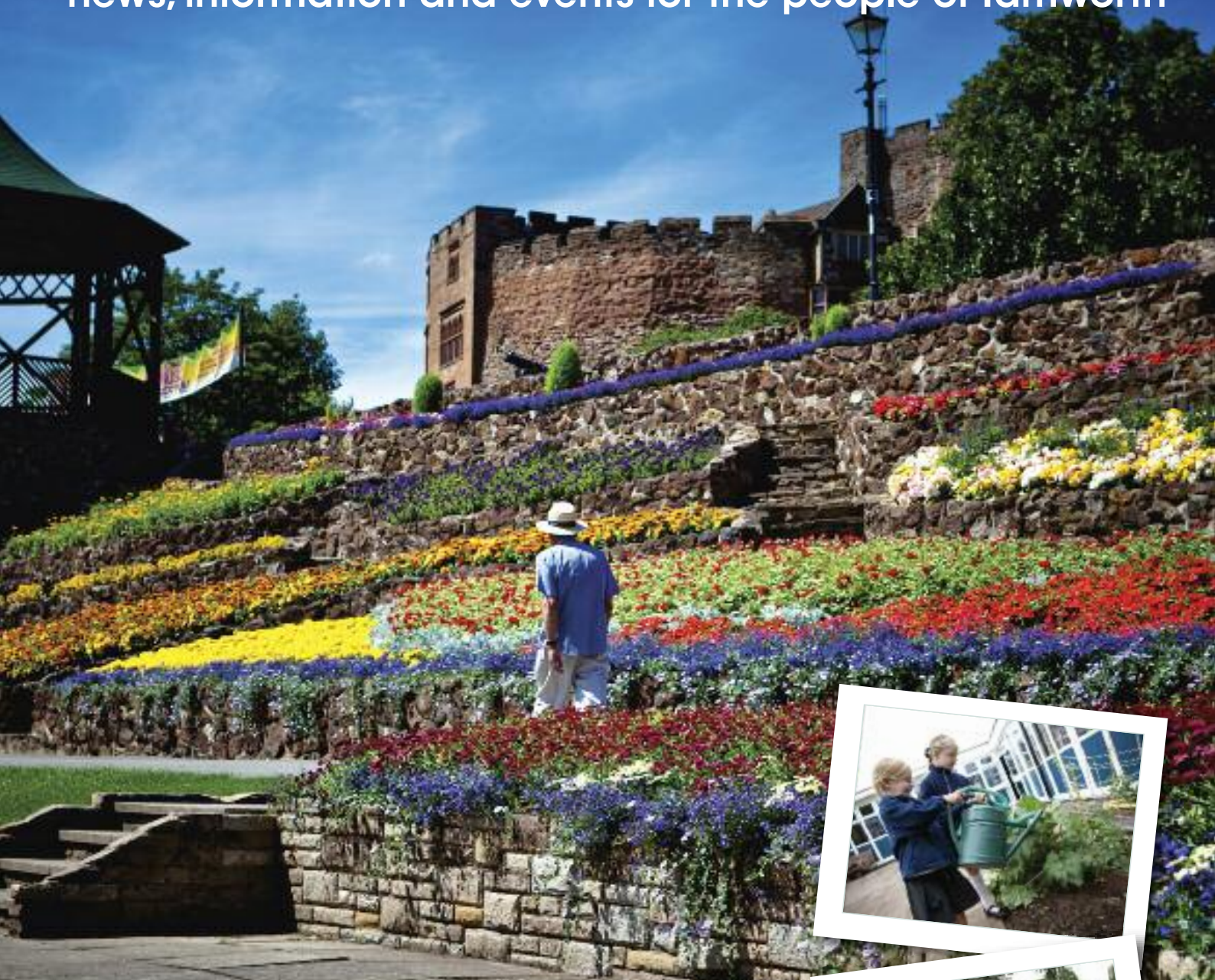


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# talkback

news, information and events for the people of Tamworth



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Borough Council

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Pride of Tamworth Awards  
... and lots more

