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Thousands of real ale lovers flock to Beerex

- 85 per cent on local causes either in Farnham or in projects and organisations helping Farnham residents, and 15 per cent goes to national or international causes supported by the Lions. The Lions are still counting the funds raised at this year's festival, but they hope to exceed the £36,000 raised in 2014.

Phil Alexander, chairman of Farnham Beerex 2015, thanked this year's Beerex attendees for "giving so freely by raising your right hands," as well as the Maltings' staff and the 300-plus volunteers, "without whom we could not raise so much for charity".

PHOTOS: Paul Doyle

industrial estate. The festival's 'best beer in show' prize was this year awarded to the historic Yorkshire brewery Elland's 1872 Porter - described as "creamy and full-flavoured with rich liquorice flavours and a hint of chocolate from roast malt".

And several new brews were launched over the weekend, including the Hogs Back Brewery's first ever IPA, HopArt's NERO porter and the Little Beer Corp's Little St George, brewed in conjunction with the Beerex committee to mark St George's Day last Thursday.

All of the money raised through Beerex is spent on charitable ventures

THOUSANDS of real ale aficionados descended on the Farnham Maltings at the weekend for the 39th annual Farnham Beerex, organised by the Farnham Lions Club and Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA).

The longest-running beer festival in England to take place in the same venue once again attracted mass crowds over its three days, offering 63 bitters, milds, porters and stouts as well as 25 ciders and perries, live music and barbecue food.

More than 30 breweries were represented including 11 debutants, among them the new Frensham Brewery based at Pierrepont Farm and HopArt founded at the Blacknest



Keith Rosier, Dave and Maureen Smith with John and Gill Fidler. FD18-29-15



Neil Nash, Dave Walby and Christopher Collins. FD18-38-15