



## BLU News! August 2016

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."  
Thomas A. Edison

### BLU FORUM/AGM & BLSG AGM Saturday 24th September 10.00am

To be held in the Whippersnappers' room at the Lido on Saturday 24th September at 10.00am. Complimentary coffee, croissants & cake will be served from 9.30am. This is your opportunity to give feedback to Fusion, Lambeth and BLU on all aspects of Brockwell Lido and to hear their responses. This is where YOU get to voice your compliments and concerns. Don't forget to write on the feedback sheets on both dry and wet sides in the meantime! This will help speed things up at the meeting. If you have something to say, good or not so good, be there to say it. If you would rather email your thoughts, please do so at [info@brockwelllido.com](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com)

As per our new 2015 Constitution, only those individuals who have been members of BLU prior to 24th March 2016 may vote. By member we mean individuals who are on BLU's mailing list (email or hard copy). Individuals wishing to stand for the BLU Committee or Officer positions, should obtain the required number of nominations and make their intentions known to [info@brockwelllido.com](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com) no later than 17th September 2016.

EVERYONE is welcome to join the AGM, member or non-member of BLU. We welcome you all, your thoughts, suggestions, comments etc. Please let all friends know that they are welcome to come along. We aim to be finished by midday.

### BLU T-shirts and OUT OF THE BLUE book

There will be a rare opportunity before and after the meeting to acquire an original BLU T-Shirt, these were created for us by internationally renowned designer Gethan Dick. We have limited stock but we can probably find one to fit you! A bargain price of £5 for attendees at the Forum AND a free copy of Out of the Blue, our fabulous book about the history of our Lido. We can even get you a copy signed by the author, our very own Peter Bradley!! Or a signed copy for only £5 if you don't need a T-shirt!

### Gym

We finally have new yoga and pilates mats in all studios, as well as new blocks. The old ones vanished. Any feedback of the new mats would be welcome. Gym and studio users must clear up all empty bottles, tissues etc from changing rooms, shower areas and in the gym/studios. It's very unpleasant, unless it's what you do at home, in which case THE GYM IS NOT YOUR HOME. Treat it properly, be considerate towards others. Clear your mess away, because we do not want it.

There have been mutterings and complaints from gym users for some time now, with a distinct lack of gym instructors, continual machine break downs, lack of space, too few exercise machines and a general state of uncleanliness in the gym. Fusion has promised more targeted resources for the remainder of 2016 so please let us know if things are not improving for you. 2017 will be an extremely important year for gym users because there is a major refit planned for the gym equipment. This will be the perfect opportunity for you to give your opinions to Fusion and let them know EXACTLY what new exercise machines or facilities you want to see installed in the Lido gym. Let us have your view via our BLU Facebook and Twitter sites, or tell one of our BLU committee members who frequent the gym every day. The last Gym refit occurred in 2012, so we are expecting to be inundated with your comments and suggestions. Let's make sure we get it right this time, because the new equipment will stay with us for another five years!

## Water Water Everywhere Except at the Lido!

There have been major issues with the absence of water in the entire building, which we are unhappy about. There have been many complaints, we have been advised by Fusion that larger water tanks are to be installed at the Lido, as yet there is no installation date. Please know that we are doing everything we can to ensure this is carried out quickly so that toilets can be flushed, showers flow continuously, the spa sparkles and people can get to work feeling clean and refreshed after a session in the gym, class or pool.

## Staff

Fusion will have run the Lido for ten years in 2017 (an eighth of the Lido's life!). During that time, so far, we have worked with the following Fusion managers: Rob, Jeremy, Paul, Catherine, Craig, Clare, Tara, Luke, Matthew and currently, Stuart Wilkes who is the new GM at the Lido. It would be good to catch up with the earlier managers. Where are they now? How many of them could join us for the 80th anniversary celebrations? And we mustn't forget Paddy and Casey who ran the Lido with such passion and panache from 1994 until 2007! Casey still swims at the Lido and we look forward to welcoming them both to the Lido's birthday bash.

## And...

[We welcome Luke back to the Lido.](#)

## National Active Fitness Day 2016

Will be held at the Lido on Wednesday 7th September...watch out on Twitter and Facebook to see what challenges the Lido offers...

## All Out Swim!

It's not too early to sign for the All Out Swim in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October.

## Luna Cinema at the Lido

Eat, drink and watch Titanic on 22nd September 5.30pm poolside with Luna Cinema. And Jaws on 29th September at 5.30pm. Tickets still available

## The Lido Café

The Lido Cafe will close at 5pm on September 3rd.

## Brockwell Lido Fun Palace 2016

Following hard on the heels of our Forum comes the BROCKWELL LIDO FUN PALACE on Sunday October 2nd. If the last two years are anything to go by, with over 2500 through the Lido doors, this year, there will be another successful day with the community coming together. Cosmology, cheerleading, dive in five, swim fit, maths on toast, magic, kayaks and much more. And all for free - 11am - 5pm.

## 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.

## Apologies

Correction from July News: Jean Phelps is Thelma's sister in law -- Apologies to both Jean and Thelma.

## Social Media Manners

BLU does not condone bullying or harassment via social media or in person, of members, Lido users and Lido 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.

## Lido Members

It's surprising how many members, whether full or swim only, don't know that you do not have to queue for the pool, you can go straight through. Just swipe your card!

## Pool Etiquette

From the Evening Standard - '7 rules of etiquette to follow while swimming in London's lidos this summer.'

## Friends of Brockwell Park Car Boot Sale!

The Friends of Brockwell Park car boot sale is on the second Sunday of each month during the summer in the Lido car park.

## Rain Stops Swimming

Thunder and lightening mean the pool will close and not reopen for 45 mins after it has stopped. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY. It's dangerous to be in or near the pool during thunder and lightning, so please listen to instructions from lifeguards.

## Cars

Please note that all cars found to be parked anywhere other than in legitimate car spaces will have registrations taken and tickets will be issued. Do NOT park in motorcycle or disabled bays.

## and Bikes

If you come by bike, please use a tough lock to attach it to a rack, sadly bike theft continues.

## 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](mailto: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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