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**I want to thank the people of Tamworth for all the hard work you put in to your gardens, hanging baskets and displays. We could not have won this Gold award without your help - this is YOUR award.**

*Mayor Lee Bates*

## Tamworth is the blooming best - and that's official

**Tamworth dug for victory and struck gold when we wowed the judges in the Heart of England in Bloom campaign. A year of hard work digging, planting and watering paid off when the borough was awarded the coveted Gold award in the Small City category.**

The judges visited Tamworth in July, when they started their tour in the Castle Grounds. They were also shown gardening delights including the new Nature Reserve in Dosthill Park, the community project at Kerria, Florendine School's monster cucumber and the floral Tamworth pigs at the railway station.

Areas of achievement singled out by the judges for particular praise were:

- The bedding in the Castle Grounds
- Extra hanging baskets in and around the town centre
- The community garden at Bright Crescent
- The floral improvements at the railway station and on the traffic island
- The creation of a new Nature Reserve at Dosthill Park
- Improvements to the River Tame aimed at increasing biodiversity
- The Kerria project
- Work with Friends Groups at Dosthill Nature Reserve and the railway station
- Involvement of schools and other local groups through competitions

## Hoard coming to Tamworth

The Staffordshire Hoard is set to come to Tamworth next summer, when key pieces from the £3.3 million Saxon find will go on show in Tamworth Castle's Great Hall. Work is also underway for a more permanent display and the development of a Mercian Trail. Next year's Tamworth Summer Festival will also have a Saxon theme and will celebrate Tamworth as the ancient capital of Mercia.



Pieces from the Hoard

Councillor Steve Claymore, Tamworth Borough Council cabinet member for Economic Development, said: "The news that the Staffordshire Hoard is coming to Tamworth is fantastic news. Residents and visitors will be able to see the Hoard in its rightful place - the ancient capital of Mercia. The touring exhibition could lead to tens of thousands of people discovering the fascinating history of Tamworth and its surrounding area."

The Mercian Trail would see Tamworth, Birmingham, Stoke-on-Trent, Lichfield and Staffordshire display items from the Hoard on a more permanent basis. However funds still need to be raised to make the regional tour a reality.

## Glascote Heath tidy-up

More than 50 people, including mums, dads and children, joined in a litter pick around Glascote Heath.

Residents living on the Glascote Heath estate were urged to join in the litter pick, organised by the council to tie in with the national Big Tidy-Up.

Almost 50 bags of rubbish were collected, as well as an old sofa, a suitcase, and armchair, mattresses and – taking the prize for the oddest item found – a steering wheel.



The litter squad tackles Glascote Heath.



Town centre Street Warden Michael Osborne and town centre officer PC Venus Wakley.

## On their bikes

A free postcode marking day in the Castle Grounds attracted 85 bikes, scooters and skateboards.

The event was run by Tamworth Borough Council, the police and Dave Owen Cycle Hire, who teamed up in a bid to help cyclists improve the security of their bikes.

Cyclists, scooter riders and skateboarders flocked to the Activity Centre in the Castle Grounds to have their equipment stamped with their postcode.

Town Centre officer PC Venus Wakley said: "We are really pleased that this event was such a success. Postcoding is one of the best ways to increase bike security, as a cycle clearly marked as being postcoded will be a lot less attractive to a thief. It was a really fantastic day and we are delighted that so many people came to get their bikes postcoded." The postcoding event was so popular that another one is planned for just after Christmas.

## ArtSwitch

### A new era for arts in Tamworth

A new arts network has been created in Tamworth, aimed at sparking creativity within the borough.

ArtSwitch has been launched by Tamworth Borough Council to bring together all groups, organisations or individuals interested in or connected with the arts in Tamworth - from brass bands to poets, painters to would-be rock stars.

Its aim is to promote artists of all genres, allowing individual groups to showcase their talent, collaborate with other artists and learn new skills.

Under the ArtSwitch umbrella, a huge range of help and support will be available, including funding opportunities, venue support, marketing advice and creative contacts. Members of the new network will receive monthly e-newsletters packed full of artists, opportunities, local projects and funding updates, as well as invitations to art networking events.

