

THE GOOD PUB GUIDE 2012

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

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Published today, Thursday 6 October, *The Good Pub Guide 2012* (Ebury Press, £15.99) celebrates 30 years of finding great pubs. Comprehensive yearly updates and countless reader reports ensure that only the very best pubs make the grade.

This year the guide is divided into 9 regions: The South West, The South East & London, The East of England, The East Midlands, The Heart of England, The North West, The North East & Yorkshire, Scotland and Wales. Each section lists *Editor's Favourites*, *Top Pubs* and *Also Worth A Visit*.

THE SOUTH WEST

Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Scilly Isles, Somerset, Wiltshire

NATIONAL 'PUB OF THE YEAR' AND 'SOUTH WEST PUB OF THE YEAR'



Potting Shed, Crudwell (Wiltshire)

"...has plenty of individuality, and scores all round, on food, drinks, service and above all atmosphere." – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensees: Jonathan Barry and Julian Muggridge Tel: 01666 577833

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS FROM THE REGION

Royal Oak, Luxborough (Somerset) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for **INN OF THE YEAR**. *"There is something about the atmosphere of the Royal Oak at Luxborough which makes this Exmoor-edge inn a real favourite with everyone who stays there"* – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

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Woods, Dulverton (Somerset) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for **WINE PUB OF THE YEAR**. *"Woods of Dulverton stands out for the range and quality of its wines, and the enthusiasm of its helpful and extremely knowledgeable landlord – who also has an exceptional additional unlisted collection of several hundred well aged New World wines"* – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

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Square & Compass, Worth Matravers (Dorset) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for **UNSPOILT PUB OF THE YEAR**. *"The truly unspoilt pub, particularly in the hands of a really caring landlord or landlady, has been remarkably resilient. The beautifully placed Square & Compass at Worth Matravers, complete with its rows of cider casks, and chickens wandering outside, seems hardly changed since the family took it on over a century ago"* – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensee: Charlie Newman Tel: 01929 439229

New Inn, Cerne Abbas (Dorset) – Jeremy Lee is **LANDLORD OF THE YEAR** and the pub has also won the Dorset County Dining Pub (see below). *"Jeremy Lee, who took over as tenant of the New Inn at Cerne Abbas in 2010, has made a great impression at this attractive pub, with his enthusiastic attention to details and his friendly warmth."* – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensee: Jeremy Lee Tel: 01300 341274

COUNTY DINING PUBS OF THE YEAR

Every year *The Good Pub Guide* selects one pub in each county as *County Dining Pub of the Year*. The 2012 winners are:

CORNWALL **Gurnards Head Hotel**, nr Zennor *Licensees: Charles & Edmund Inkin Tel: 01736 796928*

DEVON **Merry Harriers**, Clayhidon *Licensees: Peter and Angela Gatling Tel: 01823 421270*

DORSET **New Inn**, Cerne Abbas *Licensee: Jeremy Lee Tel: 01300 341274*

SOMERSET **Lord Poulett Arms**, Hinton St George *Licensee: John Unsworth Tel: 01460 73129*

WILTSHIRE **Red Lion**, Cricklade *Licensee: Tom Gee Tel: 01793 750776*

PUBS IN THE REGION THAT FEATURED HIGHLY FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

- ❖ **Blue Peter** in Polperro (Cornwall) shortlisted for The Good Pub Guide's *Pub of the Year*
- ❖ **Lord Poulett Arms** at Hinton St George (Somerset) and **Potting Shed** at Crudwell (Wiltshire) named as a *Top 10 Dining Pub*
- ❖ **Harris Arms, Portgate** (Devon) and **Vine Tree**, Norton (Wiltshire) named as a *Top 10 Wine Pub*
- ❖ **Crown**, Churchill (Somerset) named as a *Top 10 Beer Pub*
- ❖ **Nobody Inn**, Doddiscombsleigh (Devon) named as a *Top 11 Whisky Pub*
- ❖ **Highbury Vaults**, Bristol (Somerset) named as a *Top 10 Town Pub*
- ❖ **Rugglestone**, nr Widcombe (Devon), **Digby Tap**, Sherborne (Dorset) and **Rose & Crown**, Huish Episcopi (Somerset) named as a *Top 10 Unspoilt Pub*
- ❖ **Rock** at Haytor Vale and Sea Trout at Staverton (Devon) and **Hunters Moon** at Middlemarsh (Dorset) named as a *Top 11 Inn of the Year*
- ❖ Peter and Angela Gatling of the **Merry Harriers**, Clayhidon (Devon) and Dean and Emma Mortimer of the **Hunters Moon**, Middlemarsh (Dorset) named as *Top 10 Landlords*

Award-winning publicans have been informed of their success and are available for interview & photographs
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