BLU News! July 2016



"Heavy hearts, like heavy clouds in the sky, are best relieved by the letting of a little water."

Christopher Morley

Obituary

We are very sorry to announce the untimely death of Ruth Thompson, Chair of the Brockwell Lido Steering Committee (BLSC). Ruth, born in 1953, learned to swim in Oxfordshire rivers and was a passionate swimmer throughout her life. She became a regular swimmer at Brockwell during Paddy and Casey's era and this continued after Fusion took over until two weeks before her death. She joined the BLU committee in 2009 and became Chair of BLSC in 2012. Those of us who attended BLSC meetings were in awe of Ruth's qualities and skills. Her formidable intelligence, combined with a calm, gentle demeanour, made her an extraordinary leader. All her BLU friends and colleagues will miss Ruth enormously.

We were also very sorry to hear of the death of Joyce (Joy) Andrews who was a regular swimmer at the Lido for many years. She first went to the Lido as a school girl when it opened in 1937. Joyce was always friendly towards everyone and took an interest in them as individuals regardless of who they were or where they were from. She was 'Joy' as she always had such a zest for life, she often said, 'carpe diem'. She will be remembered for her glamorous swimming gear, including flower-strewn swimming hats and her never-failing smile for the lifeguards.

Belated Happy Birthday Greetings to

Thelma Phelps who celebrated her 94th birthday in April. Thelma is featured in Out of the BLUE, our fabulous account of Lido memories, as the schoolgirl who was thrown into the Lido by the Mayor of Lambeth during the opening ceremony on July 10th 1937. Thelma's sister, Jean, still swims regularly at Brockwell.

London Zoo comes to the Lido! Sort of...

On August 23rd at 7pm the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) is asking hundreds of daring swimmers to make a splash at Brockwell Lido! If you love a dip in the lido you probably like lakes, rivers and oceans too. Join ZSL at Brockwell Lido for their very first moonlit swimming challenge whether your swimming style is more of a manatee or a shark, whether you would like to swim in a pod or on your own they have something for everyone! Swim for Wildlife and help ZSL protect aquatic animals and their habitats. Please check at reception for further details or pick up a flyer.

Lido Members

It's surprising how many members, whether full or swim only, don't know that you do not have to queue for the pool, you can go straight through. Just swipe your card!

Sunset swim, Thursday 18th August. Sunset is at 8.16pm. Please check pool closing time with Fusion.

Sunrise swim, Tuesday 23rd August. Sunrise is at 6am. Please check pool opening time with Fusion.

Windrush Aquathlon

The 5th Windrush Aquathlon held on 26th June was a great success. If you are interested in training for triathlons or aquathlons, get in touch with Windrush.

Summer Races and Synchro Show 2016!

Lido Mike and Sara from Streamline Swims, ran another wonderful evening of Summer Races on July 9th. The evening kicked off with a sensational synchronised swimming demonstration, lead by Susan Innes. BLU Chair, CJ, had a starring role and hardly had time to get changed before he was manning the BBQ. Streamline Swims received a letter from Water Aid, thanking them for raising £523.

All Out Swim for Macmillan

It's not too early to sign for the All Out Swim in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October.

More Birthday Greetings

It will be Brockwell Lido's 80th birthday next year (1937-2017). Please give us your suggestions for marking this special anniversary.

Luna Cinema

Some tickets still available for Titanic on 22nd September and Jaws on 29th September!

Eat, drink and watch films poolside with Luna Cinema.

The Lido Café

The Lido Café will close from 1pm on the 31st July and 22nd August.

Staff

Lido General Manager, Luke Fenton, has been unwell and has had to take sick leave. We miss him and wish him a full and speedy recovery. We welcome Matthew Saunders (Matt), who is looking after all things Lido for the time being.

Swim Tickets

Want to avoid the frustration of standing in a hot, sweaty queue? Book online or buy swim vouchers so you never have to queue again. Pre booking on line can only be used for the time allocated. Remember under 5s go free, over 60s go free Mon-Fri from pool opening to 10am. Or buy swim-only membership until 31st October, prices are:

 Adult
 £137.90

 Junior (under 16)
 £ 92.40

 Family
 £348.10

 Concession
 £114.20

 Family Concession
 £232.96

 Early Morning
 £ 89.35

Sauna!

Please do not abuse the sauna. The coals will be hot for some time after it has closed for the day, young children need to be taken care of.

Pool Talk

You'll be pleased to know that the pool will now be fully open all day, every day for swimming and water play at all times unless the weather is bad.

Friends of Brockwell Park Car Boot Sale!

The Friends of Brockwell Park car boot sale is on the second Sunday of each month during the summer in the Lido car park.

Out of the Blue

Our wonderful book, Out of the Blue, is available from Herne Hill Books in Railton Road.

Rain Stops Swimming

Thunder and lightening mean the pool will close and not reopen for 30min after it has stopped. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY. It's dangerous to be in or near the pool during thunder and lightning, so please listen to instructions from lifeguards.

Cars

Please note that all cars found to be parked anywhere other than in legitimate car spaces will have registrations taken and tickets will be issued. Do NOT park in motorcycle or disabled bays.

and Bikes

If you come by bike, please use a tough lock to attach it to a rack, sadly bike theft continues.

BLU

BLU is the only official 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!