

Top of the Hops

We are excited to announce that we are working with a number of up and coming local musicians who are launching albums and embarking on tours in the near future. Watch this space for dates and details ...



CAMRA ...

Interested in joining CAMRA? There's lots going on locally (see below). You can talk to a member of staff, or pick up a membership leaflet from CAMRA corner.



Guide Gold!

We are thrilled to have acquired a piece of CAMRA history - the very first edition in hardback of the 50th Good Beer Guide. We outbid collectors to land this unique and sought-after book, number one off the presses! This will be a fitting complement to our rare and complete set of Guides on display in the Tap.

 CAMRA
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🕒 Last chance to bid on the number one collector's edition of #CAMRA's Good Beer Guide 2023! 📖 The eBay auction of this one-of-a-kind copy ends 10 Dec 2022, so you'll need to be quick if you want to own a bit of history. 📌 Bid on the unique book here: [ow.ly/YLM350LZjnv](https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/183550000000)



Enjoy Staffordshire Tourism and Good Food Awards 2023a

We have more good news! The shortlist has just been announced for the Staffordshire Tourism Awards. We are delighted to say that we are finalists in the Pub of the Year category. The results will be announced at a glittering black tie do on 9th March. If you recall, we achieved Silver last year. Fingers crossed for this year!



Lichfield Sutton & Tamworth CAMRA ...



You can keep up to date with what's happening in the local LST CAMRA branch by following them on Facebook. The branch organises a number of social events throughout the year, including Halloween and Xmas walkabouts of Tamworth and Lichfield at the end of last year.

We can also reveal the date for next year's Tamworth Beer Festival - **7th to 9th September** at the Assembly Rooms.

Like the LST page using the QR code to the left to keep up to date with things in both our branch and nationally.

TAMWORTH TOWN ALE TRAIL



TAP TIMES



TAMWORTH BREWING CO

January 2023

Happy New Year!

Wishing you all a very hoppy new year! We've had an incredible 2022 and our achievements and accolades far surpassed our dreams. As the year came to a close, we took a moment to reflect ...


We'd like to thank each and every one of you for your custom, support, positivity, loyalty and love this year. We truly believe that we have the best customers in the world and that you help to make the Tap what it is.

Thank you also to all of our musicians who play and organise events. You bring the place alive. We love our Sunday Sessions, Friday Night Lives, Songwriters Evenings and Folk Nights. And to all of the community groups - art, writing, painting, Peel Society, Heritage Trust, TDCS, the many charities, CAMRA - the Tap is a unique and special place because of you. Big shout-out to all the workers behind the scenes too - our carpenter, electrician, plumber, painter, sign-writer - you bring George's vision to life.

And finally, to the mighty Team Tap ... where would we be without you? You're simply the best and the Tap is what it is because of you. You make us proud every day and we love you dearly.

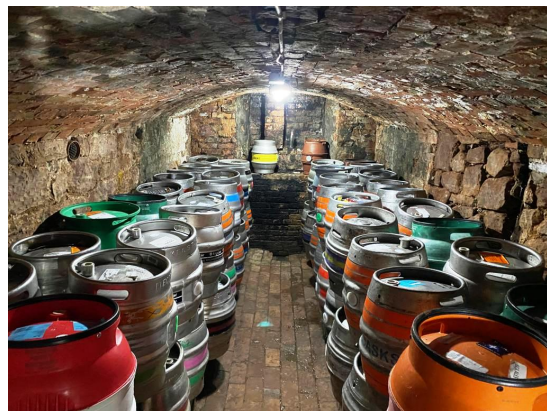
Our love to all, George and Louise.

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

-   Paint & Sip ~ **Wednesday 4th, 7pm**
-   Tamworth Folk Group ~ **Friday 6th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
-   Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ **Sunday 8th, 4pm**
-   Creative Writing Group ~ **Wednesday 11th, 7pm**
-   CAMRA Presentation ~ **Friday 13th, 1pm**
-   Peel Society Meeting ~ **Friday 13th, 7pm**
-   Sunday Session with Dean Clinton ~ **Sunday 15th, 4pm**
-   Paint & Sip ~ **Wednesday 18th, 7pm**
-   Tamworth Folk Group ~ **Friday 20th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
-   LST CAMRA Branch Social ~ **Saturday 21st** (Fully Booked)
-   Sunday Session with Foster Brothers ~ **Sunday 22nd, 4pm**
-   Sunday Session with Ben Hemmings ~ **Sunday 29th, 4pm**

Happy New Beer!

We're back! The Tap reopened on 4th January and normal hours have resumed. The cellar has been replenished and the beers are calling your name. We can't wait to see you, to serve you and to have a good old catch-up over the next few weeks. There are lots of top ticks coming your way, as well as many of your old favourites like Bathams and Sarah Hughes. As ever, our beers will be listed on the Real Ale Finder app.



Request a Guest ...

With a cellar full, there should be plenty of crowd-pleasers for you to go at. But don't forget, we often get favourite beers in for our regulars, and it's open to all. Pick up a 'Request a Guest' slip from the bar and let us know what you'd like to see on the pull at the Tap.

Keep Up To Date ...



Find our latest ale & cider choices on the Real Ale Finder App - and you can like us there too and get notifications when ales come on. We're pleased to see that many more real ale pubs in the area are starting to use the app - a good way for pubs to keep their customers up to date and hopefully tempt them down the pub!

GBBF Winter ...

Here are some dates for your diary - **Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th February** will see the Great British Beer Festival Winter arriving just up the rail line in Burton upon Trent! After missing two years in Birmingham due to Covid and its aftermath, the festival will rejuvenate itself in Burton at the Town Hall, just a few minutes walk from the rail station.

The festival will feature hundreds of cask and craft beers, ciders, perries and gin. There'll be a fantastic range of not only dark and winter brews but a great selection of light and hoppy ales. A range of entertainment and food will feature throughout the weekend.

Book your tickets at winter.gbbf.org.uk



Wassail Wassail

On **Saturday 4th February at 4pm** we will be holding our annual Wassail. The event celebrates our four Tamworth ciders - Squealer (sweet), Sandyback (medium), Hog Sty (dry) and Mistletoe and Swine (mulled).

Wassail, meaning 'good health', comes from the Old English Wæs Hæl. The wassailing of orchards and fruit trees dates from a time out of mind and is a folk tradition intended to promote a healthy fruit crop and provide a blessing on the community that depend on them.

The Tamworth Tap Wassail will follow the time-honoured tradition of annual wassailing. The procession, through the ancient Hop Yard in the shadow of the Castle, will make noise to awaken the spirits of the trees from their winter sleep on whatever 'instruments' come to hand, before gathering by the ceremonial tree where hot mulled cider will be passed around. Toast will be placed on the tree branches representing a gift to the spirit of the tree itself and a libation poured on its roots. A traditional song will be sung - one of our amazing Tappers has written one especially for us! - followed by a blessing and a short recital calling for a bountiful harvest in the coming year.

Grab something to bang - pots and pans are perfect - and join us in The Hop Yard for some fun, some noise and a complimentary mulled cider.



All Aboard!

We've added another little touch to the Tap for all those travelling to be with us. We have installed a live train departure board in the bar. Now we can keep you up to date with all those cancelled and delayed trains that give you time for one more pint!



Paint and Sip

We are delighted to say that the Paint and Sip evenings have proved so popular that it is now a twice monthly event. Workshops take place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Book your places early (directly with The Paint Club) as they sell out very quickly!

