

enjoying 26 live acts across two sun-kissed days



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Festival fun for Weald crowd



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RAIN held off to ensure revellers in Weald could party in the open air over the weekend for the ninth Gazastock music festival.

The event, held in one of the fields in the village, brought together some 26 live acts and 1,250 music-lovers for a two

days of musical fun and entertainment.

One of the festival organisers Simon Lucas said: "It went better than expected. We were expecting rain."

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But fortune smiled on the party, whose headline acts were the indie rock band Bert, who played on Friday night, and Skatronics, who paid

homage to ska bands such as Madness, Bad Manners and The Specials on Saturday.

The final day of the festival was devoted to a jamming session, where less experienced performers had the opportunity to play with semi-professional musicians.

Mr Lucas said: "It's a nice way to wind down."

Tickets for this year's event sold out within 24 hours, and

Mr Lucas said this popularity was achieved purely through word of mouth.

He said: "One hundred per cent of our profit goes to Hospice in the Weald."

"That's in excess of £20,000, which is not bad for one year."

"In total we have raised over £100,000."

"We are paying the wage of one or one-and-a-half palliative nurses."

