

Staffordshire Three

It was an honour to host the most recent meeting for those involved in raising funds for a lasting memorial for 'The Staffordshire Three'. They are looking at applying for grants and funds to help the cause. If you know of any businesses that would possibly donate, or would like to get involved, please get in touch with Anthony Frith or Gordon Moore via Facebook or at the Royal British Legion.

Has anyone seen Marcel?

We are pleased to report that we had a Chouffe-ing great time at our Chouffe party last month. You turned out in force and had loads of fun with games with the gimmicks and give-aways ... and of course plenty of tasting! It's just as well we have three floors because we had a full house; the place was packed! Good job Tappers.



Tap Times

November 2023



Final Four

Last time we reported that we were crowned West Midlands Regional Pub of the Year 2023 by CAMRA. This put us into the next stage of the competition, competing with the last 16 pubs in the country for a place in the final four.

Well Tappers, our team did it, with the Tap judged as one of the top four in the UK for the SECOND YEAR RUNNING!!! We will be visited by national judges in the coming weeks for another chance of securing the top spot - CAMRA National Pub of the Year 2023! Imagine if we got this two years running! We take our hats off to our incredible team who go above and beyond to deliver our vision, and to you Tappers for supporting everything we do.

Please join us to celebrate on Wednesday 8th November when we will be presented with our award for being a finalist by the CAMRA West Midlands Regional Director.



Beer & Bangers at the Brewery

Join us on Saturday 4th November for Bangers and Beer at the Brewery. As has become Tap tradition, as the town celebrates Bonfire Night in the castle grounds, we'll be serving up hot dogs made with sausages from our very own pigs, fed on waste grain from the brewery. There will be a selection of themed ales to tempt your tastebuds too! Treat yourself before or after the display.

Pamper Hamper Appeal

We are appealing to your good nature, kindness and generosity, as we have once again offered to be a drop off station for the the annual Pamper Hamper campaign. The hampers are donated to people in and around the Tamworth and Lichfield area who may not receive a Christmas present, need some TLC or have had a life changing situation. The donations should include items that you associate with hygiene, cleanliness and 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.

Sold Out

You may have seen in the last Tap Times that we were about to announce our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop. Well we did, and it sold out. So we announced another. And it sold out. So we announced another. And that sold out too! All within a couple of hours. We've also got a wine tasting evening coming up and that sold out in an hour. The Chouffe Party was packed and our second comedy night sold out as soon as we put tickets on sale as well. So a huge thank you from us once again for your incredible support with all we do.

★ **SORRY!** ★
SOLD OUT

Save the date:

- Christmas Story Telling ~ [Thursday 14th December](#)
- LST CAMRA Christmas Crawl around Lichfield ~ [Saturday 16th December](#)
- The Tap's 6th Birthday ~ [Friday 22nd December](#)

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

- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 1st, 7pm](#)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 3rd, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Bangers & Beer at the Brewery ~ [Saturday 4th](#)
- Sunday Session with Anthony Richmond ~ [Sunday 5th, 4pm](#)
- LST CAMRA Branch Meeting ~ [Tuesday 7th, 7:30pm](#), The Boldmere Tap
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 8th, 7pm](#)
- CAMRA Pub of the Year Finalist Presentation ~ [Wednesday 8th, 7:30pm](#)
- Songwriters in the Round ~ [Friday 10th, 8:30pm](#)
- The Tap Will Remember ~ [Sunday 12th, from 11am](#)
- Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ [Sunday 12th, 4pm](#)
- Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 15th, 7pm](#)
- Barrel of Laughs Comedy Night - [Thursday 16th, 7:30pm](#) (SOLD OUT)
- Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 17th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
- Sunday Session with Ricky Booth ~ [Sunday 19th, 4pm](#)
- Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 22nd, 7pm](#)
- Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 23rd, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (SOLD OUT)
- Tamworth Christmas Lights Switch On ~ [Sunday 26th](#)
- Sunday Session with Carrick ~ [Sunday 26th, 4pm](#)
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshop ~ [Wednesday 29th, 7:30pm](#) (SOLD OUT)
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshop ~ [Thursday 30th, 7:30pm](#) (SOLD OUT)

Top Marques!

