

BLU UPDATE December 2013



*He puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore,
Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.
Maybe Christmas, he thought... doesn't come from a store,
Maybe Christmas, perhaps... means a little bit more!*

How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Dr Seuss

Saturday 14th December - Crisis Midwinter Swim: registration open from 11am - please turn up no later than 11.30am. Safety briefing at 11.45am; group jump-in at midday. There will be fantastic prizes for the top three fundraisers (announced on 20th December) and the best fancy dress. Brave the icy temperatures and help raise money for Crisis at Christmas and their year-round services. In return receive a special Crisis swimming cap for the occasion. Enjoy a warm shower afterwards, hot drinks and food from The Lido Café and their beach hut. Spectators welcome!

Saturday 14th December - Carols by the water 3.30pm. The Croydon brass band will be leading the tunes again, joined by two choirs from local schools. The café and the beach hut will be open all day with a BBQ and mulled wine from 3.30pm. And for the first time, candles will also be on sale for just £1 - all proceeds will go to St Christopher's Hospice. Entry £3. Under fives free.

Saturday 14th December - Herne Hill Christmas Fair 11am – 5pm

Half Moon Lane: A Neptune's Grotto, with Father Neptune and his el-fish (nod to the flood...). Family Zone - with children's entertainers, a find the starfish treasure trail. Close up magic with The Illusioneer. Arts and Crafts workshops. Hot food and gift stalls. 'Pop up' Pies and Ales courtesy of the (still closed) Half Moon pub. Rosendale School Choir and Steel Pans. The London Saxophone Orchestra.

Railton Road: a Christmas gift market with arts and crafts produced by local artisans, artists and makers, and collections of vintage goods. Live bands and street dancers.

Norwood Road: the Warm Zone with marquee in the entrance to the Bath Factory Estate, with Xmas trees, mulled wine and mince pies and lots of music.

Goodbye and good riddance to the tagging that has “decorated” the outside of our lovely Lido for the past few months. Fusion have, at last, had it removed and we hope this action will deter any future offenders

BLU and Spa users are very disappointed that recent repairs have not completely resolved the ongoing problems in the **hydropool**. We are told that work has recommenced to solve them. We look forward to a proper resolution as many users rely on the massage features for relief of arthritic and other symptoms.

While we are waiting for the regulated **car park** (promised for late January), PLEASE park in designated spaces and never in disabled bays unless you are displaying a

blue badge. Think! One day you might need a disabled bay. We are pleased to see the Lido flags flying again.

The new scales that **gym users** requested are on their way.

Christmas opening hours (for the whole Lido complex and car park)

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| 23 rd December | Open as usual |
| 24 th December | 8am-4pm |
| 25 th December | Closed |
| 26 th December | Closed |
| 27 th December | 7am-8pm |
| 28 th December | 8am-6pm |
| 29 th December | 8am-6pm |
| 30 th December | 7am-8pm |
| 31 st December | 8am-4pm |
| 1 st January 2014 | Closed |
| 2 nd January 2014 | Open as usual |

How about a pre-Christmas swim on Christmas Eve? The **pool** will be open 8.30am-12pm.

The Lido Cafe will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 26th.

If you love the **Herne Hill Sunday market**, you can vote for it as “Britain’s favourite market” at <http://www.nabma.com/vote/>. If you haven’t visited it yet, do get down there and enjoy the vibe, the people and the food. Every Sunday by Herne Hill Station 10am-4pm. And you can play the piano in the station tunnel!

If you are a Lido member you can get a **discount** at our local Intersport, 134 Herne Hill SE24 9QL and Amphibian Sports, 44a Chapel Road, West Norwood, SE27 0UR. And, of course, at The Lido Café.

We, at BLU, wish all our readers a very happy festive season and a very well and fit New Year.

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