beach Hut at reasonable prices.

Negatives included: short season; poor condition of Dulwich Road steps and floor of pool; low water level; prices; long queues; lack of signs explaining building plans to public.

Wishlist included: bring back barbeques; longer hours and season; all-year-round café; cleaner changing rooms; more bike provision; fast track entry for season ticket holders; involve more young people; be sure to invest in pool machinery.

Comments collated by Yvonne Levy were discussed with Lambeth and Fusion in October's Lido Steering meeting

Action so far on issues raised:

Paul Harvey promises that Lambeth will repair Lido steps. Prices and hours will be on agenda for December. Lido Steering. Pool had 3 new pumps in 2005 and only needs minor work on valves. This and repairs to pool surfaces to be done before re-opening. Fusion is making a storyboard For park users. We will monitor progress.

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Lido 70th Birthday in 2007

Following ideas exchanged at the AGM a working group has met several times and will shortly be contacting other volunteers.

Projects include: a book of the Lido (past, present & future) based on interviews with users & others; Exhibition (images of the Lido 1937 to 2007) for the Lambeth Country Show; poetry events; swimming gala; celebration party; performance (7 decades at the Lido through dance, drama, music & fashion by Whippersnappers working with secondary schools) **If you have memories or photos of the Lido you want to share to help with the book please contact BLU**

BLU has received £1000 Community Chest grant from Lambeth to cover initial research. Further funding is being sought

October swimming - would you?

Jeremy, Fusion's Lido Manager, is doing a survey to assess support for a longer season (enclosed). Please return form to BLU. Remember the Lido must be self-financing so only say yes if you really would make good use of the extra time.

BLU bricks (mostly red) from the Lido will be sold in aid of the 70th celebrations at **Friends of Brockwell Park Christmas Bazaar, Sunday, December 3rd, 11 to 3pm at Brockwell Hall or contact BLU to reserve your brick and arrange pick up time.** If you missed out on the Berlin Wall, now's your chance! (bring a strong bag). **£5 per brick**

For your cultural calendar:

The Lido will feature in **Julian Fox's** show at Battersea Arts Centre 14th Nov - 10th Dec. Concessions for BLU members.

City Swimmers, Margaret Dickenson's film, celebrates open water swimming and the campaign for Hampstead Heath Ponds. Renoir Cinema, 10.30am 12th November, London Socialist Film Co-op 020 7837 1177 www.curzoncinemas.com.

I used the Lido 20 times this year...

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