Amongst everything else going on at the moment, we were paid another (unannounced) inspection visit from Cask Marque recently. We are delighted to let you know that once again, we were awarded a 5-star accreditation. We were graded 5 out of 5 for temperature, appearance, aroma and taste on all ales tested and achieved the maximum of 100% on the score front. Well done Team, but we didn't expect anything less!

Thank You from Age UK!

Wow ... you've done it again Tappers, 70 EXTRA BAGS were donated in a week! A huge thank you from Age UK Tamworth and from us for making a difference once more. They have told us that your donations have not stopped since the original appeal and you are keeping them going at the moment. You're the best!

All the way from the USA

A huge thank you to The Mark Croft Duo who recently appeared live on stage in the Hop Yard. It was a tremendous afternoon and the sun unexpectedly shone down on us for the last outdoor Sunday Session of the year - very timely! According to one happy local music fan, this was the best act he's ever seen in Tamworth. So on that note, you'll be pleased to hear that they will be coming back. Watch this space for details.



All Hallows' Fest

We had a very Happy Halloween with you Tappers. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our specially themed Halloween Ale Festival. It was a great to see the LST CAMRA branch getting into the spirit with their fancy dress as they toured the town. As well as your regular favourites, we had a spooktacular selection of eerie ales on the pull over the weekend. You drank 13 specials as well as all the others. Big thank you also to Tap legend Bryan Brindley, who packed the place and played to a very appreciative audience on the Sunday Session.

Mental Health - It's good to talk

World Mental Health Day took place on the 10th October. It is a day to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. It's also a day to let people know that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what you're going through. We'd like to take this opportunity to highlight men's mental health in particular. Sadly, the boys just don't reach out to each other like the girls do and often find themselves hit harder. A big shout-out to two of our artists Ali Gilbert and Craig Gould who have used their music platforms to speak openly about this, and have been very honest about their own experiences. Huge credit to you both. It's good to talk Tappers. Don't struggle alone, we are always here for you.



The Tap Will Remember

After you have paid your respects at the Remembrance Service and enjoyed the 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.

We are opening our doors at the earlier time of 11am. The Tap will be suitably decorated as always and we will be serving a selection of commemorative ales.

Our very own Hoppy Poppy will be on sale with 10p from every pint being donated to the Poppy Appeal and we'll be supporting the Royal British Legion, Tamworth Branch, who will be in attendance on the day, so please give generously at collection points.

We will once again have a special performance from The Tammy Land Girls - who brought the town to a standstill last year! And this year we will also have Kyle Evans As George Formby, a George Formby tribute playing throughout the day. Our Sunday Session will be brought to you by Paul Mills, who never ceases to entertain. Get ready to sing along.

There will be a few special guests dropping in throughout the day as well as many of our friends from the forces. In keeping with Tap tradition, you will find complimentary spam sandwiches on the bar and we will have wartime snacks available.

The Tap will remember.



I'm dreaming of a ...

The Tammy Land Girls had a 'whole bunch of fun and giggles' a few weeks ago while filming White Christmas in our very beautiful and atmospheric Top Tap. The film will be projected onto the side of Tamworth Castle during the Christmas Lights Switch On on 26th. We can't wait to see it!

What's new pussy cat?

Last month saw the marking of National Black Cat Day, so we thought we'd give a shout-out to everyone's favourite top town cat, Miss Pudding. The day was created by Cats Protection to help celebrate the majesty of monochrome moggies and beautiful black cats. When the campaign was launched, statistics revealed that black and black-and-white cats took, on average, seven days longer to find a home compared to cats of other colours. Puds doesn't have any problems on the home front though - she's well looked after by her family at the Toolbox, us and half of Tamworth! We love you Pudding.

