



BLU UPDATE FEBRUARY 2012

Proposed plans for the **refurbishment of the gym** have been posted in the gym and users have been invited to discuss these plans at 3 meetings with management. The last one was held on 2nd February when Regional Manager, Mark Braithwaite, explained Fusion's thinking about the refurbishment of the gym

Key points included:

- Investment of £260,000 being made.
- New equipment (not reconditioned) being purchased to replace five year-old failing machines.
- Life Fitness was chosen for better availability of spare parts which will mean swifter repairs. The same company supplied the fitness equipment at the East Dulwich gym
- Express" equipment has been included for its suitability for under 16's, new users, older people and those with disabilities. Fusion's aim is to make the gym as inclusive as possible
- The Lido gym is constrained by its relatively small size. It can only accommodate 80 machines, compared with 120 at Dulwich.
- Attention will be paid to ambience and aesthetics.
- Redecoration and re-flooring will take place.
- Every effort will be made to minimise disruption during refurbishment which will take place in May/June
Fusion will look again at specific pieces of equipment which cater for users of heavier weights to see if they can be included
- Spin bikes will be replaced with new ones and will have to stay in their present position as the studios are heavily used.

Final plans will be displayed and emailed to everyone who has expressed an interest.

Planning permission has been granted for new signage in the **car park** but Fusion are still waiting for the go-ahead for a ticket machine. Nearly there now! Notices to explain new system will be displayed in the car park 3-4 weeks before kick-off.

The **pool** is still waiting for warm dry weather before painting can be done. We are still hoping for April 3rd for the grand re-opening. We might have a heatwave like last year and be desperate for a dip. The pool changing rooms will get re-decorated and freshened up before then. We have asked for a wet vacuum cleaner to help keep the floors clear of puddles.

Enjoy a **therapeutic massage** at the Lido and help **St Christopher's Hospice**. Becca Thackray is a fully qualified masseuse and she is offering a 45 minute full body massage on Tuesday afternoons for £35 with all that amount being donated to the hospice. Fusion are donating the studio space which is lovely

and warm and Becca makes it cosy and private. Thanks to Becca and Fusion. You can book online or at Lido reception. Highly recommended by the BLU Chair!

Work is being done at last to repair gym and spa **showers** and the **hydropool**. The steam room alarm and the sauna bench have been repaired but the ceiling lights in the sauna are still to be fixed.

The Lido Café is planning to extend the beach hut so it can offer faster service and a wider range of food and drink, including some healthy options. Apart from mad, busy days, swimmers will be offered a full food and drink service on the swimmers' terrace.

General Manager, Clare Motton, is holding **monthly open door sessions**. Dates are displayed as 13/2, 12/3, 16/4, 15/5 and 18/6: 5.30-6.30pm. In between these times praise, comment, suggest or complain via the "Please Tell Us What You Think" cards available in reception and/or talk to a member of staff. A PTUWYT noticeboard is on the gym side of reception

Clare has been asked to display **photos and names of all staff** in reception. We hope she can do this.

Work has begun on the **wild flower meadow** on the slope at the back of the Lido. Volunteers are urgently needed every Sunday 12noon-3pm from February 12th until Easter. Just turn up (with weeding tools if possible) or email susy.hogarth@btopenworld.com

The **flags** and flagpoles which were damaged in the January gales are being replaced.

If you have children, from a few months old to late teens, you mustn't miss Whippersnappers!
www.whippersnappers.org

Dates for your diary: **Modern Movement** (retro furniture etc) 5th and 6th May. **Open air films** 20th July and 29th August.

If you know any Lido users who do not receive BLU UPDATES, please encourage them to join us via our website. We represent the interests of **ALL Lido users**, whatever their particular activity.

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