



Wild Trout Trust

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In the depths of winter there is not a lot of activity evident on the surface of the WTT but everyone is busy with seasonal tasks and planning the year ahead: Tim Jacklin, Paul Gaskell and Andy Thomas all have been hard at work spreading the WTT's message through visits, presentations, meetings and reports. For details, please refer to the Trust's website, www.wildtrout.org.

The auction catalogue is with this News Update. It contains something for everyone! Bidding is on ebay from 30 March to 8 April and postal bids must be received in the office by 6 April.

Also enclosed is a reprint of an article that appeared in *The Times*. Brian Clarke, our immediate Past-President, is a constant source of inspiration and encouragement. Please pass Brian's words to any of your friends or acquaintances who might be considering joining the WTT. A membership application form is on the reverse side of the article.

Please check the diary dates below for anything that may be of interest. In particular please note that our AGM & Annual Get-Together is to be on 30 May; book your ticket (£10) through the WTT office.

2008 Annual Raffle drawn on 13 December at Orvis in Pickering

1st Prize: Orvis Helios Rod, Battenkill reel and Wonderline (courtesy of Orvis): Mr L Ward

2nd Prize: Salmon fishing in Skye (courtesy of Three Esses Ltd): Mr D S Lee

3rd Prize: Fishing on the Monnow (courtesy of Patrick Lloyd and Robert Denny): Mr M Huntsman

4th Prize: Fishing at Portsanachan Hotel (courtesy of West of Scotland Holidays): Mr J Colley

5th Prize: 6 bottles Balvenie Signature Whisky: Mr R K Howell

Dates for your Diary

- *19 April:* Orvis Meon Springs Event; *24 April:* Orvis Spring Event at Pickering Store(www.orvis.co.uk). Please note that Orvis will not be running an open day at Kimbridge this year.
- *9 & 10 May:* Sportfish Open Weekend at Reading(www.sportfish.co.uk). As a new fundraising initiative, WTT members are now eligible for a 5% discount at Sportfish. The amount of discount will be matched by Sportfish and donated to the WTT. To obtain your discount, please quote WTT when ordering.
- *24 May:* River Don Open Day in Aberdeenshire (www.fishingthefly.co.uk).
- *30 May:* WTT AGM & Annual Get-Together at Youlgreave Village Hall, Nr Haddon Hall, Derbyshire. The day's activities are currently being organised and will include presentations and updates from the new WTT Conservation Officers and from the WTT Director; a Bugs & Grubs display; an Orvis rod testing area and a guided river walk along a trout stream on the Haddon Estate; and we hope to have guest presentations from Professor Andrew Ferguson on wild trout genetics & stocking, Bridget Peacock of the Riverfly Partnership and a talk on the Fishing Passport Schemes from well-known angling journalist, broadcaster and WTT Vice-President, Jon Beer.
Morning coffee, a buffet lunch and afternoon tea & cake will be provided. To receive a ticket, please send a cheque to the WTT Office for £10 payable to Wild Trout Trust together with your name, membership number (see over) and email address or an SAE.
- *3 to 5 July:* Scottish Game Fair at Scone Palace (www.scottishfair.com).
- *12 July:* WTT Bugs & Grubs Day at Lackham College. Places are limited and cost £35 including packed lunch. Please contact the WTT office to book.
- *18 & 19 July:* Holkham Country Fair in North Norfolk (www.countryfairoffice.co.uk).
- *24 to 26 July:* CLA Game Fair at Belvoir Castle (www.gamefair.co.uk).
- *1 & 2 August:* Trout in the Town Conference at the University of Sheffield (www.wildtrout.org).
- *27 to 31 August:* WTT Director's Sponsored Bike Ride. 147 miles, coast to coast, to raise funds for Trout in the Classroom projects (www.wildtrout.org).
- *October:* Conservation Awards. Watch the website and future newsletters for details.
- *7 & 8 November:* British Flyfair at Trentham (www.bffi.co.uk).

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