

Laurel and Hardy Black & White Movie Night

This month is our annual laugh out loud, black & white movie night, featuring screen classics from much loved comedy legends Laurel and Hardy. At this Laurel and Hardy 'Hall Together' evening we will be showing three classic Laurel and Hardy films, co-starring Birmingham born actor Charlie Hall.

[Men O War \(1929\)](#)

Charlie Hall's first speaking part in a Laurel & Hardy film

[Come Clean \(1931\)](#)

Hall as the ice-cream vendor

[The Music Box \(1932\)](#)

Hall is the postman who directs the Boys up the steps

The film 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 messaging our Facebook page.

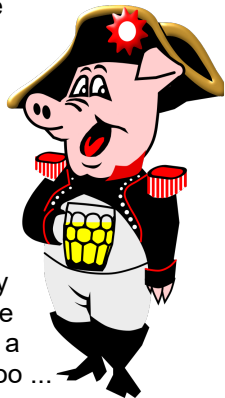
Cherry Fest

We are looking forward to supporting Tamworth's annual Cherry Fest, which will take place on Friday 26th July. We have a whole host of cherry flavoured drinks lined up for you including beers, ciders and spirits. We have even commissioned a Cherry Mead especially for the occasion which will be available to buy by the glass in the bar or by the bottle to take away.



Tamworth Beer Festival

Here's a date for your diary! The town's ever popular CAMRA beer festival returns to the Assembly Rooms in September, running from Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th, 11am to 11pm each day. This year the festival theme celebrates 50 years of ABBA and their Eurovision triumph with Waterloo. As well as real ciders, expect at least 75 ales, including some Tamworth Brewing Company specials! Live music features on the Friday evening, and we guess that a little bit of ABBA might be played too ...



Cellar Cool!

Lots of you showed great interest in our recent Facebook post featuring the cellar. As cellars go it is very impressive and is another incredible space that is fully utilised at the Tap. The structure is medieval and built on by the Tudors as foundations for the Tudor houses above, later vaulted by the Georgians to create the cellar space that we know today.



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Whopping Great News!

Have you been on George's Whopper? The West Midlands regional judging panel for Champion Beer of Britain have, and they have awarded the tap tipple Gold in the New World IPA category! Our 6.5% beer scooped this top spot at Bromsgrove Beer Festival, lining up Tamworth to be represented in the national judging stage of Champion Beer of Britain later in the year.

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

- Crafty Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 2nd, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 3rd, 7pm](#)
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 4th, 6pm](#), Green Room (Fully booked)
- Sparkling Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 4th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (Sold out)
- Cornish Ale Festival ~ [Friday 5th - Sunday 7th](#)
- CAMRA Staffordshire Pub of the Year Presentation ~ [Friday 5th, 3pm](#)
- ThunderBoiz live on stage ~ [Friday 5th, 7pm](#), Hop Yard
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 5th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Davy Thom Duo ~ [Sunday 7th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 10th, 7pm](#), Green Room
- Beer Tasting with Laura Hadland ~ [Thursday 11th, 6pm](#), Top Tap (Sold out)
- Friday Night Live with Carrick ~ [Friday 12th, 8pm](#)
- Tamworth Pride ~ [Saturday 13th](#), themed beers supporting Castle Grounds event
- LST CAMRA Coach Trip Social ~ [Saturday 13th](#), Derbyshire
- Sunday Session with Mark Sharpe Trio and the Hat Tricks ~ [Sunday 14th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 17th, 7pm](#)
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 18th, 6pm](#), Green Room (Fully booked)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 19th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Friday Night Live with Ricky Booth ~ [Friday 19th, 8pm](#)
- Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ [Sunday 21st, 4pm](#)
- Barrel of Laughs Comedy Night ~ [Tuesday 23rd, 7:30pm](#) (Sold out)
- Laurel & Hardy Film Night ~ [Thursday 25th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Cherry Fest ~ [Friday 26th](#)
- Friday Night Live with Zach & Ellen ~ [Friday 26th, 8pm](#)
- Hop Yard Live Link with the Bandstand ~ [Saturday 27th, 12.30pm](#), Josh Simpson
- Sunday Session with Kerry Smyth ~ [Sunday 28th, 4pm](#)

Staffordshire Pub of the Year

Join us on Friday 5th of July when we will receive our award for being named overall CAMRA Staffordshire Pub of the Year. The presentation will be around 3pm and will be followed by live music later in the evening from Tap faves The ThunderBoiz. It also coincides with our Cornish Ale Festival.



