

**RA! RA! RA! CHEERING THE PARADE:** The Kingsland majorettes lead the way at the party

# Samba beats way to great

Report: **Adam Postans**

**ABOUT 2,000** revellers partied at a street gala in Southampton on Saturday.

Residents from the inner city area of St Mary's joined to celebrate their third annual festival, called Generations Together.

The event brought together different groups from the community to showcase the area's history.

Live music, from samba and salsa to baroque and brass, entertained street crowds throughout the afternoon.

There was a whole host of attractions, including juggling, plate-spinning, story-telling and side stalls.

Street theatre and dance displays kept audiences enthralled while an exhibition on the future of the area gave householders an insight into the forthcoming £12.5 million upgrade of St Mary Street, where the festival was held, and the development of

◆ **Thousands hit the streets to enjoy a massive party day**

the new Saints football stadium which should open for the 2001/2002 season.

The Rev Ian Johnson, team rector of Southampton city centre parish said: "The event has gone absolutely superbly. There were about 2,000 people who attended throughout the day."

The festival was set up two years ago as a way to remember the past following the announcement of the regeneration of the area.

St Mary's is important in Southampton's history as the site of the Saxon settlement of Hamic.



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