

Tap Tops

Our latest edition of the Tap polo shirt is proving to be popular! The redesign features two stars to celebrate our two year win of CAMRA's National Pub of the Year award. They cost £20 and are available in sizes S to 6XL - ask at the bar.



Top Of The (RAF) Pops!

We were delighted to hear from Kenny, creator of the Real Ale Finder app, that the Tamworth Tap is the first pub to reach 200 followers. Well done for downloading the app and following us - great work Tappers! Keep a close eye on the app to keep up to date with our ever-changing ales, and those of other pubs in town.

Followers Leaderboard	
National Leaderboard	
The Tamworth Tap Tamworth B79 7LR	200
The Black Country Arms Walsall WS1 1QW	139
Holly Bush Inn Beiper DE56 0RX	130
The Hop Inn Hornchurch RM11 1SU	120
Gidea Park Micropub Romford RM2 5HA	108
Brunswick Inn Derby DE1 2RU	104

Another Fine ... Night!

Loads of laughs were had at our Laurel & Hardy classic film night. The audience were just great. Their participation, enthusiasm and pure enjoyment just made the evening! The 'toasts' were excellent and the tubs of ice cream and boxes of Poppets were a great hit. Huge thanks to John and Mandy from 'Laughing Gravy Tent', the Birmingham Laurel & Hardy fan club, for sharing their knowledge and passion. There have been lots of requests for more, so watch this space!



Stairway To (Beer) Heaven...

Someone is happy with his latest pub project! Staircase or bookcase? We're all loving George's latest Tap touch, an ascending tribute to CAMRA's Good Beer Guide. Huge thanks to Chris Cooke at Retro Graphix for helping to deliver his vision. A professional and personal service was provided from start to finish - and top to bottom! Check them out.



Cherry Fest

We very much enjoyed supporting Tamworth's annual Cherry Fest, which took place on Friday 26th July. The procession was a sight to behold and the service at St Edith's afterwards was a lovely occasion. We had a whole host of cherry flavoured drinks lined up for you including beers, ciders and spirits. And for those of you who don't know, we even created a Cherry Mead which has been flying out! Our traditional and cherry meads are available to buy by the glass in the bar or by the bottle to take away.



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Bandstand Live Link

We have linked up - quite literally - with the Tamworth Arts and Events Team to pipe the live music from the summer bandstand concerts into the Hop Yard, so now you'll be able to hear even more great live music from an array of local artists at the Tap. See the programme of events below - Saturday afternoons just got a bit better!

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

- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 1st, 6pm](#), Green Room (fully booked)
- Sunday Session with Loz Rabone ~ [Sunday 4th, 4pm](#)
- LST CAMRA Meeting ~ [Monday 5th, 7:30pm](#), The Bird in Hand, Austrey
- Crafty Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 6th, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 7th, 7pm](#)
- Hop Yard Live Link ~ [Saturday 10th](#) ~
Martin Reynolds and The Minor Detours, [12.30pm-3.30pm](#)
- Sunday Session with Mike Cass ~ [Sunday 11th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 14th, 7pm](#), Green Room
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 15th, 6pm](#), Green Room (fully booked)
- Hop Yard Live Link ~ [Saturday 17th](#) ~ The Devanaires, [12.30pm-3.30pm](#)
- Terrarium Workshop ~ [Sunday 18th](#), Top Tap (pre-booked tickets only)
- Sunday Session with Rob Taylor ~ [Sunday 18th, 4pm](#)
- Bat Watch ~ [Wednesday 21st, 7pm](#), Hop Yard
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 21st, 7pm](#)
- Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 22nd, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (sold out)
- Songwriters in the Round ~ [Friday 23rd, 8:30pm](#)
- Hop Yard Live Link ~ [Saturday 24 August](#) ~
Bryan Brindley, [12.30pm-1.50pm](#), Kerry Smyth, [2pm-3.30pm](#)
- 'Only Elton' a tribute to Sir Elton John ~ [Saturday 24th, 8pm](#) (sold out)
- Sunday Session with Joe Bennett ~ [Sunday 25th, 4pm](#)
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 29th, 6pm](#), Green Room (fully booked)
- LST CAMRA Coach Trip Social ~ [Saturday 31st](#)
- Hop Yard Live Link ~ [Saturday 31st](#) ~ Guzzunder, [12.30pm-3.30pm](#)

Save the date:

Tamworth Beer Festival ~ [11am-11pm, 5th-7th September](#)

Thank you!

