## Free music festival has something for all tastes

A THREE-DAY music extravaganza brought the seaside town of Brightlingsea alive for the tenth year.

The Brightlingsea Free Music Festival, held on Hurst Green, ran from Friday evening through to Sunday and featured scores of talented local performers.

The festival catered for all tastes, kicking off with a classical evening on Friday featuring Julie Roberts and the Colchester Sinfonietta.

Despite the threat of rain on Saturday, regular bursts of sunshine ensured it was an enjoyable family day out on the green with music throughout the day, including Lou Terry, who despite only being 15 years put on an impressive performance.

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He was followed by talented singer-songwriter Adrian Johnson, formerly of popular Colchester band, FuzzFace.

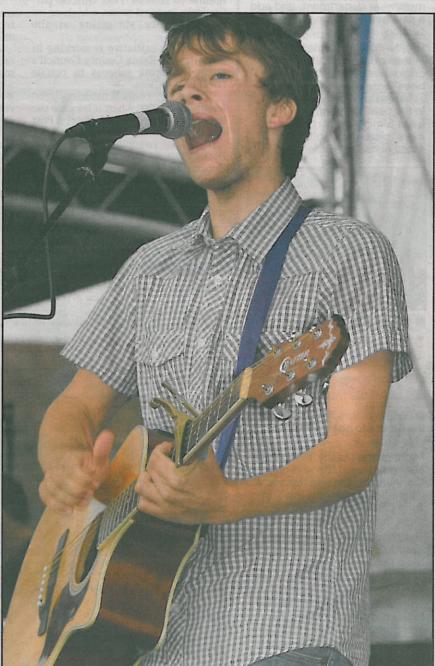
Aruba Red, Hoodlums and Medicine all rocked the stage later that evening before people flocked to the Brightlingsea community centre to see Ska Gills, Cav OK and headliners Silver Light Reaction.

The final day of the festival saw performances by the Crescent City Stompers, Drunk by Teatime and Willow Drum.

Festival-goers were also treated to the singing skills of female quintet, Lady Bird and the Larks, followed by Adrian Nation and headliners the Sweeting Swing Band, who ensured the event ended in a blaze of glory.



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■ Melody maker – 15-year-old Lou Terry