



## Community Art Event ...

On 7th August we joined forces with New Urban Art Era, Korp and N4T4 for our annual Creative Community event and it was a huge success! Visitors got to watch a live art demonstration as N4T4 created his own tribute to our very own Queen of Mercia, Athelflaed. His stunning creation features the woman herself wearing Tamworth Castle as a crown. This eye-catching piece of art is now on display in the Hop Yard along with last year's piece. Tappers were also treated to two live

doodle workshops from Korp. Those in the yard were transfixed as they got creative and produced their own pieces of art. Tap fave Dean Clinton entertained the crowd with a fantastic afternoon of live music and participants were also given the opportunity to have a go with some VR kit.

Massive thanks to Vic Brown for organising this incredibly popular and successful event. A full write-up can be found in the Tamworth Herald.



## Headline News ...

We did it - we are West Midlands Regional Pub of the Year!! We are simply over the moon with our most recent accolade. It's the biggest one yet and we are super proud to have achieved this prestigious CAMRA award, which has crowned us as one of the top 16 pubs in the UK. We received our certificates and cup in front of a full house of well-wishers and supporters along with CAMRA dignitaries. Our achievement even made the national press! We have everything crossed for the next round when we could progress to the 'Super 4'. Wish us luck!



## (Golden) Delicious!



You may have noticed how much our King Tree has grown since it was first planted. But have you seen the fruit it has produced this year? We can't believe the size of the apples! The blessings bestowed upon it at our annual Wassail are certainly coming to fruition.

## Beer Festival ...

Tamworth's 28th Beer Festival takes place at the Assembly Rooms this month (8th - 10th September) and it's going to be groovy baby! We'll be there volunteering and you can sample a few Tamworth Brewing fest specials while you're there. We will also run a pop-up bar, with a selection of gin (including our own!), and bottled beers.



## Scorchio!

Our Hydration Station has proved extremely popular in the recent warm weather. If you're feeling hot hot hot, don't worry, we've got all your heatwave requirements covered! As well as our superb selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, we also have a fab complimentary Rehydration Station for your use too. Tap touches include:

Chilled tap water Suncream  
Insect repellent After-sun Parasols



And as if that wasn't enough, we also sell flip flops, so if you've made a bad choice with the shoes, ditch those heels and treat your feet - it's good for the sole! Our blankets are available for when it gets chilly later.

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

-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 2nd, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Sunday Session with Jonny Allen - [Sunday, 4pm](#)
-  Paint & Sip ~ [Wednesday 7th, 7pm](#)
-  Breslin's Business Community Meeting ~ [Thursday 8th, 5pm - 6pm](#) (contact them directly to register your place)
-  CAMRA Beer Festival, [Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th, 11am-11pm](#) @ Tamworth Assembly Rooms
-  Heritage Open Day, [Saturday 10th, 10am - 3pm](#) @ St Editha's Church
-  Sunday Session with Sheena Vultaggio ~ [Sunday 11th, 4pm](#)
-  Sunday Session with Wooding ~ [Sunday 18th, 4pm](#)
-  Tamworth Folk Group ~ [Friday 16th, 7:30pm](#), Top Tap
-  Peel Society Meeting ~ [Friday 23rd, 7pm](#)
-  Sunday Session with The Foster Brothers ~ [Sunday 25th, 4pm](#)

## Landlord Libation ...

There was a real sense of community spirit during the recent heatwave when many of the local landlords and landladies took a little time out to have a drink together. We were visited by the Market Vaults, the King's Ditch, the Old Bank House and the Castle Hotel. The Phoenix and the Sheriff missed the photo shoot, but they were there too. Cheers!



## Request a Guest ...

We often get favourite beers in for our regulars, and it's open to all. Pick up a 'Request a Guest' slip from the bar and let us know what you'd like to see on the pull at the Tap.

## You LIKE us!

We were amazed and thrilled to pass the 6,000 Facebook likes marker last month. Thank you Tappers; your likes are helping to spread the word and are keeping our little independent business growing.



## Bank Holiday Weekend ...

It was the last big bank holiday weekend of the year and it was a belter! The pub was packed out all weekend and the Summer Ale fest and live music went down a treat. Huge thanks to Carrick, Rob Taylor (also known as Elton John) and Rob Taylor (yes, we had two Rob Taylors!) for entertaining the crowds and to you Tappers of course for turning up and making it a weekend to remember.



## Green Pub Guide - We are in it!

Last month saw the launch of the first ever Green Pub Guide and we are in it! The book celebrates innovative and inspired initiatives across the country and our efforts at the Tap have been recognised. For those who don't know, some of the things we do include • feeding a local rare breed pig farm with spent grain • having a bug hotel • selling local honey • having bird boxes • using recycled water to water the plants • working in conjunction with local companies to recycle glass and cardboard • using our spent hops as fertiliser and • having zero food miles as ale is brewed and consumed on site. We work hard to lessen our impact on the environment and are extremely proud to be included in the first ever Green Pub Guide.

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## Let's hear it for Princess Pudding ...

August 8th was International Cat Day - a day to celebrate one of man's most common and ancient pets. So we gave a big shout-out to the very beautiful, elegant, fussy, clever and cuddly (if she likes you!) Pudding - Tamworth's one and only Top Cat! It's safe to say she enjoyed her special day. George was on hand for chin strokes, Dreamies, hide & seek in the bar, carrying her round the garden to find the perfect spot in the sun and feeding her gourmet dinner pouches in her favourite bowl. During service Puds can usually be found watching the world go by in her favourite seat out the front or on the door when Doorman Dave isn't on duty.



## Paint & Sip ...

This hugely popular monthly event was fully booked again. Lots of fun was had and the group amazed themselves (and pub-goers) with their finished pieces. Book directly with the Paint Club and discover your inner Van Gogh.



## Great British Pub Awards - Update ...

As you may know, we are finalists for Best Beer Garden in Britain. The next stage of the competition is over and the judges have completed their unannounced visit. Just the interview stage to go now and then we find out the results. Keep rooting for us!



## Heritage Open Day ...

Heritage Open Day is on 10th September this year and we will be there supporting the event as usual. We will be selling our very own Tamworth Ale & Garlic Cheese as well as our Tamworth Mead, Tamworth Gin and Tamworth Ale. Come and say hi at our stall in St Editha's.



## Buddy Up Group ...

It's been great to see the 'Buddy Up' group having such a good time at the Tap recently. If you're looking to get out a bit more and meet new friends, get in touch with them (or ask Lou for more info) and join them at one of their socials.

## Hygiene Bank Appeal

The Hygiene Bank issued an urgent appeal for donations last month. Thanks to all those who have donated. Keep dropping your items to our collection point and we will deliver them.