

» Farnham Beerex

250 unpaid volunteers each year.

The original ideals of raising money to support local charities and of raising awareness of traditional beers have continued to be met.

To date over £750,000 has been raised and distributed by the Farnham Lions to many good causes, mostly local, and it has continued through changing times to be a beacon for real ales, ciders and perries and, of course, small breweries.

Visitors are able to enjoy the opportunity to explore more than 60 real ales brought together from all parts of the UK as well as a range of 40 ciders and perries. The selection chosen is made to appeal to a wide range of tastes. Whether male or female, older or younger, a Beerex connoisseur or relative novice there is something for all to enjoy. Live music and good grub contribute to producing a great atmosphere during each of the four sessions spread over three days.

The plan for this year's is to have as wide a choice of beers and ciders as usual, to include some that will be

new to Beerex and also some that were at the first event, as well as something unique!

Phil Williams, one of the organisers, says: "We are delighted that Peter, Paul and Mary's Brother will be making a welcome return and join us for the Thursday session. DisCover will play Friday night and Gambit Jazzmen on Saturday lunchtime. Making their first appearance on Saturday night will be the Charley Farley Sunday Four."

This year also sees the return of 'Beerexwear' after a gap of about 10 years. Great quality, embroidered T-shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available via the Beerex website in a range of colours and sizes.

You can buy from www.farnhamlions.org.uk/beerex

● The venue will once again be the Farnham Maltings. There will be four sessions starting on Thursday, 21st April at 6-11pm. Friday 22nd, 6-11pm and Saturday (St George's Day) 23rd 11am-3pm and 6-11pm. Tickets will be on general sale at the Maltings from 8am-10pm on February 28th. Entrants must be 18 or over. Entrance is by ticket only.

