

the big blue

the story of tooting bec lido
1906 - 2006

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When Tooting Bathing Lake opened to the public on 28 July 1906, one VIP said he hoped it would be 'a benefit to the public for a long time to come'. A hundred years later, thousands of people still flock to the Tooting Bec Lido (as it became known in the 1930s) every summer.

One of its original purposes was to be a communal bath for the newly arrived residents of the Totterdown Estate. But within weeks of the opening, a group of swimmers had got together to form the South London Swimming Club (SLSC). The Club still holds its Sunday morning races at the lido and has played a major part in the long-term survival of this council-owned amenity.

To mark the centenary of the Lido and SLSC, Wandsworth Museum is holding a special exhibition that is to include photographs, original artwork and period swimwear from the last 100-years.

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associated events

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The story of Tooting Bec Lido

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A talk about the Lido and the South London Swimming Club, which also celebrates its centenary in 2006.

Thursday 8 June at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

liquid assets

How the lido brought the Mediterranean to Britain

A talk focusing on the 1930s, the heyday of the lido and the era of Art Deco architecture.

Saturday 8 July at 3.00pm

Both talks will be given by Janet Smith, author of *Liquid Assets - the lidos and open air swimming pools of Britain*

Tickets cost £2.50

To book phone (020) 8871 7074 or
email museuminfo@wandsworth.gov.uk

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