Great British Pub Awards

We are excited to let you know that we have just found out that we are finalists in the 'Best Pub for Beer' category in the Great British Pub Awards, which takes place later this year in October. Over the course of the next few months we will be judged on the temperature, quality and choice of ale as well as the overall 'beer scene' at the Tap. If you remember, the last time we were nominated for a Great British Pub Award, we scooped 'Best Beer Garden in Britain' for our beloved Hop Yard. Let's see what happens this time...



Cornish Ale Fest

July's ale event will have a Cornish theme. This was such a big hit last year that we are bringing the best of the South West to the Midlands to tickle your tastebuds once again. We will have live music from the ThunderBoiz on Friday evening and from Groove, the Davy Thom and Phil Brittle Duo on Sunday afternoon. For that extra seaside coastal feel, we will be serving up fish and chips, pasties, ice cream and cider ice lollies too. Don't worry, all pesky seagulls will be barred!



D-Day and the D-Day Darlings

Thank you to everyone who joined us to commemorate D-Day 80. Our special ale 'Overlord' quickly disappeared and we sold out of fish and chips! There were many events in the town though, and before heading down to the castle grounds to support the Royal British Legion, we took a walk round to the church square to watch The D-Day Darlings who were performing live, in front of St Editha's.

As well as this fabulous tribute, we discovered that, in collaboration with award-winning Withers Gin, they have produced a special bespoke gin to commemorate the occasion. So we had to buy a few! You'll find it on sale behind the bar.

We were delighted to meet 'the Darlings' after, who insisted they were star struck to have met us! But even better news Tappers, they suggested they should come and sing at the Tap, and we jumped at the chance, so watch this space!



Aethelfest

On 12th June, George joined Reverend Andrew Lythall, Vicar of Tamworth, along with many others from St Editha's and Tamworth Borough Council, to mark the anniversary of the death of Aethelflaed at Tamworth in 913AD. A short service in the castle grounds commemorated the event, followed by a few words from David Biggs, chairman of Tamworth and District Civic Society, celebrating the Mercian queen's life.

We took the opportunity to make a donation to the upcoming Aethlestan Festival, which will take place 20th - 28th July. There's lots going on around the town. Details of the festival will be shared on our socials and you'll find posters and banners displayed at the Tap, throughout the town centre, and in local businesses.



A Celebration of Music

As an ambassador for PPL/PRS (the music licence people) we were invited to 'A Celebration of Music' at Binks Yard in Nottingham recently. We got to meet the team and enjoy a host of music from DJs to acoustic singers and even an 80s pop icon. The hospitality was fabulous, with



great food and lots of drinks. We couldn't believe how many people came up to us knowing about the Tap. And we met Martin Kemp! One of us was more excited about this than the other, we'll leave it up to you to work out who...

Beer Day Britain

15th June was Beer Day Britain. At 7pm, people all over the country raised a glass to say 'Cheers To Beer!' Where better to mark the occasion than at CAMRA's National Pub of the Year? Thanks to everyone who joined us and George later for a beer and a bit of banter. Cheers to beer and cheers to you Tappers!



Jaipur Union

We were extremely excited to showcase the latest Thornbridge ale recently - the Union-fermented version of Jaipur, which has been described as more rounded, softer and perhaps less bitter. The team at Thornbridge have worked with Carlsberg Marston's Brewing Company to save a Burton Union set and in doing so, ensure that a vital part of British brewing history remains operational.

The Union System dates back to the 1800's and is a beautiful wood-barrel fermentation system that has been used continuously in the production of different beers over the decades. Thornbridge has stepped in to save one of the sets, not only for its historic importance, but also to utilise it in a modern way and continue to premiumise their cask beer range.

We thoroughly enjoyed a pint or two on the hottest day of the year. Perfect!

