

# Water carnival makes a real splash



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BOLDMERE Swimming Club recreated the carnival atmosphere of Sutton's past with a tropical-themed gala – complete with steel band.

The club's Water Carnival, held at Stechford Baths, invited club and county level swimmers from across the Midlands to take part in an event to celebrate the end of the swimming season.

Organiser Phil Littler, of Boldmere Swimming Club, said: "For the majority of swimmers the season tends to fizzle out from May onwards with no 'end of season' meet to target, and this can lead to a lack of focus and motivation in training.

"We are hoping that this meet will provide such a focus and give swimmers the opportunity to finish their season on a high."

He added: "The name 'Water Carnival' was chosen to try to recreate the atmosphere and to commemorate the summer and winter 'Water Carnivals' which were held by our founders in the pools of Sutton Park more than 100 years ago."



Boldmere treasurer Neil Smith presents the award for the top visiting team to Middlesbrough, while, opposite, family, friends and competitors got into the carnival spirit.

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