



## BLU UPDATE December 2011

Don't miss **Christmas Carols** by the pool Monday, 19th December. 6.30-8.30pm with the Croydon Brass Band and St Paul's Choir.

Tickets £3 available now from Lido reception. Children free. All profits to St Christopher's Hospice. Seasonal food and drink will be available poolside from The Lido Cafe

Clare Motton took up her post as **General Manager** at the beginning of November and she has been joined by Ferenc Katona as **Operations Manager**. We said goodbye to Nick Field, **Customer Relations Manager**. This post has been taken up by Tara Harris.

Notices on faulty **machines in the gym** may have alarmed people but, as long as repair by dates are met, we feel that the notices are helpful.

We also welcome Fusion's commitment to a **replacement programme for gym equipment** which is showing its age. Staff and users will be consulted before details are decided

Faulty **showers** are also being dealt with.

Do you have an opinion on the music played in the gym? Please let us know by emailing us at [info@brockwelllido.com](mailto:info@brockwelllido.com)

**Opening hours for the Lido and the car park** over the Christmas period are much more generous than last year's. They are as follows:

DEC 24th 8am-4pm

25th CLOSED

26th CLOSED

27th 9am-5pm

28th 7am-8pm

29th 7am-8pm

30th 7am-8pm

31st 8am-4pm

JAN 1st CLOSED

2nd 9am-5pm

3rd OPEN AS USUAL

**If you have children, don't miss Whippersnappers'** African-British themed **Xmas show 'Monkey Village'** on the 17th and 18th of December (two shows each day) at the Lido. Rudolphina, Shadow, Christmas Tree and Snowman are headed for a Ghanaian village inhabited by monkeys. Can they discover why the mystery monkey is covered in spots? An interactive show with puppet sequences, songs, dancing, drumming and acrobatics. £10/£7.50 concs. To book ring [0207 733 6633](tel:02077336633) or visit the Whippersnappers' website.

Again for children, **Youngstars** are offering a holiday sports and arts camp for children 3-7 years from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. 9am-12 noon. £16 per day. £72 for the week. [www.youngstars.co.uk](http://www.youngstars.co.uk)

The famous **midwinter swim** has had to be delayed because of pool repairs but is scheduled for Saturday January 21st with a big jump in at 12 noon. The colder weather is holding up painting the pool but we are still hoping that this date can be achieved.

The start of the **winter swimming season** will begin immediately after the mid-winter swim/scream.

Days and times as follows:

Mondays: 8.00am- 11.00am. Wednesdays: 11 am-2pm. Saturdays: 10 am-1pm

The price will be £2.50 per visit and the season ticket to end of March will be £50.

The latest news on getting planning permission from Lambeth for the means to bring the **car park** under control is that Lambeth Planning have asked, yet again, for more information – this time in the form of a more detailed plan. This has been going on for ten months.

In the meantime, drivers without a Blue Badge who occupy a **Disabled bay** will be named and shamed.

BLU has agreed to contribute £200 towards the planting of a **wild flower meadow** on the slope at the back of the Lido. The Herne Hill Society, the Herne Hill Forum and the Friends of Brockwell Park are each giving the same amount.

If you are interested in the history of the Lido and haven't read Peter Bradley's wonderful book, Out of the Blue, you can buy one from Lido reception. They make wonderful gifts too.

**BLU** aims to email an Update once a month. You can follow urgent messages from BLU on Twitter and via the Gym and Spa Facebook page. We also post messages on our Lido noticeboards.

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