



SAVING THE PAST: Anne Jessel, right, with some of the former users at King's Meadow Baths festive celebration on Sunday Picture: STEVE SMYTH (Ref bk20125204)

All they want for Christmas is restored Edwardian baths

KING'S Meadow campaigners celebrated Christmas with locals who had used the pool in the past.

Former swimmers floated in throughout the day and enjoyed mince pies, mulled wine, coffee and tea. Donations from them raised £300 for the cause.

Campaigner Anne Jessel said: "There were so many visitors. The council have really got to get their act together and realise what the Reading people want, regarding preserving and restoring the pool."

The group wants to see the pool, opened in 1903, re-opened for

swimming in the summer and skating in the winter

She estimated that between 50 and 100 people turned up throughout the day.

A Water Feast is now planned for January to which representatives from many swimming groups have been invited including Reading Royals and Henley synchronised swimming clubs, Albatross Diving Club and Reading Cygnets.

The date and price has not been set yet and anyone wishing to attend should keep checking www.kingsmeadowbaths.org.uk.