

## **OUR LIDO IS RAPIDLY RISING ANEW**

from its muddy building site. (See our website for pictures of this Venus-like transformation.) It is plumbed. The wet changing room, though modest in size, will preserve modesty and is already plastered. Thames Water's leisurely approach to *liquid assets*, means, as feared, a midsummer day's swim is off. **Early July re-opening is on.** Building priorities are completing: reception area; wet changing rooms; poolside surface repairs and one yoga studio for use over the summer. Whippersnappers will continue to use the café for classes. A temporary arrangement will be made for refreshments. The other studios, spa and fitness centre, indeed all the indoor facilities except the café should open in September. BLU website has architectural mock-ups showing details of inside spaces. See also: Brockwell-lido@fusion-lifestyle.com

## **LIDO 70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**...BLU marquee at Lambeth Country Show July 21 & 22** This will be a comprehensive exhibition of Lido life over 7 decades with stunning visual material and events including **Waterwords** – participative poetry on watery themes sponsored by **BBC Raw**. We need your help to mount and staff this very special weekend-long extravaganza.

**...The BOOK** We've been collecting and recording memories of the Lido and before: morning swims in the ponds which preceded the Lido, football on the field later covered by the Lido; the Lido in wartime; skinny dipping at midnight in the 60's; oohs and ahs as divers flew and somersaulted from the high board; the decline; the years of closure; Friends of Brockwell Park campaign and petition which got it reopened in the mid-90's; the Paddy and Casey years and even a master builder's description of watching the original Lido being built. All this and more will go into BLU's illustrated book, a celebration of Brockwell Lido from 1937 onwards edited by local historian Peter Bradley together with BLUcom. **Contact BLU urgently** if you have memories to share or can loan us your personal pictures for the book and or exhibition. We are particularly interested in personal photos from the 60's and 70's (they will be carefully copied and returned) and material from the years when the Lido was officially closed (1990 - 94).



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## **...Birthday events at the pool itself**

May's BLUprint will give details. Meanwhile make a note of **July 10<sup>th</sup>** when 70<sup>th</sup> birthday cake and BLU's book of the Lido will be on sale poolside and **August 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>** when Waterwords will be again encouraging liquid poetry.

## **... publicity for events – please contact us if you can help**

### **BRICKS**

Many of you are now proud owners of a hand made Dorking Red brick from the Lido wall. These are no longer made and very expensive to copy. Brick sales have earned BLU £400 which will help with costs of the birthday events. Remaining bricks (only a few left) will be on sale at the exhibition.

### **BROCKWELL LIDO STEERING GROUP**

BLU meets regularly with Fusion and Lambeth through BLSG. It has been monitoring delays to building work, concerns of park users, and the state of the Lido path but mostly we've discussed plans for the coming year and users' priorities. BLSG keeps a list of your concerns and issues that need attention.

### **THE LIDO NEEDS YOU!**

Please confirm your address details and continuing interest. Remember email saves us time and money. Speaking of money, how about **a standing order** for your annual donation? **BLU needs steady income and a committed membership** to ensure that users retain a strong voice in the activities and ambiance of the Lido. **Together we've stopped the Lido closing – a great achievement!** Fusion and Lambeth are currently doing a good job but we need to make sure the Lido continues to function as we, the users, want it to function. BLSG and BLU are vital for achieving this.

### **Please return the enclosed form asap**

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