

BLU News! December 2016



We wish all our users a healthy, happy festive time and peace in 2017

'Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'It will be happier.'
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Please check directly with teachers if they are taking holiday and whether cover is in place.

MEMORIAL BENCH

On a cold, crisp morning, members of the Icicles, regular swimmers and poolside friends, gathered for a short unveiling of a bench, donated by Betty Freddi for her late husband, Bruno. Betty, Bruno and their three children, John, Paul and Angela, lived near the Lido and became regular users of the pool from the 1960s. Betty was a member of the Brockwell Icicles for many years. Bruno was the "caller" for well-known local square dancing Group who used to meet in the Lido rooms. Betty wanted to honour Bruno's name and as the Lido was important to the family, she has provided both a memorial to her late husband, and a splendid bench for the regular swimmers to sit, warm up, cool down and relax. Tea and cakes were kindly provided by the Lido Cafe. Mary Hill and Luke Fenton were very much part of seeing this come to fruition. Thanks to those who attended.

DRY SIDE MALE AND FEMALE CHANGING ROOM REFURB BEGINS

Work has begun on the male and female dry side changing rooms. We anticipate this will be complete by January 1st 2017. Access to the spa is via the gym; please ensure you are as dry as possible when walking through the gym to avoid accidents. Wet side showers are available for all to use, ample lockers available in corridors.

CRISIS AND CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

There's still time to register! 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. Don't worry, 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.

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day swim is now fully booked. Call the Lido for cancellations or add your name to a short list. Donations on the day for swimmers and spectators. The outdoor sauna will be ready to warm those who brave the water, followed by mince pies and tea!

THE LIDO CAFE

The Lido Cafe will be open for Christmas dinner for just two nights this year, December 9th and 16th, serving a delicious festive menu! Book now to avoid disappointment - christmas@thelidocafe.co.uk

The Cafe is currently opens to swimmers for drinks only at 8.30am. Regular opening is at 9am for breakfast, brunch, cakes and coffee. Last drinks orders are at 4.30pm and closing is at 5pm. HALF PRICE hot drinks IF you've swum at this time of year!

The Lido Cafe is available for private hire all year round. However, they'll be closed on 24, 25, 26, 27 December and 1 January 2017.

LIDO'S 80th CELEBRATIONS - WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND WE NEED THEM NOW!

2017 will see 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. You can email BLU on info@brockwelllido.com, tweet us @BrockwellLido or contact us on Facebook, tweet Fusion @Brockwell_Lido or send them a message on Facebook. We're making plans now. All ideas are welcome.

COLD WATER SWIMMING DOS AND DON'TS

New to cold water swimming? PLEASE TAKE CARE AND READ THE RULES. 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. If you really want to give it a go, do a few strokes and then half a length and ease your way gently.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING AT THE LIDO

The lido is looking to add more Lifeguards to the team, please email David Hudson, the new Wet Operations Manager at david.hudson@fusionlifestyle.com if you know of anyone who may be interested.

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. At this year's AGM, BLU announced an investigation into contraventions of their constitution by a member. As a result, the decision has led to the termination of the individual's membership of BLU with effect from 1st November 2016. On joining BLU, members agree to conduct themselves with mutual dignity and respect for all. We take harassment and bullying very seriously and will always take action when required.

LIDO CAR PARK

Parking enforcement has been implemented; please make sure you are parked in the correct bays, as tickets will be issued. Drivers who park in disabled bays (without a blue badge), loading bays or even try and squeeze into the motorcycle bays (yes, a few drivers have been wedged in unable to leave) BEWARE! PLEASE don't do it.

MANAGERS' MEETING

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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