### More Than A Place For A Pint ...

It's not just about pouring the perfect pint at the Tap. We have a whole range of events to crack into your creative side and soothe the soul.

Here's what's on offer on a weekly/monthly basis... We have pottery, painting, creative writing, wine tasting, Songwriters in the Round, beer tasting tutorials, comedy, story telling, filming, floristry, photo shoots, film showings, crafting, folk club, book club, live music, meetings, workshops and of course good old fashioned drinking. We even have band practice too. And last month we had not one, but two bands enjoying the use of our space on the same evening. First up it was regulars The Shamblers and then they were followed by the Bryan Brindley Band.

We just love the variety of things that happen on every day at the Tap.

## **Paint & Sip**

We are getting lots of enquiries about our Paint and Sip events, so here's a reminder for those who have been asking. Paint and Sip takes 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 events sell out very quickly so book early to avoid disappointment. There's a wonderful wintry theme to the next few.



## **The Tammy Land Girls**

The Tammy Land Girls had a whole heap of fun in the Top Tap recently while filming their contribution to the musical reel that will be projected onto the walls of Tamworth Castle during the Christmas lights switch-on. They looked fabulously festive in their green frocks. You can catch the girls at the Tap on Thursday 18th December at 7:30 for a truly special evening of nostalgic festive hits and a few



little extras too. Tickets cost £8 and are available by messaging us or at the bar.

## **Christmas Sneak Preview ...**

Christmas Wreath Making ~ Sun 30th, 2pm / Tue 2nd, 7pm / Thu 4th, 7pm

Paint & Sip 'Christmas Friends' ~ Wednesday 3rd, 7pm

Sunday Session with Carrick, featuring Christmas classics ~ Sunday 7th, 4pm

Winter Wine Tasting ~ Thursday 11th, 7:30pm (fully booked)

Carolling with Amington Brass Band and Connections Choir ~ Friday 12th, 7pm

LST Lichfield Christmas Crawl ~ Saturday 13th (details to follow)

Sunday Session with the Thunderboiz, Christmas classics ~ Sunday 14th, 4pm

A Christmas Carols & Classics with the Tammy Land Girls ~ Thursday 18th, 7:30pm

Friday Night Live Christmas Cracker with Ali Gilbert ~ Friday 19th, 7:30pm

Sunday Session with Paul Mills - The Christmas Edition ~ Sunday 21st, 4pm

All this alongside our seasonal menu and of course our traditional Christmas Ale Fest!



# **November 2025**



### Final Four!

Big news: WE DID IT Tappers! The Tamworth Tap has been judged as one of the TOP FOUR PUBS in the UK by CAMRA! We are so, SO proud. We will now be visited by national judges over the next few months and have another chance of securing the top spot - CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2025!

We take our hats off to our incredible team, who go above and beyond to deliver our vision. Their



knowledge, passion and work ethic are exceptional. And of course a nod to you too Tappers, for supporting everything we do, and for making the Tap such a wonderful place to be. Now let's see if we can hit the jackpot for an unprecedented third time.

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

IST CAMRA Meeting ~ Monday 3rd, 7:30pm at the Griffin, Shustoke.

CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ Tuesday 4th, 6:30pm, Top Tap

🎨 🥂 Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 5th, 7pm, Top Tap

🝷 差 Wine Tasting - Thursday 6th, 7:30pm, Top Tap (booking required)

Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 7th, 7:30pm, Top Tap

Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 12th, 7pm, Top Tap

Pottery at the Pub ~ Thursday 13th, 7pm, Top Tap

Songwriters in the Round ~ Friday 14th, 8pm, Top Tap

Sunday Session with Cloudy Gálvez ~ Sunday 16th, 4pm

퉣 😂 Barrel of Laughs ~ Tuesday 18th, 7:30pm, Top Tap (booking required)

Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 19th, 7pm, Top Tap

Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 21st, 7:30pm, Top Tap

Sunday Session with the Dan Hatton ∼ Sunday 23rd, 4pm

📚 😲 Silent Book Club ~ Thursday 27th, 7:30pm, Top Tap

🕻 💡 Tamworth Christmas Lights Switch-on ~ Saturday 29th

Xmas Wreath Making ~ Sunday 30th, 2pm, Top Tap (booking required)

Sunday Session with Dave Monks ~ Sunday 30th, 4pm

## **Bye Bye Beth And Lots Of Luck!**

You may be aware that Beth has secured a new role in her chosen career path. She is going to be working with secondary school children after spending a number of years being nursery based. We know Beth's skills with people and her kind nature will make



her a big hit with her new 'customers' and she will soon be settled and making a difference to the future generation's lives. Don't worry folks, Beth wants to still help out when she can, so you'll see her about from time to time.