ArtSwitch was officially launched in September, when artists of all kinds from across Tamworth packed into the Assembly Rooms to mingle, discuss and plan the growth of the arts in Tamworth.

If you are a creative group or individual involved in the arts in Tamworth and would like to get involved in ArtSwitch, please call Tamworth Borough Council's arts development team on 01827 709314 or email [hannah-mckenzie@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:hannah-mckenzie@tamworth.gov.uk)

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# Celebrating the pride of Tamworth

The Pride of Tamworth Community Awards were launched to celebrate what is great about the people and communities of Tamworth and to recognise those who have made important contributions to the community.

More than 100 people attended a lavish awards evening held at Drayton Manor Park, to see who had won the eight main award categories, which were sponsored by local businesses and organisations.

During the event, the nominees and their guests were entertained by Glascote Heath School Choir, Street Dynamix and Michael Coleman, winner of Tamworth Teen Talent 2010.

## **Business contribution to the community**

*Sponsored by: the 'Best of Tamworth' website*

**Winner: Paul Garland and Guy Illsley** - for welcoming all into their shop and involvement in community projects.

## **Community Group of the year**

*Sponsored by: Amington Heath Community School*

**Winner: Primetime Lunch Club** - for commitment and care in organising lunch club activities and trips for senior citizens.

## **Contribution to the environment**

*Sponsored by: Tamworth Co-operative Department Store*

**Winner: Maurice Arnold** - for his contribution to the development of Dosthill Park Wildlife Group.

## **Teacher of Inspiration**

*Sponsored by: Tamworth Community and Learning Partnership*

**Winner: Sharon Scott** - for inspiring a group of students to take up GCSE PE and become more involved in out of school activities.

## **Contribution to health in the community**

*Sponsored by: Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service*

**Winner: Lynn Terry** - for her support and commitment to women, children and families.

**Winner: Barbara Allen** - for the selfless care of her disabled partner.

## **Coach of the year**

*Sponsored by: Tolputt Keeton*

**Winner: Alan Keast** - for his tireless work for Tamworth Amateur Boxing Club, and his skill, patience and professional approach in working with all members of the community.

## **Volunteering**

*Sponsored by: Central Hub Logistics*

**Winner: Rebecca Walker** - For commitment in supporting young people with disabilities to take part in leisure and community activities.

**Winner: Christine Harris** - for going the extra mile to make sure a young guide with special needs does not miss out on an international Guide camp.

## **Special Award for outstanding contribution to the community**

**Winner: Lynn Terry**

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the development of Pride of Tamworth - through sponsorship, championing the award categories, participation in the independent judging panel, and helping to organise the event. Most of all, thank you to all the nominees, who make Tamworth a better place and without whom this event would not have been possible.

# Pride of Tamworth





## Home Energy Advice Tamworth (HEAT) Keeping your home warm and your bills low

As autumn sets in and the weather gets colder, now is the time to start thinking about how you can stay warm during winter without paying through the roof prices for fuel.

Home Energy Advice Tamworth (HEAT) has been established by Tamworth Borough Council to provide you with help and advice on making your home more energy efficient. Tamworth residents can call the HEAT advice line FREE on 0800 043 2815 to receive information on grants and services that could reduce home energy bills while keeping homes warm during winter.

### Suffering from the cold?

For residents suffering from a cold related illness like angina or arthritis, it is essential their homes are as warm as possible. As the majority of heat is lost through the walls and roof, cavity wall and loft insulation are good ways of keeping warmth in your home. The qualified HEAT advisors will be able to inform you

about grants that you may be eligible for to insulate your home and repair or replace a broken boiler.

### Are you over 60 OR in receipt of income related benefit?

If you are over 60 with a broken boiler and not in receipt of benefit / tax credit then you may be able to claim £300 towards a new boiler. If you are in receipt of an income related benefit and you have a broken boiler you may be eligible for a grant of up to £3,500 to replace it.

