

However long the night, the dawn will break.  
African Proverb - Hausa Tribe

#### FAREWELL LUKE

We were very sad to say goodbye to Luke Fenton who was a really great General Manager and asset to the Lido. We send Luke our sincere thanks for all his enthusiasm and hard work and wish him the very best for the future. We would also like to thank David Hudson, wetside manager and Kathryn Symmonds, dry side manager for doing an excellent job and dealing with the many requests and problems that arise.

#### HELLO LEE

We welcome Lee White who joins David and Kathryn as our interim General Manager. While we are handing out bouquets, may we thank all our stalwart lifeguards who have done such a great job looking after our hardy winter swimmers. Being a lifeguard is never an easy job but doing it in freezing and wet conditions is really challenging! Thanks to Danny, Ian, Jimmy, Kathryn, Cavan, Katie, Gabor, Henry, Lucy, Elise, Laura, Rob and Will.

#### SMARTPHONE 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. We are told that this has become hugely popular already. Check timetables & book up to 7 days in advance. In the App store, ensure you type in Fusion Lifestyle, or you may end up with an electronics App instead!

#### DRY SIDE STORY

Final checks are being carried out in the shiny new dryside changing rooms. We hope everyone is happy with the improvements. Please tell BLU and Fusion if you encounter any further problems. Several users have put the wrong locker code in or forgotten codes. If this happens, reception will have to unlock it for you. Please check the number on the top of the locker door.

#### WET SIDE STORY AND GYM

There are plans for renovating the wetside changing rooms but we don't have a date for the work yet. As you know, the gym is going to have a total re-fit. We have been assured that there will be a thorough consultation with users before decisions are made. Watch social media for news.

#### SMIMATHON, AQUATHLON & NEW SPIN BIKES!

This year's Swimathon takes place on 7/8 April. Why not sign up as an individual or team? The Lido will be delicious and warm! We need volunteers on the day to count laps for swimmers, so anyone free and interested please email [info@brockwelllido.com](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com) or contact David and Kathryn at the Lido.

The 2017 Windrush Aquathlon takes place at the Lido on Sunday 25th June. Can anyone tell us why it's called an Aquathlon not Aquathon? Swim 10 lengths of the pool and run 5k. Easy really and no one cares how fast or slow you go, sometimes just finishing is good enough for most. One committee member has already signed up.

Fusion has listened to users and new spin bikes are arriving soon at the Lido. Here's a preview, which you can try out by reception.

#### LIGHTING

BLU and BLSC have been asking for lighting along the drive from Dulwich Road to the Lido car park for quite a while now. The good news is that Fusion plan to install solar-powered bollards. This should make pedestrians more visible to drivers after dark.

#### CHANGING ROOM BLOCK PLATFORM

Lambeth are still in the process of installing a suitable surface to the platform created on the site of the demolished changing room block. Once this is done, the space will be available for individuals and groups to stretch and exercise.

#### LIDO'S 80TH

Brockwell Lido was launched on 10th July 1937 so we are celebrating our 80th birthday this year at the Lido on Saturday 8th July. If you would like to get involved in planning for the 80th, please get in touch with us [info@brockwelllido.com](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com)

#### LIDO CAFE

Is open for business. Please check directly with the Lido Cafe for closures. Fancy breakfast, brunch or a cake?

#### COLD WATER SWIMMING DOS AND DON'TS

New to cold water swimming? PLEASE TAKE CARE AND READ THE RULES. Do not push yourself until you feel dizzy or get hypothermia, it's no fun. We all like a challenge, but there are plenty of other ways to test yourself without making yourself sick. The best way to ease into cold water swimming is to swim throughout the year, allowing your body to gradually acclimatise to the change in water temperature. If you really want to give it a go, do a few strokes and then half a length and ease your way gently.

#### LIFEGUARD TRAINING AT THE LIDO

The lido is looking to add more Lifeguards to the team, please email David Hudson the new Wet Operations Manager at [David.hudson@fusion-lifestyle.com](mailto:David.hudson@fusion-lifestyle.com) if you know of anyone who may be interested.

#### 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!