

Songs And Stories Of Ireland ...

Join us on 30th April for an evening of mesmerising storytelling, beautiful ballads and exquisite musicianship. Jimmy Crowley and Eve Telford are a folk duo based in Co. Cork in Ireland. Jimmy has been at the heart of the Irish folk scene since 1977, a lauded preserver of the Irish traditional songs. Eve has a deep connection to the folk singers who have passed before and her melodies soar, perfectly complementing Jimmy's musicianship. Their latest album 'Hello' is a collection of child ballads gathered from Irish Travellers.

Maria Credali tells traditional and contemporary stories with a warm, engaging, and intimate style. Her storytelling has been described as spellbinding, mesmerising, and humorous. She has told stories for the Royal Shakespeare Company and many National and International storytelling festivals.



Stories, songs and music entwine beautifully to create a truly memorable and magical evening. Tickets cost £8 and are available by messaging our Facebook page or asking at the bar.

TEDx

It was great to catch up with brewer, beer writer and comedian James Dowdeswell at the Assembly Rooms for TEDx TAMWORTH last month. He was especially impressed with the Tamworth Red Ted ale and gave us a big shout-out!

The event was a great success, attracting local business people and networkers. The team did a great job of promoting the town and we were very proud to be VIP partners!



Bee Talk & Honey Beer Fest

You may already be aware that our Hop Yard is home to all sorts of wildlife including local cat Puddin' and our famous bats! But if you keep an eye on the Saxon Wall you'll spot busy bees taking nectar into cracks in the wall. We can't cultivate this honey as it's trapped in there, but we do love a spot of the sweet stuff so we're having a mini honey beer festival which will include a honey ale of our own. To celebrate this we've invited bee keeper Matt Ingram to talk all things Bees and a few other surprises. Put 10th & 11th May in your diary!

VE Day

The 80th anniversary of VE Day is just around the corner and as always, the Tap will be getting into the spirit and marking the occasion. Watch this space for details of our celebrations.



Spring Fest

Another bank holiday, another excuse to have a beer - hopefully in the sunshine! Join us for Spring Bank Holiday at the end of May when we will be having our annual Spring Beer Fest. We will also be marking Mild in May by having a selection of mild ales throughout the month.

Tap Times

April 2025



LST CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year Presentation

As you may know Tappers, the Lichfield, Sutton and Tamworth Branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) recently announced its annual Pub of the Year results, crowning us with not only 2025 Branch Pub of the Year for Staffordshire but also the 2025 Overall Branch Pub of the Year accolade.

We are so proud, especially as we have won this award every year since 2019. We are being presented with our awards at 8pm on Wednesday 2nd April and we'd absolutely love you to join us in raising a glass. There will be a super selection of celebratory ales to sup and nibbles on the bar. Hope to see you there. Cheers to us and cheers to you!



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

-  CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 1st, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 2nd, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  LST CAMRA Branch Pub of the Year Presentation ~ [Wednesday 2nd, 8pm](#)
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 4th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Cathedral to Castle Run - [Sunday 6th](#), early opening at 11am
-  Sunday Session with The Mark Sharp Trio ~ [Sunday 6th, 4pm](#)
-  LST CAMRA Meeting ~ [Monday 7th, 7:30pm](#), The Whippet Inn
-  Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 9th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Laurel & Hardy Film Night, [Thursday 10th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with Tadhg Bean-Bradley ~ [Sunday 13th, 4pm](#)
-  Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 16th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 17th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (FULLY BOOKED)
-  Easter Ale Fest, [17th-20th](#)
-  Thunderboiz Live on Stage, [Friday 18th, 3pm](#)
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 18th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with Rob Taylor ~ [Sunday 20th, 4pm](#)
-  Pottery at the Pub, [Tuesday 22nd, 7pm](#), Top Tap
- St George's Day, [Wednesday 23rd](#)
- Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ [Sunday 27th, 4pm](#)
- Stories & Songs of Ireland, [Wednesday 30th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap

Busy Busy Busy

March was a busy month and there was A LOT going on! Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate St David's Day, International Women's Day, St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day. Plenty of themed beer and food was consumed and good times were had. Keep doing what you do Tappers.

