

# BLU News!

## October & November 2017



**‘Designers want me to dress like Spring, in billowing things. I don't feel like Spring. I feel like a warm red Autumn.’ Marilyn Monroe**

### AGM 2017

This year's AGM was a success with many attending, though several left before voting took place - next year we will vote first! Thanks to all who came, who spoke out, challenged Fusion and stayed until the end. Thanks also to Donna Wiggins from Lambeth for coming along, Fusion and the Lido Cafe for providing copious amounts of croissants, pain chocolat and pain raisin, and to CJ's sister for baking yet another delicious cake. The minutes (on the BLU website) reflect the main topics of conversation, we think you'll agree that Lee had positive answers for most of the questions raised.

### CLASS CANCELLATIONS

Fusion HQ have changed the cancellation time to FOUR HOURS prior to the start of a class. If you do not cancel at least four hours in advance you will be charged and unable to book until you have paid. This is to allow those on a wait list time to get to a class and make arrangements if need be. In the past, too many people have cancelled an hour before class, which gives those on a wait list little time and this means classes are not full where they could and should be.

### LIDO ACCESS

All members must bring their membership card in order to access the facility. Should members fail to swipe, access may not be permitted. The team at reception are under strict orders to not open the gates. If you have lost your card, please purchase a replacement from reception.

### COLD WATER GALA!

There's a Cold Water Gala taking place at Brockwell Lido on Saturday November 11th. We need teams! Email David Hudson - [David.Hudson@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:David.Hudson@fusion-lifestyle.com) for info.

### NOVEMBER POOL & LIDO SCHEDULE

November pool hours - as a trial, for just November, Fusion have extended the pool opening hours each day. If the uptake is in line with expectations, the view will be to continue in to December. Should the number of users be lower than hoped for, it is likely that the pool opening hours will revert to the standard three hour opening. So bring along all your cold water swimming friends.

### MOVEMBER

Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide. The goal of Movember is to "change the face of men's health." All welcome to join in. £5.00 to enter, payable at reception. All proceeds go to charity. All the (male) staff members are taking part this year. The owner of the most spectacular moustache will receive a gift at the end of the month. Don't forget to post your beauties on our social media!

## WINTER SWIM TICKETS & OUTDOOR SAUNA

These are still available and are valid until 30th April 2018 - costs are:

£97.00 standard

£80.00 concession

The outdoor sauna is free to FULL MEMBERS of Brockwell Lido. If you have an annual swim pass or PAYG, the charge is £1.50 per day or £12.50 for a winter season ticket. Regular checks will be made by management to stop users who haven't paid. For those who have asked, the cost of an annual swim pass is £279.15

Please look after the outdoor sauna and do not abuse it. Anyone caught using pool water will be asked to leave. Non pool water is available, please use it. If the sauna breaks down again due to misuse, it will close.

## BEANIES ON SALE!

Why not buy a Brockwell Lido Beanie - on sale NOW at reception, £12. They proved hugely popular last winter! Deliciously warm. Some people we know have one in every colour...

## REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH NOVEMBER

Lambeth is putting on its annual Firework display in Brockwell Park on Saturday 4th November. Pay in advance, children under 3 go free. The Lido carpark is likely to be closed, but on street parking is free after 5.30pm and parking around Herne Hill should be available after 2pm, please check on street parking times.

## THE LIDO CAFE

Bonfire night bookings on Saturday 4th November are now open - delicious smokey chilli, mulled wine and cider and a space to watch the fireworks on the terrace.

TLC will close on Friday 24th November from 11am for a wedding. They will be open for coffee 9-11am.

There's a superb Christmas menu and TLC is now open for bookings, Wednesdays - Fridays 6th-22nd December 2017

TLC closure dates for the festivals are:

Closed 24th - 26th Dec

Open 9am-4pm 27th - 31st Dec  
(food 10am-2pm only)

Closed Mon 1st Jan

2nd Jan onwards - open as usual

## CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

Bookings will open mid-November, donations on the door. Pool opening will be 09:30-10:30. The outdoor sauna will be open. Please bring mince pies and cakes!

## BLU MEMBERSHIP

BLU relies on you, our members, to give us credibility and influence when it comes to taking ideas and complaints to Fusion. Could you get a friend who uses the Lido to join us? There's no fee, no annoying emails, one Newsletter every month, and if you're interested in being more involved in the present and future of the Lido and BLU, we'd love to hear from you.

## GYM REFIT

We hope you are making the most of the gym refit, feedback so far has been positive, with the power mill being an instant favourite! If anything is broken or you have issues, please contact a member of staff. If you don't tell them, chances are they don't know about it!