### Insulation is an investment

With the current range of grants available now is a good time to consider insulating your home. There are insulation grants available for **everyone** and with potential savings of £255 a year this is a worthwhile investment.

For further energy efficiency advice and information on grants that you could be eligible for call our advisors FREE on **0800 043 2815**.

### How to save money on fuel bills:

- Loft insulation could save you £145 a year
- Cavity wall insulation could save you £110 a year
- A new A-rated boiler can reduce your heating bill by up to £235 a year.
- If you turn your thermostat down by 1 degree you can reduce your energy bill by £55 a year.

## Are you getting Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit? Have you had a change in your circumstances that you haven't told us about?



The law says that you must tell the Benefits Team about changes to your circumstances.

Examples that you should tell us about are;

- Anyone moves into or out of your home
- Your income or the income of anyone living with you changes
- Changes to any savings or investments held
- Any of your children leave school or become a student or start work
- Any member of your family starts or ends work, goes into a nursing home or goes into prison
- Changes to your rent if you are not a Council Tenant
- If you move
- If you and/or your partner will be away from home for more than a month
- Any other change to the details that your benefits are based on

If you are not sure please contact a member of the Benefits Team. You can phone us, write to us or go online to tell us about your change

[www.tamworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits/benefits\\_forms/changes\\_in\\_circumstances.aspx](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/housing/benefits/benefits_forms/changes_in_circumstances.aspx)

**Call the Benefits team on 01827 709540**

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# Blowing the whistle on tenancy cheats

**A new drive to crack down on cheats who unlawfully rent out their council homes has been launched by Tamworth Borough Council.**

Housing bosses are taking action on unlawful sub-letting and are calling on the people of Tamworth to help out by reporting letting fraud.

Hard-hitting posters have been created urging borough residents to stop the housing cheats and a free confidential whistle-blowing hotline has been set up to report the fraud. The posters have been put up in the ARCHes in Belgrave, Glascote, Stonydelph and Amington, as well as in the communal areas of the borough's high-rise homes.

With around 2,000 households currently on the housing register in

Tamworth, unlawful sub-letting is depriving those most in need of a home.

Early indications show that less than 1% of social housing tenancies in Tamworth are fraudulently let, so while Tamworth does not have a particularly big problem with fraudulent letting, even a small number of properties let out unlawfully means that someone in need on the housing register is being deprived of the chance for a council home.

Tenants found to be unlawfully sub-letting their homes will be taken to court and the council will repossess their property.

In December last year, Tamworth was chosen as a pilot for a national scheme to clamp down on unlawful sub-letting and was awarded a

Government grant to help tackle the issue.

Anyone who suspects that a property is being unlawfully sub-let should contact the council's hotline on 0800 0131690.



## Tackling homelessness among young people

**Tamworth Borough Council's strategic housing service has launched a new project to help reduce homelessness among young people in Tamworth.**

The project called 'THEPP', stands for Tamworth Homelessness Education Prevention Programme, and will see the council's Homelessness Education Officer 'Hazel Morgan' visiting schools and other venues in the borough to help prevent young people from becoming homeless.

The interactive one-hour sessions will involve challenging the myths surrounding homelessness, looking

at how young people become homeless, and how it can be prevented.

THEPP is also hoping to recruit two peer educators in the coming months to work alongside Hazel delivering the presentations and sharing their experience of being homeless. This will give young people the chance to ask questions and hear first hand experience of what it's like to be homeless in Tamworth.

THEPP will also produce a newsletter offering advice and guidance to young people and parents on homelessness, and a credit card sized directory which will contain useful information on

local support services for young people if they find themselves homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

For more information on THEPP contact  
hazel-morgan@tamworth.gov.uk



## Youngsters get hooked on fishing

A fishing trip organised by the Youth Service and partners in August reeled in a number of youngsters from Glascote Heath, who went along to Riddings Fisheries in Grendon.

For many of the group, it was their first ever experience of fishing and nearly all of them managed to make a catch on the day. The weather was fine and there was much excitement and anticipation as they reeled in their catches. One of the youngsters enjoyed the day so much that he said he couldn't wait to go again. You can also be sure that there will be many a story told of the ones that got caught and the ones that got away!

