



Brockwell Lido Users

Last Lido swim this year – 28th August

spend August Bank Holiday afloat...

...and yes, it's all happening at last:

Thames Water's contractors and Cosmur, the builders have arrived in the car park with their megapipes and Portacabins; there will still be some parking left for users. Cosmur will be creating temporary space in the café for Whippersnappers and temporary studios poolside for yoga and other classes to continue throughout renovations.

Work on the south wing extension begins

September – completion of project is scheduled for **June 2007**

BLU /Lido Steering Group AGM:

In Brockwell Hall

Saturday 9th September 10 am to 12

(Cake & coffee from 9.45) All Welcome

On the agenda:

presentation of Lido refurbishment plans

details of arrangements for classes

report from Lido steering groups

election of steering groups for 2006/7

Brockwell Lido's 70th birthday

Some ways you can help the Lido:

Stand for BLU Steering – a group of 15 that ensures users an effective voice in Lido matters. This year we will be monitoring arrangements for classes during building work and preparing for the Lido's 70th in 2007. Nominations are accepted from the floor at the AGM but you can email in advance (see below) if you would like to put yourself forward. Yoga, Whippersnappers and other class users particularly welcome

70th Celebrations – we have a general working group established already but more groups will be needed for specific tasks – we welcome ideas and help with what we hope will be a memorable series of events as well as

a book all about the Lido and its history as experienced by those who have worked, played and swum in it since 1937 – share with us your memories, photos and documents. More on this at the AGM –

Please bring yourselves and your ideas

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Encourage local organisations to support the Lido by joining the **Brockwell Lido Steering Group**. BLSG comprises Lido and park users and local groups who work with Lambeth and Fusion to monitor and develop the Lido. Most work is done by a committee of 10. Membership entails attending about 2 meetings a year and allows your group to vote at the AGM, nominate committee members (in advance of the AGM) and keep up with Lido matters. Contact BLU to find out more.

This year's season - comings and goings:

Despite a somewhat late start, the Lido wore its usual welcoming and benign face, prices kept reasonable, staff friendly and helpful plus fresh croissants for breakfast, and other culinary delights from the Beach Hut courtesy of Beamish and McGlue's deli.

Rob Pagano, Fusion's project manager at the Lido since 2005, is leaving. He has played a big part in understanding how special the Lido is and keeping things on track. He has listened, consulted and kept us informed. We are very sorry to hear he is going but thank him and wish him well. We welcome Jeremy, currently working with Rob and due to replace him

As temperatures soared Lido queues lengthened leading to friction between ticket buyers and season ticket holders who sometimes felt they could bypass queues. BLSG discussed this with Rob and it was decided that this year season ticket holders will have to queue with the rest, but next year they will be able to 'swipe' passes and avoid queues. Please email us if you want BLSG to raise/discuss any issue.

This year's heat waves have shown how much Britain needs lidos. They have been in the news, much used and celebrated and ---

* **The 20th Century Society** named **Brockwell Lido Building of the Month** (www.c20society.org.uk)

***Brockwell Lido will feature in Julian Fox's one man show at Battersea Arts Centre from 14 November to 10 December.**

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