

Festival's second big act

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A FESTIVAL in memory of a 21-year-old musician who died of cancer has announced its second major headline act.

Earlier this month, LeeStock – an annual two-day music festival held in Sudbury – revealed prominent Britpop band Dodgy, who hit the charts in the 1990s with *Staying out for the Summer* and *Good Enough* would be performing.

Now, organisers have confirmed that Mark Morriss, frontman of indie rock band The Bluetones, who had three top 10 albums and reached number two in the charts with *Slight Return*, will headline on the second day of the festival, which takes place at the White Horse Pub in North Street on May 28 and 29.

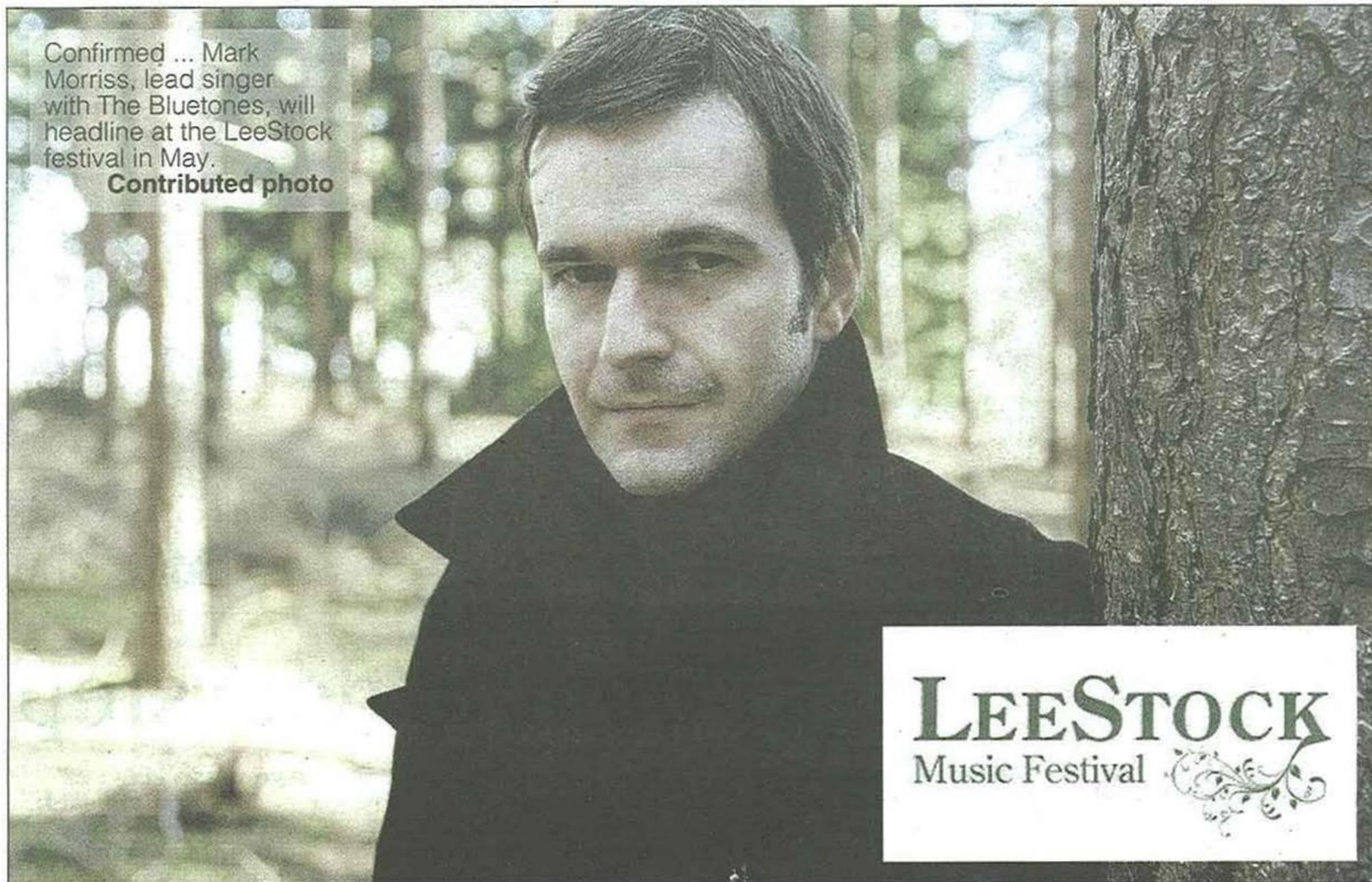
Edd Keogh, 25, who organises the event with brothers Matt and Peter, said: "After securing Dodgy for the Saturday, we were keen to follow up with something special for Sunday.

"We have received so much support at LeeStock for the last three years and wanted to keep pushing the boundaries.

"We are delighted to be able to add Mark to our lineup and feel both he and Dodgy will only add to the excellent lineup we have already."

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

Now in its fourth year, the festival has raised more than £16,000 for the foundation – a national charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for



Confirmed ... Mark Morriss, lead singer with The Bluetones, will headline at the LeeStock festival in May.

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seriously ill young adults between 16 and 40 years old.

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 – all thanks to the Willow Foundation.

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

"Lee was in a band and this is the

type of music he was into.

"We're absolutely delighted that Mark is coming along and I'm sure he'll be playing some of the band's classic songs as well as a few of his own."

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

In the run-up to the festival, the Road to LeeStock will take place every Friday at the White Horse, with performances

by bands who will be at the festival.

Tickets are already on sale at £15 for the whole weekend and can be bought from the White Horse or online at www.wegotickets.com/leestock.

All profits from the event will be donated to the Willow Foundation.

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