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Trout Season Opening Celebration 2023



Anglers and guests gathered outside the Tontine Hotel for the start of the Trout Season Celebration on Saturday 1st April.

Fiona Armstrong and Jake Melrose led the procession, whilst a piper played, to the riverside at Tweed Green. Fiona blessed the river with a dram of Glenkinchie, 12-year-old single malt, and wished all trout anglers a successful season across the catchment. Jake Melrose, a Peeblesshire Trout Angling Association committee member, and river warden for 30 years performed the first cast.

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Anglers gathered around the Peeblesshire Trout Fishing marquee watching a fly-tying demonstration and chatting about the season ahead. The Tontine Hotel reported a surge in fishing permit sales during the day. It was good to see young anglers having an enjoyable time and casting a trout rod under the guidance of the Tweed Foundation and SGAIC.



Biologists from the Tweed Foundation showcased some of the work the organisation carries out to enhance the river environment and protect and monitor fish stock, including Trout Acoustic Tracking. It was great to see so many young people learning about the Tweed's aquatic invertebrates and their importance in the river.



Thank you to Fishers of Penicuik for prizes of Greys Trout rods, reels and lines for the juniors. Fast Flies donated trout flies and Paul Little a fly-tying vice and Veniards fly tying equipment. Thank you to the Tontine Hotel for their generous hospitality and Brew 52 for the welcome hot drinks and cakes on Tweed Green.

Peeblesshire Trout Fishing Association presented the Tweed Foundation with a cheque for £5000, which will be used for ongoing projects in the coming year, including the Guardians of the River project, which will look at river entomology as an indicator of the health of the river system.



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PTFA AGM 2023



PTFA held their AGM at the Tontine Hotel, Peebles on Wednesday 5th April 2023.

Following AGM business, Jake Melrose was presented with a picture and bottle of whisky by the Chair (Rupert Leng) for his service to PTFA both as a longstanding committee member and also in his role as river warden. Although he has retired from both posts, he has been given an honorary lifetime membership of the association in acknowledgment of his contribution.

Suzie Taylor and Jonny Archer, Biologist's from the Tweed Foundation provided informative presentations on the Guardians of the Tweed Project and also Freshet monitoring and fish movement on the lower Tweed.

The Guardians of The Tweed:
<https://www.rivertweed.org.uk/get-involved/anglers-riverfly-monitoring-initiative-ami/>

The attached link provides a YouTube presentation in respect of the fish movement project previously recorded by Jonny Archer
<https://youtu.be/Xy5QbU22gGA>



Tight lines to everyone fishing Peeblesshire Trout Fishing Association water in 2023.