



# An ABC of 25 Nationals

A follow-up to an ABC of Winemaking  
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*A is for Andover, fiftynine's first official show  
And 'A.W.' Shield, champion club Award, donated long ago  
Trophies from Atcherley, Ace of Clubs; cup from "Andy" Andrews  
And Cedric Austin Award for fine wines – not "judges brews".*

*B's Beautiful Bournemouth and Brighton, two shows at each  
Also Butlin's Bognor, Bracing Blackpool; both near beach  
B's Beall memorial trophy, Bastin cup, Bilham tastevin  
And Boots' trophy, best four kit wines; winner's got to plan.*





*C's Conferences at Cheltenham, Clacton; Caister was so Cold;  
Cordon Brew class is Competitive, the barley wines are often very  
old  
C's Continental Wine Experts, often known as CWE  
Choose the best Federation dinner wines for the Chempro Trophy.*

*D's for Desserts: sweet or medium-sweet, balance just right  
Also for Dancing and Donations at N.A.W.B.'s Saturday night  
E's for EDME Excellence; Exeter—for old folks too hilly  
And Eastbourne's Winter Gardens, Elegant venue, not chilly.*

*F's the Federation's trophy for the three Finest beers  
And for N.A.W.B.'s Fun and Festivity and Friday night cheers  
G's the Gordon Instone cup; Grape concentrate—white wine that's  
best  
Also George Lashbrook Trophy, fruit sweetness to balance the  
"zest"*

*H is Happy Happenings at Harrow, Hull seventyone  
Also Harrogate Hectic Harmonies, both visits great fun  
Hills Cup, Heriff Trophy, Hidalgo's huge size—  
Handsome gift of metal to polish when you win this prize!*

*I's the Itona Trophy; Individual classes—quite a few,  
Incentive to enter them all, you're Investing money too;  
J is Judges, assessing quality in classes so big  
It's also Joy, Jokes and Jollity, at the Saturday Jig.*

*K's for Knowledge and Kraftmanship over many a year,  
Also Kindness and Know-how, non-winners' troubles to Klear;  
L's the Loftus company, Long in London, Lease now spent  
Luker, Lilian Lucas and Cyril—N.A.W.B.'s first president.*

*M's the Muntona Trophy, Merited for best India Pale Ale  
And Merry Margate's National, Mostly sunny and no gales.  
M's Malin's Memorial trophy—Making Most of three wines for  
table  
Millett, Marconi club trophy—Circle wines Must be stable.*





*N's the Wilf Newsom Cup and Nationals they're Notable events;  
And the Audrey Newton cup, winners Need Nose – Nice scents;  
N's the two Nationals at Nottingham, their trophy as well  
Also N.A.W.B. Trophy, N.A.W.B. beer trophy; to win both is hell.*

*O is for Organisation, we thank N.A.W.B. committees with  
pleasure,  
P's for Planned Programmes, N.A.W.B. Patrons, whom we all  
treasure.  
Q is Quality; in wines and beers the exhibitors' Quest  
Is Quietly Quaffing Quantities of what they like best.*

*R is for Roycroft, master winemaker, an early winner,  
Roy's cups for aperitif dry, wine to sip before dinner;  
R's for Rivalry, but Relaxation and Revelling are our need;  
Also, Ritchie Products, and Rankin trophy – best dry mead.*

*S is Splendid Shows at Scarborough, both sunny and bright,  
Stagg Trophy, Sweet n' dry cup, Sugar balance just right  
Southern Vinyards, Shaw Porter cup, Southport Show near Shore,  
Sybil Hill Tankard, solely for judge with best beer lore.*

*T's for Tyneside National's rosebowl, pick flowers when sunny  
Temple tankard and Timmins trophy – sweet mead from honey;  
Tom Caxton's trophy; Tilly Timbrell's trophy – N.A.W.B.'s best  
cook,  
The Ben Turner trophy; Torquay, sun and palm Trees, has a  
Tropical look*

*U's Unican, Universities, Southampton for eightythree  
Unstinting work by N.A.W.B.; Umpteen chores done Unseen;  
V's for Viking (Geordie) Brews, brewers are well-served,  
Vina trophy Victor – wines with a purpose you've observed.*

*W is Walter Desmond, all your Wants in beer and Wine  
X is Xpectation, Xhilaration when things are fine.  
Y is Yorkshire trophy, wines that bubble to the top  
Z is Zeal and Zippy; Zero – when you must stop!*

