



Wild Trout Trust

News Update Spring 2011

Diary Dates 2011

- 10 March: Riverfly Conference, Natural History Museum, London.
- 22-31 March: WTT eBay Auction. See enclosed catalogue.
- 5 April: WTT / Lloyds' Flyfishing Club Live Auction, Flyfishers' Club, London. See enclosed catalogue.
- 10 April: Orvis Fly Fishing Fair, Blenheim Palace.
- 14 April: River Restoration Centre Conference, Nottingham.
- 16 April: WTT AGM & Annual Get-Together, Pandy near Abergavenny. See enclosed Notice.
- 17 April: Orvis Country Experience Day, Meon Springs Fishery, Hampshire.
- 11 June: Three-Fly Challenge, Meon Springs Fishery.
- 18-19 June: British Fly Fair International (www.bffi.co.uk), Staffordshire County Showground.
- 22-24 July: CLA Game Fair, Blenheim Palace.
- 29 & 30 October: Grayling Weekend.

Grayling Weekend 2010 & 2011

Kris Kent, WTT Executive Committee member sent this report on the 2010 Grayling Weekend:

On the weekend of 30-31 October 2010, 29 WTT members gathered on the banks of the Derbyshire Wye between Bakewell and Rowsley. We were fishing for the Lady of the Stream courtesy of Warren Slaney, Head River Keeper, and the Haddon Hall Estate. Access to the Wye for winter Grayling is extremely limited so this was a special treat.

Warren met us each morning to issue beat maps and offer sage advice. The weather was perfect and the river in good fettle. Anglers reported good baskets of fish both days with Grayling to 41cm caught. A weighted nymph was the order of the day although anglers reported fish taking the dry fly with small dark klinkhammers and parachute black gnats taking fish in the afternoons. On Saturday evening a few members gathered at the Rutland Arms for a pint or two before heading into Bakewell town for a curry.

Many thanks to Christina for co-ordinating attendance, to Orvis for the goody bags and to Warren and the Haddon Hall estate for continuing to support the WTT and its members.

Already we are looking forward to the next grayling weekend on 29 & 30 October 2011 – please contact Christina in the WTT office to book a place for either or both days. Priority will be given to members who have not fished before until 31 March; thereafter members that have fished before may book. The cost will be £30 per person per day.

Future funding

Funding for small charities like the WTT is always a tricky subject but, during 2010, we were blessed with continued support from the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, the Esmeé Fairburn Foundation, tackle companies like Orvis and Sage and our many club and individual supporters – thank you all.

Here are two examples of incredibly generous donations in 2010 and what we are doing with that money.

Firstly, £1,700 from a fishing club bought us a trailer that is shifting materials to work sites in the Midlands and north with Tim Jacklin.



WTT Conservation Officers Andy Thomas (left) and Tim Jacklin look delighted with our new trailer – perfect for shifting materials to project sites.

Second, a very sizeable individual donation will fund practical projects on the Monnow and a number of urban rivers around the country.

WTT Director Shaun Leonard (above left) with Andy Thomas and Paul Gaskell taking a picture opportunity on the Monnow



The future looks bright for WTT; we focus on action, not words and that wins us friends. WTT fits beautifully into the civil society model in that it encourages action and positive change and helps people improve their rivers; this is a time of great opportunity for the Wild Trout Trust.

WTT Annual Draw 2010

The Wild Trout Trust would like to thank The Peacock at Rowsley, Sage, Orvis and Waitrose for kindly donating the prizes and all those who supported the draw by purchasing tickets – enabling us to raise £4580.

The lucky winners were:

1. Phil Pearson
2. James Beeson
3. A Lambert
4. Richard Ellis
5. John Crew

Thanks to “Nightlines”

WTT President, Charles Rangeley-Wilson led an evening of readings (“Nightlines”) with Luke Jennings, David Profumo and John Andrews to raise £453 for the Anglian Sea Trout Project. Many thanks to the readers and to Julian Hanson-Smith as organiser and Holkham Hall as host.

WTT eBay & Postal Auction 2011

The eBay / postal auction runs from 22 to 31 March and has over 200 lots with guide prices from £15 to £5000. Lots this year include an Eden cane rod, flies used to illustrate a book by Hugh Falkus, sea trout fishing in Patagonia and fishing days on rivers from exclusive chalkstreams to affordable club and syndicate waters all over the UK and Ireland. See catalogue enclosed.

