

Garden Refresh

George has been busy working hard in the garden getting it ready for sunny season. Everything has been cleaned, sanded, painted, varnished and the pots have been planted. I'm sure you'll agree it's looking rather lovely out there!



It's A Five For Us!

More good news... We received our regular unannounced visit from the environmental health officers a couple of weeks ago. We are delighted to tell you that we received the maximum food hygiene rating of 5. Well done and thank you to the team for their hard work and high standards in achieving this. Special shout-out to Lindsay of course ... you get 5 stars from us too!



Eggscellent!

A massive thank you to top Tapper Paul, who is part of the Tesco community team, for his eggcellent donation of Easter eggs just in time for Easter weekend. The eggs made a cracking contribution towards the Mayor of Tamworth's Easter Event, which was raising money for his chosen charities, Changes

Tamworth and The Hygiene Bank Tamworth.

It was our pleasure to add to this generous gesture with more eggs and a cash donation. A big shout-out to all round good egg Gary Hunt for organising & promoting this event.

Tamworth Beer Festival 2025

A date for your diary ... Tamworth's annual real ale extravaganza, courtesy of the local CAMRA branch, is now confirmed and in the planning stages!

Held from Thu 4th to Sat 6th September, it will be back at the Assembly Rooms, this year celebrating 50 years of Fawltly Towers. Photo opps galore but funny walks not compulsory ...

31ST TAMWORTH BEER FESTIVAL
4th-6th Sept 2025
75+ real ales plus ciders/perries
Celebrating 50 years of ...
FAWLTY TOWERS
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Tap Times

May 2025



LST CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year

We were delighted to accept the local CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year award for our bit of Staffordshire at the start of last month. To add to the occasion, we also received the inaugural LST Overall Branch Pub of the Year award too.

We were joined by lots of regulars and members of the LST branch; it was so lovely to share the moment with you. Special thanks to Ryan Hunt (Awards Officer) for his thoughtful and meaningful words, which both promoted the Campaign for Real Ale and made those present aware of strict judging criteria and process, and therefore the reasons we were voted Branch Pub of the Year.

Thank you Tappers for your kind words of praise and encouragement and for joining us to raise a glass. We do what we do for you.



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

- Staffordshire Day ~ [Thursday 1st](#)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 2nd, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Joe Bennett ~ [Sunday 4th, 4pm](#)
- CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 6th, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
- CAMRA Meeting ~ [Tuesday 6th, 7:30pm](#), Three Tuns, Sutton
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 7th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
- VE Day ~ [Thursday 8th](#)
- Songwriters in the Round ~ [Friday 9th, 8pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Dan Hatton ~ [Sunday 11th, 4pm](#)
- Barrel of Laughs Comedy Night ~ [Tuesday 13th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 14th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
- Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 15th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (FULLY BOOKED)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 16th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Dean Dovey ~ [Sunday 18th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 21st, 7pm](#), Top Tap
- Spring Mini Beer Fest ~ [23rd-25th](#)
- Sunday Session with Tame Delta Blues Band ~ [Sunday 25th, 4pm](#)

The Final Countdown

We have some exciting news to share with you. We recently received an email from the Pub & Bar magazine with good news about the National Pub & Bar Awards...

We're delighted to reveal that the Tamworth Tap has been shortlisted for the Staffordshire Pub & Bar of the Year award, meaning we have secured a place at the National Pub & Bar Awards Grand Final! We have been invited to attend the awards ceremony, which takes place at Big Penny Social in London in June, when we will find out the results. Huge well done to the team for their hard work in helping to achieve this. Fingers crossed!



VE Day

The 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day is taking place on the 8th of May and as always, the Tap will be getting into the spirit and marking the occasion. Watch our Facebook page for details of our celebrations.



Mild In May

This month we are celebrating Mild in May once again! Every May, CAMRA branches across the country celebrate 'Mild May', an initiative to celebrate and highlight the mild style, which was recently under threat of extinction due to a drop in popularity.

Mild is a beer style which developed in the late 18th and 19th centuries as drinkers started to demand a slightly sweeter and less aggressively hopped beer than porter. Early milds were much stronger than modern versions, which tend to fall into the 3% to 3.5% category, though a number of brewers are bringing strength back into style.

Mild is usually dark brown in colour, due to the use of well-roasted malts or roasted barley. Look for a rich malty aroma and flavour, with hints of dark fruit, chocolate, coffee and caramel, with a gentle underpinning of hop bitterness. To help revive the mild beer style, CAMRA is encouraging pubs to have at least one mild on the handpumps during the month of May.



So of course, we are supporting this initiative at the Tap. We have many milds lined up for you that will feature over the month of May, including a big supply of everyone's favourite Sarah Hughes Ruby Mild, so that will be on regularly.

British Cider Week

British Cider Week took place in the week beginning 25th April, so we thought we'd remind you of the superb cider selection we have at the Tap. We currently stock 20-plus real ciders, including three of our own - Hog Sty (dry), Sandy Back (medium), Squealer (sweet). We have at least one perry, plus a keg draught cider, Rattler. And finally we also stock a number of bottles including Aspalls. And the good news is, Septimus Spyder's Strawberry Cider from his medieval brewery is back. Cheers to apples and pears!

Spring Mini Fest

Another bank holiday means another excuse to have a beer - hopefully in the sunshine! Join us for Spring Bank Holiday on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of May, when we will be having our annual Spring Beer Fest. Beers are to be announced soon.

Sunshiny Sunday Sessions



The weather has been rather splendid at times over the past few weeks and that has meant the welcome return of our Sunday Sessions to the Hop Yard. Thank you to the sunshine for coming out to play on Easter Sunday. Great timing! And thanks to master of the mash-up Rob Taylor and you lot for turning up too! Here's hoping for many more.

Another Fine Night!



Huge thanks to John and Mandy from Laughing Gravy Laurel & Hardy Fan Club for another fantastic black and white film night. We all enjoyed it so much! So many laughs. What a wonderful way to switch off and take a trip down memory lane. You were such an enthusiastic and appreciate audience. Let's do it again soon!



CRAFTy Tappers

Fancy trying something different? How about our CRAFTy Tappers Club! It takes place on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, and the next one is on 6th May. The idea is that you share ideas, inspiration and projects with like-minded people, so bring along your latest project/creation to work on whilst you chat, share and sip.

All forms of craft are welcome. Along with other experts, the wonderful Meg from Meg's Craft Studio will once again to be on hand to give support and for trouble-shooting if needed. No experience is needed. In fact, just come along and watch and chat if you'd like to.



Grab A Bag

A new addition to our merch line has landed this month - Tamworth Brewing Co drawstring bags! They'll keep you organised with a main compartment and a zipped pocket, perfect for holding your essential copy of the Good Beer Guide or a few takeaway cans or bottles!



Join CAMRA

Our local LST CAMRA branch is now the largest in the West Midlands, with plenty going on. Want to join? Pick up a leaflet here or go to camra.org.uk/join