



## Wassail!

Our annual wassail event was a great success! Huge thank you to all those of you who joined us - it drew quite a crowd! The Tap followed the time-honoured tradition and we were 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 in the Hop Yard. Blessings were made, songs were sung and lots of mulled cider was enjoyed! Wassail!

## Polo Shirts

Look what's now on sale Tappers...

Tamworth Tap National CAMRA Pub of the Year commemorative polo shirts. These limited edition

keepsakes are in quality soft stretch fabric, navy blue with gold embroidery detail. They are available in a range of sizes, yours for £17.50.

Treat yourself or they make a perfect present!



## YouTube

March saw the visit of beery YouTubers Robbie Knox and Rebecca James to check out the Tap after our recent National Pub of the Year award. It's a very entertaining and amusing watch, and has already

had 145,000 views!!!

Check it out and boost their numbers by scanning the QR code to the left ...



## Mayoral Visit

We had the pleasure of the company of the town's Mayor, Moira Greatorex, on 29th March. On behalf of the town, her Mayorship came to congratulate us on the feat of being crowned National Pub of the Year by the Campaign for Real Ale. Although unable to sample any ales, Lady Mayor enjoyed a tour of the Tap and took part in the obligatory photo shoot to record the occasion.



# TAP TIMES



April 2023

## LST CAMRA Pub of the Year for Staffordshire

We are proud as punch to announce that after months of pub surveying by local CAMRA members, we have been voted Lichfield, Sutton and Tamworth CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year for Staffordshire, for the fourth year running!



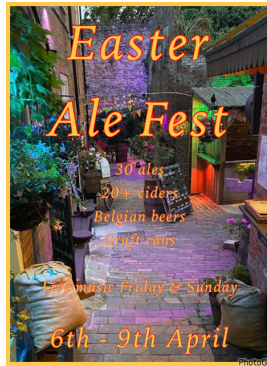
Thank you to everyone who voted for us, and thank you to the mighty Team Tap for all they've done to make this happen. This recognition means we progress to the next round, where we go up against the many other fine pubs in Staffordshire, with a chance of winning overall Staffordshire Pub of the Year. As you probably know, we went all the way last year and were crowned CAMRA National Pub of the Year. Wonder how far we can go this year!

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

- Sunday Session with Bryan Brindley ~ [Sunday 2nd, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 5th, 7pm](#)
- Easter Ale Fest ~ [6th-9th](#) ~ Easter/Spring Ales, Live Music, Hop Yard Open
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 7th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Friday Night Live with Rob Taylor ~ [Friday 7th, 8pm](#)
- Sunday Session with Ricky Booth ~ [Sunday 9th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 12th, 7pm](#)
- Tamworth Ladies Circle Meeting ~ [Wednesday 12th, 7pm](#)
- CAMRA Taste Training ~ [Sunday 16th, 11am](#)
- Sunday Session with Dean Clinton ~ [Sunday 16th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 19th, 7pm](#)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 21st, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- St. George's Day Event ~ [Saturday 22nd](#)
- Sunday Session with Ben Hemmings ~ [Sunday 23rd, 4pm](#)
- Friday Night Live with Michael Cass ~ [Friday 28th, 7:30/8pm](#)
- Sunday Session with Rob Taylor ~ [Sunday 30th, 4pm](#)

## Easter Ale Fest

Make a date for your diary. Our new 2023 calendar of beer festivals begins with our ever popular 'Springfest'. Over 30 ales will feature over the Easter weekend starting on Thursday 6th April, and running through until the Sunday. We'll have some chocolatey ales to rival easter eggs, a number of spring ales, and some rare beers will also put in an appearance. We have live music on Good Friday from around 7:30/8pm and again on Easter Sunday from 4pm. And the news you've been waiting for... the Hop Yard will be officially reopening that weekend!



## Beanies

Baby it's cold outside. You need a beanie for THAT! And look what's just arrived. Perfect for the colder days or that walk home from the Tap. Tamworth Brewing Co beanies now on sale behind the bar. Just ask a member of the team, who have had lots of fun trying them out!



## Who Ate All The Pies?

It was British Pie Week last month and as always, we joined in. The pies were so popular we've decided to make it a regular thing! They will be available on selected days while stocks last. Flavours include:

- Steak & Ale
- Chicken Balti
- Corned Beef Hash
- Cheese, Leek & Potato
- Lamb Samosa
- Chicken & Mushroom in a Garlic Cream Sauce
- Vegetable Samosa

A pie and a pint - it's proper!

## Taste Training

A taste training session is taking place at the Tap on Sunday 16th April. The day will be informative but informal and all are welcome. No matter what role you play in the world of beer, whether it be a serious 'ticker', a surveyor, a beer writer or just an enthusiastic ale lover, you'll gain a great deal of knowledge and get to enjoy an excellent selection of ale in this session.

The training will begin at 11am and will last around 5 hours, taking place in the Top Tap on the second floor, during which time you will learn how to assess a variety of styles of beer as well as finding out the background behind them.

The cost is £20 per person and includes your beer tasters and nibbles, as well as the training from Geoff Cross, the West Midlands Regional Tasting Co-ordinator.

Spaces are limited and this session has already sold out, but to register your interest for future sessions, or simply for further information, please contact Geoff at [crossbeer17@gmail.com](mailto:crossbeer17@gmail.com)



## 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 nearly 30 casks a week during last month. That's incredible Tappers! Scan the code to the 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).

Many other pubs in town are also listing their ales and ciders on Real Ale Finder - check them out too!



## Congratulations!

Our congratulations go to the other Pub of the Year winners in the LST CAMRA region: the King's Ditch here in Tamworth (Staffordshire Cider POTY), the Ale Hub in Mere Green (West Midlands POTY), the Bird In Hand at Austrey (Warwickshire POTY) and the Angel Ale House in Atherstone (Warwickshire Cider POTY). Well done to them all!

## Wreath Making

A fabulous night was had by the lovely ladies who came to our spring wreath making workshop last month. Who knew we were so crafty and creative. Huge thank you as always to the wonderful Wendy of Scarlett's Florist for passing on her expertise and guidance.



## CAMRA ...

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