Train Timetable - It's a hit with travelling Tappers!

It's great to see our new live train departures board is doing its thing. Located above the main door, it's saved many visitors from unnecessary wait times at the station and is providing drinkers with valuable extra minutes to sup. A recent visitor from Bristol thanked us after he was able to spot that his train was delayed and so could make the decision to stay for another pint, rather than heading to the station and hanging around PINTlessly. Even for those not catching trains, it's providing great entertainment!



Feeling Blue? Not us!

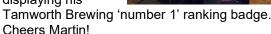
Huge thank you to Tamworth Borough Council and Tamworth Castle for turning the castle blue in our honour last month in recognition or our 'Nation's Best Pub' award. It was a sight to behold. Doesn't it look stunning!



Untappd

For those of you who aren't aware, Untappd is a social platform that allows drinkers to discover and share beers. It ranks top tickers by the beers they taste and rate.

We have one such top ticker here at the Tap. Martin is pictured here displaying his





GBBF Winter ...

As of the end of January, there are still some tickets left for Burton's Great British Beer Festival Winter (Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th February). Act quickly if you want to go! Tickets at winter.gbbf.org.uk

Real Ale Finder

Followers agree that Real Ale Finder is a valuable and reliable reference source for the many beers available that come and go at the Tap. Our beers change that quickly it's sometimes hard to keep up. You've been getting through up to nearly 30 firkins a week this month - that's incredible Tappers! Scan right to download the app and 'follow' the Tamworth Tap by clicking on the bell symbol in the top right-hand corner of the beer list (it will turn green) to follow us. Also check out the other pubs in the area which are on the app.





The Nation's Best Pub - It's Official

We are delighted and honoured to announce that, according to CAMRA, we are the 'Nation's Best Pub'. Words cannot describe how we all feel. This is the pinnacle of all of our achievements. CAMRA values have been at the core of everything we have done since we decided to open our doors, just over 5 years ago and helped to steer us to be the place we are today. Although we are shocked, it was always our

ambition to be crowned CAMRA's best pub and we have put our hearts and souls into making this dream come true. It's been an incredible journey and we'd like to thank you, our loyal Tappers, for being there every step of the way. Accolades like this don't happen by accident and you'll be aware that we change and adapt every single week. Team Tap work tirelessly to provide not just a service but a drinking experience.

Whether you're joining us from near or far, we hope you enjoy your visit! Feel free to explore our beautiful building and check out our upcoming events.



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



Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 1st, 7pm



Tamworth Ladies Circle Meeting ~ Wednesday 1st, 7pm



Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 3rd, 7:30pm, Top Tap



Tamworth Brewing Co 4th Annual Wassail, ~ Saturday 4th, 4pm, Hop Yard



Sunday Session with Bryan Brindley ~ Sunday 5th, 4pm



Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 8th, 7pm



Songwriters in the Round ~ Friday 10th, 8:30pm



Sunday Session with Ricky Booth ~ Sunday 12th, 4pm



Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 15th, 7pm



Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 17th, 7:30pm, Top Tap



Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ Sunday 19th, 4pm



Sunday Session with Carrick ~ Sunday 26th, 4pm

New Opening Hours

Changes are coming ...

Tappy Tuesday - You keep turning up and trying the door on a Tuesday, so we are going to give you what you want. From 31st January, we will now be open on Tuesdays from 4pm until 9pm.

Friday Feeling - And as you're always waiting at the door on a Friday, we are extending our hours then too. From 3rd February we will be open from 2pm.



Both are for a trial period to see how it goes. We'll keep you informed.

Single Launch

We were delighted to host the launch night of local singer and songwriter Ali Gilbert's new single 'If You Ever' on Thursday 26th January. The evening was a wonderful success and the single was a great hit with everyone who attended. You can



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download Ali's latest tune and all his previous work on Spotify. Follow us on Facebook for details of upcoming music events.



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Interested in joining CAMRA? Talk to a member of staff, or pick up a leaflet

Tamworth Lager

This month will see the launch of the Tap's very own house lager! Mandarina Bavaria hops give this 4% Helles-style lager a crisp fresh taste. It's cool, refreshing and thirst quenching.



Wassail

Just a reminder that on Saturday 4th February at 4pm we will be holding our 4th annual Wassail event. The Tap will follow the time-honoured tradition of annual wassailing with a procession through our ancient Hop Yard. We will be joined by Mark Knight and friends from the Overseal Wassailers, along with the Tamworth Folk Club, to celebrate in song before gathering by the ceremonial tree. 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.



Fríday 13th ...

We were presented with CAMRA's National Pub of the Year award on Friday 13th January, and we'd like to thank all our loyal Tappers who packed us out for the celebration.

Big thanks too to 'Team Tap', many pictured below on the day. You're amazing Team, we couldn't have done it without you!





Tamworth Town Ale Trail ...

We've certainly seen a boost in visitors to both the Tap and the town following the national award, come to see what all the fuss is about! And we hope that first-time visitors will also realise that the town itself has become something of an ale destination. Need some pointers? We stock copies of the Tamworth Town Ale Trail, a free tri-fold leaflet produced by the local Lichfield, Sutton and Tamworth branch of CAMRA. It aims to give both visitors and locals an overview of the town's best pubs for real ale and cider. It includes a simple map, a brief write up for each pub listed, and the facilities offered for each pub.

Pick up a copy and enjoy and support the other fine pubs in town!

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Age UK - Donations Needed ...

Can you help our friends at Age UK, Tamworth?

Donations are needed. Either drop them directly to the shop in Colehill or leave them with us when you're in for a drink and we'll take them round.

Thank you for your anticipated support

WE NEED YOUR HELP