This project was made possible by support from a number of partners including the Youth Service, Fire and Rescue Service and the Council's Community Development team. Duncan Cole from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue says it's always good to support projects which involve young people, especially when they help to occupy young minds during the holiday periods, which is a time when callouts tend to increase.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to help support this project, please contact Community Development Officer Stuart Etheridge on 01827 709608 or email [stuart-etheridge@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:stuart-etheridge@tamworth.gov.uk)



## Taking steps to combat fraud

Tamworth Borough Council is taking part in an exercise being run by the Audit Commission, called the National Fraud Initiative (NFI), to ensure that public money is being spent properly.

Tamworth Borough Council will be sharing computer records it holds, which usually hold personal information, with the Audit Commission, which will compare the records to records held by other public authorities such as other councils, the health service,

police authorities, central government departments and housing associations to see how far they match.

Where a match is found, further investigation is completed to see if this is an error or potential fraud.

We are required to provide certain sets of data to the Audit Commission. Details of the sets of records provided, and further information about the National Fraud Initiative can be found at the

Audit Commission website  
[www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi)

For more information on data matching at Tamworth Borough Council, contact the Corporate Information Security Manager ([Derek-bolton@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:Derek-bolton@tamworth.gov.uk)) or the Head of Internal Audit Services ([angela-struthers@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:angela-struthers@tamworth.gov.uk)) or write to either of these officers at Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion House, Lichfield Street, Tamworth, Staffs, B79 7BZ



## Do your bit to help shape the Tamworth of tomorrow

**Tamworth residents are being given the opportunity to help make a real difference to the borough – just by taking part in next year's census.**

Every ten years, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) carries out a census to find out more about the people who live in England and Wales, and about the make-up of local neighbourhoods. The next census will take place on Sunday March 27th 2011, when ONS will be sending out questionnaires for around 25 million households to complete.

The census asks about work, health, national identity, citizenship, ethnic background, education, second homes, language, religion, marital status and so on. These statistics are then used to build a picture of today's society.

### Why should this matter?

Like all local authorities in England and Wales, Tamworth Borough Council relies on census population statistics to get the government funding we need for public services. How much we get is directly related to how many and what kind of

people the census says live in our area. So even if the census were to end up just a few households short, it could make a very real difference to people's lives. The census needs to include everyone, everywhere - and that's why everyone has to take part.

### What do you need to do?

Simple. Just answer a few questions about yourself and the people who share your household with you on census day. Everything you tell the census is in strictest confidence and will only be used to produce statistics. ONS will not share your personal information with any other government department or organisation.

You can do it online. You can do it by post - it's up to you. But it is very important that you do it. So get your questionnaire back as soon as possible after census.

The census needs everyone to take part in helping tomorrow take shape - and this is your chance to make a difference.

**For more information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)**

## Tamworth Local Strategic Partnership Annual Report 2009-2010

The Tamworth Local Strategic Partnership's Annual Report for 2009-2010 has been published and is now available.

The Tamworth Together report tells of the successes throughout the LSP in the last 12 months and is available to view or download at [www.tamworth.gov.uk](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk)

If you want to know more about the work of Tamworth Local Strategic Partnership or any of the ways that you can contribute to our success, please contact the Partnership Support team on 01827 709615 or email [lsp@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:lsp@tamworth.gov.uk)



## Budget consultation

As part of a regular annual process, Tamworth Borough Council reviewed its Council Tax and Charges strategy for the development of the budget. This process ensures that funding is put into areas of highest priority.

An important element of this process is to understand the views of residents, tenants, businesses, and local voluntary groups on what these priorities are and how important our Corporate Priorities are to them.

The priorities are:

- Working with local people and partners we will make our communities safer, more confident places to live
- To be accountable, approachable and visible
- To actively support those responsible for improving education and health standards in Tamworth
- Working with others, we will develop a vibrant and prosperous Town Centre
- Working with local people and others we shall develop and maintain an environment that reflects the needs of the future while conserving the uniqueness of our past.
- Working with others we will promote Tamworth as good for business, great to visit and welcoming to all
- Working with local people and partners we will widen housing choice and address housing needs for the people of Tamworth

We carried out consultation with residents in September 2010. The information gathered will feed into the budget setting process.