## A NOVEL IDEA

According to Brixton Blog, "Brockwell Lido is set to feature in a major film based on a novel by former Brixton resident Libby Page. The novel, *The Lido*, her first, is due to be published in spring next year. Its plot is based on the friendship between two women – a 26-year-old looking for roots and an 86-year-old pensioner who already has strong ones – and the classic Brixton theme of a much-loved institution threatened by redevelopment. The two join forces to save the Lido, which faces closure. All well and good, and congratulations to Libby. BUT...the three real local swimmers who actually launched BLU one August morning in 2001 and worked tirelessly for several years to save our Lido from closure might feel just a little bit miffed. Admittedly none of them was 86 or 26 at the time and they were already friends when they launched BLU but the fictional story is uncomfortably close to the real one. Let's not forget the facts! And let's thank Mary, Judy and Yvonne for what they have achieved. Unfortunately, the threesome did not gain a six-figure fee for their efforts but they do have the daily reward of observing the Lido in its current glory. For the real story, get hold of a copy of Peter Bradley's wonderful book about the history of the Lido, *Out of the Blue*. It is available from Herne Hill Books near Herne Hill Station.

## SOLAR LIGHTS

Solar lights have been installed along the path to Dulwich Road. While these are very welcome as an attempt to make walking here after dark less dangerous, however, we are a bit disappointed about their low level of illumination.

## WIFI

Yes, we have moved into the 21st century and we now have Wifi in the gym. Check the boards for the password. And if you have a Netflix account, you can log in and watch while you shed the kilos. We hear that one generous user has left his account open for others...you just have to find the right piece of equipment!

## IF WATER WAS MY BEST FRIEND by Jane & Eleanor Age 9

I'd always play with it  
Until I was drenched  
If water was my best friend  
I'd use it well  
If water was my best friend  
For its birthday  
I'd buy it chlorine  
And if water was my best friend  
In the summer holidays  
I'd take it to Cyprus  
And at half term I'd take it to Wales

From *Waterwords*. Edited by Melanie Mauthner and Hylde Sims and published by **BLU** in 2008

## CANCELLATIONS AND FREEZING MEMBERSHIP

If members give one full month's notice, you can cancel membership OR freeze it from a week to longer, if you are going away, so you don't waste your membership. If you want to freeze membership within this period, it has to be approved by the General Manager based on medical grounds only. If notice is received after the 1st of the month, no changes will be made until the 1st of the following month.

## SWIMTAG

SWIMTAG is designed to motivate and support our swimmers. Using membership cards to activate a wristband on the docking station, simply slip on a band and jump in the pool. Return your wristband to the docking station and swim data is automatically uploaded to the website. Stats can also be automatically emailed to members. Swimtag is only available to Lido members, as your cards are swiped and linked to your online account. And it's free and compatible with other Apps, such as Fitbit. Ask at reception for more details.

## FUSION LIFESTYLE APP

We're aware than not everyone has a smartphone or computer, so booking via phone or in person are the only options. However, some of you will have already discovered the Smartphone App that enables you to book classes online. Check timetables & book up to 7 days in advance.

## SWIM

- Free swimming for over 60's, weekdays before 10am.
- Check out concession prices for various groups, early bird swimming discounts, and family tickets for 1 or 2 parent families with a second parent receiving a 50% discount and the children also receiving discounted rates. Contact the team at Brockwell Lido for more information, or enquire at reception.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

BLU

Twitter - @BrockwellLido

Facebook - @BrockwellLidoUsers

Instagram - brockwelllidousers

## BROCKWELL LIDO

Facebook: @BrockwellLidoUK

Twitter: @Brockwell\_Lido

Instagram: Brockwell\_lido

## HEALTH SUITE

A polite notice to all users that no oils, salts or body lotions are to be used anywhere in the health suite and please note SHAVING IS NOT PERMITTED. Several people have been politely asked to refrain from this, it is highly unpleasant for other users. We would also like to advise that food is also not permitted within the Health suite area. Please shower before and after you use the sauna, steam room and hydrotherapy pool. It's up to everyone to help keep this facility clean by following all rules. BLU members may ask you to stop doing any of the above if they see you, respect everyone's wishes. If you are walking between the pool and the dry side, PLEASE wear footwear and avoid dripping on the floor in reception to avoid accidents.

## 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.

## LIDO CAR PARK

Parking enforcement is in effect, 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 motor cycle 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](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com) or come find us, one of us can usually be found in the gym, studio, poolside or spa!

**BLU WEBSITE** - [www.brockwelllido.com](http://www.brockwelllido.com)

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