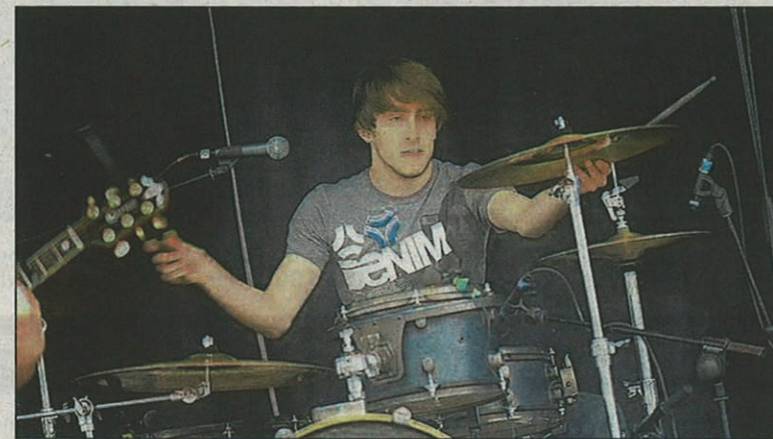


**MUSICAL FEAST:** There was a bumper turnout for the LeeStock Festival despite bad weather

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# Rain fails to dampen charitable spirit at LeeStock music festival

ORGANISERS of a popular charity music festival are celebrating a record turnout, despite the unseasonal weather.

Peter Keogh, co-founder of the LeeStock festival, which took place at AFC Sudbury's stadium on Sunday, said a crowd of more than 800 music fans had made an effort to turn out in chilly

and rainy conditions to support the event.

LeeStock was started five years ago in memory of Sudbury man Lee Dunford, who died in 2006 after a brave fight against cancer.

Money raised from the event is donated to The Willow Foundation – a national charity providing special days for seriously ill

16 to 40-year-olds. Mr Keogh said the festival has grown year on year.

He said: "When you consider we were competing against dozens of Jubilee events this time around, and money is tight with everyone because of the recession, we can honestly say we were really pleased with how the day went."

Highlights included a headline performance by American rock band, Wheatus – best known for their 2000 single, *Teenage Dirtbag*. Mr Keogh added: "We were invited on stage for the finale and it was so gratifying to be able to look out on the crowds and see how many people had turned out in memory of Lee."



**MEMORIES:** Lee Dunford who inspired the festival