

Guildford Lido Newsletter

Let's recap how the 2026 Summer Programme went!

Welcome to the Guildford Lido newsletter!

Here at Guildford Lido, community is at the heart of everything we do, and it is important to us to create a space where everyone feels welcome, supported and part of something together.

This bi-monthly newsletter will keep you up to date with everything happening at Guildford Lido, including upcoming events, on-site projects and the latest news from our team. If you have any ideas for content you would like to see within the newsletter, please email us at: lido.membership@freedom-leisure.co.uk

A message from the General Manager, Fin Broekhuizen

This summer has seen hundreds of thousands of visits through our doors. While the fantastic weather has certainly contributed to this success, it is also a reflection of the continued support from our members and visitors. It has now been a year since we moved to year-round opening, and we are pleased to see our membership base continue to grow steadily. As we approach the anniversary of launching our membership model, our focus is now on renewing the annual memberships first taken out in September last year. Don't forget to renew before your membership expires!

The hot weather throughout the summer programme resulted in our general swim sessions **selling out on 13 occasions**. We have also expanded our events calendar, introducing new activities such as Mermaid Sessions, Sound Bath Experiences, Swim Through the Night, a Charity Swim Event and an Aqua Aerobics Summer Party, alongside established favourites such as the Aquathlon. Attendance across our regular classes: Aqua Aerobics, Aqua Jogging and Adult SwimFit has remained strong throughout the summer program.



In addition, we hosted eight full site private hires, supporting local schools, community groups and organisations with events, functions and celebrations.

Following feedback from our members, we extended our weekend morning lane swimming sessions from 8:00am to 10:00am, increasing the available swim time to 7:30am to 10:00am between June and August. Importantly, this was achieved without increasing session capacities, helping to spread demand more effectively and creating a more comfortable swimming experience compared with previous years.

We were also pleased to announce the installation of our new bike racks, something that was much sought after by swimmers. With regards to catering, we launched our new pop up catering stand to help manage the busier periods during our general swim and keep queues down.



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As we prepare to transition into our winter programme from 1st October, our focus will shift towards annual maintenance and improvement works, including a comprehensive deep clean of the site and full jet washing of key areas to ensure the facility remains in the best possible condition for our members and visitors year-round.

We know that our current shower facilities are a concern for many of you, and we are working closely with the Council to address the situation as quickly as possible. We are aiming to have a solution in place before the start of the winter programme.

The current proposal is to replace the three outdoor showers with a new alternative shower system. If the new units perform well throughout the winter, and subject to Council approval, the intention would be to roll this solution out more widely across the site in the future.

Members Morning

On Friday 18th September from 6:30am to 10:30am, we are delighted to invite all swim members to an exclusive Members' Morning. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the facilities in a relaxed setting, meet and chat with our team, and catch up with fellow members. Complimentary refreshments will be available throughout the morning, and we look forward to welcoming you for a special start to the day.



Summer Open Day

On Saturday 18th April, we launched our summer programme with a fantastic free-entry event packed full of activities for everyone to enjoy. Guests had the opportunity to take part in everything from aqua aerobics and step aerobics to open water swimming introductions, freestyle clinics, stroke video analysis, triathlon sessions, and even adult mermaid classes. Alongside the activities, visitors explored our membership stand, enjoyed live music, visited the lifesaving tent, browsed stalls including Zoggs, and even grabbed a free slice of pizza after taking the plunge.



Swim The Night

From 7am on 25th April to 7am on 26th April, Guildford Lido proudly hosted the 24-hour Swim The Night event. Bringing together 180 participants, swimmers took on the challenge of completing either 1km or 1 mile every hour over 12 or 24 hours. The event was a resounding success, widely praised for its uplifting atmosphere and the remarkable determination of everyone involved. Participants and spectators alike highlighted the supportive spirit that carried swimmers through the challenge.



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Splash Parties

This summer we launched our Splash Parties from 9am - 10am for children's birthday parties giving exclusive access to the slides, paddling pool and play area. These parties have proven hugely popular this summer.



Age UK Aqua Aerobics Summer Party

In partnership with Age UK Surrey, **Guildford Lido hosted a successful Aqua Aerobics Summer Party on 25 July 2026**, running from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. The event provided participants with an enjoyable evening of aqua aerobics in a fun and social environment. Working alongside Age UK Surrey helped to strengthen community links and offered an inclusive opportunity for attendees to stay active while socialising with others.



Sound Bath Sessions

We hosted four Sound Bath sessions throughout August, which proved immensely popular, with every session selling out within a week of release. The sessions provided a unique opportunity for participants to unwind, relax and immerse themselves in a calming experience through soothing sounds.

Due to their success and positive feedback from attendees, we plan to host additional Sound Bath sessions next summer.



Stay Updated With Our App

Make the most of your Guildford Lido experience with our app! Book your tickets quickly and easily, and switch on notifications to be the first to hear about the latest updates, exciting news and new additions at the Lido.



2026 Winter Programme

From 1st October, we will be moving to the Winter Programme which will see the removal of the 30 minute change-over period between sessions and lanes guaranteed in all sessions:

Weekday Timetable

Morning Lane Swim	6:30 - 11:00am
Public Swimming	11:00am - 4:00pm (One wide lane and eight lane swimming)
Evening Lane Swim	4:00 - 7:00pm

Weekend Timetable

Lane Swimming	8:00 - 11:00am
Public Swimming	11:00am - 4:00pm (One wide lane and eight lane swimming)

2026 Winter Programme

Moonlight swims - Experience the magic of moonlight swimming at Guildford Lido. Swim beneath the glow of the full moon in heated waters, surrounded by starlit skies.

Upcoming Moonlight Swims

Moonlight Swim Saturday 26 th September	8:30 - 9:30pm
Hunters Moon Swim Monday 26 th October	4:00 - 7:00pm
Beaver Moon Swim Tuesday 24 th November	4:00 - 7:00pm



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Christmas Eve Swimming

Lane Swimming	6:30 - 11:00am
Public Swimming	11:00am - 4:00pm

Christmas Day Swimming

Public Swimming (Slides will be open)	8:00 - 10:00am Eight lanes & double lanes available
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£2 Spectator Fee

£10 Swim Fee



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Boxing Day Swimming

Lane Swimming - Session 1	8:00 - 9:00am
Lane Swimming - Session 2	9:00 - 10:00am
Lane Swimming - Session 3	10:00 - 11:00am
Lane Swimming - Session 4	11:00am - 12:00pm

Please note, each Boxing Day swim session has a capacity of 100 swimmers.

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New Year's Eve Swimming

Lane Swimming	6:30 - 11:00am
Public Swimming	11:00am - 4:00pm

New Year's Day Swimming

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