# **Pumpkin Perfection!**

We welcomed our new florist, Jane of Jane Rose Blossoms, to the Tap for her first workshop last month and she went down a storm! The seasonal showstoppers were just stunning and our lovely ladies had a wonderful time creating them under Jane's expert guidance. Jane will be delivering our Christmas Workshops this year (see separate article). Book your places now by messaging us or asking at the bar.



# **Apples & Pears**

We are all about the ale at the Tap, but did you know we are serious about cider too? We've always had a fantastic selection, but we've recently ramped it right up! We now have 50-plus ciders and perries for you to choose from, including 3 of our very own (4 at Christmas), several bottles and a keg, so you are spoilt for choice. Our new cider board lists our offerings and the team will of course be on hand to help you decide. So there's only one question - apples or pears?

## Ta-Ta Tam!

We can't believe we are saying this, but We have another new everyone's 'favourite' Scottish man Tam is leaving the building for the final time next month. After many years in Tamworth, even more nights in the Tap and far too many pints to count, Tam is heading off to pastures not quite so



retirement. Ta-ta Tam, we will miss you. But now maybe we will get a look-in with 'Tam's Jaipur'!

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# **Faith on Tap**

group starting at the Tap. Father Michael, along with others from St John's Parish, is starting



a group for men interested in talking about faith over a beer. It started on 28th October in the Top Tap and will take place once a month on a Tuesday at 7pm (next date to be arranged). It's open to anyone looking to explore faith in a relaxed setting. What happens depends on the people who turn up; they/you will shape it. If interested, email michael@tamworthrc.church or just turn up.

# Pamper Hamper Appeal

Tappers, we are appealing to your good nature, kindness and generosity. We have once again offered to be a drop off station for the the annual Pamper Hamper campaign. The hampers, when ready, will be donated to people in the local community and around the Tamworth and Lichfield area who may not receive a Christmas present, need some TLC or have had a life changing situation. Examples include the Women's Refuge, Homestart and

cancer patients who may be isolating.

The hampers should include items that you associate with hygiene and cleanliness or that make you feel pampered, which raises self esteem. All items must be unused and can include chocolate (as long as it is in date).

Thank you in anticipation!

### Ale Hallows'

Huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Ale Hallows' Fest. You sank your fangs into 14 Halloween beers alongside the usual quests and faves. What a spooktacular effort!



### Tamworth Calls It Out

We are proud to support the 'Tamworth Calls It Out' campaign. After launching recently, schools, hospitality venues and sports clubs across Tamworth are being called to sign a commitment charter and pledge their support in making Tamworth a safer place for women and girls. We did this during its first week in October. The signing was aptly timed as team training was taking place, during which 'Ask For Angela' and 'Ask For Clive' were discussed. The Tap is supporting both initiatives. If you're interested in getting involved or want to find out more, you can get in touch

# **Honey Honey**

A good time was had by all who came to our Mead Tasting event. Huge thanks to our hosts from Lyme Bay Winery for imparting their expertise and for their generous measures and surprise goodie bags to take home. Don't forget, mead is available by the glass to drink in, or by the bottle to take home from the bar at the Tap.

# **Christmas Wreath Making**

by emailing Natalie-statham@tamworth.gov.uk

By popular demand, we will be holding Christmas wreath making workshops again this year. These will take place on Sun 30th Nov, Tue 2nd and Thu 4th Dec, so you are ready to decorate your door for the start of December. Enjoy a mulled wine and a mince pie as you create your very own masterpiece in the beautiful surroundings of our Tudor room at the top of the Tap, complete with traditional Christmas tree, candles and a soundtrack of Christmassy music. What a way to start the countdown to Christmas!

