

BLU News! November 2016



There comes a time when people get tired of being pushed out of the glittering sunlight of life's July and left standing amid the piercing chill of an alpine November.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

POOLS, CAKES AND HALLOWEEN

BLU and the Lido steering group, BLSC, have been campaigning for years to have the whole pool always fully open in the true Lido spirit. Fusion announced at our Forum on September 24th that this would come into effect on November 5th. And so it came to pass. To celebrate this happy occasion, a Lido bake-off was held. Judges Luke Fenton, Brockwell Lido General Manager and CJ Faucher, Chair of BLU (next time we're going for all female judges), had a really tough time eating their way through a variety of superb cakes. The winning cake was baked by Lido regular and committed winter swimmer Katie, with her Lido fountain cake, reminding us of how the Lido looked years ago. Magdalena and Jonathan's cakes were placed second and third. Thanks to all for your hard work. After the judging, the cakes were enjoyed by Lido users and workers. Not a crumb was left for local pigeons and ducks...

The Lido also celebrated Halloween with a Spooktacular Open Weekend. Rather scary silhouettes decorated windows. Gymmers and swimmers found treasure in lockers. Teachers, users and members of staff dressed up for the occasion. A ghoulish time was had by all.

DRY SIDE MALE AND FEMALE CHANGING ROOM REFURB BEGINS

More good news! Those of you who came to the Forum or posted your comments will be pleased to see another of our requests is being actioned. Fusion is extremely excited to announce an extensive refurbishment of both the male and female dry side changing room and shower areas. Work will include fitting of a new floor, tiling on walls, new shower cubicles and lockers as well as installing upgraded lighting. To carry out these improvements with as minimal impact as possible Fusion will be closing off both changing rooms from the following dates:

[Male dry side changing rooms: Monday 14th November to Sunday, 1st January 2017](#)

[Female dry side changing rooms: Monday, 21st November to Sunday 1st January 2017](#)

While the refurbishment takes place, the wet side changing rooms will be accessible for all users throughout the centre opening times. Additional lockers are being made available in the dry side corridor. The spa will remain open and will be accessible through the gym. Fusion politely ask that during this time, all customers dry off as much as possible whilst moving around the centre, specifically from spa area via the gym to wet side changing rooms, in order to keep the gym floor as dry as possible to avoid accidents.

Fusion would like to thank you in advance for your patience whilst these exciting works take place. If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting a member of the Fusion team.

CRISIS AND CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

Join up! Saturday 10th December, midday, the Brockwell Lido swim for Crisis. Swim alone or in a team or four, it costs £22.32 to enter, per person, this is the cost of a night at Crisis. You'll be swimming widths not lengths...and given past swims for Crisis, the turnout has been superb. Let's see if we can do better this year.

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day swim. Bookings go live from Monday 14th November. Donations on the day for swimmers and spectators. Book early, as numbers are limited.

THE LIDO CAFE

The Lido Cafe is currently opening to swimmers FOR DRINKS ONLY at 8.15am. Regular opening is at 9am for breakfast, brunch, cakes and coffee. When the water temperature drops below 10 degrees, swimmers are entitled to half price hot drinks. That'll be now then. Last drinks orders are at 4.30pm and closing is at 5pm. Look out for new items on the menu. The Lido cafe is now taking festive bookings for up to 65 people. Open for dinner on two nights only, 9th and 16th December. Their Christmas menu is enticing! Book early to save disappointment. They'll be closed on 24, 25, 26, 27 December and 1 January 2017.

LIDO'S 80th CELEBRATIONS. WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS NOW!

2017 will see the 80th anniversary of the Lido opening in 1937. At the opening ceremony on July 10th 1937, the Mayor of Lambeth threw a schoolgirl into the pool. Who can we throw into the pool at the 80th celebrations? Let us know how you would like to celebrate. You can email BLU on info@brockwelllido.com, tweet us @BrockwellLido or contact us on Facebook, tweet Fusion @Brockwell_Lido or send them a message on Facebook. We're making plans now. All ideas are welcome.

COLD WATER SWIMMING DOS AND DON'TS

New to cold water swimming? PLEASE TAKE CARE AND READ THE RULES on our website. 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.

LIFEGUARDS 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@fusionlifestyle.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. At this year's AGM, BLU announced an investigation into contraventions of their constitution by a member. As a result, the decision has led to the termination of the individual's membership of BLU with effect from 1st November 2016. On joining BLU, members agree to conduct themselves with mutual dignity and respect for all. We take harassment and bullying very seriously and will always take action when required.

LIDO CAR PARK

Drivers who park in disabled bays (without a blue badge), loading bays or even try and squeeze into the motorcycle bays (yes, someone got wedged in last week) BEWARE! Fusion and the car parking company will be issuing heavy fines and are looking into new ways to penalise drivers. 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. Please also feel free to find a member of staff and talk directly to them about any issue you have.

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 or come find us, one of us can usually be found in the gym, studio, poolside or spa!

