

Mine's a pint!

The 39th annual Farnham Beerex opened its doors in a blaze of sunshine, welcoming 1,300 visitors keen to sample some 60 local ales available on tap.

Officially opened by the Mayor of Farnham Jeremy Ricketts, this year's first night created something of a record. For many years, the evening had been the 'Cinderella' of the event, not reaching sell-out status for sometime. But with new breweries, new beers and St George's Day, a record attendance was a certainty.

Live music from local band Straubenzee and a barbecue helped the consumption of ales to go beyond the 20,500 mark for the weekend, with a further 2,000 pints of cider downed.

Next year marks the 40th anniversary of Beerex, (21-23 April 2016), with St George's Day on the Saturday.

Farnham Beerex is the longest-running

beer festival in the country at the same location since it started in 1977. Now well-established in co-operation with both the Farnham Maltings and CAMRA, this is a major fundraising event for Farnham Lions. Staffed by more than 200 volunteers, it is a highlight of the town's social calendar.

More photos from Beerex 2015 available on the *Life in Farnham* Facebook page.



Mayor of Farnham Jeremy Ricketts opening the event, flanked on his right by Keith Harris (President of Farnham Lions) and on his left by Peter Matthews from the Beerex committee and Phil Alexander (Chairman of the Beerex committee)