



Wild Trout Trust

News Update Spring 2019

Diary Dates

- 8 & 9 February: British Fly Fair, Stafford (www.bffi.co.uk)
- 8-17 March: WTT Annual Spring Auction (www.wildtrout.org/content/auction)
- 9 & 10 March: Scottish Fly Fair, Stirling (www.scottishflyfair.org)
- 16 March: South West Fly Fair, Roadford (www.swlakestrust.org.uk/events)
- 18 & 19 May: WTT Annual Get-Together, Dartmoor (www.wildtrout.org/events or contact the WTT Office)
- 15 June: WTT Three-Fly Challenge Fundraiser, Hampshire (www.meonsprings.com)
- 9-11 July: Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate (www.greatyorkshireshow.co.uk)
- 13 July: Fishing for Forces Cast & Blast, Meon Springs Fishery, Hampshire (www.meonsprings.com)
- 20 & 21 July: WTT Members Trout Fishing, Derbyshire
- 10 & 11 August: Lowther Show, Cumbria (www.lowthershow.co.uk)

Annual Spring Auction via eBay 8-17 March

This is our major, annual fundraiser, with 304 fabulous lots of fishing, tackle, books, art and miscellanea to suit pretty well every pocket. The printed auction catalogue accompanies this newsletter and there's lots more, including an illustrated catalogue, on the WTT website: www.wildtrout.org/content/auction. You can bid online through eBay or by post using the postal bid form enclosed with the catalogue which you should send into the WTT Office.

Fixed-price Trips Abroad on sale until 15 April

See the auction catalogue (pages 31-32) for a range of fixed-price trips abroad on sale from now until 15 April.

WTT 2019 Membership Year

WTT's 2019 membership year begins on 1 May and around this time you'll receive our new-look annual journal, *Salmo Trutta*, packed full of interesting articles and information. A membership renewal notice, if applicable, will be enclosed.

WTT Annual Get-Together 18 & 19 May

We are delighted that this year's Get-Together will return to Dartmoor's Training Centre at Princetown. A few of us will gather informally on the Friday night (please join us if you can) before a Saturday full of varied and interesting stuff. Confirmed speakers so far are: WTT & trout fishing legend, Mike Weaver; Bruce Stockley and Bruno Vincent from Westcountry Rivers Trust; Jamie Stevens from Exeter University; and updates from WTT staff. We hope too, to hear on work by the local EA team, Cardiff University's work on fish fungus and on signal crayfish. Saturday daytime costs £10, payable at time of booking.

On the Sunday, we'll be sampling wild trout fishing on some of Devon's fabulous and famous trout streams (cost approx £10, payable on the day).

Further details and a booking form will appear on the WTT website, but to book immediately, please contact Christina in the WTT Office, expressing an interest in fishing on the Sunday if appropriate so we can gauge numbers.

Three-Fly Challenge Fundraiser 15 June

This is the 10th anniversary of one of WTT's big, annual fundraisers and a really great day among friends at Meon Springs in Hampshire, brilliantly organised by WTT volunteer, Neil Mundy and the excellent staff at the fishery. You'll fish more-or-less competitively for some tremendous prizes, including Sage rods and elegant trophies, with many other runners-up prizes.

Tickets cost £100 including breakfast, cooked lunch, a 4-fish ticket and flies, with all monies raised going into WTT's Pasco James Project. Book your ticket online at www.meonsprings.com For further information, email Neil Mundy: ncmundy@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 023 9225 4886 / 07964 379988. Closing date for entries is 1/6/19.

WTT Members Trout Fishing 20 & 21 July

The Haddon Estate in Derbyshire, through its Peacock Fishing Club, has kindly offered access to its fisheries as a fundraising and social event. This is an opportunity to fish some truly beautiful water for wild brown, wild rainbow and grayling across four rivers including areas usually only available to club members.

The Estate ceased stocking its waters on the Wye, Lathkill and Bradford in 2004 and since then, has operated a thriving, catch & release wild fishery. The Lathkill, Wye and Bradford are strictly bankside fishing and dry-fly only, but on the River Derwent, nymph fishing and wading are permitted.