# What's On

www.whatsontamworth.co.uk

at the Assembly Rooms  
and Town Centre

Events this Autumn/Winter at Tamworth Assembly Rooms and Tamworth Castle include a variety of entertaining activities.

## How to book:

Call Tamworth Box Office on  
01827 709618

or visit:

**Tamworth Information Centre**  
29 Market Street  
Tamworth  
Staffs  
B79 7LR

It's open from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Monday and 9.30pm to 4.30pm Tuesday - Saturday.

or book online at Ticketweb



Please check performance details and tickets carefully when booking as we are unable to offer refunds on tickets sold.

## Be the first to know!

If you would like to join our mailing list, give us a call or pop into Tamworth Information Centre (details above.)

Tamworth Borough Council is registered with the Data Protection Registrar.

To find out what other events are planned visit

www.whatsontamworth.co.uk

or call (01827) 709618 to book your tickets.

## Events at Tamworth Assembly Rooms

### The Comedy Club

Friday 12 November

Your opening Comedy Club show on Friday 12th November comes with 3 more great comedians from the very circuit that launched today's stars such as Michael McIntyre, Jimmy Carr, Al Murray, Jason Manford and so many more, so you know you're in for a top night out. Watch 3 top comedians Simon Feilder, Steve Day and The Noise Next Door.

**Tickets: £13.00 (£11.00 concession)**  
**Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start**



### Memories are Made of Hits

Thursday 25 November

Barry Walker's Smackee, who have a huge nationwide fan base with their dynamic productions such as PHANTOM & THE MUSICALS and the award winning presentation of ABBA THE SHOW, are now back with a brand new production, that brings together the music and the artistes that were at their most popular in the nostalgic era of the 50s and early 60s.

**Tickets: £15.00 (£14.00 conc)**  
**Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**



### Roy Orbison & Friends

Friday 19 November

The show includes hits from the early 50s right through to the Classical "You Got It" and "California Blue" and The Traveling Wilburys, whose music also features in our Live in Concert Theatre shows. With full support from Tributes to The Everly Brothers, Billy Fury & Johnny Cash, all backed by our sensational 5 piece 60s cover band The BWK's, this is a show not to be missed.

**Tickets: £16.00 (£15.50 concession)**  
**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start**



### Jingle Bell Swing with The Teeth!

Friday 3 December

Get some rhythm in your Christmas season with The Dr Teeth Big Band. Having already recently played at The Pigalle Club, The Royal Albert Hall, Ignite Series and Jools Holland's Jam House this year, the Teeth are marking the dawn of a new era and you have got to be there to witness the rebirth!

**Time: £14.00 (£12.00 concession)**  
**Tickets: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**



## Get switched on for Christmas

Christmas comes early to Tamworth this year, with Saturday November 20th being declared the official start of the festive season.

That's when the town's Christmas lights will be switched on at the climax of a family fun extravaganza in the town centre.

This year's fun-filled switch-on event has been moved to the afternoon and early evening, allowing families the ideal opportunity to join in the host of fun activities and performances that are on offer.

Hunt through the town with the Santa treasure trail, take part in the snow challenge at Tamworth SnowDome and join in with Tamworth's very own elf school. There will also be performances during the day in the bandstand and the hugely popular Christmas Tree Festival in St Editha's Church.

All these activities cumulate in the Christmas character parade at 4.30pm closely followed by the grand lights switch on at 5.00pm. For more information visit [www.whatsontamworth.co.uk](http://www.whatsontamworth.co.uk) or call 01827 709581.

## Music lovers flock to Tamworth

More than 30,000 music lovers flooded into Tamworth in July when the Castle Grounds played host to the star-studded Midlands Music Festival.

