

Town Centre Forum

We attended the town centre forum meeting held at St Edithas Church at the end of February. This is where local businesses and organisations plan for the year ahead with events such as the Tamworth Beer Festival, the church's flower festival in July, and key historic anniversaries such as Athelstan's birth.



It's also where partners secure sponsorship for these events. We're proud to be part of this year's forthcoming events organised through St Edithas and the Tamworth & District Civic Society. Details will be available in Tap Times nearer each event. The meeting also featured a presentation by leaders from the newly opened Tamworth College, detailing their work educating and training local students. They are a centre of excellence for apprenticeships and aim to get many of them work-ready for local employers. Who knows, you may even see a future Michelin star chef starting out at the Tap on an apprenticeship!

WHAT'S ON *Our March line-up ...*

-  St David's Day Mini Welsh Ale Fest ~ [Sunday 1st](#)
-  Sunday Session with Tom Jones ~ [Sunday 1st, 4pm](#)
-  LST CAMRA AGM ~ [Monday 2nd, 7:30pm](#), Blue Boar Inn, Mancetter
-  CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 3rd, 6:30pm](#), Green Room
-  Faith on Tap ~ [Tuesday 3rd, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 4th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 5th, 7pm](#), Green Room
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 6th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with Bryan Brindley ~ [Sunday 8th, 4pm](#)
-  Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 11th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session, Paul Mills, 'The St Patrick's Day One' ~ [Sunday 15th, 4pm](#)
-  Faith on Tap ~ [Tuesday 17th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 18th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Chouffe Party ~ [Thursday 19th, Main Bar](#), 7pm
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 20th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Friday Night Live with Davy & Phil ~ [Friday 20th, 7:30pm](#)
-  Great British Pub Crawl at The Tap ~ [Saturday 21st](#)
-  Sunday Session with Loz Rabone ~ [Sunday 22nd, 4pm](#)
-  Barrel of Laughs Comedy Night ~ [Tuesday 24th, 7:30pm](#) (SOLD OUT)
-  Silent Book Club ~ [Thursday 26th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with Mike Cass ~ [Sunday 29th, 4pm](#)
-  Faith on Tap ~ [Tuesday 31st, 7pm](#), Top Tap

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Spirit of Tamworth Community Awards

We attended the Spirit of Tamworth Community Awards at the end of February. What an incredible occasion. We were surrounded by so many wonderful people in a fabulous venue and we had the best company with the wonderful Senses of Siam.



We weren't aware that we'd been nominated for an award; we found out recently when people started messaging us to congratulate us on becoming a finalist. And we certainly didn't expect to win. We went along last night to enjoy the evening and to support and celebrate with the other nominees. And then we only went and won!



We can't quite believe it. Awards like these are extra special because they are voted for and judged by people in the community; people who know us and understand what we are all about. We are completely humbled and absolutely delighted to have been chosen as a winner. It was an honour and a privilege to stand alongside so many community-spirited and like-minded people. In our eyes, everyone in the room was a winner.

These are people who, day in day out, make a difference to so many other people's lives. They make us proud to call Tamworth our town.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and delivery of the evening, especially the Spirit of Tamworth Community Awards, Tamworth Round Table, and Tamworth XRT of course. A massive well done and congratulations to all of the nominees - you're all winners..



Empty Chair

The Tamworth Tap is becoming an Empty Chair venue. 'Empty Chair' is a community-led campaign inviting people to sit together at pub tables across the UK. The idea - no one has to sit alone. We believe that this policy is already in place at the Tap but we want to highlight it and make it a thing for those who would rather have a little helping hand.

Our organiser, who will be wearing orange, will occupy a table and leave a few chairs empty, inviting anyone who wants company to join them. There's no pressure, no agenda, and no expectation to stay longer than you want.

Why are we doing this? Loneliness affects people of all ages. Empty Chairs exists to create low-pressure space where real human connection can happen, even if it's just sitting together for a drink. How it works:

- Turn up anytime from the listed start time
- Find the table by looking for the host wearing orange
- The host will always wait for an hour from the start time before leaving
- Stay for as long or as little as you like
- No sign-up required
- Friendly, low-pressure environment

Our first date will be announced very soon.

Pottery at the Pub

Exciting news Tappers! Our next Pottery at the Pub has just been announced and this one is loads of fun. Join us on 14th April when we will be creating once again. This time, think practical but cute and fun for your creativity, because you'll be making your very own animal plant pots. It's a spring thing!

This would make a fantastic and original date night, is great for a bit of fun with friends or ideal for some much needed me time. It's also a



perfect present idea! Your ticket includes guidance and support from our knowledgeable and fun instructor, all the tools and equipment you will need, the cost of firing your creation in the kiln, and even your first drink.



St Bernardus

It was Belgian Beer Week recently and we celebrated it in style with a tasting event. A taste tour of St Bernardus was on the menu and it was thoroughly enjoyed. Massive thank you to our knowledgeable host Hannes and to all of our wonderful attendees, who were superb company and loved their experience.



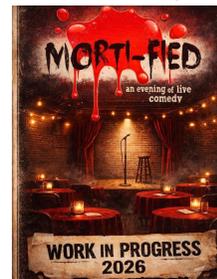
St David's Day

Thank you to those of you who joined us to mark St David's Day. The Welsh beers went down a treat as did our themed bar bites menu and the pub looked lovely adorned with bunting and daffodils.



You're Having a Laugh...

Mortified, the people behind our comedy nights,



are planning to bring some 'work in progress' shows to the Tap. Early Sunday evening events in our small cosy venue, they will feature pro comics performing new material. If you fancy a laugh to end the week, watch this space!

Charity Concert

Have you got your tickets yet for 7th March? This is going to be a fabulous evening! Support The Staffordshire 3 and have a great night at the same time.



St Patrick's Day

Join us on Sunday 15th to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The craic will be mighty, with all your favourite Irish tunes from Paul Mills from 4pm! We've got a selection of stouts lined up so you can enjoy a drop of the dark stuff, and we've even got a green beer! How on theme! We'll be getting into the spirit with Irish whiskey & gins too and we have an Irish twist to our Bar Bites menu for the weekend.



Wassail

Well, you certainly didn't let a little bit of wet weather stop the fun. What an incredible turn out for our Wassail this year. A massive thank you to everyone who made it the wonderful occasion that it was. And the 'after party' was just as much fun ... there was a cracking sing-song still going strong in the Hop Yard, shanties & all, long after the event had finished. Tappers, you did it again.