

Creative Lives ...

George joined a zoom meeting this month organised by Creative Lives, entitled 'The First Pubs Welcoming Creativity'. The objective was to provide an open forum to share ideas that could incorporate creative projects in pubs, increasing footfall and providing a community service, to partner organisations and other venues. We were asked how our events have positively impacted the Tap and wider community. As you'll be aware, we host many creative events at the Tap, but are always on the look out for more. Let us know if you have a group or interesting project you'd like to bring to the Tap.



The Tap Remembered ...

We had a very special day on Remembrance Sunday. The community spirit was palpable. We took a moment to stand back and soak up what was happening around us and we were very proud. There was a queue at the door at five past eleven and queues outside the door from then onwards. Hoppy Poppy ale went in just over half an hour! We couldn't keep up with the spam sandwiches. There was the most amazing performance from the Tammy Land Girls, who brought Market Street to a standstill. This was followed by an incredible Sunday Session thanks to Mr Paul Mills and special guests Neil Jones and Anthony Richmond. And on top of that, lots of money was raised for the British Legion. What a day!



Tappy Birthday to us!

On 22nd of December the Tap celebrates its 5th birthday. Five years - how did that happen?! Join us on the night to raise a glass or two to our favourite place.



Marcel gnomes how to have a good time!

We had a taste-tastic time last month celebrating the 40th anniversary of La Chouffe and trying the range of beers including Chouffe 40, McChouffe, Cherry Chouffe and Chouffe. Marcel certainly gnomes how to have a good time! It was great to see you all getting into the spirit of things with the hats and well done to those who won prizes! The good news is, we are doing another one. Watch this space for a Belgian beer themed night coming your way early in the new year.



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Top at the Tap ... Final Four!

As you know, we found out the incredible news in November that we had achieved 'final four' status in CAMRA's national Pub of the Year competition. We were delighted to be presented with our award by Pubs Officer John Rowling, in front of a considerable crowd of the LST CAMRA crew, outside the Assembly Rooms a couple of Saturdays ago. The overall winner will be announced in January. It's a nail biting time for Team Tap.



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

- ✂️ 🎄 Wreath Making Workshop ~ Thursday 1st, 7pm
- 🍰 📅 Peel Society Meeting ~ Friday 2nd, 7pm
- 🎸 🎵 Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 2nd, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- 🎤 🎸 Sunday Session with Bryan Brindley ~ Sunday 4th, 4pm
- 🎨 🍷 Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 7th, 7pm
- 📱 📦 Deadline for selection box donations ~ Saturday 10th
- 🎤 🎸 Sunday Session with Dean Clinton ~ Sunday 11th, 4pm
- 📝 🖋️ Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 14th, 7pm
- 🎨 🍷 Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 14th, 7pm
- 🎸 🎵 Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 16th, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- 🎅 🍷 CAMRA Christmas Crawl ~ Saturday 17th, Lichfield from 1pm
- 🎤 🎸 Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ Sunday 18th, 4pm
- 🍷 🎂 The Tap's 5th Birthday ~ Thursday 22nd
- 🎤 🎸 Friday Night Live with Ali Gilbert ~ Friday 23rd, 8pm

Paint & Sip ...

Our Paint & Sip evenings continue to be extremely popular and each event sells out months in advance and often within hours. We get many requests for places that we can't accommodate, as do The Paint Club. So we have decided to start doing two sessions a month! Additional Paint & Sip nights, coming your way on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Top of the Tap.



Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree ...

Feeling festive? We are! We have not one, not two, not three, not even four, but FIVE trees up this year. Check them out. Our favourite has to be our 8 foot real tree, decorated in traditional red and gold in the Top Tap. It's soooooo christmassy!



St Editha's Christmas Prize Draw

Please support the charity Christmas prize draw at St Editha's this month. There's lots of prizes to be won including a bottle of Tamworth Gin that we have donated. Tickets are available from the book shop inside the church.



WINEderful ...

A WINEderful time was had by all at the Tap's wine and cheese tasting evening last month. Feedback was excellent and there were calls for more! You know we don't like to disappoint, so watch this space...



Thank you! Thank you!

Our pamper hamper campaign was a great success again this year and you did not let us down. Diane, the organiser, has informed us that a record number of hampers were produced this year. A massive thank you to all of you for doing this - the donation station was full and we had bags full too. Tappers, you're the best!



'Tis the season ...

Keep your eye on Real Ale Finder to see which festive ales will be on the pull! There's a super seasonal selection making an appearance throughout December.

Feeling peckish?

New to our snacks menu, from our friends on the farm in Derbyshire, we bring you the ultimate handmade Pork Pie. They're made with proper pastry and they're packed with pork. Choose from traditional or topped with cheese, caramelised onion chutney, cranberry, blue cheese or apple sauce. Pork pie - perfect with a pint! Sausage rolls and scotch eggs are back too. And don't forget our cheese & onion or ham & tomato cobs.



Wreath Making ...

As we went to press our first wreath making event had just finished. It was a huge success and we had some very proud and happy ladies. Well done all; your creations were fabulous! Along with a glass of mulled wine, a mince pie and some cracking Christmas tunes, it was a fantastic, feel-good way to kick off the festive season. Big thank you to Wendy for providing her expertise and to all of the lovely ladies who made the evenings so enjoyable.



Reverse Advent Calendar - Can you help?

It's that time of year again and it can be tough for many. Please join us in our annual tradition of creating a Reverse Advent Calendar. Throughout Advent, whenever you can, add an item to our donation station and we will ensure your contributions go to those who need them most this Christmas. Donations should include food and hygiene items. Selection boxes are also needed by 10th December for a separate appeal. Many, many thanks for your anticipated help and support.

Christmas Closedown ...

Just a reminder that we will be having our annual shut down, commencing 24th December, to give our terrific Team Tap a much needed and well-deserved break and to allow them to spend the festive period with their loved ones. Our last day will be Friday 23rd, when Ali Gilbert will be performing our final Friday Night Live of the year, which will include more than a few Christmas crackers! We will be back open on Wednesday 4th January. Merry Christmas Tappers!

Take a pew ...

You'll notice a new layout on the middle floor. This has been designed to increase our seating capacity on this level so we can fit more of you lovely lot in. Thanks to St Editha's Church, you can park your posterior on a pew while you partake of a pint in the parlour. When it's finished, we will have doubled the number of seats in this area of the pub. The Tap is already oozing with history. I'm sure you'll agree the pews, which have been kindly donated by St Editha's, add even more character to the building!