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followed two fires in the Woodbridge area in the space of 10 hours.

Firefighters were called to the family-run Sink Farm in Ufford Road, Eyke, around 4.30am.

Several buildings were damaged and machinery and cattle feed was destroyed.

The blaze burnt for three hours and tore through a Dutch barn and workshop, wrecking equipment worth thousands of pounds.

Firefighters from Woodbridge and Orford were first on the scene and quickly called for support from Ipswich, Saxmundham, Aldeburgh, Woodbridge and Leiston.

A low loader was also stolen

from the site and later found at nearby Pettistree. At 3pm firefighters were called to Mill Lane, Woodbridge, where another blaze had broken out on the first floor of a three-storey block of flats.

A crew from the town were joined by colleagues from Ipswich and the fire was brought under control by about 4pm.

The owner of the property got everyone out of the building safely and the blaze was stopped from spreading beyond the first floor.

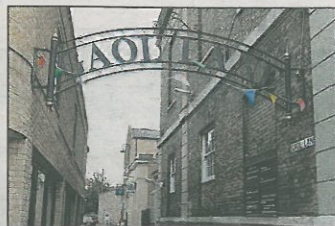
Firefighters stayed on scene after extinguishing the blaze to ensure it had been contained.

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he was interviewed by detectives.

Forensics officers were sent to the property in gaol Lane to examine the scene of the alleged incident for evidence. They completed their work at about 4.40pm on Friday and the cordon was lifted.



FLASHBACK: Emergency services at the scene of the fire in buildings at Sink Farm, Ufford Road, Eyke, on Friday afternoon



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Music in memory of Kate

KESGRAVE: Annual festival raises thousands for hospice

By Hollie-Rae Merrick

CROWDS converged at a community centre to help raise money for a town hospice and take in some of the areas best bands.

Children clambered up on to their fathers' shoulders while crowds of people gathered to get a glimpse of the talent on show at the Kesgrave Music Festival.

The festival, held on Saturday and now in its sixth year, saw youngsters play at the fun fair and adults enjoy the music provided by the string of talented performers in the grounds of the community centre.

The event was held in memory of Kate Moyes, 29, who died in August, 2005, after developing a very aggressive form of cancer. She was a friend of organiser Debbie McCallum.

Ms Moyes, who grew up in Hadleigh, spent her final six weeks at Ipswich's St Elizabeth Hospice and it is this charity the festival supports.

Mrs McCallum, landlady of the Kesgrave Bell, thanked everyone at Saturday's annual event for their continued support.

She said: "It was the biggest festival we have held. We had more than 4,000 people attend - that is the most we have ever had."

"The day was absolutely brilliant, it was a little overcast but everyone was in such good spirits."

"We were absolutely delighted to have raised more than £11,000 which will be donated to St Elizabeth Hospice."

"I would like to thank everyone who helped make the day possible - it truly is a community event and that is what makes it so special."

This year's music extravaganza was particularly emotional for organisers because it fell on Ms Moyes' birthday.

Mrs McCallum said: "It was a very emotional day."

"It always is, but this year it was more emotional because of the day it fell on."

"She was the most amazing girl, a lovely girl with a heart of gold."

Among those who attended the event next to the Kesgrave Community Centre, was Helen Green, of Kesgrave.

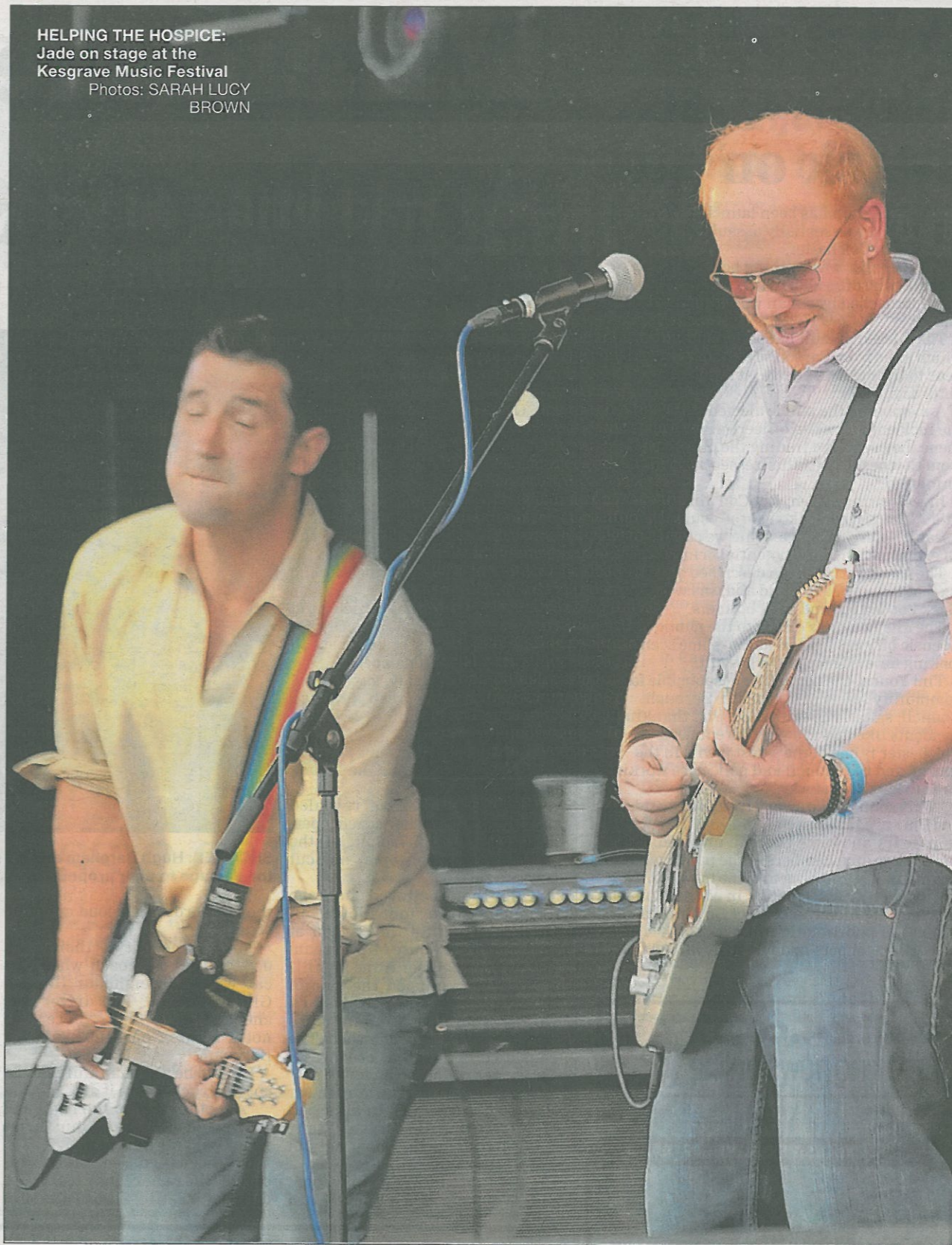
She said: "It is a real community event and this year it is bigger and better than ever."

Meanwhile, Steven Rudland said that he ventured to the event to pay tribute to Ms Moyes, who he had met at the Kesgrave Bell.

"We drink a lot in The Bell, and that is how I grew to know Kate - we wanted to come out today in memory of her," he said.

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HELPING THE HOSPICE: Jade on stage at the Kesgrave Music Festival
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BLACK AND WHITE: Benjamin Bloom performing on stage