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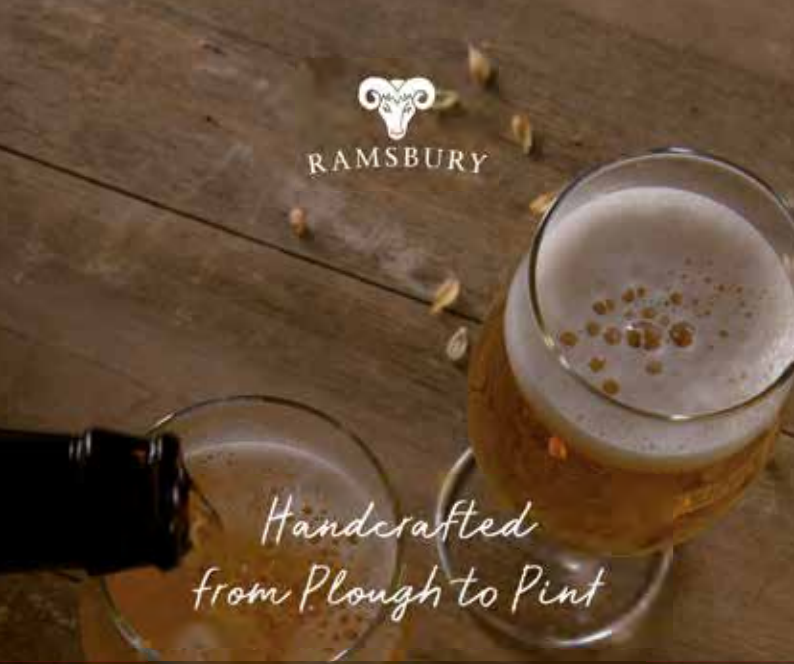

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Community hubs for the ages

Welcome to the 2019 *Wiltshire Life* Pub Guide. It is fantastic to see so many of our drinking and eating places continuing to go from strength to strength. We are always very keen to support our pubs, inns and restaurants, as well as the county's many excellent food and drink providers. Wiltshire is really putting itself on the map when it comes to food and drink, and long may it continue!

What strikes me when we visit pubs, and more so when we look at the submissions for our *Wiltshire Life* Awards Pub of the Year award, is that no matter what type of establishment and where the main focus is, whether a straight boozer or as food destination where you can enjoy a glass or two of wine, the one thing that stands out in all the best establishments is that they are very community-focused and play a large role in their local area. This is encouraging to see.

You could argue that the role of the pub, in terms of its provision, has been changing gradually over the years, with food playing a much greater economic role: people are more likely to travel for a meal, which is fair enough, but the one thing that a good pub or inn has always provided is a community hub, a place to gather, to talk, to enjoy each other's company, whether with a quality meal or a welcome glass or two. This is where pubs and inns will see their future decided, regardless of anything else, it is whether its local community feel welcomed and involved.

Enjoy our selection in this guide, hopefully you will find somewhere new to visit, or re-connect with a favourite haunt.

The Queen's Head *(Broad Chalke)*

1 North St, Broad Chalke, Salisbury SP5 5EN

The Queen's Head in Broad Chalke offers a relaxed, country, dining and drinking experience in the heart of the wonderful Chalke Valley, about eight miles from Salisbury. Food features modern British pub classics, locally sourced from a seven-mile radius around the Chalke Valley, meaning low food miles and offering support to local businesses and farmers. Starters from £6.50-£8.50; mains from £12-£19; and puddings from £5.50-£8.50. The Queen's Head is a freehouse serving local beers and good wines, including Cottonworth sparkling rose and white, and a good range of English wines, and also vegan wine. This 18th Century pub is brimming with charm and character, offering a warm welcome for locals and visitors alike. Roaring fires make for a pleasant winter stay, while the warm patio garden is perfect in the summer. Children and dogs are welcome, which makes this the perfect place to stop while enjoying the beautiful surrounding countryside.

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The George & Dragon *(Rowde)*

High Street Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2PN

The George & Dragon is a pub and restaurant in Rowde, Devizes. A sixteenth century coaching inn, it combines modern day style with country character, including its inglenook fireplace. A separate restaurant and bar area is complemented by a private dining room that can cater for parties of up to 18 people. The George & Dragon is famous for its fish, which is delivered fresh from Cornwall every day. The seafood platter is popular, with the selection changing according to seasonal availability – it might include a whole lobster or crab, oysters, beer battered fish, homemade fish cake and scallops. The daily set menu is £17.50 for two courses, £22.50 for three. The restaurant has received 2 AA rosettes and an Egon Ronay Star. Guest beers and ales are changed regularly. The private garden features a covered terrace with wood burner. Three bedrooms are available for those wishing to stay. Wine club suppers, Sunday afternoon BBQs, and Monday game nights all help to build a sense of community.

