

Forty cheers for the beers

IT'S almost time for Beerex again – the annual Farnham beer festival.

Back in 1976 two members of Farnham Lions, who were also members of CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale), had the idea of running a one-off beer festival. With the support of the Farnham Maltings, they put on the first 'Beerex' in 1977 and have done so every year since. Today it is still organised by the same three groups, along with more than 250 volunteers, and lays claim to being the longest-running beer festival at the same venue.

It raises money for charity, and so far more than £750,000 has been raised and distributed by the Farnham Lions to many good causes and individuals in need of support.

Tickets for this year's Beerex, the 40th, which runs from April 21-23, go on sale to the public on February 28. They tend to sell quickly. Gift vouchers for April 21 for £30, to include two tickets, two beer glasses and £10 worth of beer tokens, are on sale already.

For more details, gift vouchers and, from February 28, tickets, call 01252 745444 or visit <https://farnhammaltings.com>