The contrast of Saturday's 80s themed line up - featuring the likes of pop legend Billy Ocean - and Sunday's more contemporary line-up - with Westlife topping the bill - ensured a weekend of top-notch entertainment for the entire family. There was also room for local talent, Everyone Looks Famous, to give a performance.

The Festival received great feedback from visitors and celebrities alike. Alexandra Burke tweeted "Tamworth, what can I say! Ur energy was insane!" and Peter Andre wrote "Just performed in front of 20,000 of you at Tamworth Festival and all I can say is wow. You guys rock thank you."

The festival was organised by local charity, Just1Life, to raise vital funds for improvement to the care and treatment of premature and sick babies in the UK.

Tamworth is proud to be the home of the Midlands Music Festival and hopes to remain so for years to come.



## Carnival back with a bang at Summer Festival

The traditional Carnival procession returned to Tamworth at the Tamworth Summer Festival. The Carnival Queen was back on her throne, along with a Carnival King, Prince and Princess.

The rain did not dampen the community spirit of the 5,500 people who turned up on the day to watch the circus-themed procession - the first for five years - and to enjoy the fun in the castle Grounds, where entertainment included family activities, sports, re-enactments, a dog show, 70 different stalls and 91 different organisations in attendance.

The festival also saw the official opening of the skate park, where youngsters showed off their skills with live performances and demonstrations.

Plans are already in the pipeline for next year's Summer Festival, which is set to have a Saxon theme to link in with the Staffordshire Hoard.



## Fireworks spectacular returns



The hugely popular Firework Spectacular will be returning to the Castle Grounds on Saturday November 6th, for what promises to be an explosive night!

Now in its third year, the event is set to draw a huge crowd, as last year's Firework Spectacular pulled in more than 16,000 visitors.

The finale of the free event sees a 20 minutes display of stunning fireworks, all in sync with music.

And it's not just the stunning display on show this year; we also have fire performers, face painting and a funfair. Tamworth Castle will also be open on the night, so visitors can watch the fireworks display from the town's ancient monument.

The event runs from 6pm until 8pm with the display at 8pm.

For more information log onto [www.whatsontamworth.co.uk](http://www.whatsontamworth.co.uk) or call 01827 709581.

## Council opening times

Marmion House  
Customer Services  
Monday to Thursday  
8.45am to 5.10pm  
Friday 8.45am to 5.05pm

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If you require this information in another format or language please call (01827) 709572 or email [talkback@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:talkback@tamworth.gov.uk)

### Contact Us

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Email Enquiries: .....[enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@tamworth.gov.uk)

Out of hours emergency enquiries: .....01827 59708  
**Council Website:** [www.tamworth.gov.uk](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk)

### Pay it

Telephone Payments .....0845 2307709  
Online Payments .....[www.tamworth.gov.uk](http://www.tamworth.gov.uk)

### Report it

Housing Repairs 24 hours a day 7 days a week .....0800 1830044  
Street Lighting .....0300 111 8000 / 0800 232323  
Recycling/Refuse/Bulky Item Collections .....0845 002 0022

### Other Useful Contacts

Citizens Advice Bureau .....305950  
Environment Agency 24hr Flood Line .....0845 9881188  
Police .....0300 1234455  
Social Services (Adults).....475506  
Social Services (Children) .....475555

## No change to refuse and recycling this Christmas

During the Christmas and New Year period, residents will see no changes to their usual waste collection days. Bins will be emptied on their usual day on the weeks commencing 27th December and 3rd January.

This is due to the improvements which were made as part of the new joint service, provided by both Tamworth Borough Council and Lichfield District Council. Collections are now carried out on Bank Holidays to ensure a better service.

Residents who have extra recycling over the holiday period can place this in carrier bags next to their blue bin. We can recycle all your Christmas wrapping paper and cards and are happy to take large cardboard boxes.

Anyone who regularly has more recycling than will go into the blue bin, please ring 0845 002 0022 to arrange for a larger or additional blue bin.

Don't forget to use the green bin for all your food waste and we can also take away real Christmas trees. These must be decoration free and be cut down to fit into the green bin.



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