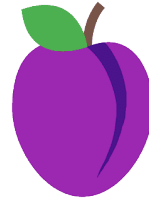


A Plum Job ...



You may be interested to know we have a green-hopped beer coming your way. Thanks to Rob and Jenny Greenway for their annual donation of fabulous fragrant Fuggles hops, home-grown! Also, a big thanks to Eric Randall for the timely picking of 25 kilos of succulent plums which have been added to a festive Plum Porter. The first pint has your name on it!



Lichfield Sutton & Tamworth CAMRA ...



You can keep up to date with what's happening in the local LST CAMRA branch by following them on Facebook. The branch organises a number of social events throughout the year, including a Halloween walkabout of Tamworth on 29th October, starting at the Moat House at 2pm.

Like the LST page using the QR code to the left to keep up to date with things in both our branch and nationally.

TAMWORTH TOWN ALE TRAIL



It has to be Cask!

We continue to focus on all things CAMRA and with that in mind we took part in Cask Ale Week running from 22nd September to 2nd October. It went down a treat as always and you drank your way through 20-plus casks from far and wide. Good work Tappers!



Heritage Open Day ...

It was wonderful to be a part of this popular and important event this year. We did our bit as always and had a stall in the church hall. It was great to chat to members of the community and we sold lots of cheese, mead and gin! Well done to David Biggs for organising.

Archaeology in the Community - taking back your heritage...

Join us on 19th October for what promises to be an insightful look at archaeology in our community. William Mitchell, lecturer in Archaeology at Staffordshire University will present a talk on the personal and historical successes of community archaeology projects undertaken in the Midlands. There will be a focus on the Dig for Shakespeare project (Stratford-upon-Avon) and you will be introduced to a new archaeological opportunity to get hands on experience at the site of the former Tamworth Castle Mill. This event will take place in the Top Tap on the second floor.



Top at the Tap ...

On Tuesday 4th October, we headed to Manchester to attend the 'Oscars of the Pub World' – the Great British Pub Awards, organised by the newspaper for the licensed trade, the Morning Advertiser.

We were presented with our Best Beer Garden in Britain award and had an incredible time catching up with old friends and meeting like-minded people in the industry. We are incredibly proud of this achievement - the Hop Yard is our pride and joy!



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

-  Sunday Session with Paul Mills ~ [Sunday 2nd, 4pm](#)
-  Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 5th, 7pm](#)
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 7th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with Bryan Brindley ~ [Sunday 9th, 4pm](#)
-  Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 12th, 7pm](#)
-  Sunday Session with Ricky Booth ~ [Sunday 16th, 4pm](#)
-  Archaeology in the Community Event ~ [Wednesday 19th, 7pm](#)
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 21st, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with the Tame Delta Blues Band ~ [Sunday 23rd, 4pm](#)
-  Friday Night Live with Michael Cass ~ [Friday 28th, 8pm](#)
-  Sunday Session with Ben Hemmings ~ [Sunday 30th, 4pm](#)

Say cheese!

Last month we spent the day with Mary at Staffordshire Cheese Company in Cheddleton where we tweaked and perfected the recipe for our Tamworth Ale and Garlic Cheese. We are delighted to say we sold out in days, but don't worry, there is more on the way!



Memories ...

Huge thank you to top Tapper James Archer for bringing in a collection of local area memoir books. The idea is to record your memories of local pubs, landlords, buildings, characters and events for posterity. You'll find these located in CAMRA Corner. Enjoy and contribute!



Interested in joining CAMRA? Talk to a member of staff, or pick up a leaflet



Mercian March ...

The Mercian Regiment conducted parades throughout the Midlands and Cheshire in the last week of September. The 1st Battalion exercised the Freedom of the City/Borough of Chester, Tamworth and Nottingham. The parades marked the occasion of celebrating the successful merging of the 1st and 2nd Battalions. We decorated the front of the Tap and opened especially to help the Regimental Family mark the occasion.



REAL ALE FINDER



ON TAP NEAR YOU

Find our latest ale & cider choices on the Real Ale Finder App!

Wreath Making Workshop ...

Our popular Christmas Wreath Making Workshop is back. This will be taking place on Wednesday 30th November, ready for decorating your door on December 1st. More details coming soon - save the date!



Gee-Wizz, it's Geo-Phys ...



We were extremely lucky to be part of a very exciting day in the Castle Grounds last month, when a team arrived with some very high-tech geophysical equipment, capable of mapping what's underground. We spent the day checking over a spot in the Castle Grounds which may have been home to a mill, to establish if anything of historical interest may still be buried beneath the grounds. The investigation is on-going with

more information about a Community Archaeology Dig for October coming soon!

Tamworth Beer Festival ...

We are delighted to report that Tamworth's 28th CAMRA Beer Festival was a great success. We are very proud to be keen supporters and sponsors of this event as well as volunteers. Generous festival-goers raised over £1400 for the festival's long-time charity, St Giles Hospice. We are even more delighted to announce that our festival specials Brewvy Baby and Oh Beerhave were the first two beers to sell out! Hopadellic!

Paint & Sip - Extra Date ...

Our Paint & Sip nights have become so popular that the Paint Club have asked to add an extra date. As well as the first Wednesday of each month, there will now be an additional Paint & Sip event on 16th November, to be confirmed.



Ale Hallows Fest ...

Join us on 27th - 30th October for our annual Halloween-themed Ale Festival. As well as your regular favourites, we have a spooktacular selection of eerie ales on the handpulls over the weekend for you to get your fangs around.



BMXers ...

The BMX crew rode up in strong numbers for one of their regular meets on 10th September. The feedback we received from them was incredible. They thoroughly enjoyed their special, Bunny Hop, and are already planning their next trip to the Tap.