Barrel of Laughs

Our next 'Barrel of Laughs' comedy night is now on sale. Join us on 13th May at the Top of the Tap for a fun-filled evening with a number of top comedians. Tickets cost £12 and are available by private messaging us or by asking at the bar. All previous events have been a HUGE success and we expect this event to sell out very quickly, so book your tickets fast!

About the act...

Phil Walker's act has taken him to some weird & wonderful places, from a scout hut in Unst in the Shetland Isles to a porta-cabin on Mount Alice in the Falkland Islands. Basically he'll go anywhere for a laugh! Ever since being voted City Life Comedian of the Year at the famous Comedy Store in Manchester, Phil has been in demand as a headline act at most of the leading comedy clubs throughout the country, as well as major cruise lines and hotels internationally. Phil runs his very own comedy club, and is proud to have entertained over 4000 troops on two tours of war-torn Afghanistan.

Support comes from awesome musician/comedian Ashley Frieze.

Breakthrough acts are Tharun Chelly & Samee Anibaba.

MC for the evening is the wonderful James Ryan.

Easter Weekend At The Tap

Join us this Easter weekend for our Easter Ale Fest. We'll have an eggstravaganza of cask, keg and cans appearing over the weekend for your indulgence! The Hop Yard will be open and there will be a (limited) outside bar, weather permitting.

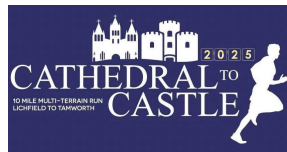
There's live music on Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon! On Good Friday we have the awesome ThunderBoiz live on stage from around 3pm. They always go down a storm and we are delighted to be welcoming them back to officially re-open the garden for this year. On Easter Sunday we have the master of the mash-up Mr Rob Taylor with his original take on classic hits from the 50s to the current day in the Sunday Session. 4pm start.

And if you're looking for an eggcellent alternative Easter gift, don't forget we sell:

Mugs Craft Cans Mead Belgian Beers Belgian Glasses
Beanies Polo Shirts Pens Gift Vouchers Pins

Cathedral To Castle

The annual Lichfield/Tamworth Cathedral to Castle run is taking place on 6th April. As usual, we will be opening at the earlier time of 11am for those who wish to indulge in a well-deserved celebratory drink. Let's see if the WIP Running Club will be first through the door as always!



Tartarus X Emperor's ~ Knight of Ren

Tartarus Beers & Emperor's Brewery have come together to create this imposing imperial stout of a galactic magnitude. This spectacular beer tastes of coconut, pistachio and chocolate and is a whopping 12.2%er, available in a 330 ml can. This is a very limited release and we just so happen to have a stash. Get it while you CAN!

Another Fine ... Night!

Our annual laugh out loud, black and white movie night, featuring screen classics from much loved comedy legends Laurel and Hardy is back! Join us on Thursday 10th April at 7:30pm for our 'Laurel and Hardy - In Trouble' evening, when we will be showing three classic Laurel and Hardy films. Get ready for another fine night at the top of the Tap as we enjoy:

Chickens Come Home (1931)

Scram (1932)

Blotto (1930)

This films 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 Laurel and Hardy co-star Charlie Hall.

Tickets cost £7 and are available by private messaging our Facebook page or asking at the bar.



Wine-derful!

Another wine-derful night was had by all in the Top Tap at our most recent wine tasting event. We received amazing feedback as always and requests for more. April's date is fully booked, but May's date will be going on sale soon and look out for our special NYEtimber sparkling event in June.

St George's Day

Join us on Wednesday 23rd to celebrate St George's Day. No, it's not a celebration of our main man! It's a nod to England's patron, Saint George, whose feast day it is.

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 traditional British classics bar bites menu. As the annual St George's Day Extravaganza is taking place in the Castle Grounds on 19th, our British Classics Bar Bites menu will be available over the weekend too.

