

## Edinburgh Fringe Preview Show

Join us for an incredible line up for our first afternoon of comedy featuring:

LARRY DEAN - Sky 1 Saturday Night Live

LINDSEY SANTORO - Live at the Apollo

DAN TIERNAN - BBC New Comedian of the Year



Enjoy a taste of the Fringe here in Tamworth with three shows that will be in huge demand at this year's Edinburgh Festival with tours planned for autumn 2026.

Tickets cost just £14. Message us to book.

## Tamworth Gin

Look what's back! Available by the glass to drink in, or by the bottle to take home. Just ask at the bar.



## CAMRA County Cider Pub of the Year

We found out at the end of April - in British Cider Week - that we were awarded CAMRA Staffordshire County Cider Pub of the Year. This follows on from winning branch Cider Pub of the Year in March, so we are over the moon to have progressed to the next stage - this is a first for us.

It is wonderful to have been recognised for our championing of Real Cider and Perry. As well as selection and quality, the knowledge and passion of the team helped to make this possible, so huge credit to them as always!



## CAMRA Members' Weekend

We attended the annual CAMRA Members' Weekend in April, which took place in St Albans this year. It was a productive and insightful few days. We were called to talk as 'the wonderful couple who own the Tamworth Tap' during one of the motions, which was being debated at length. It was a bit of a surprise to say the least, but we received a hearty round of applause for our contributions, so we think we did OK!

St Albans was a great place to visit and the beer scene was fantastic, particularly that weekend as all the pubs made sure they had something extra to offer, including beer festivals, live music and more. What a wonderful weekend!



## Hygiene Help

The people at the Hygiene Bank are appealing for items. If you are in a position to help, please do. The donation station is in the doorway so you don't even need to come into the pub if you don't want to, but why not reward yourself for helping by popping in for a pint.



## Date For Your Diary

The local CAMRA branch are already planning Tamworth Beer Festival for 10-12th September at the Assembly Rooms - see you there!

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

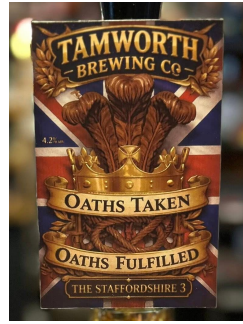
- Mild in May begins ~ **Friday 1st**
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ **Friday 1st, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Ali Gilbert ~ **Sunday 3rd, 4pm**
- CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ **Tuesday 5th, 6:30pm**, Green Room
- LST CAMRA Meeting ~ **Tuesday 5th, 7:30pm**, Tamworth Tap, Top Tap
- Paint & Sip ~ **Wednesday 6th, 7pm**, Top Tap
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ **Thursday 7th, 7pm**, Green Room
- Wine Tasting - **Thursday 7th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap (Fully Booked)
- Sunday Session with Ben Hemmings ~ **Sunday 10th, 4pm**
- Faith on Tap ~ **Tuesday 12th, 7pm**, Top Tap (TBC)
- Creative Writing Group ~ **Wednesday 13th, 7pm**, Top Tap
- Laurel & Hardy Film Night ~ **Thursday 14th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ **Friday 15th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Dean Dovey ~ **Sunday 17th, 4pm**
- Barrel of Laughs ~ **Tuesday 19th, 7:30pm**
- Paint & Sip ~ **Wednesday 20th, 7pm**, Top Tap
- Songwriters in the Round ~ **Friday 22nd, 8pm**, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Faye Bagley ~ **Sunday 24th, 4pm**
- Faith on Tap ~ **Tuesday 26th, 7pm**, Green Room (TBC)
- Silent Book Club ~ **Thursday 28th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Joe Bennett ~ **Sunday 31st, 4pm**

## A Polgnant And Fitting Tribute

After a great deal of time and effort planning and fundraising, the 'Oaths Taken, Oaths Fulfilled' and Watchman memorials on the lower lawns of Tamworth Castle Grounds were unveiled on 11th April. These memorials provide a place where people can come to sit, pause, remember and reflect.

It was a splendid occasion and the Wolverhampton Branch of the Staffordshire Regiment Association airsoft range attended as well as food vendors, stalls and stands. There was live music and Staffordshire Corps of Drums and Adrian Basford Rugeley Town Crier entertained the crowds.

Tappers did their thing as always and turned up and to show the families of the fallen that they will never be forgotten. Stewards for the day were the amazing Tamworth XRT, who do so much for the town. The Tap supported the event with a commemorative beer. If you haven't seen the memorials yet, go take a look.



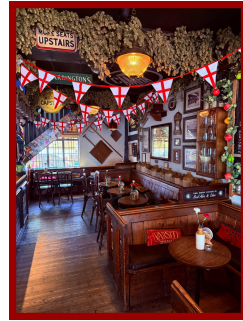
## Inspired Art

Have you seen the most recent addition to our art collection? Commissioned for TED Tamworth, this new piece features Thomas Guy, Robert Peel and Athelfæed - three visionaries who built, led, and inspired our community across a millennium. Behind them stands Tamworth Castle, the enduring symbol of our shared heritage. Huge credit to Krupa Mistry, the incredible artist who created this stunning piece of work.



## St George's Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for St George's Day. The atmosphere as always was amazing and the pub looked splendid in red and white. The ale flowed and plenty of fish and chips were consumed. Same time next year...



## Another Fine Night

Our much loved laugh-out-loud, black and white film night, featuring screen classics from comedy legends Laurel and Hardy, is back this May. Join us on Thursday 14th May at 7:30pm when we will be showing three classic Laurel and Hardy films for another 'fine night' at the top of the Tap.

This films show will be introduced by John Ullah, Grand Sheik of The Laughing Gravy Tent (the Birmingham branch of the Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society), and author of 'This Is More Than I Can Stand', the biography of Laurel and Hardy co-star Charlie Hall. Tickets cost £7 and are available by private messaging our Facebook page or asking at the bar.



## 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 beer style mild, which until recently was 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 and Bathams Mild. Join us this month for a 'Mild in May'!



## Sunshiney Sunday Session



It was amazing to have our first Sunday Session in the Hop Yard recently. The place was packed and the vibe was unreal. Bring on the summer!

## TED X 2026

We were proud to sponsor the annual TED X event at Tamworth Assembly Rooms. We provided the beer - a 4% blood orange red mild - which was going down well when we popped round. Well done to all involved; what a fantastic event!



## British Cider Week

It was British Cider week at the time of writing this so thought we'd give it a mention. Although we are all about the ale at the Tap, we are very serious about cider too!

We've always had a fantastic selection, but we've expanded it even further. We now have 50 plus ciders and perries for you to choose from, including three of our very own (four at Christmas), several bottles and a keg, so you are spoilt for choice. Our cider board lists our offerings and the team will of course be on hand to help you decide. So there's only one question - apples or pears?

