

## BLU UPDATE MARCH 2012



### Good news...

Revised (and final) plans for **gym refurbishment** are on display in the corridor leading to the gym. Gym users are happier; work to replace almost all gym equipment and generally redecorate and refurbish is scheduled for June with much of it taking place during half term week to minimise disruption. The gym will stay open during the works but some areas will inevitably be briefly out of bounds.

The hot water boiler has been replaced and showers have been repaired and most should be working properly. Please report anything not working to reception.

Now the weather is more spring-like, **the pool** is being painted and we hope that filling the pool will start by the 18th March. Assuming this happens, there will be a quick, celebratory jump-in on Sunday April 1st and full opening from Monday 2nd April. BLU will confirm these dates by email and Twitter. We have been assured that the whole pool will be open unless very low numbers of swimmers make this uneconomic. Please tell BLU if you experience any over-crowding or other problems. Lifeguards have been recruited directly by the Lido Manager, and agency staff will be used only when there is a sudden surge in demand. A pool hoist has been ordered which will be available for people with disabilities wanting to use the pool or the hydropool.

Pool opening hours during April will be Weekdays: 7am - 1pm and 4pm - 7pm. Weekends: 8am - 6pm

Season tickets will be on sale from reception from the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March. The new brochure with prices and timetables will also be available (and on the Fusion website).

Clare Motton has promised hot drinks and cereal bars in reception in the mornings before The Lido Café is open

The **pool changing rooms** will be redecorated soon but this is unlikely to be done] before the beginning of April. We have asked for a wet vacuum cleaner to be used to compensate for the lack of a drain. Again, please report any problems.

The **hydropool** continues to have problems and Clare is working hard with the manufacturers to identify the cause. Some of the problems have been blamed on people using lotions and potions or failing to shower thoroughly before getting in the water. There is a new code of conduct displayed in the Spa and available at reception which refers to these points and also to limiting “refreshments” taken into the Spa to a plastic bottle of water.

**The Lido Cafe** terrace has re-opened in time for the spring sunshine. See [www.thelidocafe.co.uk](http://www.thelidocafe.co.uk) for latest menus and special events.

We are looking forward to seeing a **photo-board** in reception which will feature all Lido staff. There is a photo of BLU committee members on the BLU notice board.

Planning permission has been granted for a ticket machine and signage in the **car park**. Lido users and park users will be given at least 2-3 weeks’ notice of how the car park will be operated. Bona fide people will have to buy a permit, but will then get two hours of free parking. Commuters and West End shoppers will no longer be able to park at the Lido and the Disabled Bays will be protected. Watch out for notices in the car park and in the Lido. BLU will email and Tweet specific information when we have it

You can **book classes online** but you need to get a log-in and password first by calling or visiting Lido reception. This system will mean you won’t need to queue for a ticket at reception. The class teacher will know who has booked. This will work for those on a waiting list too.

Enjoy a **therapeutic massage** at the Lido and help **St Christopher’s Hospice**. Becca Thackray is a fully qualified masseuse and she is offering a 45 minute full body massage for £35 with the whole amount being donated to the hospice. Book at least a day ahead for any Tuesday at 3.15, 4.15 or 5.15. Please bring one or preferably two large towels.

General Manager, Clare Motton, is holding **monthly open door sessions**. Forthcoming dates are April 16th, May 15th and June 18th 5.30-6.30pm. In between these times, praise, comment, suggest or complain via the “Please Tell Us What You Think” cards available in reception.

If you have children, from a few months old to late teens, you mustn’t miss Whippersnappers! Don’t forget they do an after-school club, including pick-up from local schools.

[www.whippersnappers.org](http://www.whippersnappers.org)

Please contact BLU via [info@brockwelllido.com](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com) with your suggestions, queries, comments or problems. We always take up your feedback with Fusion management.

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