

## Helpers sign up to scheme

A COMMUNITY transport service launched at the beginning of the year to support hundreds of pensioners, school children and people with disabilities, has made significant progress.

Go START was set up in January to replace the Sudbury Town Area Transport (START) service, which closed last year due to a lack of funding.

It has now secured a team of 10 volunteers who will carry out a range of tasks from answering telephones to driving and maintaining the vehicles.

The charity can also boast access to a fleet of five vehicles, including a mini-bus, a five-seater and three cars, all of which are used to provide a range of transport services.

The group's founder, John Phillips, said: "We have made huge progress since the beginning of the year and we are delighted with the support we have received so far."

"However, this is no time for complacency and we still have so far to go to ensure our long-term future."

Two businesses have pledged their support to the campaign, and negotiations with both Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council for additional funding are ongoing.

"Support from the business community is going to be vital," added Mr Phillips.

Anyone who can help should contact Mr Phillips on 01787 310840 or 07718 736366.

## Club attack

POLICE are appealing for information after a couple were assaulted inside a town centre nightclub.

The incident happened at Easterns in Station Road, Sudbury, between 1.50am and 2am on Sunday.

A 38-year-old man suffered facial injuries when he was assaulted by another man.

When the victim's partner, a 32-year-old woman, intervened, she too was assaulted and suffered facial and chest injuries.

The attacker is described as white, 6ft 2in tall, of slim build and with short blond hair in a quiff. He was wearing a dark jumper.

Calls in relation to this incident should be made to Pc Tony De Brito at Sudbury Police on 01284 774100.

Good enough ... Brothers Edd, Matt and Peter Keogh, who will again be organising the LeeStock music festival this year.



# Friends pull off coup for memorial festival

A FESTIVAL held in memory of a popular musician who lost his battle with cancer at the age of 21 has announced a prominent Britpop band from the 1990s will headline the event.

LeeStock, an annual two-day music festival in Sudbury, was set up to raise money for the Willow Foundation after Lee Dunford lost his four-and-a-half year battle with Hodgkin's disease in 2006.

Organised by Lee's close friends, the festival is now in its fourth year and has raised more than £16,000 for the foundation – a national charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for seriously ill young adults between 16 and 40 years old.

This week, it was announced that Dodgy, pictured right, a British trio who recorded three top ten singles and are best known for their hits *Staying Out for the Summer* and *Good Enough*, will be performing at the festival, which takes place at The

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White Horse Pub in North Street, Sudbury, on May 28 and 29.

Edd Keogh, 25, who organises the event with brothers Matt and Peter, said: "We've worked really hard to secure a band of Dodgy's stature for LeeStock."

"Other similar bands have expressed an interest in playing but we would need a big sponsor to justify it."

"Our main aim for LeeStock 2011 is to help to continue to raise the profile of the wonderful work the Willow Foundation does."

During his illness, Lee, who was a huge music and football fan, was able to visit Slaps Studios in Brixton to record a track with his band, thanks to the Willow Foundation.

Matt, 31, said: "The whole reason we do LeeStock is to remember and celebrate Lee's life."

"It's the kind of thing he would have loved. His death has affected so many people around Sudbury."

"The main aim is to raise awareness of the charity and spread its message by putting on as good a show as possible."

LeeStock kicks off with the annual Lee Dunford Memorial Cup football match on Friday, May 27.

The full line-up for this year's festival, which will feature 18 acts, will be revealed soon, with a number of fans' favourite bands set to return.

In the run up to the festival, the Road to LeeStock will take place every Friday at the White Horse, with performances from bands who will be at the festival. All the profits go to the Willow Foundation.

To pre-register an interest in festival tickets, email tickets@leestock.org or for more information visit www.leestock.org.

To sponsor the event, or to volunteer to help with the organisation and set-up, contact matt@leestock.org or call 07790 431127.

