



Wild Trout Trust

News Update Spring 2012

Diary Dates 2012

- 6-15 March: eBay Auction
- 15 April: Orvis Country Day
Meon Springs, West Meon, Hampshire
- 29 April: Orvis Fly Fishing Fair
Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire
- 2/3 June: WTT Annual Get Together, Appleby
- 12/13 May: Sportfish Open Day, Reading
- 16 June: Three Fly Challenge
Meon Springs, West Meon, Hampshire
- 23/24 June: British Fly Fair International
Staffordshire County Showground
- 7 July: WTT Bugs & Grubs Day
Langford Lakes, near Salisbury
- 20-22 July: CLA Game Fair, Belvoir Castle, Leicestershire
- 31 July: Orvis & WTT Conservation Award
closing date for entries
- 9 October: Conservation Awards Reception, London.

Annual Get-Together 2012

The Annual Get Together will take place over the weekend of 2 & 3 June at the Tufton Arms Hotel in Appleby, Cumbria, hosted by the Eden Rivers Trust. The weekend will consist of short and interesting talks, river walks and fishing in the Eden valley. The Eden catchment has some stunning wild trout fishing available at very affordable prices, both on the Passport scheme and on various day ticket waters. Keep an eye out for details on the WTT website www.wildtrout.org

Book your tickets via the WTT office:
email: office@wildtrout.org 023 9257 0985

Three-Fly Challenge 2012

The Three-Fly Challenge will take place at Meon Springs near West Meon in Hampshire on 16 June. The competition is designed to test your skills at fishing for rainbow trout in this beautiful still-water fishery. Only three patterns of flies are permitted and points are awarded based on the weight of the fish and the fly used. The prize is a top-of-the-range Sage rod.

It is a very sociable day in a lovely chalk-downland setting, with plenty of opportunity for relaxing and eating as well as competing (bacon butty breakfast and barbecue lunch are provided).

Monies raised will be added to the Pasco James Memorial Fund and be spent on habitat improvement. In 2011, this fund was used to carry out habitat improvement on the Meon at Meonstoke – this project is a memorial to Pasco James, who died in 2010, aged just 22.

Tickets cost £90 including breakfast, cooked lunch, a 4-fish ticket and flies. Applications with a cheque for £90 made payable to The Wild Trout Trust should be sent to: Neil Mundy, Pine View, Forest Road, Denmead, Hants PO7 6UA. Closing date for entries is Saturday 2 June 2012.

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

Bugs & Grubs 2012

This year's Bugs & Grubs day will run 9am to 4pm on 7 July at Langford Lakes and the adjacent River Wylde at Hanging Langford near Salisbury. Classes are limited to 20 students and in the event of over-subscription a second date will be arranged. Bring your own picnic lunch but coffee & tea will be provided.

The one-day course costs £25. Applications, accompanied by full payment, should be sent to Christina Bryant at The Wild Trout Trust, PO Box 120, Waterlooville, PO8 OWZ.

WTT Annual Draw 2011

The Wild Trout Trust would like to thank The Peacock at Rowsley, Sage, Orvis and Gresham Angling & Edward Twiddy for kindly donating the prizes and all those who supported the draw by purchasing tickets – enabling us to raise £4199.

The lucky winners were:

1. Malcolm Bond, Trowbridge
2. Paul Armstrong, Carrickfergus
3. J Powell, Frome
4. David Edis, Hornchurch
5. Guy Jordan, Thatcham

Photographic Competition 2011

Thank you to all who submitted an entry, some of which were stunning. After much deliberation the judge, Charles Rangeley-Wilson, awarded first prize to Don Stazicker for his photograph of a rising trout. The runner-up was Charles Carr for his photograph of a mayfly. See the winning and highly commended entries at: www.wildtrout.org.

Trout & Salmon Articles by Paul Gaskell

These articles can be downloaded as pdf documents from the WTT website (www.wildtrout.org). Titles include:

- *Go With the Flow – natural river processes and habitat management*
- *Making Babies – good gravel and successful spawning*
- *A Good Place to Grow Up – nursery habitat for juvenile trout*
- *Let Them Get On With It – Wild broodstock and fry stocking: all its cracked up to be?*
- *No Sex Please – We're Triploids – the benefits of infertile stock fish*
- *To Stock or Not to Stock – the pros and cons of introducing fish*
- *The Great Weir Fishing Experiment – weirs: friend or foe to the fisherman?*
- *Root and Branch – the importance of woody debris in rivers*

WTT and Social Media

The WTT has lively and well-supported groups on Linked In and Facebook and news is tweeted on Twitter as well as on the WTT website. Direct links are available from the website.

These sites allow members to access topical news items, join in discussions, post photographs, share useful information with or ask questions of other members. They provide a more dynamic environment for members to engage with the Trust and other members and are proving to be a very useful way of sharing information and reaching a wider audience. Kris Kent is the volunteer who looks after our Social Media communications.

Paul Gaskell, who runs the Trout in the Town programme, continues to regularly update his blog with news and views, see: urbantrout.blogspot.com

Looking forward

This year sees a leap forward in communicating our messages about habitat through a variety of media. Coming up over the next few months are:

- An updated version of the Wild Trout Survival Guide, our handbook now into its third edition, on what makes good trout habitat, how to manage and improve it, written by Vaughan Lewis.
- A habitat film starring WTT Vice-President Jon Beer, and our Conservation team, explaining and demonstrating habitat improvement on chalkstreams, spate rivers and in urban environments.
- A new-look website, with simple navigation and up-to-date information on the WTT, our projects and how we can help anyone with responsibility for wild trout habitat.
- A series of short, hugely-practical 'how to' videos made with Fish On Productions. These will be available to view from the website.
- A series of two-page guides on the regular habitat maintenance jobs that clubs and owners carry out, describing very simply what to do, how to do it (and what not to do!) in order to maintain and improve habitat for wild trout.

Dan-y-Parc Fishery River Usk, Crickhowell

*“Dan-y-Parc Fishery – to my mind this is one of the best, if not the very best, on the river.”
The Salmon Rivers of England & Wales, by Augustus Grimble, 1904*

A few 2012 season rods still available

*Dan-y-Parc offers excellent fly fishing for wild brown trout – and also for salmon and occasional sea-trout.
The fishery comprises both banks, each of which is 1½ miles long.
Easy access overland to both river banks, with easy wading.*

*Dan-y-Parc is about 40 miles distance by road from the Severn Bridge
within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Brecon Beacons National Park.*

For more details, please contact without delay, tel: 0117 974 1363 or email: rm.a@btinternet.com