WTT Live & Postal Auction 2011

An auction in aid of the Wild Trout Trust will be held at the Flyfishers’ Club in the Savile Ballroom, Brook Street, Mayfair, London on 5 April 2011. The event starts at 6.30pm when 23 lots will be auctioned (primarily fishing days) and wine and canapés will be served. See catalogue enclosed.

A limited number of tickets are available at £20 only in advance from the Wild Trout Trust Office.

We are grateful to Neil Freeman of Angling Auctions, who will be our auctioneer for the evening and to our hosts, the Flyfishers’ Club and Lloyds’ Flyfishing Society.

Bugs & Grubs 2011

Aquatic-invertebrate identification courses are to be held at Langford Lakes and the adjacent River Wylye (near Salisbury) on 2 July 2011. In the event of over subscription for that date a second date will be arranged.

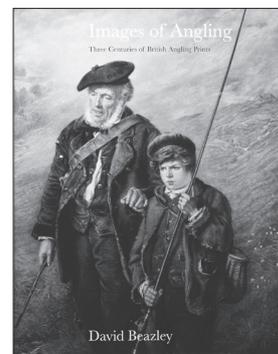
The cost of a one-day course is £25. Applications, accompanied by full payment, should be sent to Christina Bryant, The Wild Trout Trust, PO Box 120, Waterlooville, PO8 OWZ. Telephone/fax 023 9257 0985, email:office@wildtrout.org.



2010 Bugs & Grubs attendees

Images of Angling

At a recent meeting of the Piscatorial Society in Salisbury, some 60-70 members enjoyed David Beazley’s presentation of his widely acclaimed book *Images of Angling*. It reviews the many ways in which over 150 artists in Britain have illustrated our sport since print-making became popular in the 17th century. David looks at such themes as landscape, portraits, satires and political cartoons, angling for a sweetheart’s affection, and many more, including more detailed study of the work of half-a-dozen artists who have made an especially important contribution to angling art.



After his talk David signed copies of the book for eager buyers (many in the audience having already bought it). Ten copies were sold and he and his publisher, Timothy Benn, very kindly donated £10 per copy (£100 in total) to The Wild Trout Trust.

Images of Angling is available, priced £50 plus p&p, from Smith Settle, Gateway Drive, Yeadon, West Yorkshire LS19 7XY. Telephone: 0113 250 9201. Facsimile: 0113 250 0223. Email: tthorne@smithsettle.com . (To ensure that £5 per copy sold is passed to WTT, simply email the author at beazleydavid@btinternet.com saying that you have bought a copy from Smith Settle.)

Three-Fly Challenge 2011

The Three-Fly Challenge will be held on 11 June at Meon Springs Fishery in Hampshire (9am start; 4pm weigh-in). It is a fishing tournament that will test your skills and catching ability as you will only be able to use three flies (one at a time), these will be provided on the day: Kites Imperial dry (3 points per fish); Black buzzer (2 points per fish); Pheasant tail nymph (1 point per fish). Points will be awarded according to the fly used and the weight of the fish, i.e. a 3lb fish caught with dry Kites Imperial would score 9 points (3 points x 3lb = 9), a 3lb fish caught with a pheasant tail would score 3 points (1 point x 3lb = 3) etc. The angler with the highest number of points will win a new Orvis rod. Many other runners-up prizes. A raffle will be held at lunchtime.

Tickets cost £80 including breakfast, cooked lunch, a 4-fish ticket and flies. Applications with a cheque for £80 made payable to The Wild Trout Trust should be sent to: Neil Mundy, Pine View, Forest Road, Denmead, Hants PO7 6UA.

For further information: email: ncmundy@waitrose.com or tel: 023 9225 4886 / 07964 379988

Closing date for entries is Saturday 28 May 2011.

All monies raised to go towards ‘The Pasco James Project’

Wild Trout Fishing Available

River Meon: full or half rod available at Midlington, Hampshire. Lightly fished, small and energetic river with challenging fishing. Contact Howard Taylor: howard@upstreamdryfly.com

River Piddle: small syndicate seeks members on 1.5 miles of this very pretty and unspoilt Dorset river; brown and sea trout. Contact Giles Woolley: gileswoolley@hotmail.co.uk