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The Bell *(Ramsbury)*

The Bell at Ramsbury, The Square, Ramsbury, Nr Marlborough SN8 2PE

Nestled in the Wiltshire countryside, The Bell provides the perfect combination of rustic charm and modern sophistication, where you can enjoy local produce on the menu and drinks from Ramsbury's own brewery and distillery. Whether it's an evening drink, a lunchtime stop or a weekend getaway, this cosy inn, with its boutique guest rooms provides a delightfully relaxing retreat. The selection of beers is brewed locally, by the Ramsbury Estate's own brewery situated just two miles from The Bell, accompanied by a couple of guest beers on the bar and an extensive fine wine menu. Food is designed to impress, while keeping an unpretentious rustic air to each dish. Menus change regularly and are inspired by the local produce available. The kitchen garden provides an abundance of vegetables and herbs, which are paired with local meat, game and fresh fish to a deliver a menu with both spectacular fine dining courses and traditional pub favourites: starters £7-£11; mains £10-£29; puddings £6-£8.

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Red Lion Freehouse *(East Chisenbury)*

East Chisenbury, Wiltshire, SN9 6AQ

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The Street, Whiteparish SP5

Housed in a 16th century coaching house, the Kings Head is building its reputation since re-opening in 2017. It has been awarded 2AA rosettes for its restaurant, Betony by Matt Tomkinson (which also features in the 2020 *The Good Food Guide*), and 4 AA stars for the overall establishment: the pub, the restaurant and eight luxury bedrooms. The décor is contemporary yet cosy, complimenting the listed building. The ambience is warm, welcoming and homely, yet contemporary. There are two dining options: the bar and grill menu, serving traditional pub classics, with everything cooked fresh to order – starters £5.50-£7.95; mains £11.50-£22.95; puddings £6.95 – and Betony by Matthew Tomkinson (open for dinner Wed-Sat), serving modern British cuisine. Starters £8:50-£11.50; mains £16.50-£23.50; six-course tasting menu £55 pp. Wine list has over 50 bottles, while the bar stocks seven beers on tap (two local), lager and session IPA's, craft ales and cider, and a selection of 15 premium gins.

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Exciting news at the Kings Head , Whiteparish

The Kings Head Whiteparish is winning fantastic reviews and has been awarded **4 AA** stars and **2 AA** rosettes

Betony by Matthew Tomkinson also features in the 2020 edition of The Good Food Guide, Betony is open for dinner on Wednesday – Saturday.

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Methuen Arms *(Corsham)*

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The Methuen Arms is an award-winning inn where hospitality meets fabulous food and drink at a relaxed pace, set immediately beside the stately home and beautiful grounds of Corsham Court. The inn features exposed beams and brick, large Georgian windows, Farrow & Ball colours and comfy armchairs: up market, but down to earth. Head chef Leigh Evans, formerly of Combe Grove Manor, The Chequers and The Royal Crescent Hotel in Bath, produces a 3 Rosette awarded menu, using the best local food representing the area, serving up great food combinations and taste-driven dishes. The 'nose to tail' philosophy works well with both simple pub fayre and more complex dishes. Everything is made on site, with all veg from the pub garden: starters from £7-£11; mains from £10-£28; puddings from £4-£7. Drinks feature the best of Butcombe Brewery, Ashton Press ciders and local and pull ales. Wines supplied by Bibendium – 80 strong house list. 14 rooms are available if you wish to stay, all set to a 5-AA-Star standard.

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The Three Daggers *(Edington)*

47 Westbury Road, Edington, Wiltshire, BA13 4PG

The Three Daggers in Edington is making a real name for itself. Starting life over 300 years ago as a wool barn, this classic English pub is the current *Wiltshire Life* Pub of the Year (2019). There really is something for everyone here, whether local or visitor, with the pub complemented by 5* B&B accommodation, a spa barn, and a farm shop selling produce from their own farm. An on-site microbrewery provides craft ales to complement the wide variety of refreshments, while fresh, local ingredients are used in the classic English food with a continental twist. Starters from £7-£10, mains from £13-£20, puddings from £7-£10. Décor is a laid-back luxury, mixing the humble with the sophisticated, using natural woods and slate floors. The wine list includes organic and biodynamic choices. Landlord Richard Smith and his team offer a warm welcome, with regular events and live music: "We like to keep our locals happy and treat every visiting guest as if they are a local."

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Woodbridge Inn *(Pewsey)*

Woodbridge Inn, North Newnton, Pewsey, SN9 6JZ

The Woodbridge Inn at North Newnton offers visitors a warm and welcoming community pub with family friendly food, drink and fun at reasonable prices. It is a country pub with a modern twist. Dishes feature good, honest and freshly prepared pub food – including a famous Sunday carvery, homemade burgers, fresh cod and chips, plus many more classics. Mains are priced between £9-16, starters £5-£7, puddings £5-£6. A selection of real ales is provided by Wadworth Brewery. Landlord Kiera Wills and her team, offer great service at reasonable prices in a traditional 18th century inn with open fires. Boasting its own river, you are welcome to bring a blanket and request your lunch in the garden, which also features a children's play area. Surrounded by ancient landscape and a short hop to the Ridgeway, the inn is both dog and walker friendly. If you enjoy the atmosphere, food and the drink, make use of the inn's campsite, with booking available through the website.

