

BLUprint September 2007

Rain failed to stop play – we are happy to report that despite one of the wettest summers ever the Lido opened its new glass doors to swimmers on 2nd July and kept them open throughout the season. With late intimations of an Indian summer, they remained ajar until 16th September and **early morning swims, 7am to 10 Mon. to Fri. will continue until September 28th.**

Beamish & McGlue's stylish new beach hut provided varied and delicious food and drink. Most people seem to feel Brockwell Lido has remained its usual self - water a little colder than most seasons, could do with a few more chairs, changing rooms less than perfect, but still a fabulous place to swim, relax, talk, eat, socialize.

70th birthday events - book launch by the pool, BLU Marquee at Lambeth Country Show and Open House Weekend – where visitors could take a first look at the interior renovation of the Lido were all well attended and a success. Those visiting the Lido for the first time on September 15th were amazed by its size and beauty.

On one of the few hot, dry weekends of the year, BLU together with BBC RaW hosted

Waterwords by the pool assisting poets Paul Lyalls and Francesca Beard to elicit, together with a similar event at the Country Show, 120 poems with a watery theme, mostly from young people. These we plan to publish in pamphlet and/or poster form later in the year. Here's a flavour:

The Lido

It's like a river

But it's in a pool.

It's like water

That's nice and cool.

It's like rain,

In a river that's blue like the sky

It's like an ocean in your pocket

Floating around, that's wet, but dry.

Louis, aged 7

Whippersnappers have moved into their new studio to the left of reception

Well established drop in classes of Yoga, Tai Chi and meditation are continuing, £8 for a 90 minute class, in the large, beautiful refurbished studios. New classes are also being introduced. The new gym and state of the art **hydrotherapy pool, sauna and steam room are now open.**

We are impressed by how the architects have blended in the old and new exterior and uncovered some fine detailing from the original.

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Lido Annual General Meeting hosted by BLU – October 13th 10am – 12 at the Lido. Cake and coffee from 9.45.

All welcome to this essential meeting

This AGM will be a celebration and review of the first season of the refurbished Lido. Jeremy Lake, Lido Manager and Peter Kay, Fusion's Chief Executive will attend. Feedback from the AGM will be added to suggestions, complaints and compliments already received. **Brockwell Lido Steering Group**, the community-based organisation meeting regularly with Fusion, can feed these into Fusion's planning for 2008/9. Having taken a leading role in the prevention of the Lido's closure, we see BLU's future role as guardian of its ambience, development and openness to users. If you would like to contribute ideas and effort to this process please consider joining the BLU committee which will be elected at this meeting. Among future hot topics will be the development of the Lido café – not yet renovated---and the postponed swimming gala. Your attendance at BLU/BLSG AGM will confirm that all the effort has been worthwhile and will help to ensure our voices are heard in keeping the Lido as you want it to be.

The Book!

Few BLU members will want to be without our first venture into serious publishing – **Out of the Blue by Peter Bradley**. It is a comprehensive history with wonderful photographs and memories of more than 70 users over the decades. You can buy it from local bookshops and from Lido reception at £6.99 but why not come to BLU AGM, tell us how you feel about the new Lido and buy the book at a special AGM price of £5.

A big winter task for BLU is the archiving of material researched for the 70th anniversary Help welcomed.

Don't forget to let us have your email address if you have one – emailing BLUprint saves us money.

For queries about fitness centre, times and prices etc please contact Fusion at www.brockwell-lido.com or phone 020 7274 3088