



Festival of British Archaeology

15th-30th July 2023 saw the Festival of British Archaeology. Will Mitchell, the lead archaeologist on both community digs on the Castle Mill site in the Castle Grounds, delivered his talk on his findings at The Tap to a full house. It was an interesting and insightful event. Watch this space for the next one.

Hooray for Hopywood!

This month sees the long-awaited return of our movie nights. We bring you three classic Laurel and Hardy films, also featuring their main supporting actor, Birmingham-born Charlie Hall. They are:

- Laughing Gravy – 1931
- Them Thar Hills – 1934
- Tit For Tat – 1935



The show will be introduced by John Ullah, Grand Sheik of The Laughing Gravy Tent (the Birmingham branch of the Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society), and author of This Is More Than I Can Stand, the biography of Charlie Hall.

Czech this out!

As a brand ambassador in the UK, George has been invited to the Czech Embassy in London for the official launching of Konrad Pilsner, from the north east of the republic. We were approached to be the first outlet in this country and it's safe to say it's been a big hit and is the perfect pint on a hot sunny day!



You like us!

Wow!!! Look how many likes! Never, ever did we even dream of ONE thousand and now we've reached EIGHT thousand. We can't believe it. Thanks for liking us! We like you too!



Save the date:

- Tamworth Beer Festival ~ Assembly Rooms, 7th - 9th September
- Comedy Night ~ Top Tap, Tuesday 12th September
- Autumn Wreath Making ~ Top Tap, Thursday 28th September
- All Hallows' Fest ~ 28th - 31st October
- Fawkes' Fest ~ 4th & 5th November
- The Tap Remembers ~ Sunday 12th November
- Comedy Night ~ Top Tap, Thursday 16th November
- The Tap's 6th Birthday ~ Friday 22nd December



August 2023

West Midlands Pub of the Year

We are proud as punch to announce that we have been judged, for the second year running, CAMRA West Midlands Regional Pub of the Year. This is a big one! We are now down to the final sixteen pubs in the country, competing for last four and ultimately the top spot again. The team have been phenomenal in helping us to achieve this and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly. As always, we would like to applaud you too for supporting us in all we do. This was a huge achievement for us last year, but feels even more incredible this year to have reached this stage for the second time. Cheers all.



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

- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 2nd, 7pm
- Cornish Ale Fest ~ Friday 4th & Saturday 5th
- Folk Music from Green Fortune ~ Saturday 5th, 3pm (weather permitting)
- Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ Sunday 6th, 4pm
- Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 9th, 7pm
- Songwriters in the Round ~ Friday 11th, 8:30pm
- Sunday Session with The Hat Tricks & Mark Sharp ~ Sunday 13th, 4pm
- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 16th, 7pm
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 18th, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- CAMRA AGM Review Meeting ~ Saturday 19th (invited attendees only)
- Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ Sunday 20th, 4pm
- Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 23rd, 7pm
- Friday Night Live with Dean Clinton ~ Friday 25th, 8pm
- Only Elton - Saturday 26th, 8pm (pre-purchased tickets only)
- Sunday Session with Loz Rabone ~ Sunday 27th, 4pm
- Laurel & Hardy Film Night ~ Wednesday 30th, 7:30pm
- Bat Watch ~ Thursday 31st, 7:30pm



Tap Chat with PM

George seized the opportunity to lobby for a better deal for drinkers when, as landlord of CAMRA National Pub of the Year, he was invited for an audience with the Prime Minister at the Great British Beer Festival. The PM was impressed by our national award and was receptive to George's comments on the implications of halting take-outs and revising beer duty. The new duty scheme introduced on 1st August could see beer strengths falling to take advantage of lower taxation by brewers and a decrease in the availability of stronger beers brewed nationally.

Doorman Dave

It is with much sadness that we bid a fond farewell to everyone's favourite doorman, Dave. He has hung up his door badge and boots for the final time and plans to spend more time fishing and with his family - in that order! I'm sure you'll all agree that Dave has helped us to make The Tap what it is today and he will be missed greatly by all. But don't worry, you'll still see him about, it will just be the other side of the bar with a pint in his hand. A huge and very sincere thank you for all you have done for us over the years Dave. The Tap won't be the same without you. With all our love and the very best wishes for a more relaxing future, from Louise, George and Team Tap.



Take-Outs

We have some sad news for you. Unfortunately, take-outs of draught beers are suspended as of 1st August until CAMRA get around the table with HMRC to seek amendments to the new legislation. We hope a resolution is reached soon and will keep you updated.

Last Orders - 100 not out!

Huge congratulations to editor Adam Randall and all involved in the production and circulation of LST CAMRA's own beer mag, LAST Orders. This August sees the 100th edition!

Pick up your copy here!



A Whopping accolade for Tamworth Brewing Co!

We were excited to find out a few weeks ago that George's 'Whopper' was a finalist for the West Midlands region in the Champion Beer of Britain competition in the New World IPA category. The judging took place at Wolverhampton Summer Festival of Beer & Cider. Guess what Tappers - he got Silver! This has got to be one of his biggest achievements yet, especially considering the calibre of the competitors. We are all over the moon. In first place was Mahana IPA from Byatt's, a truly great beer and very worthy winner! Bronze went to No Brakes IPA from Fixed Wheel, another stunning ale and one of our faves.



Staffordshire CAMRA County Pub of the Year 2023

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate our achievement of Staffordshire County CAMRA Pub of the Year 2023! We couldn't believe how many of you turned up. It was absolutely amazing! We had a great night and that's because of you. Cheers Tappers!

CAMRA discount 20p

To help you get the most out of your CAMRA membership, you'll be pleased to hear that our CAMRA discount on all real ales and real ciders is increasing to 20p per pint and 10p per half. Every little helps! If you're not a member and would like the discount (plus a host of other benefits), pick up a leaflet or talk to a member of the team.



Bar Bites

We have launched a new Bar Bites menu and it's going down a treat! Each item comes in the perfect size portion to keep you going without taking up all your beer drinking room! We are still trialling items and times but menus are out on tables when food is available to order.



Tamworth Beer Festival

Preparations are well under way for the town's CAMRA beer festival at the Assembly Rooms - make a date for your diary! It runs from 7th to 9th September (Thursday to Saturday), opening from 11 to 11. The Beatles theme includes souvenir glasses and T-shirts. We'll be there with Tamworth beers and gins, see you there!

Paint & Sip

Our Paint & Sip nights are ever-popular, taking place twice every month, on the first and third Wednesday at 7pm. Places must be booked with The Paint Club directly; we do not handle bookings. All materials are provided, all you need to do is turn up. These nights sell out very quickly, but events until the end of October have been announced and are available to book. Please note that this event takes place in the Top Tap (on the second floor) and that we are an over-18 venue.