Local advice will be available to help you get the best out of your day. To find out about the Peacock FFC, how the Estate's fisheries are managed and what they offer, you are invited to meet the river keepers for a chat and BBQ (at no extra cost) should you wish. Contact Christina in the WTT Office to book; cost is £50 per rod per day.

WTT Conservation Awards 2019

Applications are open for WTT's prestigious Conservation Awards, seeking to encourage excellence in wild trout habitat management and conservation.

This year we're revamping the Awards, not only in the type of work we seek to recognise but in the Awards ceremony itself. Large-scale, big-spend projects could go up against small fishing clubs or local conservation volunteers doing great things on their bit of river, all vying for an award. We'll also be hunting out an individual who's gone that yard further for his or her river and its wild trout. More details and an application form available on the WTT website.

WTT Draw Results 2018

Huge thanks to Sage, The Peacock at Rowsley & Haddon Fisheries and Andy Steer for the superb prizes they kindly donated. Thank you also to all who bought tickets, enabling us to raise an incredibly useful £4605!

The tickets were drawn on 12 December by Christina Bryant's daughter, Felicity. The winning ticket numbers are: 2045, 1st prize; 4365, 2nd prize; 3716, 3rd prize; 2897, 4th prize and 949, 5th prize. All winners have been notified.

News from WTT Friend and Ace Bug-man Stuart Crofts

Entomology courses at the Freshwater Biological Association at Windermere are on offer on some Saturdays this year:

Adult Caddisfly Identification Workshop (new) with Stuart Crofts, 27 April.

Entomology for Anglers with Andrew Dixon & Stuart Crofts: Level 1, 18 May; Level 2, 22 June; Level 3, 21 September (tbc).

Stuart, after three years of work, has published a book on adult caddisfly ID to family level.

For further details on the above courses or Stuart's book please visit www.fba.org.uk / email info@fba.org.uk / tel 01539 442468.

Fundraising News

2019 Calendar

Our thanks to Partridge of Redditch and Somerset Illustrations who are donating 50p for every one sold of a beautiful trout and salmon calendar via somersetillustrations.co.uk, partridge-of-redditch.com, the Glasgow Angling Centre and Sportfish outlets.

Garfield & Weston Foundation Donation

We're delighted at the news that the Garfield Weston Foundation has generously awarded us a grant of £20,000 to help us learn lessons from what we do, spread word of the good and the bad and make some time to scan the horizon for what could be next for our kind of work.

Adrian Latimer and Theo Pike Donate Book Royalties

Our thanks to Adrian Latimer for donating and continuing to donate part of the royalties from his books, published by Medlar Press (www.medlarpress.com): *Searching for a Rise* and *Fire & Ice*.

And also to Theo Pike for donating the royalties from his book, *The Pocket Guide to Balsam Bashing*, published by Merlin Unwin Books (www.merlinunwin.co.uk) which is also available as an e-book.

Pheasant Feather Art

Clare Brownlow has kindly donated £70 from the sale of her pheasant tail nymphs over the last year.

Smile.Amazon

WTT is now registered with Smile.Amazon, so anyone shopping via Amazon can choose WTT as their charity of choice when placing an order and we receive a donation.

BT Donate

BT Donate is closing its doors so this method of donating to WTT has been removed from our website, however anyone wishing to donate a pound or two, or more, can easily do so via the shop on the WTT website.

WTT Draw Tickets 2019

We're hoping to have a selection of lovely prizes for the draw which will take place on 19 December this year.

Tickets will be on sale in the WTT website shop from March and can be ordered using the form that will be enclosed with the Autumn Newsletter out late October/early November.



CAN YOU TURN BACK THE CLOCK TO A SPORTING GOLDEN AGE?

At Wyresdale Anglers' Club we do, with ten miles of managed river, three stunning lakes and an Edwardian clubhouse of timeless charm set in its own grounds, and within walking distance of the river.

Here you can fish your exclusive beat enjoy a superb meal, cooked by our resident housekeeper, followed by after-dinner drinks in the drawing room and then a pleasant night's rest before a sumptuous breakfast and another day's leisurely first-class fishing. The lakes are heavily stocked with hard-fighting rainbows, the river has a good head of wild brown trout, an increasing run of sea trout and the chance of a salmon. To find out more, email info@wyresdale-anglers.co.uk

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