

# 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 HEART OF ENGLAND

Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands, Worcestershire

### HEART OF ENGLAND PUB OF THE YEAR



**Bell & Cross**, Holy Cross, Worcestershire

"*This charmingly well-kept place is clearly run with loving care and attention to detail. Service is friendly and attentive, with everything geared to ensure that you have a most enjoyable visit*", Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

*Licensees: Roger and Jo Narbett Tel: 01562 730319*

### NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS FROM THE REGION



**Stagg**, Titley (Herefordshire) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for DINING PUB OF THE YEAR

"*Drawing on its large kitchen garden for its creative food, The Stagg remains very much a proper pub under the couple who have run it so lovingly for the last 15 years*" - Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

*Licensees: Steve and Nicola Reynolds Tel: 01544 230221*



**Nags Head**, Malvern (Worcestershire) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for BEER PUB OF THE YEAR

"*An absolute charmer, with a lovely buoyant atmosphere, the Nags Head has up to 14 interesting beers to try, all on top form*" - Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

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### 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:

GLOUCESTERSHIRE **Wheatshaf**, Northleach *Licensees: Sam and Georgina Pearman Tel: 01451 860244*

HEREFORDSHIRE **Stagg**, Titley *Licensees: Steve and Nicola Reynolds Tel: 01544 230221*

SHROPSHIRE **Fox**, Chetwynd Aston *Licensee: Samantha Forrest Tel: 01952 815940*

STAFFORDSHIRE **Hand & Trumpet**, Wrinehill *Licensee: John Unsworth Tel: 01270 820048*

WARWICKSHIRE **Bell**, Welford-on-Avon *Licensees: Colin and Teresa Omblor Tel: 01789 750353*

WORCESTERSHIRE **Bell & Cross**, Holy Cross *Licensees: Roger and Jo Narbett Tel: 01562 730319*

### PUBS IN THE REGION THAT FEATURED HIGHLY FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

- ❖ **Fossebridge Inn** (Gloucestershire), **Red Lion** at Hunningham (Warwickshire) and **Bell & Cross** at Holy Cross (Worcestershire) all shortlisted for the national *Pub of the Year* and listed in the *Top 10 Pubs of the Year*

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- ❖ **Old Spot** in Dursley (Gloucestershire) named a *Top 10 Beer Pub* – runner up to the **Nags Head** in Malvern
- ❖ **Stagg** at Titley (Herefordshire) and **Fox** at Chetwynd Aston (Shropshire) named as a *Top 10 Dining Pub*
- ❖ **Old Joint Stock** in Birmingham and **Nags Head** in Malvern named as a *Top 10 Town Pub*
- ❖ **Boat** at Ashleworth Quay (Gloucestershire), **Fleece** at Bretforton and **Three Kings** at Hanley Castle (Worcestershire) each a *Top 10 Unspoilt Pub*
- ❖ Norman and Janet Whittall of the **Three Horseshoes** at Little Cowarne (Herefordshire) named as *Top 10 Landlords of the Year*
- ❖ **Yew Tree** at Clifford's Mesne and **Wheatsheaf** in Northleach (Gloucestershire) as a *Top 10 Wine Pub*
- ❖ **Old Orchard**, Harefield near Uxbridge (Outer London) named as a *Top 11 Whisky Pub*

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