

## Huge Success of WTT 3 Fly Fundraiser at Meon Springs Trout Fishery



*3 Fly Fundraiser organiser, Neil Mundy, with the stunning backdrop of Meon Springs Trout Fishery.*

Last weekend saw the fifth, annual WTT 3 Fly Fundraiser run at the splendid Meon Springs Trout Fishery in Hampshire, in memory of avid Meon fisher, Pasco James. A record 35 anglers fished the event, including for the first time, four lady fishers, with the event raising an incredible £3835.

The competition allows anglers to fish with three flies – a Kite's Imperial, a buzzer and a Pheasant tail nymph – with different point scores for fish taken on each pattern.

This year's event saw a full day of glorious sunshine and amazingly obliging trout that came to the fly all day long.

David King returned to defend his crown and was presented with a Sage rod, an engraved glass tankard and a beautiful silver salver, the latter created by silversmith and fellow competitor, Phil Marr.



*Harriet Poland presents the 3 Fly reigning champion and 2014 winner, David King, with yet more booty*

The girls made their first appearance in the 3 Fly and did not disappoint with second place going to Andrea Smith.



*Andrea Smith (right) took second place in the 2014 3 Fly fundraiser*

The biggest fish prize went to Greg Hughes with a 7lb 5oz rainbow.

Massive thanks are due to so many people. Neil Mundy is a WTT volunteer who organises the 3 Fly day with incredibly generous support from Waitrose. The staff at Meon Springs produced a fishery (and fish!) in tip-top condition *and* a splendid barbeque lunch (details of the fishery are at <http://meonsprings.com/>). Phil Marr, the silversmith, created beautiful commemorative silver salvers as prizes and Pasco's mum, Harriet Poland, presented the prizes at the day's end.

Pasco James was a super-keen fisher and riverman on the Meon. He had just started a degree in fishery management when his life ended tragically early in 2010 at the age of 22. Since then, WTT has run the 3 Fly fundraiser in his honour and used the monies for habitat work on the Meon. The 2014 project dedicated to Pasco is that at East Meon.

For your diaries, the 2015 3 Fly fundraiser will be on Saturday 20 June 2015 – if you'd like details, keep in touch with Neil Mundy at: [70240892.mail@waitrose.co.uk](mailto:70240892.mail@waitrose.co.uk)



*The first 3 Fly event in 2010 raised funds that contributed to this work on the Meon at Meonstoke, where the true left, concrete-lined bank has been softened with a vegetated berm and a weir, just visible in the background, has been notched to ease fish passage.*