

# Rock for Rog

—Peter Sherred—

On Saturday 28th August a commemoration in memory of Roger Marsden took place on the school playing field in Temple Ewell organised by his widow and daughters and some of his good friends. The weather could have been kinder, but the occasional shower of rain did not deter hundreds of people from attending the event for which the gates opened at 12 noon and with various bands playing from 1.30pm until about 9.30pm.

Throughout there were games for children and adults and several stalls provided opportunities for raffle prizes, food and drink, face-painting, and a beer tent. Seven bands participated during the event for varying lengths of time and towards the end of the evening the beacon was lit in memory of Roger, by courtesy of the consent of the local Parish Council. Many of the villagers attended demonstrating the high regard in which Roger was held as a former resident of Temple Ewell. Rotary Club of Dover members helped in the organisation of the event and were instrumental in running the beer tent and collecting funds for Cancer Research UK. Admission to the event was free and attendees were invited to donate whatever they wished.



*and the Band plays on...*

It was a wonderful tribute to Roger, who died in August 2020, and provided a way of saying thank you to the prime mover and organiser of the Dover Music Festival which ran successfully between 2014 and 2017. A tribute to Roger appeared in the Newsletter edition no 100 of March 2021 pp.42-44. Roger had been a valued member of the Rotary Club of Dover, so it was a privilege for club members to be involved in the organisation and running of the memorial event which proceeded under the title of "Rock for Rog".

Roger's widow Carole and his daughters Carrie, Sammie and Jessie were present throughout the event which slightly overran its timed programme with kind permission of the Chairman of the Parish Council who was in attendance as the event drew to a close. The family members were extremely grateful to all those who attended and had devoted time to produce the event. Many attending wore T-shirts with an image of Roger on the front. The family were delighted with the result which raised a significant sum for Cancer Research.



*Widow Carole (r) and daughters*