



Wild Trout Trust

News Update Spring 2010

WTT staff have been furiously busy throughout the winter, on Advisory and Practical Visits and spreading the word through a host of seminars and talks. That pace will not slacken going into the Spring, as you'll read in the diary dates section below.

Superb New WTT Manual WTT is hugely proud to announce the launch, in March 2010, of an excellent addition to the literature on the management of riverine habitats: *The Upland Rivers Habitat Manual*, developed with the Association of Rivers Trusts, Eden Rivers Trust, Environment Agency, River Restoration Centre and Welsh Assembly Government. There will be a number of launch events in England and Wales (see diary dates below) and further details on the availability of the manual will appear on the WTT website (www.wildtrout.org).

New Boy at the Trust We are delighted to have Neil Mundy, a departmental manager with Waitrose, on secondment with us from February to July 2010. Neil will primarily be working with Denise Ashton on fundraising initiatives – see diary dates below for Neil's first event – the Meon Springs Three Fly Challenge.

2010 Auction This year's auction catalogue is with this News Update. It contains something for everyone! Bidding is on ebay from 16 to 25 March and postal bids must be received in the office no later than 23 March.

Diary Dates 2010 Please check the diary dates below for anything that may be of interest. In particular please note that our **AGM & Annual Get-Together is on 10 April in Hungerford**; contact the office to book your ticket (£10).

2009 Annual Raffle drawn on 10 December at Orvis in Stockbridge

1st Prize: Sage Z-Axis fly rod and a Sage 4550 fly reel: Mr P G Ham

2nd Prize: Orvis Helios Rod: Mr L Webb

3rd Prize: Fishing on the Middle Wylde: Dr M J Airey

4th Prize: Oliver Edwards's Signature Fly with a Jake Eastham fine art canvas print of the fly: Mr I Deacon

5th Prize: A day's aquatic bug hunting with Shaun Leonard or Paul Gaskell: Mr R Skinner

Diary Dates 2010

- 22 & 23 March: Trout Stream Workshop, Appleby, Cumbria. A really practically-focused workshop on the management of spate streams, to include the launch of the WTT Upland River Manual (<http://trust.edenrivertrust.org.uk/stream-workshop-2010-2.html> / 01768 866788).
- 27 March, 24 April: Habitat Survey & Improvement Techniques Training Days in association with Afonydd Cymru and Environment Agency Wales, to include the launch in Wales of the Upland Rivers Habitat Manual: S-W Wales 27 March, Talbot Hotel in Tregaron; North Wales 24 April, Neuadd y Cyfnod, Station Road, Bala (www.afonyddcymru.org / 01437 783070).
- 10 April: WTT AGM & Annual Get-Together, Town Hall, Hungerford. A brilliant day planned; we hope to have talks from the Game & Wildlife Conservancy Trust on its fishery research, from the Environment Agency on its work on the Kennet and to see that work first-hand on the river. Watch the WTT website for further details or contact the office.
To book a ticket, please send a cheque for £10 (payable to The Wild Trout Trust) to the office by 5 April together with your email or postal address to receive a programme/ticket.
- 14 & 15 April: River Restoration Centre Conference, York (www.therrc.co.uk / 01234 752979).
- 17 & 18 April: Loughs Agency Fair, Drumahoe, Co. Londonderry (www.loughs-agency.org).
- 18 April: Orvis Country Experience Day, Meon Springs, Hampshire (www.meonsprings.com / 01730 823794).
- 29 May: Three Fly Challenge at Meon Springs Fishery, Hampshire. A fundraising day for WTT. Contact Neil Mundy (nmundy@wildtrout.org / 023 9225 4886 / 07584 038210).
- 26, 27 June, 3, 4 July: Bugs and Grubs one-day courses at Langford Lakes, Wiltshire. An introduction to the identification of aquatic invertebrates. See the WTT website for details or contact Christina in the office.
- 3 & 4 July: Irish International Fly Fair, Killyleagh, Co. Down. Watch the WTT website for further details or contact Christina in the office.

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