

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 EAST & LONDON

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Sussex, London

SOUTH EAST & LONDON PUB OF THE YEAR



Cat, West Hoathly, Sussex

"With hands-on licensees, a genuinely warm welcome for all and highly thought of food, it's not surprising that so many people like to come back again and again to this bustling 16th-c tile-hung inn." – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensees: Ian Huxley and Andrew Russell Tel: 01342 810369

NATIONAL AWARD WINNER FROM THE REGION



Olde Mitre, Ely Place, Central London EC1 has won The Good Pub Guide's award for TOWN PUB OF THE YEAR

"You need to be in the know to find this hidden gem that's tucked away down a tiny alley. These days, it's all too rare in London to find proper hands-on licensees who genuinely care for their pub and their customers – but Mr and Mrs Scott do just that and our readers love it" – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensees: Eamon and Kathy Scott Tel: 020 7405 4751

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:

BERKSHIRE **Hinds Head**, Bray *Licensee: Kevin Love Tel: 01628 626151*

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE **Royal Oak**, Bovindon Green *Licensee: James Penlington Tel: 01628 488611*

HAMPSHIRE **Anchor**, Lower Froyle *Licensee: Tracy Levett Tel: 01420 23261*

ISLE OF WIGHT **New Inn**, Shalfleet *Licensees: Mr Bullock and Mr McDonald Tel: 01983 531314*

KENT **Three Chimneys**, Biddenden *Licensee: Craig Smith Tel: 01850 291472*

OXFORDSHIRE **Blowing Stone**, Kingston Lisle *Licensees: Angus and Steph Tucker Tel: 01367 820288*

SURREY **Three Horseshoes**, Thursley *Licensees: David Alders and Sandra Proni Tel: 01252 703268*

SUSSEX **Jolly Sportsman**, East Chitlington *Licensee: Bruce Wass Tel: 01273 890400*

LONDON **Gun**, Coldharbour, E14 *Licensees: Ed and Tom Martin Tel: 020 7515 5222*

PUBS IN THE REGION THAT FEATURED HIGHLY FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

- ❖ **Yew Tree** at Lower Wield (Hampshire) shortlisted for the national *Pub of the Year* and listed in the *Top 10 Pubs of the Year*
- ❖ Tim Gray of the **Yew Tree** at Lower Wield and Hassan Matini of the **Trooper** near Petersfield (Hampshire) named as *Top 10 Landlords of the Year*
- ❖ **Hinds Head** in Bray (Berkshire) and **Jolly Sportsman** at East Chitlington (Sussex) named as a *Top 10 Dining Pub*
- ❖ **Inn** at West End (Surrey) named as a *Top 10 Wine Pub*
- ❖ **Old Orchard**, Harefield near Uxbridge (Outer London) named as a *Top 11 Whisky Pub* (cont...)

- ❖ **Harrow** at Steep (Hampshire) named as a *Top 10 Unspoilt Pub*
- ❖ **Olde Mitre**, London, **Black Boy** in Headington, **Angel** in Henley and **Turf** in Oxford (all Oxfordshire) each a *Top 10 Town Pub*
- ❖ **Yew Tree** at Lower Wield (Hampshire), **Turf Tavern** in Oxford and, for lunch, **Kings Arms** in Woodstock (Oxfordshire) and **Cock** at Ringmer (Sussex) each named as a *Top 10 Value Pub*

Award-winning publicans have been informed of their success and are available for interview & photographs
From publication date The Good Pub Guide description for each entry will be available on www.thegoodpubguide.co.uk
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