

## Cider

Last month saw British Cider Week and this month is CAMRA's Cider Month, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to remind you of the superb cider selection we have at the Tap. We currently stock:

- 20+ real ciders including four of our own - Hog Sty (dry), Sandy Back (medium), Squealer (sweet) Mistletoe & Swine (mulled)
- A draught keg cider, Murmuration
- Many bottles including Aspalls, Sheppys, Jibber Jabber and Rhubarb & Raspberry from Hurst View, Rattler and a strawberry cider from Septimus Medieval Brewhouse.

Cheers!

## Mild in May

Every May, CAMRA branches across the country celebrate Mild in May, an initiative to celebrate the beer style of mild, which at one point was under threat of extinction. We always aim to have a couple of dark ales anyway, but we are joining in and will be showcasing an array of milds, brewed near and far, throughout the month of May.



## Call me!

You'll notice in CAMRA corner we have a new phone charging station. We've always had one, but it's been updated and now all you need is your debit card to charge your phone. Follow the instructions on the screen... simples!



## Summer of Pub

CAMRA's Summer of Pub campaign restarts over the coronation bank holiday weekend. Summer of Pub aims to support and promote pub-going throughout the summer, by providing an easy platform for submitting events and searching for them. Getting involved is as easy as planning a trip down your local! Find more info by Googling "CAMRA Summer of Pub"

## 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!



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## Coronation of King Charles III

Now that the Easter and May Bank Holiday weekends are over, it's time to talk the King's Coronation Big Bank Holiday Weekend. We are kicking off on the Friday night with live music from Tap faves The LivinTones. On Saturday we're having a mini royALE fest and have a majestic line up of kingly casks for your consumption. And on Sunday we've got the incredible Carrick for a right royal knees up ahead of your extra day off. The Tap and Hop Yard will be decorated as always and we look forward to serving you.



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

- CAMRA Branch Meeting, Duke of York, Lichfield ~ [Tuesday 2nd, 7:30pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 3rd, 7pm](#)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 5th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Friday Night Live with The LivinTones ~ [Friday 5th, 8pm](#)
- Coronation RoyALE Fest ~ [Saturday 6th](#)
- Sunday Session with Carrick ~ [Sunday 7th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 10th, 7pm](#)
- Tamworth Ladies Circle Meeting ~ [Wednesday 10th, 7pm](#)
- CAMRA National Executive Meeting ~ [Saturday 13th, 11am](#) (invite only)
- Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ [Sunday 14th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 17th, 7pm](#)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 19th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Kerry Smyth ~ [Sunday 21st, 4pm](#)
- Songwriters in the Round ~ [Friday 26th, 8:30pm](#)
- CAMRA Branch Social Trip ~ [Saturday 27th](#) (fully booked)
- Sunday Session with Sheena Vultaggio ~ [Sunday 28th, 4pm](#)
- CAMRA's Mild in May promotion ~ [Throughout the month of May](#)



## *Hello Hop Yard*

Easter weekend saw the re-opening of our gorgeous garden, the Hop Yard, and boy was it popular! Those girls and boys behind the bar worked their socks off. Our Easter Ale Fest went down a storm and we got through a record of 35 casks! We had our first outdoor Sunday Session too, which was the perfect end to a wonderful weekend. It was incredible to see so many people enjoying themselves on an unusually gloriously sunny bank holiday. Thank you sincerely from all of us in Team Tap for your lovely comments over the weekend. So many customers, old and new, offered words of praise, gratitude and congratulations. It was genuinely quite overwhelming.



## *Tam-Mirth Comedy Festival*

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting one of the many events in the Tam-Mirth Comedy & Good Times Festival that's taking place later in the year. More details will be coming soon. Watch this space...



## *Eric's Plums*

CAMRA member and Tap friend Eric Randall donated a bumper crop of plums to us a while back and requested we 'do something with them', so we did. 'Eric's Plums' is a sweet dark and rich plum porter. It's delicious.



## *Take a Pew*

We've changed the seats - again. A few more pews became available to us and were the sizes we had been after to enable us to tweak a couple of our areas to add more seats. Thanks as always to our friends at St Editha's for saving them for us. For those who are interested, we make donations to the church for any items given to us.



## *LST - The Branch to Be!*

We are happy and proud to report that LST CAMRA branch member numbers are up again, and we are now the biggest branch in the West Midlands region. Not bad for a branch that was the fourth largest just four years ago! We meet monthly at good ale pubs across the branch area, and organise a number of popular social events throughout the year, including coach trips and the ever-popular Tamworth Beer Festival. Interested in joining CAMRA and getting involved? Talk to a member of staff, or pick up a leaflet from CAMRA corner



## *Cathedral to Castle (to Cask)*

Huge congratulations to all those who completed the Cathedral to Castle run on 16th April. We salute you. We were proud sponsors of the event and as such, opened at the earlier time of 11am for the runners who wished to treat themselves after the race. As you can see, lots did. Pictured here are some of the first past the post enjoying a well-deserved pint.

## *Go Lambs!*

Huge congratulations to Tamworth Football Club who were victorious in their recent replayed and 'behind closed doors' game against Nuneaton. They will be playing in the National League North next season. What a result!



## *All Hail St George!*

We had another successful St George's Day at the Tap last month. The themed ales went down a treat and our own St George's Dragon (no, it's not named after me!), which is a chilli infused pale ale with a hint of honey, giving a sweet finish which balances the fiery kick, was quaffed in record time. We were joined by the man himself - the patron Saint of England, not everyone's favourite landlord - and a good time was had by all, helped along with music from Tap regular Ben Hemmings.



## *Cask Marque*

We had one of our unannounced visits from Cask Marque recently. You'll be pleased to hear that we received full marks as always! Top marks, top cellar, top beer!

## *He's behind you!*

We had a comical moment at the Tap a few weeks ago with an unsuspecting fan of rock band Wolfsbane, who was wearing one of their tour T-shirts, and was totally unaware that he was sitting back to back with Jeff Hateley of the band. The moment was captured and posted on the band's Facebook page, much to the delight of their audience. You'll be pleased to hear that Jeff made sure he chatted to the blokes at the bar. Best pint they've ever decided to have!



## *Taste Training*

Our taste training event took place in the top of the Tap last month and was enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Geoff Cross, CAMRA's West Midlands Regional Tasting Co-ordinator, for passing on his expertise.