

## Summer Solstice

Join us on 20th June for Summer Solstice and mark the onset of the summer on the longest day of the year. We will have a selection of specially themed beers for you and live music (TBC). We also have our annual summer wreath making event taking place. How very pagan! Message us to book your space.

## Bubbles And Bllins

A fun and fizz filled time was had by all who attended our first sparkling tasting evening with food pairing last month. Feedback was incredible and the fabulous Fuchsia impressed as always. The next one, which is in July, is sold out, but we plan to do more. Keep checking our Facebook page for details.



## Mental Health Awareness Week

May saw Mental Health Awareness Week. However, we think that this is an issue that should always be at the forefront of our minds. We saw this picture and it struck a chord, so thought we'd share it. Talk to each other Tappers ... sometimes that's all it takes. We're always here for you.



## The Write Thing To Do

A reminder that Tamworth Tap pens are now available to buy at the bar. They are priced at £3 each and make a perfect souvenir. Why not buy one ... it's the write thing to do!



## Joining CAMRA ...

Interested? Talk to staff or pick up a leaflet from CAMRA corner or join online at [camra.org.uk/join](http://camra.org.uk/join)



## Cornish Ale Fest

Advance notice that July's ale event will have a Cornish theme. This was such a big hit last year that we are bringing the best of the south west to the Midlands to tickle your tastebuds once again. We will have live music from the ThunderBoiz on Friday evening and from Groove, the Davy Thom and Phil Brittle duo on Sunday afternoon. For that extra seaside coastal feel, we will be serving up fish and chips, pasties and ice cream too.



# Tap Times

June 2024



## Staffordshire Pub of the Year

Huge news Tappers ... as you may be aware, we were recently presented with the LST CAMRA Pub of the Year award for their part of Staffordshire. This meant that we progressed to the next stage of competition. Since then the county judges have been in and out of the Tap and the other branch winning pubs in Staffordshire, making unannounced and anonymous visits and scoring us against a list of strict criteria. The scores are in and we are WINNERS - the Tamworth Tap has once again been judged overall CAMRA Staffordshire Pub of the Year!

This means so much to us. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped us to achieve this accolade, in particular to you for supporting everything we do and to our brilliant team. We now go on to the next round for the whole of the West Midlands Region. Fingers crossed!



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

- Sunday Session with 3's A Crowd ~ [Sunday 2nd, 4pm](#)
- LST Branch Meeting ~ [Monday 3rd, 7:30pm](#), Brewhouse & Kitchen, Lichfield
- Crafty Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 4th, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 5th, 7pm](#)
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 6th, 6pm](#), Green Room (fully booked)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 7th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Faye Bagley ~ [Sunday 9th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 12th, 7pm](#), Green Room
- Beer Day Britain - [Saturday 15th](#)
- Sunday Session with Dean Dovey ~ [Sunday 16th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 19th, 7pm](#)
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 20th, 6pm](#), Green Room (fully booked)
- Solstice Fest ~ [20th - 23rd](#)
- Summer Wreath Making Workshop, [Thursday 20th, 7:30pm](#)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 21st, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with TBC ~ [Sunday 23rd, 4pm](#)
- Sunday Session with Blue Void ~ [Sunday 30th, 4pm](#)

## Beer Day Britain

Beer Day Britain is the UK's national beer day which takes place every year on June 15th. Join us to celebrate Britain's national alcoholic drink and to spread beery love throughout the land by partaking in the National Cheers To Beer at 7pm on June 15th as millions of people across the country raise a glass and say 'Cheers to Beer'!



## Mild In May

Our Mild in May event went down a treat and you flooded us with positive feedback about being able to sup a drop of this traditional style of ale. We got through 16 casks over the month of May, and on form, you supped an average of four milds a week, showing how popular this proper pint is. Impressive! Thanks for joining us for 'Mild in May'.



## Great British Beer Crawl Names The Tap!

Lots of you messaged us a few weeks ago to let us know that we had a great mention on BBC Radio WM. Dale of The Great British Pub Crawl fame was doing a feature on Kath Stanczyszyn's show. They chatted about his mission to visit every pub in the country. Towards the end of the article, the obvious was asked ... 'Which one has stood out?' Guess what his reply was? Not bad out of the 3,150 he's done so far! Dale has vowed to come back in the summer and spend longer with us. We look forward to his return.



## Art Of Tamworth

The Tap has once again joined forces with the organisers who are bringing the wonderful Art of Tamworth event to the town later in the year. This year we have sponsored the fantastic Doodle With Korp, who will bring his legendary Doodle Club live to Art of Tamworth on 8th September.

His Doodle Club has gone down so well with you Tappers in the past that it has been decided he will not only host a workshop at the Tap but also a free workshop for the whole family at the bandstand on the day. More details coming soon on what's happening at the Tap over the Art of Tamworth weekend.

## Songwriters In The Round

There was an incredible atmosphere in the Hop Yard for our recent Songwriters In The Round event. The performers were great and the audience was so appreciative. Look out for the next one - the date will be announced soon.



## Tam-Mirth Comedy Festival

We are delighted to let you know that, after the huge success of last year, Tam-Mirth - Tamworth's own comedy festival - will be taking place again this September. And this time, the Tap has been asked to host two events.

Beers of a Clown has been timed to coincide with Tamworth's annual beer festival and is headed up by the UK's leading craft beer comedian. Sisters of Comedy features an all female line-up. Specially selected beers will be available for both evenings. Tickets for both will be available soon.



## Dungeons & Dragons



Lots of fun was had by those who joined the Castle Crumbling quests last month at our Dungeons & Dragons Club. Huge thanks to our very own Caitlin and Ben for organising. And well done to Lilly who was crowned MVP, whatever that means! Loving the no-expense spared crown. The events are proving so popular that the team are looking to upscale them later in the year by holding extra and bigger events. Watch this space for details.

## CRAFTy Tappers Club

Our CRAFTy Tappers Club is proving to be popular and so it has become a regular thing! Join us on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in the Top Tap and get crafty. The next one is on 4th June.

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 will once again be on hand, along with other experienced crafters, offering their expertise and giving support if needed.



## Sausage & Cider Fest

It was our first, but it certainly won't be our last! Thanks to everyone who joined us for our sausage and cider festival over the bank holiday weekend. A good time was had by all. It was great seeing you ticking the sausages and the ciders off your lists. Some of you worked your way through all 13 sausage flavours and the entire list of nearly 40 ciders over the 3 days.

Special mention to Ricky Booth music for entertaining everyone in the Hop Yard on Friday evening and to Rob Taylor for performing - and dodging the rain - on Sunday. We are looking forward to doing it all again sometime soon!