

Gearing up for the 39th Beerex - 23rd-25th April 2015.



Whilst many of Farnham Lions are busy, as we enter the festive season, with community activities like collecting groceries in sufficient volume to produce over 200 food parcels for Farnham's needy, to holding a pantomime for 450 infant school children at Farnham Maltings and ensuring that the third successive winter campaign collecting donated Winter Fuel Allowances under their project Wenceslas banner in both Farnham and Haslemere, the Farnham Beerex committee are well into the planning stage of 2015's 39th Beerex.

Farnham Lions in conjunction with the Farnham Maltings, CAMRA and a band of enthusiastic volunteers have been hard at work since October to ensure that next year's event, the longest running beer festival held in the same location in England will be as good as ever before.

As it is the 39th year of the festival and 2015 being the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, much discussion has taken place deciding whether to celebrate the event with the choice of a special logo. Will it be the famous book of the 39 Steps or will the military option prevail. You'll just have to wait and see.

As well as somewhere in the region of 35 breweries sending around 75 different real ales and porters, plus an impressive range of ciders, there will be the traditional BBQ food and festival music at all four sessions.

In addition to starting on the beer selection process the necessary toilets, scaffolding, skip hire as well

as ticket and voucher printing are well under way if not already complete. The preparation for a four session event accommodating over 5,000 visitors is immense.

The 2014 festival raised over £36,000, channelled through the Lions' charity account into supporting good causes within the local Farnham area. It was also the second occasion when a beer of the festival was chosen, with the 1872 Porter from the Elland brewery in Leeds beating a strong field of candidates.

The sale of tickets to the public will take place at Farnham Maltings at 08.00 on Sunday March 1st, when tickets for all four sessions will be on sale. Note the change of time.

You can keep tuned in to all the news of Beerex 2015 on the Farnham Lions' website www.farnhamlions.org, particularly in March when some special offers may be on offer, by reading the March edition of VantagePoint for another article and a prize competition or by following them on Twitter@FARNHAMBEEREX. Remember drinking at Beerex is for charity!