

Pottery at the Pub

Exciting news Tappers! We have a brand new 'Pottery at the Pub' coming your way - and this one is lots of fun! Join us on 18th February when we will be creating once again. This time, think a little bit naughty, because you'll be making your very own Rudie Nudie! What could possibly go wrong?! Your ticket includes all the tools and equipment you will need, the cost of firing your creation in the kiln and even your first drink. This would make a great Valentines gift! Book your places directly with The Clay Rooms.



Paint & Sip

For those enquiring about Paint & Sip, just a reminder that it takes place twice every month, on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday. Places must be booked with the The Paint Club directly; we do not handle bookings. These events sell out very quickly so we advise you book early. Last month was a popular one. We just loved that Tap friends Mr and Mrs Fox joined us to paint the cute fox couple!

Dark Fest

Dark Fest is this month's FestivALE. It is perfectly timed to coincide with the winter months and Valentine's Day of course. As you know, we love a dark beer at the Tap and have two dedicated lines for the darks, getting through up to five firkins a week. But we are stepping it up this February, with Dark Fest from 13th-16th. It will feature a super selection of indulgent dark beers. Look out for lots of stouts, porters and milds and an abundance of fabulous flavours.

All ales will be listed on Real Ale Finder - follow the Tamworth Tap for up to date listings and detailed descriptions.



Panto Perfection!

We had a jolly good time at this year's Tamworth Pantomime, Cinderella. Oh yes we did! We laughed from beginning to end and it was great to hear the Tap mentioned in the show! Congratulations to the cast; you were amazing. And a huge well done to Sam who surpassed himself with the script this year. Tickets are already on sale for next year's show from the Assembly Rooms box office and website.



Save the date:

- 25th March ~ Barrel of Laughs
- 17th - 20th April ~ Easter Ale Fest
- 18th April ~ ThunderBoiz Live in the Hop Yard
- 30th April ~ An afternoon of Irish folk and story telling

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More Hoppo New Year News For Us ...

You may remember we had a visit last year from Grace Weitz, Senior Content Editor for Untappd in San Francisco. She was travelling the UK, writing an article on breweries and beer cultures outside of the USA. We received the following email from her and are absolutely delighted by the content and so wanted to share it with you...

Hey George,

I hope all is well in your neck of the woods. Just wanted to give you a shout to let you know that we named The Tamworth Tap as one of our Best Hidden Gem Places to Drink in 2024! I just had a magical time hanging with you and some of your regulars, learning more about your award-winning approach to creating a pub, and hearing some of the stories behind the items you've curated. You've built a very special place, and I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to visit. Stoked to see what's in store for you all in 2025.

Cheers, Grace



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

-   Sunday Session with Mike Cass ~ [Sunday 2nd, 4pm](#)
-   CRAFTy Tappers Club ~ [Tuesday 4th, 6:30pm](#), Top Tap
-   Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 5th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 6th, 6pm](#), Green Room
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 7th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Wassail ~ [Saturday 8th, 6pm](#), Hop Yard
-   Sunday Session with Bryan Brindley ~ [Sunday 9th, 4pm](#)
-   Creative Writing Group ~ [Wednesday 12th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-   Dark Fest ~ [13th - 16th](#)
-   Wine Tasting ~ [Thursday 13th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap (FULLY BOOKED)
-   Sunday Session with Sheena Vultaggio ~ [Sunday 16th, 4pm](#)
-  Pottery at the Pub ~ [Tuesday 18th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-   Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 19th, 7pm](#), Top Tap
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 21st, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-   Sunday Session with Dave Monks ~ [Sunday 23rd, 4pm](#)
-   Delirium Tasting Night (booking required) ~ [Tuesday 25th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Dungeons & Dragons ~ [Thursday 27th, 6pm](#), Green Room
-   Songwriters in the Round ~ [Friday 28th, 8pm](#), Top Tap



Read All About It!

Another day, another lovely article. In this one, we've been named as the best pub in Staffordshire by the Daily Telegraph, who have picked a pub from each county. There's a snapshot on our Facebook page and you can read the full article by clicking the link.

