



BLUE SKIES AND BUNTING AT STONEHAVEN LIDO



BROCKWELL LIDO OFFERS ART DECO ELEGANCE WHILE YOU SWIM

(LEISURE)

COME ON IN, THE WATER'S LOVELY...

With the sun taking his hat on and off more often than a Victorian gentleman, us Britons need to make the most of the time we can get outdoors. Here's the lowdown on the UK's finest open-air pools

BROCKWELL LIDO, LONDON

Olympic-size (50m); open all year; non-heated, can reach a temp of 21°C; £5.75 per person

SWIM & MOVIE DATE: The stunning art deco building in Brockwell Park is hosting a summer pop-up cinema (until 18 September)

WHAT THE LOCALS CALL IT:

Brixton Beach

FAMOUS FANS: La Roux and Katy B (fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/brockwell_lido)

THE SCARLET HOTEL, CORNWALL

Open all year; non-heated, can reach a temp of 21°C; day spa access from £75

SEA VIEW: Unwind in a hot tub overlooking the sea

POOLSIDE TIPPLE: Scarlet Fever: gin, Campari, tonic and a slice of orange

LIQUID CAPACITY: 105,000 litres, or 140,000 bottles of champagne (scarlethotel.co.uk)

LONDON FIELDS LIDO, LONDON

Olympic-size (50m); open all year; water heated to 25°C; £4.50

FOR THE FAINT HEARTED?

Definitely. It's the only heated Olympic-size outdoor pool in London

PEOPLE POWER: Locals fought the bulldozers to reopen the lido in 2006 after 18 years of closure
HIP DIP: Popular with Gizzi Erskine and the East London set (hackney.gov.uk/c-londonfields-lido.htm)

STONEHAVEN, ABERDEENSHIRE

Olympic-size (50m); open until 1 September; filtered, heated seawater; £5

MIDNIGHT DIP? Experience swimming under the stars at one of their 'Midnight Swims' until 14 August

RACE YOU! Keri-Anne Payne of Team GB trains here.

WAR EFFORT: Troops used to shower here during WWII (stonehavenopenairpool.co.uk)

SHOREDITCH HOUSE, LONDON

16m; open all year; water heated to 30°C; annual membership from £500

FINGERS GONE ALL WRINKLY?

Have an Ultimate Manicure

at the Cowshed Spa

STAFF UNIFORM: Navy and white Lacoste

CELEBRITY SWIMMERS: Paloma Faith (shoreditchhouse.com)

THERMAE BATH SPA, BATH

12m; open all year; water naturally 33.5°C; £26 for two hours

LIKE IT HOT? Thermae is the UK's only place to bathe in naturally warm, mineral-rich water

PRIVATE PARTY: The

outdoor thermal pool can be hired with a champagne reception for up to 12 people; from £160

(thermaebathspa.com)

IT BEATS DIVING FOR A BRICK IN YOUR PYJAMAS ANY DAY

(SPORT)

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EVEN JESSICA ENNIS-HILL GETS TIRED CARRYING A BIG BLUE BOARD AROUND

Cast your mind back to London 2012. All the flag waving, Jessica Ennis-Hill worship and celebration with complete strangers as GB bagged yet another gold medal. And not a tube disruption in sight. The Olympic Games had such a profound effect on our moods that scientists have

discovered our happiness levels are still sky high 12 months on.

Mercifully there's the promise of another major sporting event creeping up on the social calendar to keep us smiling for a little longer yet. The 2014 Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow from

23 July to 3 August 2014, and the tickets go on sale in just 12 days. Here's our pick of the events:

- ◆ New national treasure Nicola Adams competes in the first ever Commonwealth Women's Boxing event.
- ◆ Glasgow's first ever velodrome, named after Sir

Chris Hoy, will play host to the opening ceremony.

◆ Record breaker Usain Bolt, traditionally eschews the Games but says he wants to win a gold in 2014 as it's the only medal he doesn't have.

Tickets go on sale 19 August; glasgow2014.com