



Read all about It!

We were paid a visit by What's Brewing columnist and author of 50 Years of CAMRA 'Best Beer Book in the World' Laura Hadland recently. She's writing an article about us

which will feature in Beer magazine. We are delighted to say she loved us and we are very much looking forward to her upcoming article all about the Tap.

You're eggcellent!

Thank you to all of you who donated Easter eggs once again this year. You are truly eggcellent! A special mention has to go to top



Tapper Paul who donated an incredible 50 Easter eggs to Heart of Tamworth! Wow - that's a cracking amount!



Coffee & Community...

We popped into the Helping Hand Cafe just before Easter to drop off some Easter eggs and to make a donation. We took a minute to have lunch while we were there. We were shown around, met the team and found out more about what they do. What an incredible place. A non-profit organisation, run by incredible volunteers, who offer a hub of help for those in need. It's amazing! As well as making donations from the Tap, we bought several 'Suspended Coffees' which will reach those facing homelessness, financial hardship and mental health struggles. We are posting this to spread the word as lots of people don't even know it exists, never mind be aware of the services they offer. Check out their page to find out more. Please support them if you can.

Sparkle with NYETIMBER

We are very excited to let you know about the launch of a brand new product. NYETIMBER, an exceptional English sparkling wine, is now available at the Tap. This delicious fizz rivals any champagne, triumphing against some of the best champagne houses in blind tastings and there are four to choose from. You can sample it at one of our upcoming tasting events, where exclusive one night only prices will be available for participants too! Events will be posted on Facebook. Please privately message us to book.

FestivALE

This month's FestivALE will be George Fest. No, it's not a celebration of our main man! It's a nod to England's patron saint, Saint George, whose feast day is on the 23rd. As is Tap tradition, we will be putting up the bunting and marking the occasion with themed ales including our own 'George's Dragon' and a traditionally English-inspired bar bites menu.



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Top Tour for Top Pub

It was amazing to visit the most famous address in the country - after 29 Market Street of course - at the end of March. As recognition of our national title, we were invited to 10 Downing Street for a private tour of some of the most poignant rooms in our political history. From the White Room where heads of state meet the PM to the Cabinet Room that has hosted so many press calls, to the surreal tranquility of the famous Rose Garden; we were mesmerised. The fact that we accessed these rooms via climbing 'the Hugh Grant staircase' added a certain something to the occasion too - even if we didn't do the dance! Thank you to Eddie Hughes MP and his team for organising. It was truly a day to remember.



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

- Crafty Tappers ~ [Tuesday 2nd, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 3rd, 7pm](#)
- LST CAMRA meeting ~ [Wednesday 3rd, 7:30pm](#), Blue Boar, Mancetter
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 4th, 6pm](#), Green Room (Fully booked)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 5th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Early Opening ~ Cathedral to Castle Run ~ [Sunday 7th, 11am](#)
- Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ [Sunday 7th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 10th, 7pm](#)
- LST Branch Pub of the Year Presentation ~ [Friday 12th April, 2pm](#)
- ThunderBoiz live on stage, [Saturday 13th, 5pm](#), Hop Yard
- Sunday Session with Davy Thom ~ [Sunday 14th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 17th, 7pm](#)
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 18th, 6pm](#), Green Room (Fully booked)
- Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 18th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (Sold out)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 19th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- St George's Fest ~ [20th-23rd](#) (details TBC)
- Sunday Session with Dean Clinton ~ [Sunday 21st, 4pm](#)
- Sunday Session with the Tame Delta Blues Band ~ [Sunday 28th, 4pm](#)



Crafty Tappers

Due to high levels of interest we have decided to go ahead and begin a CRAFTy Tappers Club. This will take place on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, with the first one being on 2nd April. The idea is that you share ideas, inspiration and projects with like-minded people, so bring along your latest project/creation to work on whilst you chat, share and sip. The wonderful Meg from Meg's Craft Studio has offered to be on hand to give support and for trouble-shooting if needed.

Easter & Spring Ale Fest

As always our fest was a success and you drank us dry of the themed ales. Unfortunately, due to the Great British weather, the band were unable to play in the Hop Yard, but you'll be delighted to hear we have a rescheduled date for you. The ThunderBoiz will be live on stage on Saturday 13th April at 5pm. See you there!

Tapping Into the UK beer scene

On Easter Sunday we were visited by Grace Weitz, Senior Content Editor for Untappd in San Francisco. She is travelling the UK, writing an article on breweries and beer cultures outside of the USA. The article is still in the production stage, but following her visit, she sent us this lovely email that we'd like to share with you...

I just wanted to send you a HUGE thank you for welcoming me so warmly to the Tamworth Tap yesterday. I can absolutely see why you've been voted CAMRA National Pub of the Year two years in a row. From the beer to the staff to the decor to the vibe to the people, the Tamworth Tap has something quite special going on there. I really enjoyed sitting down and hearing more about your story, along with talking to quite a few of your regulars (and making a new friend on Untappd!). I know my trip is just getting started, but visiting Tamworth has been a highlight so far.

Cheers Grace - we can't wait to read the article!



Top of the morning to you!

Thanks to everyone who came to celebrate St Patrick's Day with us. The craic was indeed mighty! Big shout out to Paul Mills (who we turned green!) for keeping the crowds entertained. You went down a storm! And well done to everyone for getting into the spirit with your clothes and accessories - you looked great! Slainte!

Iechyd Da!

Our St David's Day Welsh Ale Fest was a huge success and we were bursting at the seams ten minutes after opening on the first day. You sank 13 casks of ales from Wales and the themed food was a big hit too! Iechyd Da!

International Women's Day

Last month we celebrated International Women's Day. This gave us a great opportunity to give a shout-out to the incredible women who help to make The Tap what it is. They're hard-working, dedicated, passionate, knowledgeable, generous, caring, creative and fun and we would be lost without them. We are lucky to have ten wonderful women in Team Tap, from front of house to behind the scenes and we applaud all they do.



National Bass Day

National Bass Day took place on 30th March and of course we had to mark the occasion. We knew it would be popular but even we were quite shocked by how quickly you drained the cask! Our Bass was top class apparently and there are calls for it to make a regular appearance!



Dungeons & Dragons

We held our first Dungeons and Dragon's Clubs last month and they were very successful, both becoming fully booked instantly. We plan to continue the club on the first and third Thursday of every month. Booking is essential. Details will be posted on our Facebook page and we have now also created a dedicated page to deal with enquiries and events. Huge thank you to team member Caitlin and her right-hand man Ben for organising this exciting new club!

Barrel of Laughs

It's safe to say a 'Barrel of Laughs' was 100% had by all who attended our most recent comedy night. The acts were excellent and it was incredible to have the one and only Pat Monahan at the Tap. Huge thanks to Mortified Comedy and co for making it possible. The next comedy date will be announced soon. Watch this space!



Walkies!

It was great seeing the Greyhound Walking Group make their monthly appearance once again. We made sure the refreshments were ready and our first 'customers' of the day, Home Run Hounds, went away happy. Home Run Hounds is an incredible charity that professionally home retired racing greyhounds. You can check them out on Facebook.