

BLU UPDATE APRIL 2012



There's good news and bad news.

Bad news? **The pool** was not ready to open as planned on 2nd April. Problems with the newly replaced expansion joints meant that the pool had to be drained and the expansion joints repaired again, using different materials. Re-filling is scheduled to begin on 11th April. Thames Water have been unable to find a way to increase water pressure which means that it may take as long as two weeks to re-fill the pool. Water pressure is generally low in Herne Hill which means that if the taps are fully turned on to fill the pool, pressure is drastically reduced to the gym showers and the kitchen in the Café!

Good news? The hosepipe ban does not apply to the Lido! And lifeguards will be directly employed by Fusion so we hope we can get to know them. If you would like to sit on a chair rather than on the decking or concrete on the poolside, just ask a helpful lifeguard who will find you one. But the number of chairs is limited. The pool will remain open until 8pm on weekdays during summer months of June, July and August. This may not be entirely clear in the latest Fusion brochure.

Gym and spa users are reminded not to leave anything in lockers overnight. If you do, your belongings may be removed. Lambeth Council are providing eight additional **bike racks** to the left of and in front of reception as you are facing it. We hope they will be in place by the end of April.

More good news...

The major **gym** refurbishment with masses of new equipment is scheduled to begin at the beginning of June. The gym will remain open but areas will have to be closed in rotation while work is taking place. Watch noticeboards for details.

Online booking for classes seems to be popular. Get your sign-in details from reception.

Members will be photographed from now on and membership cards checked to avoid mis-use, instances of which have occurred recently. You have been warned!

The **spa** has been more reliable of late but managers, Clare and Ferenc, are continuing to work on making the hydro pool less temperamental. Users are reminded to read and abide by the spa use guidelines.

The **car park** saga continues. Clare still hopes that problems can be resolved and a regulated parking system put in place before the pool opens but it may take a bit longer. In the meantime PLEASE do not park in designated bays for disabled Blue Badge holders unless you are entitled to do so and display your badge.

Events

There is an **Open Weekend** planned for 21st and 22nd April with lots of activities in and around the pool, including kayaking, yoga and shiatsu. Let's hope the pool will be ready in time.

Don't miss the 5th **Modern Movement** event on 5th and 6th May, 10.00-16.00. Wonderful array of retro furniture and artefacts for sale plus fun happenings organised by students from Camberwell College of Art. Swimming will take place as usual but if it is a very hot day, numbers may have to be limited.

A **Windrush Aquathlon** is planned for 27th May for novices and experienced triathletes alike.

500m swim in 50m Lido and 5km run round Brockwell Park. £18 per competitor (British Triathlon Federation members get a £3 refund on race day on presentation of a valid race licence). Open to competitors aged 16 and over on race day. Wetsuits optional. Sign up at

www.windrushtri.co.uk/page/windrush-aquathlon

Open Air Active offers activities in the park including bootcamp (Mondays 06.30-07.30 and Saturday 08.00-09.00), buggy walk (Wednesdays 10.30-11.30), running club (Thursdays 07.00-08.00) and yoga (Sundays 14.00-15.00).

Whippersnappers offer activities for babies, toddlers, school age children (including an after-school club) and adults. See www.whippersnappers.org

The Lido Café continues to go from strength to strength. The main terrace has re-opened and the swimmers' terrace will be open as soon as the pool opens with food and drink being served to swimmers who choose to sit there. See www.thelidocafe.co.uk

Enjoy a therapeutic **massage** and donate to charity. Becca Thackray offers 45 minute appointments on Tuesday afternoons at £35, all of which is given to St Christopher's Hospice. Essential to book ahead.

BLU (Brockwell Lido Users) represents the interests of ALL Lido users and works hard to preserve and enhance all Lido facilities. Follow us on Twitter and watch out for **BLU emails** announcing the date for pool opening and car park

news. Do contact us with your feedback, suggestions or problems.
See www.brockwelllido.com

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See www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/Brockwell_Lido

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