

BLU News! April 2015

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‘April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.’

- William Shakespeare

Lots of exciting news this month. [Clare Bushell](#) is expecting a baby and will be on maternity leave from August. However, she will be working at various Fusion sites from May until August. We are assured that an experienced Fusion manager will soon start shadowing Clare, and take over as General Manager until Clare's return in 2016. We wish Clare all the very best.

[Tara Fisher-Harris](#) is on sabbatical from September, she'll be back early 2016. We don't have any details of Tara's replacement yet, but we are sure there will be a seamless handover, with plenty of time for the new pool manager to shadow Tara and familiarise themselves with the challenging intricacies of our 1937 Lido and members! However, it's only April, so plenty of Tara time left!

Clare and Tara are a very hard act to follow. Lido users, many of them winter swimmers, have been in touch with Fusion HQ and BLU during the past week to express their appreciation for “the best managers the Lido has ever had.” We of course whole heartedly agree with their sentiments.

Sally Goble came to Brockwell Lido, on Saturday 28th March, as part of her 50th birthday challenge to swim a mile a day for fifty consecutive days in public pools in and around London. You can read more about her watery adventures on her [Guardian](#) blog, or follow her on Twitter @sallygoble

And talking of London pools, if you haven't read Jenny Landreth's marvellous book [Swimming London](#), we suggest you do. It has delicious photos too! [Jenny's blog](#) tells you everything!

Back for its eighth year, The Modern Movement, south London's prestigious, free festival celebrating 20th century design, is taking place 2nd - 3rd May 10.00am to 4.30pm. A range of specially selected dealers and architects will be selling classic vintage furniture, jewellery and objects d'art set against the backdrop of the art deco Grade II listed Lido building.

Look out for a new children's play area near the shallow end of the pool. Any day now there should be a welcome surprise for anyone with small children.

The summer swimming [timetable](#) has kicked in. You can find daily opening times and water temperatures on our Twitter feed @Brockwelllido, on Fusion's Twitter feed @Brockwell_Lido and on our [website](#), which is regularly updated.

This year's [Swimathon](#) takes place on 17th April at Brockwell Lido. Why not form a team and take the plunge in the warmer spring

waters?

[Brockwell Lido Fun Palace](#) is looking for contributors and volunteers for October 4th. The first meeting will take place @The Lido Café, Monday 13th April, @6.30pm. Arts and science, dance and crafts, in the water and out, they already have some new additions to the successes of last year. Everything is possible, EVERYONE is welcome. If you cannot attend but would like to contribute/volunteer, please email shelleys@clara.co.uk

[The Lido Café](#) is recruiting for the summer. Part time and full time positions available, either for summer only or potentially continuing beyond as permanent. Supervisors, waiting staff, baristas, a sous chef and/or chefs de partie. Send your CV to jobs@thelidocafe.co.uk.

The Lido Café's [April menu](#) is mouth watering (no pun intended), but be sure to book, especially at weekends. And don't forget, Lido Members get 10% off!

Subjects discussed at our [most recent meeting with Lido managers](#) included:

[Membership](#) may be suspended but you have to give a month's notice by filling in a form and you can only suspend for one or more complete calendar months. Unfortunately, this may not coincide with student term dates. For full info speak to Fusion.

There are several [repair jobs in the gym](#) that have been agreed as necessary but not yet tackled. These include damage to the floor in the weights area, missing or broken fittings in changing rooms, an "industrial clean", all of which are due to take place very shortly.

The [spa tub is due for replacement](#) and the hard-to-reach [spa ceiling](#) will be having a thorough clean.

Replacement parts have been ordered for the pool clock.

We have been promised a makeover for [the swimmers' terrace](#) and the area in front of the beach hut.

We are looking forward to seeing [Brockwell Lido swim caps](#) on sale in the near future.

Please send us your comments on anything you want to celebrate or have a moan about, whether it's the gym, classes or pool! We can't make changes if YOU don't tell us what needs changing. BLU works hard behind the scenes to represent you, the Lido user, so we need to hear YOUR views. [Contact us](#) via the website. Alternatively, we're launching 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. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th May.

For detailed info on this and more go to our [NEW WEBSITE](#)

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