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"It was such a spring day as breathes into a man an ineffable yearning, a painful sweetness, a longing that makes him stand motionless, looking at the leaves or grass, and fling out his arms to embrace he knows not what."

- John Galsworthy

Diary Dates, we'll give fuller details nearer the event

26th May – 8pm (door open 7.30): Film, <u>Blancanieves</u> (the Snow White of Spain) – The Lido Café, <u>Herne Hill Free Film Festival's</u> first silent Spanish film. Free event. No ticket required. Early arrival will ensure a seat!

21st June: SOLSTICE SWIM 8.30pm

28th June: Windrush Aquathlon 8am - 10.30 am pool closed

7th July: Water Polo Contact Fusion

 11^{th} July: Lido Mike and <u>Streamline</u>'s Annual Swimming Races. pool closes 5pm. Synchronised Swimmers may open races.

16th July: Film: Luna Cinema – Jaws. Doors open 7:45pm Film 9:15pm. SOLD OUT

23rd July: Film: Luna Cinema – Crocodile Dundee. Doors open 7:30pm Film 9pm TICKETS AVL

27th July 7pm: Author Caitlin Davies reads from her new book '<u>Down Stream</u>', a history and celebration of Swimming in the River Thames. The Lido Café. 7-8pm Free entry, whoever turns up first will get in!

6th August: SUNSET SWIM 8.15pm

11th August: SUNRISE SWIM 5.30-6.15am

20th August Film: Luna Cinema – The Truman Show. Doors open 6:45pm Film 8:15pm TICKETS AVL

17th September Film: Luna Cinema – Jaws. Doors open 6pm Film 7:30pm TICKETS AVL

4th October: Brockwell Lido Fun Palace

Luna Cinema Tickets

PLEASE CHECK WITH FUSION, TWITTER AND FACEBOOK FOR EXACT TIMES OF SOLSTICE, SUNRISE AND SUNSET SWIMS

The Lido is about to welcome a new manager, Luke Fenton, who will take over from Clare Bushell while she is on maternity leave. Luke is currently shadowing Clare and getting to know Brockwell Lido users. Say hi to Luke when you see him.

Swimmers raised over £1,000 in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care, during the April Swimathon. Thanks go to all who took part.

The lovely old lifeguard chair at the deep end has to be removed and replaced because it is no longer safe and beyond repair. We are looking for (practical) ideas about how and where it could be displayed and preserved. Please get in touch with us, those who haven't already. Email via our website, or on Twitter @Brockwelllido or Facebook

Pool opening times: From the beginning of June, the pool will stay open all day. Details on our website soon.

The Lido Cafe has a splendid <u>May menu</u>, and Prosecco Tuesdays are back! You might find the cafe closing early at weekends or even midweek, as they have become a popular wedding venue. To which we say, CONGRATULATIONS!

Plenty of good news this month. The damaged gym floor has being replaced. The tired pool decking is being replaced. Swimmers are enjoying the whole pool during the busy early morning period. For one hour every Sunday, you can enjoy a lane-free pool. The toddlers' play area is in place and is already popular. No, you can't drop your two year old off and go for a swim! Children must be supervised at all times! We look forward to the return of the iconic pool clock whose innards have had to be taken to the clock hospital for surgery. The spa hydrotherapy "tub" is about to be replaced. This should help to avoid closures – just as long as users avoid lotions and potions – these have a terrible effect on water quality. And no food or drink other than water in a plastic bottle PLEASE!

Not such good news. Bikes are still being stolen in spite of CCTV. Please ensure you use the best quality locks. Some drivers are still abusing the disabled bays. Be aware: if you park in a disabled bay without displaying a Blue Badge, you will get a hefty fine. If you see anyone mis-using one of these spaces, please inform reception.

If you went to the Modern Movement on 2nd/3rd May, Fusion and BLU would appreciate your feedback. What did you like/dislike about the event?

School parties will soon start arriving at the pool for a wonderful morning of guided art activities and a swimming session with tuition. These trips cost £75 for up to 30 children, If you are a teacher or a parent you could encourage your school to sign up if they haven't already done so. Fir further details contact <u>Fusion</u>.

If you use Brixton Rec you may like to attend the BRUG meeting on Wednesday 27th May, 6-8pm in the Rec Conference Suite, Level 5. We understand that the aim of this meeting is to identify barriers to using the centre. However if you use our lovely Lido, we wish you a wonderful and healthy summer. Do get in touch with your suggestions for making it even better!

Please send us your comments on anything you want to celebrate or have a moan about, whether it's the gym, classes or pool! We can't make changes if YOU don't tell us what needs changing. BLU works hard behind the scenes to represent you, the Lido user, so we need to hear YOUR views. 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.

For detailed info on this and more go to our NEW WEBSITE

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