

BLU UPDATE OCTOBER 2012



"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" John Keats

BLU's 2012 Forum was well attended by about 60 Lido users. Early birds enjoyed a free breakfast, courtesy of Fusion and The Lido Café. Peter Kay, Fusion's CEO, Penny Arnold, Commercial and Operations Director, Mark Braithwaite, Divisional Business Manager and Clare Bushell (nee Motton), Lido General Manager, plus Claudia Aristide, Senior Client Manager from Lambeth Council were all there to listen and respond to users. Committees were elected to BLU and to the Brockwell Lido Steering Committee. Congratulations to all concerned, especially Linda Spashett and Tina Boye who are the new BLU Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

There was good news about the following:

The **car park** will be regulated very soon. This will, we believe, be the end of irresponsible parking and abuse of disabled bays. Notices will be put up in advance of the changes so drivers should be prepared to observe the new rules

The troublesome **hydrotherapy pool** is going to undergo repairs which should make it a resource Lido users can depend on. It will be closed from 1st to 9th November, but the sauna and steam room should remain open during this time.

Winter swimming is really going to happen! From when the pool's main season ends at the beginning of November, it will open for hardy swimmers three sessions a week right through the winter until the main season starts again in early April. The sessions will be Mondays: 8.30am - 11.30am, Wednesdays: 11am - 2 pm, Saturdays: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. If these sessions are really popular, Fusion may consider further sessions. A season ticket for the whole winter will cost £50 and there will be pay as you go tickets available too. Lido Choice members will enjoy winter (as well as summer) swimming free of charge. They, and winter season ticket holders, will be able to access the spa free of charge after their swim and casual swimmers can buy a £3 spa ticket with their swim ticket. All swimmers will need to wear footwear and a robe or towel to cross reception without dripping! A Winter Swim social group has been formed and has already started to meet for tea and cake after a chilly swim. You can join them by contacting winterswimgroup@yahoo.co.uk They have also created a Facebook page which you can find by searching for *The Brockwell Lido Winter Swim Group*.

Don't forget the *Brockwell Lido Gym and Spa* Facebook page as well. And the [BLU Twitter feed!](#)

In the meantime, October swimming hours will continue until the 2nd November. From 15th October the pool will be open 7.45- 13.00 and from 16.00-17.30 on weekdays and 08.00-17.30 at weekends. There will be a FREE swimming day on 3rd November and the winter swimming timetable will kick in on Monday 5th November. If you have a summer pool season ticket it will not expire until 3rd November.

BLU has pointed out the need for repairs to some of the new **gym equipment** and urgent action has been promised.

Many of you enjoyed last year's **Carol Concert** and it will be even bigger and better this year. It is planned for Saturday 15th December with a brass band and a choir and plenty of carols for us all to sing. Lighting will be better and The Lido Café will serve warming food and drink. More details in our next Update.

To make up for the lack of a **Midwinter Swim** last year, this year we have two to look forward to! The first, in aid of Crisis, will take place on Saturday 15th December and the second, in aid of the Mayor of Lambeth's charity, will be a week later on Saturday, 22nd December. So you can choose your day or have a wonderful rush of adrenaline two weeks running! Watch out for details next month. These are celebratory fun-filled events both for regular swimmers and for those who just want to join in the fun of a quick plunge into cold water once (or twice!) a year.

We hope that the **dirt path** from the park to the Lido will be tarmacked any day now. In the meantime, please avoid it to keep mud out of the changing rooms and gym.

Although we love The Lido Café for delicious meals and great coffee, a number of people at the Forum were unhappy about the service provided to them as Lido users. BLU representatives and the Lido manager are discussing this issue with TLC so if you have any suggestions about how Lido Users could be better looked after by the café please email us at info@brockwelllido.com

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