

Royal British Legion

It was a privilege to spend some time on Armistice Day volunteering on the Royal British Legion poppy stall, helping out the truly wonderful Tamworth Branch. It was great to do our little bit and really lovely to meet and talk to so many people too. We seriously can't believe the generosity of some; we were been blown away. Same time next year, and the team have all pledged to take their turn too.



Baby It's Cold Outside!

The weather has drastically changed over the last week or so and it's really rather cold out there. You need a beanie for THAT and it just so happens that we sell our very own. They're perfect for this time of the year - and also a great gift for Christmas! They're on sale behind the bar. Just ask a member of the team, who have had lots of fun trying them out!

A Nod From The House

Guess who got a mention in parliament recently? Thanks to Sarah Edwards for acknowledging our achievement in her maiden speech after the Autumn Statement. It was great to hear (hear!) Tamworth being championed. We echo Sarah's words regarding the wonderful work of Heart of Tamworth.

A reminder that the Donation Station will now become a collection point for food items for the Heart of Tamworth Christmas food bank appeal.



Christmas & New Year Opening Hours

Our opening hours will be as normal with the following exceptions:

	Sat 23rd: daytime only, 12pm-6pm
Christmas Eve	Sun 24th: CLOSED
Christmas Day	Mon 25th: special opening, 11am-2pm
Boxing Day	Tue 26th: CLOSED
	Sat 30th: daytime only, 12pm-6pm
New Year's Eve	Sun 31st: CLOSED

Save the date:

- Burns Night ~ Thursday 25th January
- Barrel of Laughs ~ Thursday 25th January
- Wine Tasting ~ Thursday 8th February
- Dark Ales Fest ~ February (TBC)

Tap Times



Final Four

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our success in reaching the 'Final Four' stage in the CAMRA National Pub of the Year competition. We were presented with our certificate by Aiden Hale, West Midlands Regional Director Deputy. His words were touching and we echo his affirmation of our incredible team, who he described as being welcoming, friendly and extremely knowledgeable. They certainly are, ... and so much more. You know how we feel about them.

This is such a big deal for us. We truly can't express how ecstatic we are to have reached this stage. Last year we couldn't believe it when we found out we were finalists, and then we went on to win! Here we are again, is it possible to do it for a second time? We hope so, and we're certainly giving it our all. Thanks again for being there with us and for us, in everything we do Tappers. We do what we do because of you.

Lots of love from George, Louise & Team Tap..



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

- Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 1st, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- LST CAMRA Social ~ Saturday 2nd
- Sunday Session with The Foster Brothers ~ Sunday 3rd, 4pm
- LST CAMRA Branch Meeting ~ Monday 4th, 7:30pm, The Old Bank House
- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 6th, 7pm
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshop ~ Thursday 7th, 7:30pm (SOLD OUT)
- Sunday Session with Dean Clinton ~ Sunday 10th, 4pm
- Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 13th, 7pm
- Christmas Storytelling ~ Thursday 14th, 7:30pm
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 15th, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- Amington Brass Band Wassail ~ Friday 15th, 8pm
- CAMRA Christmas Crawl around Lichfield ~ Saturday 16th, from 1pm
- Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ Sunday 17th, 4pm
- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 20th, 7pm
- The Tap's 6th Birthday ~ Friday 22nd
- Friday Night Live Christmas Cracker with Ali Gilbert ~ Friday 22nd, 8pm



Amington Band's Christmas Wassail

There are not many things that shout 'Christmas' more than hearing a brass band on a cold wintry evening ... and it just so happens that we've booked one! Join us from 8pm on Friday 15th December for Amington Band's Christmas Wassail.

Wrap up warm, because weather permitting, this will take place outside. Enjoy a mulled wine or cider and a hot pork & stuffing roll to keep you warm, while you listen to the

wonderful sound of this brilliant brass band as they play carols and take us into that magical world of Christmas from way back when. This is a free event, but please consider making a donation (collection tins will be passed around) as this is a fundraiser for the band, who are not charging for their services.

The Tap Is 6!

We can't quite believe it and we still sometimes don't know how it's happened, but on Friday 22nd of December, the Tamworth Tap will turn 6. Little did we know what the future held when we opened our doors for one night only, with the potential of a possible pop-up once a month with just two barrels on a counter and a few donated tables and chairs. We've come a long way since then. Join us on 22nd to celebrate!

Wine Tasting

We had incredible feedback from our latest wine tasting evening and many (many!) enquiries about the next one. We have another one planned for February, details to be announced very soon - watch this space!



November

A huge thank you to all who donated to team member Phil's November appeal, helping him to smash his original target of £250. He has raised an incredible total of £1,575 at the last count! Wow!

The Tap Remembered

Remembrance Sunday has got to be one of the most special days of the year at the Tap. The place was packed as always and the atmosphere was incredible. We stepped back and watched from afar and we felt so, so proud. It's moments like these that make us realise what we've created. Receiving a salute from the head of the parade as they marched past was indeed an honour! Your comments, praise and thanks were so touching and very humbling. We aren't just a pub, we are a community and that takes us AND you. Our most sincere thanks for sharing the day us - the Tap remembered.

A special thank you to the following for helping to make the day so memorable: Watchman, Tamworth Royal British Legion, Kyle Evans As George Formby, The Tammy Land Girls and Paul Mills.



Pamper Hamper Appeal

You've done it again Tappers - we asked and you delivered! There was an amazing response to the Pamper Hamper appeal again this year, with just some of the donations pictured. The collection is over now and there's a wonderful team of volunteers working hard behind the scenes to turn your donations into a Christmas present to remember. Thank you so much for helping us and especially the wonderful Diane Bridgen who organises all of this to make a difference to someone else's life.

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Friday Night Live - Christmas Cracker with All Gilbert



It's the last Friday Night Live of the year on the 22nd and it's Christmas so it's going to be a cracker! Join us and the brilliant Ali Gilbert Music for an evening of top tunes with a fabulously festive feel. And it's our 6th birthday too - what a way to get your Christmas started!

Barrel of Laughs

Barrel of laughs? And some - another cracking comedy night in the Top Tap! Huge thanks to all of the acts - MC Dan Smith, Mad Ron, Hannah Silvester and Sean Percival as well as Mortified - Live Comedy, and of course you lovely lot for making it so much fun. Can't wait for the next one in January. Watch this space for details.



Sunday Session - The 12 Days of Christmas Edition

It's our last Sunday Session of 2023 on 17th December and so it has to be one last gig from The Elfmazing Paul Mills. Get ready for festive fun and frolics with some top tunes from a top bloke and a version of 'The 12 Days of Christmas' that you'll never forget! Arrive early for a 4pm start. Who knows when it will finish!



Whisky

It's all about the whisky at the moment. You're loving a wee dram of the amber nectar, so we have increased our range. We have a great choice, specially selected for your indulgence. See our new world whisky menu in the bar.