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'CAJUNS FOR A DAY' HARBOUR'S SWAMP AID GULF OIL BENEFIT HUGE SUCCESS

Hundreds of people enjoyed a fun day out at Sovereign Harbour's 'Swamp Aid' music benefit in aid of communities devastated by the Gulf Coast Oil disaster. Cajun, Zydeco and New Orleans-influenced bands from across the South East played to crowds throughout the day, while dance workshops showed keen enthusiasts of all ages how to 'shake a leg' Cajun style. Bands included The Cajun Dawgs, the Fabulous Jazz Caverners and Dr. Savage, all from Sussex, together with Jumbo Gumbo from Kent and Acadian Driftwood from Essex.

Local luminaries joined in the fun, with Eastbourne Mayor Carolyn Heaps taking a turn on the dance floor, while MP Stephen Lloyd became an 'Honorary Cajun', receiving a certificate after taking an oath delivered by Swamp Aid organiser Zephyr Grayland.

All proceeds from the event - including sales from a 'Swamp Aid' CD featuring tracks from some of Europe's leading Cajun/Zydeco artists - will go to the Greater New Orleans Foundations' Gulf Coast Oil Spill Fund (only £10, to purchase your copy, www.swampaid.org).

'Swamp Aid' has made the news in the US, and clips of the event posted on the internet have already received a grateful response from Gulf Coast residents. The Greater New Orleans Foundation emailed a message to all who took part in Swamp Aid:

'To all our cousins in Eastbourne, thank you for your generous contribution helping us save our coast... please know that we are forever grateful for your kindness.'

The event has raised over a thousand pounds for the Fund.

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