BROWNINGTON — Despite gray skies and cool temperatures from a day of damp weather, visitors to the Old Stone House in Brownington still found a good time to be had. Gathered for the Twilight Stars Party Sunday people came out to Prospect Hill equipped for the cool evening, whether they could get a glimpse of some stars or not.

“We've sold about double the tickets we did last year,” said Drew Bush, the museum's assistant director for marketing. Over 200 tickets sold ahead of time suggested a hearty turnout.

“We're supposed to have clear skies in about ten minutes, and it's going to be 85 degrees,” Kyle Chadburn, a member of the Evansville Transit Authority said in jest as he picked a few soft chords, with the other members of the band ready to play. “Even if it doesn't, we've got music to keep us warm.”

The band began to jam classic radio rock and R 'n' B hits. After a few songs, dancers took to the green before the stage, moving to the music. Carrying umbrellas and fold-out camp chairs, bundled in blankets, and wearing sweatshirts or an extra layer of long sleeves, people came out looking to enjoy music, food, and fellowship.

The Runaway Tomato had a variety of pizzas available for those looking to buy themselves a bite to eat, by the slice as well as whole pies for families, pizza boxes were passed about all around.

Sweets like cookies and cakes, and hot dogs prepared by volunteers from the Ladies Aid were also available, the smell of their grill filling the air with the signature scent of cookout fare. At a nearby tent, people could enjoy a beer or cider, including a brew from sponsor Hill Farmstead Brewery.

“This is the sixth year we've held the event, but the first time it's been under the clouds,” Molly Veysey, executive director of the Old Stone House Museum said. In years past, the event saw wide open skies, perfect for stargazing, but the overcast conditions this year proved less than favorable for the pastime.

“It is September in northern Vermont, but hopefully the skies will clear up,” Ms. Veysey said. As the sun began to set, a heavy fog blanketed Prospect Hill as children with flashlights and glowsticks darted about in the fade of day. As the band finished up its set, the murky night showed no reprieve, still hiding the stars from sight. Nonetheless, some still walked up Prospect Hill where long ago Alexander Twilight with his family and neighbors were known to stargaze as well. Bobby Farlice-Rubio from the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, who would have helped those in attendance to identify and understand the night skies with telescopes, took questions from the crowd about astronomy. Mr. Farlice-Rubio told the crowd about a number of features that would be visible throughout the upcoming season before a number of small voices gave him questions about constellations and the other solar bodies unseen but present in the heavens above.

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Music, food, star lore keep everyone happy

Artist William Tulp, a creative collaborator and volunteer at the Old Stone House Museum painted the faces of the kids at the Twilight Stars Party, he is one of the many volunteers who worked to make the gathering possible.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Grievous
7. Queen’s ballplayer
10. Honorable title
12. Created
13. Spellmasters do it
14. Wartime German cargo ship
15. Coop plant
16. Hebrew calendar month
17. British thermal unit
18. Brood
19. One of Thor’s names
21. Decorative scarf
22. Closets
27. ___ denotes past
28. A way to address a lover

CLUES DOWN

1. Protein-rich liquids
2. Musician Chopin
3. Wind
4. When you hope to arrive
5. Something one can get stuck in
6. Midway between east and southeast
7. Mothers
8. German river
9. Israeli city ___ Aviv
10. Discharged
11. Anas near the retina
12. Greek mythological sires
14. Very unpleasant smell
17. “___! Hurrah!”
18. White peacock
20. Journalist Talbott
23. Teachers
24. One older than you

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