Massive thank you to everybody who came to share our award presentation for 2024 CAMRA Staffordshire Pub of the Year with us. What a turn out! Heartfelt thanks to Regional Director Mark Parkes for his speech... what wonderful words. Huge credit to Team Tap for helping to make this happen and cheers to you for being a part of our story - where would we be without you!



Tam-Mirth Comedy Festival

We had an absolute Barrel of Laughs at our latest sold out comedy evening! Huge thanks to Mortified - Live Comedy, our tremendous acts and of course you, our fabulous audience for making it's such a wonderful occasion! You'll be pleased to know there's more comedy coming your way...

We are delighted to announce that we are once again taking part in Tam-Mirth, Tamworth's very own comedy festival this September. After the success of the last one, we are stepping it up this year and will be hosting two unique events - 'Beers of a Clown' featuring the UK's leading craft beer comedian, and 'Sisters of Comedy' which has an all female line up. Specially selected beers will be on sale to complement both shows. Look out for the posters, which have further details, and private message us to book your places.



We Salute You!

As patrons and long-standing members of Tamworth Royal Naval Association, we were delighted to make a donation towards their ever-increasing running costs, as part of our ethos of supporting the local the community. The club plays a vital role for its members and is a fantastic venue full of history, stories and characters. It's one of our go-to places for a pint or two when we are off duty.

Buster's Hanging Up His Boots!

You may know Tap regular and Lambs Legend Buster Belford and had many a chat with him in the Tap! He has been a loyal servant to Tamworth Football Club for many years. He has worked alongside many managers and even more players, and given years of dedicated service, going above and beyond for his beloved team. He is also one of our biggest advocates and has championed the Tap since day one.

Deservedly so, the day has finally arrived for Buster to hang up his boots and put his feet up! His outstanding service will be celebrated at a testimonial match to be played at the Lambs ground on Sunday 25th August where we will feature a special Tamworth brew - TestimoniALE - in his honour, in cask on the club bar. We look forward to celebrating with you on the day. Cheers to Buster, one of a kind and true local legend!



Beer Tasting

Wow ... what a night we had at our recent Beer Tasting Tutorial with Laura Hadland, 'What's Brewing' columnist and author of '50 Years of CAMRA' - winner of 'Best Beer Book in the World'. She was just brilliant and so was the evening. Did she say you were the best audience she's ever had? I think she did! And you've begged her to come back - great job Tappers. Another top night at the Tap. Cheese and cheers - ace!



Tamworth Beer Festival

The town's major beer event will soon be here - the CAMRA festival in the Assembly Rooms, running from Thu 5th to Sat 7th September. We've been helping to organise it; one of our roles is to collect sponsorship to help make the event viable. We're largely sorted for this year, but it's a great way to advertise your business and support a fantastic local event that brings swarms of people to the town!

Magnificent Mercla



For those who missed the unveiling on 20th July, the magnificent Mercian flag is being displayed in St Editha's Church for a limited time.

You can get an up-close look at the wonderful work of many community groups, including our very own Crafty Tappers. It's fantastic!

Thirst - First Aid

What does Team Tap do on their day off? Come back in to work! We had a very informative and potentially life-saving training day today thanks to Ben at BH Training Solutions, who provided a First Aid course. Huge thanks to Ben for his professional and knowledgeable delivery of key information and essential skills. And well done to the team for passing with flying colours.

Good Luck Sophie!

All at the Tap are incredibly proud of our Sophie who has secured her first position on her journey to becoming a barrister. Those who know her will be aware that she has been working hard at university alongside her hours at the Tap, to secure her degree. She has now taken the next step and accepted a role that will give her the necessary experience to progress her career and we are delighted for her.

Sophie has been a key member of Team Tap for several years, and is the current Bar Person of the Year for our CAMRA branch. Her enthusiastic and knowledgeable approach to service, her caring nature and incredible work ethic, along with her beautiful smile and bubbly personality will be greatly missed.

Good luck Sophie - we have no doubt that you will achieve your dream and go far!

