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We are over the moon to say, we made the list - again! Check out the full list on the Telegraph's Facebook page or follow the link on ours.



Tamworth Beer Festival

Holy smoke, coming soon, Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th of September!



Let's Get Batty!

Join us for our annual 'Bat Watch'. This is an evening with a difference with our very own 'Bat Man', who will give us an interesting and informative insight into the bat life of the Hop Yard. The evening will begin with a short talk that will include the chance to listen to the sounds of a number of varieties of bats. During/after the talk, the Hop Yard bats will make an appearance. Following the talk, you will be given the opportunity to use bat detecting equipment in the Hop Yard. We will be serving a themed ale to help create the right BATmosphere

Bat Conservation Trust info packs will be available for those who are interested. Our



Bat Man will be on-hand to answer any questions after the talk. Sunset is around 8pm that night (tbc) so the talk will commence at 7:30pm to allow the timing/lighting to be right. Please note, there is no need to book. This is a 'just turn up' event. Also please note, timings may change and will be confirmed nearer to the event.

Beery Biltong

We're excited to introduce another great local product to the bar at the Tamworth Tap - Castle Black Biltong. Produced by the expert team at Fields, the independent biltong specialists based in Tamworth town centre, Castle Black is a premium air-dried beef snack that's packed with flavour and made using traditional methods. Rich, savoury and satisfyingly moreish, it's the perfect accompaniment to a pint of quality real ale.

We're passionate about championing local producers wherever we can, and partnering with another independent Tamworth business makes this latest addition even more special. Whether you're enjoying a crisp pale ale, a traditional bitter or something a little darker, Castle Black Biltong provides the ideal beer snack without overpowering the flavours in your glass. Available now from behind the bar while stocks last, it's another reason to call in, support local businesses and discover something new on your next visit.



Staffordshire Pub of the Year

A huge heartfelt thank you from both of us and all the team for turning up to celebrate our CAMRA Staffordshire Pub of the Year award. We had the most wonderful night with you all and we just love this photo that captures the moment perfectly. Thanks for being you Tappers. We love you!



WHAT'S ON Our August line-up ...

- Faith on Tap ~ every **Tuesday, 7pm**, (TBC), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Rob Taylor ~ **Sunday 2nd, 4pm**
- LST CAMRA Meeting ~ **Monday 3rd, 7:30pm**, Samuel Barlow, Alvecote
- CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ **Tuesday 4th, 6:30pm**, Green Room
- Sunday Session with Kerry Smyth ~ **Sunday 9th, 4pm**
- Creative Writing Group ~ **Wednesday 12th, 7pm**, Top Tap
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ **Thursday 13th, 7pm**, Green Room
- Sausage & Cider Festival ~ **Friday 14th - Sunday 16th**
- Friday Night Live with Ellen & Zach ~ **Friday 14th, 7:30pm**, Hop Yard
- Art of Tamworth Live Performances ~ **Saturday 15th**
- Morris Dancers ~ **Sunday 16th, 3pm**, Hop Yard
- Sunday Session with Mike Cass ~ **Sunday 16th, 4pm**
- Friday Night Live with Davy & Phil ~ **Friday 21st, 7:30pm**, Hop Yard
- Sunday Session with Joe Bennett ~ **Sunday 23rd, 4pm**
- Bat Watch ~ **Wednesday 26th, 7:30pm**, Hop Yard
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ **Thursday 27th, 7pm**, Green Room
- Silent Book Club ~ **Thursday 27th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Friday Night Live with Rob Taylor ~ **Friday 28th, 7:30pm**, Hop Yard
- Only Elton ~ **Saturday 29th, 8pm**, Hop Yard (SOLD OUT)
- Sunday Session with Mark Sharp and The Hat Tricks ~ **Sunday 30th, 4pm**

Turning It Up To Twelve!