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The White Horse Inn *(Compton Bassett)*

Compton Bassett, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 8RG

Landlord Kristian Goodwin has created a warm and welcoming country inn experience, one that will last long in the memory of every guest. Set in the beautiful countryside between Calne and Avebury. A visit to this freehouse, will be rewarded with good food and drink, both local and ethically sourced. Starters from £5.50, mains from £12.50, pub classics from £13 and puddings which include homemade ice creams and sorbets from £6. You might enjoy a main of Buttle Farm pork belly, from just up the road! A fantastic weekday lunch set menu is also available offering fantastic value at two courses for £15 or three courses for £18. Whether eating in the restaurant or bar area, enjoying an evening meal or a light snack, this award-winning pub will meet every need. The wine list has something for all palates, while beer drinkers can enjoy local ales, ciders and lagers. Outside there are two spacious gardens, a large car park and paddock with geese, sheep and pigs. Eight rooms have been awarded AA 4 Star Gold standard, for those who want to extend their stay.

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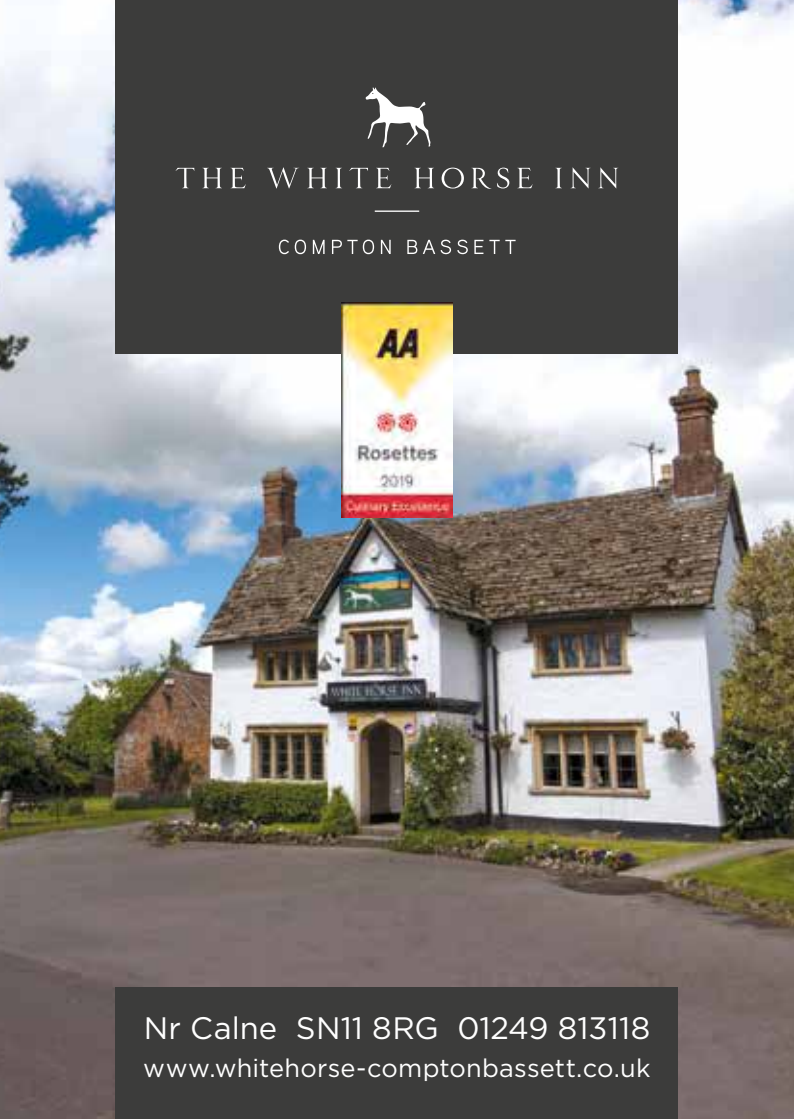

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The Barford Inn *(Barford St. Martin)*

Barford St Martin, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4AB

Located in the heart of Wiltshire, between Salisbury and Shaftesbury, in the picturesque village of Barford St. Martin, the Barford Inn is a sixteenth century coaching inn. The Barford Inn is an English village pub, which has kept its original charm and character, where history is being told from every corner. The cozy bar with wooden beams and inglenook fireplaces is the ideal setting in which to relax and have a drink, or why not enjoy a snack or meal chosen from the traditional menu. "Locals" always welcome visitors with a smile and, often, exciting stories. The landlords have made it their mission to serve traditional English pub food, freshly cooked in the kitchen, reminding you of the homemade recipes you grew up with. Live Music nights take place every other Saturday, attended by local musicians, be they young artists or established performers. Four comfortable rooms offer rest on your journey, whether visiting the nearby medieval city of Salisbury or the mystical Stonehenge.

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