

## BLU News! August 2015

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*Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the blue sky, is by no means a waste of time.*

John Lubbock, "Recreation," *The Use of Life*, 1894

Shame about the grass but the new decking is lovely! The rest of the decking will be replaced after our Fun Palace on Sunday October 4th

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**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER BLU USERS' FORUM  
and AGM**

BLU USERS' FORUM and AGM will be held in the Whippersnappers hall at the Lido on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. FREE breakfast will be served from 9.30. This is your opportunity to give your feedback to Fusion and Lambeth on all aspects of Brockwell Lido and to hear their responses. Don't miss it - or your free coffee and croissants!

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## Diary Dates

20<sup>th</sup> August Film: Luna Cinema – [The Truman Show](#). Doors open 6:45pm Film 8:15pm [General Admission tickets still available](#)

17<sup>th</sup> September Film: Luna Cinema – [Jaws](#). Doors open 6pm Film 7.30pm [SOLD OUT](#)

4<sup>th</sup> October: [Brockwell Lido Fun Palace](#) 11am - 5pm

## Luna Cinema [Tickets](#)

The [Lido Cafe](#) will be serving food and drink during the films.

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## STAFF CHANGES

We were very sad to lose Tara Fisher-Harris as the wet side manager and wish her well in the future. Gary Hamilton, who used to lifeguard for us, is now responsible for the pool and its surroundings. Alfred Harrison is now a Team Leader. The Lido is short of a maintenance person but interviews are currently in progress.

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## OTHER POOLS AND LIDOS

We are thrilled to hear about many campaigns for Lidos and indoor pools and - we hope - their success in saving these pools for future generations. The original Peckham Lido, which opened in 1923, 14 years before Brockwell, measured 180 feet long and 60 feet wide, was closed in 1987 and fell derelict. After

failing to attract a buyer, it was eventually filled in with earth and became part of Peckham Rye . The proposed design includes a 50 metre heated (!) lido and a natural pool alongside. You can follow the progress of the campaign to re-create it on [Facebook](#)

We had a visit from some of the team saving [Newcastle City Pool and Turkish Baths](#). Congratulations to them for what they have achieved in saving this wonderful asset.

On the 19th May 2015, 26 days into a 30-day [Kickstarter campaign](#), a new outdoor swimming initiative in London reached its £125,000 crowd-funded target. The final Kickstarter total was over an amazing £142,000. The project in question was the Thames Baths.

Here's the key info to know;

- The Thames Baths will be a floating, natural lido on the River Thames.
- It will be filled with filtered Thames water. The bespoke filtration system will ensure that the water is crystal clear.
- There will be two swimming pools, a 25m lap pool and a training pool.
- It will be warmed all year round.
- It aims to be a cultural destination with home for wildlife, a locally supplied cafe and even cine+swim nights run by popular cinema groups.
- It's nearly 80 years since Labour's Herbert Morrison called London "a city of Lidos". Thanks to people power, numbers are steadily climbing. Whether they will ever reach the numbers then (60!) is doubtful, but there is definitely a resurgence of enthusiasm and activism.

## GOOD NEWS!

- Damaged floor at free weights area will be repaired this month. The edging tiles round the pool will be replaced by the end of the summer. The hydrotherapy pool is about to get a new tank.

## LCD POOL TEMPERATURE SCREEN

- [A response](#) from Luke Fenton, general manager at Brockwell Lido, to your many thoughts on the LCD

screen.

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**SWIM SIGNS** can be very confusing. Should they face the water or face away from the water? Will double-sided signs make a difference and ensure everyone is happy and swim in the direction indicated? Does anyone know why some signs indicate swimming clockwise while others are anti-clockwise? In either case, best to agree with your lane swimmers on which way to go and all stick to swimming in the same direction to avoid collision!

**BROCKWELL PARK** has kept its Green Flag award for another year and has also been awarded a “**Bees’ Needs**” special award for all the work done in the park to help bees and other pollinators. A huge contribution is made by the beautiful wildflower slope behind the Lido. Thanks to all the volunteers.

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**PLASTIC BAGS** or the lack of them in the dry side changing rooms, makes us wonder whether people should bring their own? Many already do. The wet side changing rooms have spinners, the dry side do not. Given that we are trying to be as eco-conscious as possible where we can, perhaps we should not expect Fusion to provide these. Your thoughts...

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## **DRIVERS - BE WARNED**

If you park outside designated parking bays, in a disabled bay without a Blue Badge, or in the emergency access area, you will get a massive fine. Please think of others, park where you are allowed, and remember there is free parking in and around Herne Hill before 12 and after 2, after 5.30 directly outside the Lido midweek and ALL DAY, ALL WEEKEND.

And, while we're on the subject, being kind and respectful towards your fellow Lido users, whether in the gym or in the pool, makes everyone happier. Be aware that not everyone is in training or cares about how fast they swim. The pool is for everyone. Gym users, if you're on your phone, be aware that not everyone wants to hear your conversation. Refrain from using razors, oils, products of any kind in the spa area. Take used tissues/paper towels away with you. Bin empty water bottles. Leave the equipment as tidy as you can for the next



user. And please keep dry and wet side changing rooms as clean as you can.

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH LIDO MANAGERS

BLU reps meet with Lido managers every month. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to discuss.

Compliments, complaints, suggestions all welcome. If you don't tell us about a problem, we can't fix it! If you have ideas, let us know. We're still keen to find a use for the old life guard's chair, so if you have an suggestions [Contact us](#) via the website.

Alternatively, we've launched a #TellBLU on our Twitter & Facebook sites where you can tell us what you think - good, not so good or indifferent. ALL views are important, as we have monthly meetings with Lido Management where we raise user concerns.

**Have a superb rest of summer!**



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