We're delighted to announce that the Tap is expanding from 8 to 12 handpulls, giving us even more opportunity to showcase the very best of Britain's cask ale scene. Cask has always been at the heart of what we do. From the day we opened our doors, our aim has been simple: serve outstanding real ale in perfect condition and give our customers a reason to keep coming back to discover something new. Expanding the bar is the next step in that journey.

The extra handpulls mean more guest breweries, more seasonal specials, more locally brewed beers and more styles than ever before. Whether your preference is a crisp golden ale, a juicy pale, a traditional bitter or something dark and decadent, there'll be even greater variety every time you visit.

This isn't about filling pumps for the sake of appearances. Every beer that reaches the bar has earned its place. We work closely with breweries we know and trust, alongside discovering exciting newcomers who deserve a wider audience. The additional choice also gives us the flexibility to support more independent brewers while ensuring the range stays fresh, exciting and constantly changing.



We're incredibly proud that so many people travel to the Tap because they know they'll find one of the country's best selections of well-kept cask beer. Increasing to twelve handpulls is another investment in that reputation and, more importantly, in your experience every time you walk through the door.

So, the next time you're at the bar and someone asks, "What's good on today?", the answer may well be, "How long have you got?" Here's to twelve handpulls, hundreds of fantastic beers over the coming months, and continuing to celebrate Britain's greatest drink, one perfectly kept pint at a time.

A New View Of Tamworth – Exclusive Limited Edition Prints

We're delighted to be supporting talented local artist Ian Everett with the release of a stunning new limited edition print celebrating one of Tamworth's most iconic landmarks. Captured from a unique perspective looking towards Tamworth Castle from the Hop Yard, Ian's work perfectly reflects a view many of our regulars know and love. Rich in local character and beautifully produced, each print is mounted, individually numbered, and available from the bar in strictly limited numbers. Print prices are A4 £12, A3 £18 and A2 £25.

Whether you're looking for a piece of Tamworth history for your home, office or as a gift, these exclusive prints are well worth a look. Why not have a look before you decide? A display print is hanging at the top of the stairs, where you can see the detail for yourself. Support a local artist, celebrate a local view, and take home a little piece of Tamworth.



Summer Sausage & Cider Fest

Join us on 14th-16th August for the Tap's Summer Sausage & Cider Fest. We've got live music on Friday evening from Tap friends and faves Ellen & Zach from around 7pm. And on Sunday afternoon we have the marvellous Mr Mike Cass providing your musical entertainment from 4pm. Back by popular demand, before the music on Sunday, we have Morris Dancers Pennyroyal & Three Spires dancing for you. It's also 'Art of Tamworth' on Saturday and Sunday throughout the town and there will be performances in the Hop Yard from the various roaming artists including Dubafrique - African drummers and acrobats.

We'll have at least 10 flavours of succulent sausages for you to sample, all locally sourced from Coates Butchers of course! And there's 50+ scrumptious ciders and perries for you to swig!



Food Glorious Food

Check out our new Street Food Sunday menu. Think smoked chicken melt in the mouth beef brisket and Yorkshire pudding



wraps topped with indulgent trimmings like horse radish mash and bang bang cauliflower cheese served with the greatest onion gravy made with our Castle Black Ale. We've done a taste test and we can tell you... it's good!

Outside Bar

We are trying to keep our outside bar open as much as possible at busy periods at the moment while the weather is so good. Head straight to the Hop Yard and you'll find it on your left as you go down the slope.



Legends Of Loki And Thor

Join us for another event with a difference, 'Norse Legends', as the Vikings would have heard then - from a traditional storyteller. You've guessed it - much loved storyteller Maria Credali is back at the Tap for an evening of enchanting tales.

Hear of mighty Thor, wielder of Mjölner, whose strength is unmatched. Marvel at the cunning tricks of Loki, the silver-tongued shapeshifter whose mischief forever alters the fate of gods and giants alike. From epic battles to whispered prophecies of Ragnarök, these timeless tales are full of adventure, humour, and mythic wonder.

This takes place on 17th September at 7:30pm, at £8 per person, Please message us directly through messenger to book your place/s or ask at the bar.

