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#### **BLU newsletter October 2014**

"O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being. Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing."

Percy Bysshe Shelley

# **BLU Forum and AGM**

Breakfast croissants and the meeting itself attracted more than 60 participants, including representatives from Fusion and Lambeth Council.

The main points of user feedback, collected in both gym and pool areas of the Lido were discussed, and responded to by Clare Bushell, the Lido manager. You can read the summary and a full record of the feedback <u>here</u>.

Positives during 2014 have included a regulated car park, many popular events for users and the general public, a less-temperamental spa, repairs in the gym and great lifeguards.

Negatives included inadequate response to maintenance issues, a problem Fusion have promised to address, and, sadly, inconsiderate behaviour from some spa users.

# **Gym floor repairs**

The gym floor has become bowed and a temporary repair has been completed, with a more permanent solution being planned for next year. A "deep clean" has been organised for the men's gym changing rooms which were reported to be in a poor state.

# **Bike Security**

Fusion are discussing what further steps can be taken to protect bikes after some recent thefts. In the meantime, cyclists are advised to ensure that their trusty steeds are secured before leaving them for gym or pool workouts.

#### **Broomhill Lido**

The Broomhill Trust, who are working very hard to get their Lido re-opened, chose Brockwell Lido as their "Lido of the week" and featured this great picture. Thank you, Broomhill and good luck with your campaign! This is what they wrote:

Welcome to our Lido (or pool) of the week series. Over the next few months, the Broomhill Pool Trust presents a short summary about one of the many amazing lidos/pools out there. We pay tribute to possibly the pioneer of the lido renaissance, Fusion Lifestyle's Brockwell Lido.

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## A Time to Remember and Celebrate

If you wanted to compose a eulogy for your dearest friend or your beloved child, you wouldn't necessarily think of writing it on water, amidst shrieks of laughter, cheers, and the odd tear. But this is exactly what Eddy Hackett, and three other friends of Richard Turner's did at Brockwell Lido on Saturday 30th of August. Click here for the full account.

#### **Brockwell Lido Fun Palace**

Mermaids! Kayaks, a scientific swimmer, Barrie the Illusioneer, and so much more! Congratulations to Shelley Silas and her team of wonderful volunteers. An absolute triumph.



After 9 months of planning, Brockwell Lido was transformed into a Fun Palace on Sunday 5th October. No one could have anticipated the incredible weather, a stunning day complete with constant blue sky. We were truly blessed.



We couldn't have had our Fun Palace without Fusion's support and without the tremendous effort and time of all the volunteers and businesses who sponsored us, and the Herne Hill Society. This was a mammoth task and no one could have predicted the outcome. It was exactly what we all hoped it would be.

Next year, if we go ahead with making this an annual event, we want more people involved. Everyone is welcome to contribute, so if have any idea of what you could offer please be in touch through our webpage <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. The only stipulation is that Fun Palaces are totally inclusive and free, with a mix of science and arts. And fun!

#### **Winter Swim Prices**

Click link here to download

Please note that Annual early morning prices are Mon-Fri only

The pool temperature has fallen from a balmy 20.4 to a rather chilly 14.3 degrees C in the last three weeks. If you are already a hardy winter swimmer or if you are considering taking the plunge, you will be pleased to know that you can check the water temperature before venturing forth. You can find it on the BLU Twitter feed, on our Facebook page and on our website. Fusion also feature the news on their Facebook page and on screens in the Lido reception.

### **Pool opening times**

Because of days shortening and clocks going back soon, pool opening times are changing from week to week. There is a "live" display of pool hours featured on Fusion's website and our Twitter feed - @BrockwellLido - is updated weekly.

## Repairs to pool changing rooms

Swimmers will be pleased to hear that problems in their changing rooms will soon be fixed, with work beginning on November 3rd. This will mean some disruption for winter swimmers but we are confident that the necessary closures will be worthwhile and that swimmers will have access to the gym changing facilities while the work is being done.

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