

# 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 EAST OF ENGLAND

Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

### EAST OF ENGLAND PUB OF THE YEAR



**Rose & Crown**, Snettisham (Norfolk)

*"A top all-rounder and a particularly well run old pub. The neatly dressed, courteous staff offer a genuinely warm welcome to all – children and dogs too."* – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

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### NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS FROM THE REGION



**Bell Inn**, Middleton (Suffolk) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for VALUE PUB OF THE YEAR. *"Using carefully sourced local produce, the well liked and fairly-priced food includes lunchtime sandwiches, chicken and duck liver paté with home-made relish, and sausage and wholegrain mustard mash. The landlord's warmth and courtesy make for a really relaxed and contented atmosphere."* – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

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Runners up in this VALUE PUB category include **Carpenters Arms**, Great Wilbraham (Cambridgeshire) and **Lord Nelson**, Southwold (Suffolk).

**Nethergate Brewery** in Suffolk is awarded BREWERY OF THE YEAR. *"...a splendid range of interesting beers, many available in bottles as well as on draught. Nethergate avoided any price increase in our pubs this year."* – 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:

BEDFORDSHIRE **Horse & Jockey**, Ravensden Licensees: Darron and Sarah Smith Tel: 01234 772319  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE **Cock**, Hemingford Grey Licensees: Oliver Thain and Richard Bradley Tel: 01480 463609  
ESSEX **Bell**, Horndon-on-the-Hill Licensee: John Vereker Tel: 01375 642463  
HERTFORDSHIRE **Alford Arms**, Frithsden Licensee: Darren Johnston Tel: 01442 864480  
NORFOLK **Rose & Crown**, Snettisham Licensee: Anthony Goodrich Tel: 01485 541382  
SUFFOLK **White Horse**, Sibton Licensees: Neil and Gill Mason Tel: 01728 660337

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

- ❖ **White Horse** at Sibton (Suffolk) shortlisted for The Good Pub Guide's *Pub of the Year*
- ❖ **Fat Cat**, Norwich (Norfolk) named as a *Top 10 Beer Pub*
- ❖ **Old Bridge**, Huntingdon (Cambridgeshire), **Bell**, Horndon-on-the-Hill (Essex) and **Crown**, Stoke-by-Nayland (Suffolk) all named as a *Top 10 Wine Pub*
- ❖ **Viper**, Mill Green (Essex) named as a *Top 10 Unspoilt Pub*
- ❖ **Aubrey Sinclair** of the **Blue Bell**, Helpston (Cambridgeshire) named as a *Top 10 Landlord*
- ❖ ...and **Crown**, Stoke-by-Nayland (Suffolk) is named *Inn of the Year* for the East of England.

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