



Thank You!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone at St John the Baptist RC Parish in Tamworth, the Sacred Heart Church and Heart of Tamworth for the incredible work you do for the community. St John's parish has played a big part in our lives over the years for many reasons and we are humbled to be able to give a little to support the vital work done by these fabulous folk. Pictured here with George is Father Michael White, who is a true inspiration to all whose lives he touches.

Oktoberfest

We had a few days away attending Oktoberfest in Shrewsbury and look who we bumped in to! Some people are everywhere!



Craft & Continental Continued

We have maximised our craft and continental offering by adding the final components to our cellar kit. We now have a vast range of diverse keg, Belgian and German beers available to complement our great cask range. There's so many now, we've almost lost count!



Well Done

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Autumn Budget E-lobby campaign. Our local CAMRA branch was amongst those who topped the leaderboard for having sent the most emails.

Tales From The Fireside

Join us for another event with a difference. Fireside Tales is a cosy collection of warm stories, woven together by a collection of fantastic storytellers from all over the UK and Ireland. There will be a real bouquet of accents – a treat for the ears!



Expect traditional tales from around the world, stories full of laughter and tears, folk tales that will make you think, and stories to warm your heart in this coldest of seasons! All are welcome at this most friendly of shows. The evening costs £8 per person. Please message us directly through messenger to book your places.

Save the date:

- Christmas Wreath Making ~ 3rd December
- Christmas Story Telling ~ 11th & 12th December
- A Night of Christmas Crackers with Ali Gilbert ~ Friday 20th, 7:30pm
- The Tap's 8th Birthday ~ 22nd December

Tap Times

November 2024



Freedom of the Borough

What an evening, what an honour. On 7th October we were extremely proud to be bestowed the honour of Freedom of the Borough in recognition of our entrepreneurship, innovation, championship of Tamworth and for positively putting Tamworth on the map on a national scale. We received the prestigious accolade at a presentation at the Town Hall with the Mayor of Tamworth, Councillor Gareth Coates. We are totally humbled and would like to thank every single person who has been a part of our journey and who has supported us every step of the way with our vision. Cheers all, especially our beloved Team Tap.



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

- Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 1st, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- Fawkes' Fest ~ Saturday 2nd
- Sunday Session with Jonny Allen ~ Sunday 3rd, 4pm
- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 6th, 7pm, Top Tap
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ Thursday 7th, 6pm, Green Room
- Songwriters in the Round ~ Friday 8th, 8pm, Top Tap
- The Tap Will Remember ~ Sunday 10th, from 11am
- Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ Sunday 10th, 4pm
- CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ Tuesday 12th, 6:30pm, Top Tap
- Creative Writing Group ~ Wednesday 13th, 7pm, Top Tap, all welcome
- Wine Tasting ~ Thursday 14th, 7:30pm, Top Tap (FULLY BOOKED)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ Friday 15th, 7:30pm, Top Tap
- Sunday Session with ThunderBoiz acoustic ~ Sunday 17th, 4pm
- Pottery at the Pub ~ Tuesday 19th, 7pm, Top Tap
- Paint & Sip ~ Wednesday 20th, 7pm, Top Tap
- Dungeons & Dragons ~ Thursday 21st, 6pm, Green Room
- Tamworth Christmas Lights Switch On ~ Saturday 23rd
- Fireside TalesStory Telling ~ Sunday 24th, 3pm, Top Tap (booking reqd)
- Sunday Session with Carrick ~ Sunday 24th, 4pm
- Barrel of Laughs Comedy ~ Tuesday 26th, 7:30pm, Top Tap (booking reqd)
- Christmas Wreath Workshop ~ Thursday 28th, 7:30pm, Top Tap (booking reqd)



Lunch with Zhara

We are obviously buzzing from being awarded Freedom of the Borough and very excited about the privileges it brings. Traditionally, Freemen enjoy special rights, and in Tamworth's case, it includes the right of pasture in the Castle Grounds. We had to take the opportunity to make the most of this, so here's George enjoying lunch with goat Zhara! She got a lot of attention, especially from dog walkers, and George had fun too!

Champion Beer of Britain

George was honoured to be invited to Kelham Hall Beer Festival in Newark to be on the final judging panel for Champion Beer of Britain last month, alongside Laura Hadland (CAMRA Campaigner of the Year and award winning beer writer), Jackie, Rod, Paul (Charles Faram & Co Ltd) and Chair, Bill.



Congratulations to Crouch Vale Brewery for winning Champion Beer of Britain for Amarillo. Many congratulations also to Anspach & Hobday (The IPA) and Green Jack Brewery (Trawlerman) for taking the silver and bronze. It was a hard job, but someone had to do it!



Quaffing Kasteel

It was busy busy busy at our Belgian beer tasting night. The Kasteel went down a storm and a good time was had by all. Huge thanks to Benjamin

who came over from Belgium especially. Watch this space for details of the next one...

Beanles

It's that time of year... winter, not Halloween! Buy a beanie - you'll look spooktacular. And you won't feel the cold. Beanies are priced at £10 and are available behind the bar.



Read All About It!

We've had lots more coverage in the press lately and a couple of weeks ago, The Sun asked if they could visit to feature us in an article. Here's a shot of the camera man in action. Lots of you messaged to say you'd seen the article, which can still be found online for anyone who is interested.

A Penny Off A Pint In The Pub

We had a visit from the BBC on Budget day as Radio 5 broadcast live from the Tap, quizzing George about his response to the announcements made in the Budget, relating to the small businesses and in particular, the hospitality industry. Lots of you messaged to say you heard it. If you didn't catch the full low-down, you'll be pleased to hear that you'll be getting 'a penny off a pint in the pub'!

The Tap Will Remember

After you have paid your respects at the Sunday Remembrance Service and enjoyed the Remembrance Parade, pop down to the Tap and we will take you back to the incredible wartime era with a playlist of vintage hits from the likes of Vera Lynn and The Andrews Sisters. Plus we will once again have a special performance from The Tammy Lands Girls.



We are opening our doors at the earlier time of 11am. The Tap will be suitably decorated and we will be supporting the Royal British Legion as always, so please give generously.

There will be a few special guests dropping in throughout the day as well as many of our friends from the forces and there will be complimentary spam sandwiches on the bar and wartime snacks will be available.



Tamworth 10k

Well done to all those who did the Tamworth 10k. We opened earlier at 11:30am for those seeking rehydration afterwards and it was much appreciated. We were full! See you for the next one.

We're In It!

We are just loving our new Good Beer Guide artwork advertising the proud fact that once again, we are starring in it. It's on the front of the bar - take a look.



Ale Hallows' Fest

It was great to see so many of you enjoying our Ale Hallows' Fest over the Halloween weekend. We were joined by several CAMRA branches, including our own, who got into the spirit with their costumes. Special mention has to go to the lovely Lindsay for creating a fiendish feast for us to enjoy as we supped our ale. Did you see the puking pumpkin and the severed head? Incredible!



Fawkes' Fest

Saturday 2nd will see Tamworth's annual firework display in the Castle Grounds. Are we joining in? Of course we are! Come and enjoy a 'Beer & Bratwurst at the Brewery'. We'll be serving hot food and drinks from our outside bar so you can keep an eye on the fireworks while enjoying a tippie or two and a bite of something nice!

All Hallows' Fest will still be in full flow and we have some bangin' bonfire brews to join this fire-cracker of a line-up. And as well as our 20+ real ciders, including bonfire special 'Gunpowder', our very own hot mulled cider will be on sale to keep you snug as a bug too. Wrap up warm because the Hop Yard will be open.