

Mandy Ansell headed up together with a whole host of organisers a rock concert in memory of her late husband Graham, below you will find a write up from the LHC and some pictures that were taken on the evening and featured in the local paper 'The Resident'.



Mandy dancing the night away
With 'Bad Boy Boogie'



Dan Hawkins and Ian Gulliver



Clash City Rockers,
Dan Hawkins and Stuart Broad



Ed Mann

'Memorial concert rocks for asbestos victim' (write up from the LHC asbestos)
Some of Sussex's finest musicians have rocked the night away in memory of Horsham's local music legend, the late Graham Ansell. The one-off concert, exhibition and auction called The Day of Rockening, at The Capitol Theatre in Horsham, took place on Saturday (12 September). The day was set up to raise funding for the Graham Ansell Mesothelioma Fund (GAMF).

Saturday's sold-out concert featured a specially formed band, Allstarz - a collaboration of some of Horsham's finest musicians, including ex-members of Bush, Ultravox, Flairz, and Limehouse Lizzy. Dan Hawkins and Robin Goodridge, of the heavy metal band the Stone Gods, made a special appearance. The line-up also included local tribute acts Clash City Rockers and Bad Boy Boogie.

Graham, 48, from Horsham, was key to the local music scene for over 30 years. In 2006 he was diagnosed with mesothelioma, a terminal cancer caused by exposure to asbestos

fibres - he worked with asbestos during his career as a carpenter. He died in April 2007 leaving his wife Mandy, just weeks before their 27th wedding anniversary and their three children.

Graham's widow, Mandy Ansell, said: "Graham loved music - it was his passion. He thoroughly enjoyed his work as a sound engineer and never wanted acknowledgement, being happy working 'behind the scenes'. The Day of Rockening was held in his memory, and I know it would have given him great pleasure to see everyone enjoying the music. This was a unique evening with the emphasis on having fun, whilst raising the profile of this dreadful disease and bringing in much needed funding for research into mesothelioma."

Every year there are still around 4,000 deaths from asbestos related diseases. Tradesmen doing similar jobs to Graham could be working where asbestos is present right now - any building built or refurbished before the year 2000 could contain the deadly substance.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) will soon be leading a national campaign to show tradesmen that asbestos still poses a very real risk to their health. The next phase of the 'Hidden Killer' campaign also aims to get them to find out more about the precautions they should be taking.