

BLU News! October 2016

'A small act is worth a million thoughts.' Ai Weiwei

There was a decent turnout at our annual Users' Forum on 24th September. Unfortunately, Luke Fenton, our Lido General Manager who has showed us what a good manager is capable of, was unable to attend but two senior Fusion managers were on hand to face a barrage of questions and criticism about Fusion's lack of commitment to the Lido and general inability to make things good for all users. We hope that the rest of this year and 2017 will see massive improvements in the day-to-day maintenance and many cleaning issues that users face.

On a more positive note, there will be a gym refit starting in January 2017. We anticipate, if past refits are anything to go by, that the gym will not close, there will instead be a phased replacement of gym equipment. The broken cable machine had been repaired with new pins, new 25 & 20KG replacement plates have been ordered, the dry side manager is to address timely paper refills and air con not being turned on by staff. Gym Instructors will be in place by the end of October. Some presence is already being seen. New Gym mats and large exercise mats are on order as well as new Swiss Balls. New spin bikes are in place (and very lovely, we know, we've tried them). The cleaning of the gym and equipment is to be closely scrutinised by management going forward to ensure effective cleaning within the gym area in on going. We'll have a full pool all year round. This is something BLU has been requesting for several years.

You'll soon be able to identify your newly elected BLU committee on both pool and gym noticeboards. Please say hello to any of us you see at the Lido and share your ideas about how to make the Lido we all love, even better! Please don't keep your worries to yourself, if you don't share your concern we cannot make change happen. We would encourage you to talk to Lido staff too. Luke and his team genuinely want to hear your views. Please say hi to David Hudson who joins the Lido as Wet Operations Manager from 25th October.

Future Events

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October Halloween Open Weekend. Friends of members can book a free trial day pass. The whole centre will have a fun Halloween theme over the weekend and users will be encouraged to dress for the occasion. Will it be a trick or a treat or both? Check social media for details.

Saturday 5th November. Come celebrate the launch of KEEPING THE WHOLE POOL OPEN ALL YEAR, with a lane free day from 08.30 - noon. We've been promised a Lido Bake Off - bake and bring, judges will decide whether there are any soggy bottoms (cakes, not bakers, we advise you to keep your cakes away from the water). Watch social media for details of how to enter. The winner will receive an Annual Swimming Season Ticket.

Saturday 10th December, midday, the Brockwell Lido swim for Crisis. Swim alone or in a team of four, it costs £22.32 to enter, per person, this is the cost of a night at Crisis. You'll be swimming widths not lengths...and given past swims for Crisis, the turnout has been superb. Let's see if we can do better this year. <https://community.crisis.org.uk/crisis-midwinter-swim>

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day swim. Bookings go live from Monday 14th November.

Time to get your winter or annual swim ticket? Buy before 1st November and get a 10% discount. If you don't get a season ticket, you can still swim all winter on a pay as you go basis. How much? What's the November schedule? Check the BLU website for details or ask at the Lido reception.

The Lido Cafe

The Lido Cafe will be closed from 12pm on Friday 28th Oct. They are currently opening to swimmers FOR DRINKS ONLY at 8.15am. When the water temperature drops below 10°, swimmers get half price hot drinks. Keep an eye on Twitter for daily water temp updates! Front door and kitchen opening start from 9am. Last drinks orders are at 4.30pm and closing is at 5pm. Look out for new items on the menu. The Lido cafe is now taking festive bookings!

Cold Water Swimming

New to cold water swimming? PLEASE TAKE CARE AND READ THE RULES on our website.

Do not push yourself until you feel dizzy or get hypothermia, it's no fun. We all like a challenge, but there are plenty of other ways to test yourself without making yourself sick. The best way to ease into cold-water swimming is to swim throughout the year, allowing your body to gradually acclimatise to the change in water temperature.

Macmillan All Out Swim

This year swimmers raised over a massive £32,000, a terrific contribution to an overall total of £127,000 for a cause that affects most of us, our family and friends. Thanks to the swimmers who took part.

Brockwell Lido Fun Palace 2016

Over 2800 people came to this year's Fun Palace with bats and cheerleaders, CSI and more science than ever. The weather held and we'll be doing it all over again in 2017. Thanks to the Lido for security, lifeguards and general assistance and to the many volunteers who worked over the past six months to make this, the third Brockwell Lido Fun Palace, a great success.

Lifeguard Training

Interested or need to update your qualification? Fusion is offering courses that will lead to regular employment at the Lido. Please share this information as widely as you can.

Lido Car Park

Drivers who park in disabled bays (without a blue badge), loading bays or even try and squeeze into the motorcycle bays (yes, someone got wedged in last week) BEWARE! Fusion and the car parking company will be issuing heavy fines and are looking into new ways to penalise drivers. PLEASE don't do it.

Lido's 80th Celebrations

2017 will be the 80th anniversary of the Lido opening in 1937. At the opening ceremony on July 10th 1937, the Mayor of Lambeth threw a schoolgirl into the pool. Who can we throw into the pool at the 80th celebrations? Let us know how you would like to celebrate.

Social Media Manners

BLU does not condone and will not tolerate bullying or harassment via social media or in person, of Lido users and staff. We will take all necessary measures to deal with any unsavoury behaviour.

Managers' Meetings

BLU reps meet with Lido managers every month. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to discuss. Compliments, complaints, suggestions all welcome. If you don't tell us about a problem, we can't fix it! If you have ideas, let us know. We've launched a #TellBLU on our Twitter & Facebook sites where you can tell us what you think - good, not so good or indifferent. ALL views are important, as we have monthly meetings with Lido Management where we raise user concerns.

BLU

BLU is the only official Lido users' group who speak for YOU with Fusion and try and right any user issues. If you see a problem tell a member of BLU or a member of staff and we will do our best to resolve all issues ASAP. BLU has regular meetings with Lido managers and The Lido Café. Please let us know what you would like us to discuss by emailing info@brockwelllido.com or come find us, one of us can usually be found in the gym, studio, poolside or spa!

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