

## Taste Tutorial

We are delighted that after the success of the last taste tutorial evening - and your demands for more! - Laura Hadland, 'What's Brewing' columnist and author of '50 Years of CAMRA', winner of 'Best Beer Book in the World', is coming back to the Tap bringing her expertise to you for another evening of beer tasting and banter. What a way to kick off the new year!



## A Right Royal Performance

It was great to see comedian Scott Bennett on the television recently performing in the West End at the Royal Variety Performance, entertaining the King. It's mad to think that only a few months ago he was on stage at the top of the Tap entertaining the audience at one of our Barrel of Laughs events.

Amazing work Scott - we can't wait to have you back at the Tap!



## Bar Bites

Our festive food menu was a great hit and the feedback we got was fantastic. Thank you! We will be tweaking our Bar Bites menu again now the season is over, but don't worry - we've listened to you and lots of your favourites are back. And great news Tappers ... the sprout bhajis are staying!

## Real Ale Finder

Have you tried the Real Ale Finder app yet? It has a live display of what's on and what's coming up, and we're keen users at the Tap. The app shows our ales, ciders, and craft beers. It's useful for our Tappers, but we're pleased to see that it is now getting used more widely - over the last few months, quite a few pubs in the region have signed up and are promoting their ale choices in real time. Give it a go - it's available for both Android and iOS phones - see what's out there!

REAL ALE FINDER



ON TAP NEAR YOU

## Make A Date With Delirium ...

For those of you who like your Belgian beer, we have a new tasting evening coming your way. We've done Chouffe, we've done Kasteel, next up it's Delirium! Tickets go on sale soon. Watch our page for an announcement.



# Tap Times

January 2025



## Hoppy New Year!

What a year 2024 was for us. The Tap continued to buzz and we achieved many more accolades. We were honoured to have been judged CAMRA National Pub of the Year for the second time! We were also judged Best Pub for Beer in Britain by the Morning Advertiser. George's Whopper achieved Gold in the Champion Beer of Britain regional awards and so goes on to the Great British Beer Festival at the NEC in August to find the supreme Champion Beer of Britain. Finally, we were bestowed the honour of Freedom of the Borough for our services to the town. Wow! We give our all to give you what you want and make a difference in our fantastic town and we are humbled to have been recognised for doing what we love. As always, a massive thank you and congratulations to our team. They are simply the best and we love them dearly.



Happy New Year to all you wonderful people. Here's to you for supporting us in all we do and here's to 2025 - may it bring many more happy times at the Tap.

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

- Tamworth Folk Group ~ **Friday 3rd, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ **Sunday 5th, 4pm**
- CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ **Tuesday 7th, 6:30pm**, Top Tap
- LST CAMRA Meeting ~ **Tuesday 7th, 7:30pm**, Market Tavern, Atherstone
- Creative Writing Group ~ **Wednesday 8th, 7pm**, Top Tap, all welcome
- Beer Tasting ~ **Thursday 9th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap (fully booked)
- Early opening for Tamworth v Tottenham pre match, **Sunday 12th, 10am**
- Sunday Session with Davy Thom ~ **Sunday 12th, 4pm**
- Paint & Sip ~ **Wednesday 15th, 7pm**, Top Tap
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ **Thursday 16th, 6pm**, Green Room
- Wine Tasting ~ **Thursday 16th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap (fully booked)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ **Friday 17th, 7:30pm**, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Faye Bagley ~ **Sunday 19th, 4pm**
- Barrel of Laughs Comedy ~ **Tuesday 21st, 7:30pm**, Top Tap (booking reqd)
- Sunday Session with Loz Rabone ~ **Sunday 26th, 4pm**
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ **Thursday 30th, 6pm**, Green Room

## Tappy Birthday To Us!

Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate our 7th birthday with us. We had the most wonderful day and it was great to see so many of you. We finished the day by treating the team to a few drinks and a curry. Perfect!



## Barrel of Laughs

Our next 'Barrel of Laughs' comedy night is now on sale. Join us on 21st January at the Top of the Tap for a fun-filled evening with three top comedians. Tickets cost £12 and are available by private messaging us or by asking at the bar.

All previous events have been a great success and we expect this event to sell out very quickly, so book your tickets fast! What a great way to beat the January blues!



## Early Opening - Tamworth vs Tottenham

They've only gone and done it! The mighty Lambs have secured a place in the FA Cup third round and will face Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday 12th January. This is a historic moment for the club and the town and so we are marking the occasion by opening at the earlier times of 10am for pre-match beers and bacon butties.



## Wine Tasting - Fully Booked

For those who have been asking, our next wine tastings - Sparking in January, Red & Pink in February - are both fully booked, but we will be announcing the March and April dates very soon. Keep watching our Facebook page.



## New Ale Trail

For its real ale scene, Tamworth has come on in leaps and bounds over the last decade, which our local CAMRA branch recognised with its 'ale trail' leaflet. We're delighted to note that an updated version is promised this year ... look out for it soon!

## TAMWORTH TOWN ALE TRAIL



## King's Award For The Angels

We are absolutely delighted for Tamworth Street Angels, who have recently received the Kings Award for Voluntary Services (KAVS) 2024. It's just wonderful that the group's efforts have been recognised and it is testament to the selfless hard work and commitment of all of the volunteers, who give up their own time to help to keep Tamworth safe at night.

Heartfelt congratulations and sincere thank you to all of you from all of us at the Tap. We very much look forward to supporting your celebration in January.



## Thank You!

Thank you all so much for the many cards and gifts we received over the Christmas period. You truly spoil us and the team and we're extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity. The man himself even popped in with a present on Christmas Eve and to treat himself to a well-deserved pint of course before his big night!



## Paint & Sip

Lots of you ask about our Paint and Sip evenings. So just a reminder that Paint and Sip takes place twice every month, on the first and third Wednesday. Places must be booked with the Paint Club directly; we do not handle bookings. Check out their Facebook page or website. Please note, these events sell out very quickly so make sure you book well in advance.

For your interest:

-  No experience is required
-  All painting materials are provided (apron, brushes, paint and a canvas that you can take home)
-  You have a finished masterpiece in two hours