Tasting Gets Top Marks

Another fabulous time was had by all at our Beer Tasting Tutorial with Laura Hadland last month. Laura is not only extremely knowledgeable, but always entertains too, ensuring the night is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thanks so much Laura. Our next tasting night will have a Belgian theme, details will be posted soon.

The Stats Are In ...

Wow, how quickly did January zip by?! So quickly that we didn't get chance to do the cask review for 2024. But our friends at Real Ale Finder have collated the cask stats for us and here they are. In 2024 we put on:

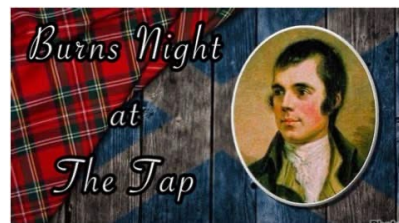
- 100 eighteen gallon casks
- 1075 nine gallon casks
- and 1 four-and-a-half gallon cask

836 of these were unique beers from 256 different breweries (102 of them new) and this doesn't include unlisted beers, Tamworth specials and some renewals or duplicates. Impressive. Keep supping Tappers!



Beer For Burns

A huge thank you to everyone who celebrated Burns Night with us. It was so popular we kept going for four days! Our Scottish festival, which was our first fest of the year, went down a treat! As did the Scottish whisky menu which had 21 different varieties for those of you who like a wee dram. And well done to Lindsay, who kept you all in haggis in many shapes and forms over the fest too. To the lassies ... and the lads!



Putty Day

On Friday 24th January we celebrated Putty Day 2025. Putty, made by Verdant brewery, was in a select number of venues across the UK during a very special Verdant Tap Take Over and the Tap was one of them! Every year, their brewers go the extra mile to create a DIPA that's perfectly balanced yet bursting with flavour. This year's brew is no exception. Expect juicy notes of mango, passionfruit, and peach, complemented by subtle hints of resinous pine. It's everything you love about Putty.



Polly's Tap Takeover

We had an exciting Tap Takeover for our keg beer lovers at the end of the month. As part of their birthday celebrations, Polly's Brew Co created a collection of collaboration beers and shared them with a select number of carefully chosen venues for their special day. This immense annual birthday release went live at the Tap on January 24th. This was the line up:

- 7th Birthday (with Lost Cause) Imperial Stout - 10.0%
- 7th Birthday (with Pomona Island) Triple IPA - 10.0%
- 7th Birthday (with Thornbridge) White IPA - 6.8%
- 7th Birthday (with Duration) West Coast IPA - 5.9%
- 7th Birthday (with Sureshot) Double IPA - 8.4%
- 7th Birthday (with Pastore) Passionfruit & Lime Sour - 7.0%
- 7th Birthday (with Spookton) India Pale Ale - 6.1%

Don't worry, if you weren't amongst those who got an exclusive 'first pour' on 24th, all 7 of these keg beers are available now, for a limited time only.



Australia Day



January was a busy month beer-wise. As well as the Scottish Ale fest, Polly's and Putty, we also marked Australia Day with a beer from great local brewery, Fixed Wheel, called Kangaroo! A 4.2% pale with Nectarone & Citra hops, it promised intense tropical fruits with a citrus aroma atop a sweet honey biscuit malt base.



Fancy A Brew?

Can you really think about Scotland without thinking about Iron Brew? Ok, maybe you can! But our Scottish fest wouldn't have been complete without giving it a mention. These two beers proved extremely popular, so we are keeping them in stock...

Vault City ~ Imperial Iron Brew ~ 8.4% (bottle)

They say it gets you through, but sometimes you need a stronger brew... We've packed our export strength sour with more patriotic, irony goodness than ever before. Dialed up to 8.4%, our Imperial Iron Brew beer is bound to get a Scottish person's blood pumping harder than an English restaurant refusing their bank notes.

Vaults City ~ Iron Brew Raspberry Ripple ~ 5% (can)

Soft scoop and sharp sours - our Iron Brew ice cream inspired beer pairs the distinctive taste of Scotland's favourite soft drink with smooth, creamy vanilla among ripples of sweet, tart raspberry sauce. Delicious!

