

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 NORTH WEST

Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside

NORTH WEST PUB OF THE YEAR



Masons Arms, Cartmel Fell, Cumbria

"Full of character, smashing food, friendly staff and special setting" – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensees: John and Diane Taylor Tel: 01539 568486

NATIONAL AWARD WINNER FROM THE REGION



Church Inn, Uppermill (Lancashire) has won The Good Pub Guide's award for **OWN BREW PUB OF THE YEAR**.

"The Church Inn at Uppermill is good fun, and the beers it brews are amazing value – especially their bargain offer." – Fiona Stapley, joint editor of The Good Pub Guide.

Licensee: William Fry Tel: 01780 753800

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:

CHESHIRE **Fox & Barrel**, Cotebrook Licensee: Gary Kidd Tel: 01829 760529

CUMBRIA **Gate Inn**, Yanwath Licensee: Matt Edwards Tel: 01768 862386

LANCASHIRE (with Greater Manchester and Merseyside) **Eagle & Child**, Bispham Licensee: David Anderson Tel: 01257 462297

PUBS IN THE REGION THAT FEATURED HIGHLY FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

- ❖ **Old Harkers Arms**, Chester (Cheshire) named as a *Top 10 Wine Pub* and a *Top 10 Town Pub*
- ❖ **Bhurtport**, Aston, **Combermere Arms**, Burleydam, **Pheasant**, Burwardsley and **Old Harkers Arms**, Chester (all Cheshire – where they certainly do like their whisky!) named in the *Top 11 Whisky Pubs*
- ❖ **Inn at Whitewell**, Whitewell (Lancashire) named as a *Top 11 Inn of the Year*
- ❖ **Rising Sun**, Tarporley (Cheshire) named as a *Top 10 Value Pub*
- ❖ Alan and Grace Smith of the **Egerton Arms**, Astbury (Cheshire) named as *Top 10 Landlords*
- ❖ **Bhurtport**, Aston (Cheshire), **Watermill**, Ings (Cumbria) and **Philharmonic Dining Rooms**, Liverpool (Lancashire) each named as a *Top 10 Beer Pub*
- ❖ **Watermill**, Ings (Cumbria) named a *Top 10 Own Brew Pub* – the award won by **Church Inn**

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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