



WILD TROUT TRUST

News Update Spring 2020

Diary Dates

- 29 February: South West Fly Fair
(www.swlakestrust.org.uk/events)
- 7/8 March: Scottish Fly Fair (www.scottishflyfair.org)
- 20/29 March: WTT Annual Spring Auction
- 25 April: WTT Walk River Walk with Rob Mungovan
- 16 May: World Fish Migration Day
(www.worldfishmigrationday.com)
- 16/17 May: Sportfish Show (www.sportfish.co.uk)
- 20 June: Fishing for Forces Cast & Blast (www.meonsprings.com)
- 27 June: WTT Three-Fly Challenge Fundraiser
(www.meonsprings.com)
- 18/19 July: WTT Members Trout Fishing Weekend
- 12/13 September: WTT Annual Get-Together

New Chairman for WTT



After four years as Chairman of the WTT, Dr David Fraser stood down from the role, last October. He is, however, continuing to serve as a trustee on the WTT Board of Directors. David has been succeeded as Chairman by Dr Graham Coley. On behalf of all of his colleagues, and in appreciation of his services to the Trust, Graham presented David with a classic Negley Farson, and a copy of Mike Weaver's book *The Pursuit of Wild Trout* containing a personal dedication to David from the author.

WTT 2020 Membership Year

We need your help. More of our funding is coming with strings, tightly limiting overhead charges and retrospectively paying for our work. Furthermore, more of our members are reaching an age whereby they qualify as retirees, paying a significantly discounted membership fee. All this means that our free cash reserves are diminishing.

So, for only the second time since 2008, we are proposing a rise in WTT membership rates, effective from renewal on 1 May

2020 meaning that annually, adult members will pay £44, retired members £23, small clubs £55, large clubs (21+ members) £80, trade members £65 and riverkeepers £25; junior member rates will remain unchanged at £10. Life members can join for £400, as a one-off.

What do you get? Well, you'll continue to be part of a band supporting our work and the conservation of wild trout. You'll continue to receive our new-look and excellent annual journal and newsletters, you'll be invited to members-only fishing weekends (next one at Haddon on 18 & 19 July), you can make new fishing buddies through our meetings and social media channels, you could volunteer with us in a variety of ways and you get discounts at Orvis and Sportfish.

We very much hope that you'll continue to value WTT membership and stick with us. If you'd like to chat this over, please call Shaun Leonard on 07974 861908 or mail director@wildtrout.org.

Annual Spring Auction 20-29 March and Fixed-Price Trips Abroad On Sale Until 29 April

This is our major, annual fundraiser, with over 300 fabulous lots of fishing, shooting, tackle, books, art and experiences to suit pretty well every pocket. You can bid online through eBay or by post. The printed catalogue and postal bid form accompanies this newsletter but there's lots more, including an illustrated catalogue, on the website: www.wildtrout.org/content/auction.

See the auction catalogue (pages 31-32) for a range of fixed-price trips abroad on sale until 29 April.

River Walk With WTT's Rob Mungovan Barrington Village Hall, Cambs 25 April

Come and walk the River Shep with WTT's Conservation Officer, Rob Mungovan. You'll hear of Rob's passion for restoring his local streams and walk-and-talk through the work he and others have done in the river.

Meet Barrington Village Hall car park, 2.30pm (TL 39343 49599, CB22 7QX). A 2-3 hour walk ending at the Plough in Shepreth around 5.30pm where you can buy food and a pint and chat more.

This is the first in a series of similar events that WTT Conservation Officers will host around the country, to get to know us, find out what we do and how you might get involved.

Three-Fly Challenge Fundraiser 27 June

This is one of WTT's 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 a Sage rod 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. Further information from Neil Mundy: ncmundy@hotmail.co.uk or 07964 379988. Closing date for entries is 15 June.

WTT Members Trout Fishing 18 & 19 July

The Haddon Estate in Derbyshire, through its Peacock Fishing Club, has kindly offered access to its fisheries again as a WTT 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. To find out about the Peacock FFC, how the Estate's fisheries are managed and what they offer, you are invited to meet the riverkeepers for a chat and buffet lunch (at no extra cost) should you wish. Contact Christina in the WTT Office to book; cost is £75 per rod per day.

You are welcome to join WTT's Gareth Pedley and other attendees for a curry on the Saturday evening in Bakewell (at your own cost). A non-returnable £5 deposit to reserve a seat at the restaurant will be required at the time of booking the fishing. As last year, we hope to coincide with Stuart Croft's night-time bug sampling on the River Wye after the meal, which is a free optional activity.

WTT Conservation Awards 2020

Applications are open for WTT's prestigious Conservation Awards 2020, seeking to encourage excellence in wild trout habitat management and conservation.

We welcome applicants who've carried out large-scale, big-spend projects and smaller scale but high impact work carried out by angling clubs and other local groups, aiming to improve life for our rivers and their trout. Last year, the Environment Agency with their Test & Itchen River Restoration Strategy shared the winners' rostrum with Hutton Rudby FFC's Leven Wild Fishery Project, two of an amazing array of superb applicants. Find out more on all our 2019 finalists in the News section of the WTT website.

We'll also be looking for an individual superstar, someone who has gone those extra yards for our wild trout. You can nominate a professional as our Wild Trout Hero or an extraordinary volunteer for our Bernard Venables Award.

WTT Annual Get-Together 12 & 13 September

This year's Annual Get-Together is on 12 September on the River Usk at Penpont, between Brecon and Sennybridge in the Brecon Beacons National Park. Jon Beer (WTT President and Trout & Salmon contributor) will be one of the speakers. Penpont is a private country house on the banks of the Usk, with lovely gardens and excellent facilities for our meeting.

Saturday will be a mixture of indoor talks and outdoor walks along the Usk. On Sunday, there is a superb range of fishing available locally at very reasonable cost via the Wye & Usk Foundation's Fishing Passport, including wild fishing and stocked trout stillwater fishing in case the rivers are too high or too low. Look out for more information and how to book in the WTT News section of the website and on WTT social media. Details will also be emailed to members that have opted in to receive notices of events by this method. Please contact the Office if you wish to update your email preferences.

Autumn Grayling Weekend

We expect to run a weekend of grayling fishing in the Autumn for members; date and details yet to be arranged. It will be too late to advertise it in our Autumn Newsletter so information and how to book will be emailed to members that have opted in to receive notices of events by this method. Please contact the Office if you wish to update your email preferences.

WTT Draw Results 2019

Huge thanks to Sage, The Peacock at Rowsley & Haddon Fisheries, William Daniel, George & Ann Easton and Jim's Lures for the superb prizes they kindly donated. Thank you also to all who bought tickets, raising an incredibly useful £5900!

The tickets were drawn on 19 December at the Ship & Bell in Horndean. The winning ticket numbers are: 5468, 1st prize; 6018, 2nd prize; 4249, 3rd prize; 1981, 4th prize and 2687, 5th prize. All winners have been notified.

WTT Draw 17 December 2020

We again have a superb range of prizes for the 2020 Draw.

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



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