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## SALTWATER TRIP – ALAN J

Six of us made the trip down to Studland Bay and after travelling down in the rain I arrived at around 8.40am to find Dave L and Roland in the observation hut waiting for the beach café to open for breakfast. Richard was the next to arrive, so just after 9.00 we wandered down to the café only to find that it didn't open until 9.30. However, they did let us in at 9.15 just as Tony and Ivor turned up.

During breakfast we talked tactics and Dave suggested that we walk along the beach, having a few casts as we go but the best place was the point right at the end.

So armed with this knowledge Dave, Roland and I set off along the beach whilst, following their successes last year, Tony and Ivor headed for Swanage to give Peveril Point a go.

I spent about 20 minutes fishing fairly close to the beach café but knowing the fishing was likely to be better further up, it wasn't long before I made for the point at the far end of the beach. I passed Roland on the way then met up with Dave and we walked along together. It seemed to take an age to get there but I now know why as I have since measured it at 2 miles!! When we finally arrived, Richard, who had wasted no time in getting straight there, was already fishing and had several follows from small fish but none had taken. Dave and I waded in either side of him and soon after Roland joined us. Richard continued to get follows and I had a couple of good takes, the first snapped my line which I think must have had a knot in it caused by casting flies with heavy dumb bell eyes; the second took on the drop when I wasn't expecting it. Dave also had a take on the drop but soon after left us to walk back to the car park to light the barbecue. Then suddenly and without warning the takes dried up and it started to rain heavily so we decided to walk the 2 miles back to the car park for lunch hoping to hear better news from Tony and Ivor.

Sadly, the news was not much better from Peveril Point; Tony had caught nothing on the fly although Ivor had caught several Wrasse on his sea rod with a float using mussels for bait.

We then enjoyed a fabulous barbecued lunch of burgers, chicken and sausages with a sumptuous salad prepared by Dave, who once again did us all proud. Many thanks Dave, and thanks to Vanessa for baking the super cakes.

After lunch Roland headed home as he had an evening engagement and Tony and Richard decided to go out in the Kayaks that Dave had brought along. However, I wasn't expecting the sight that greeted me as I

walked back to the car – Richard’s Bare Necessities as he completely stripped off in the car park to change into his wet suit!!



“You should see Alan’s fly, no it really was this small!”



The Pheasants do lunch

Ivor and I headed back up the beach (but this time in the car). I left him with his sea rod by the chain ferry and made my way back to the point hoping that the lunchtime rest would bring back the fish. Sadly this wasn’t to be and at about 4.00pm I wandered back to find Ivor. It was whilst I was walking back that I firstly, heard from Richard who had caught nothing in the Kayak and was heading home and then I met another angler who told me that several Mackerel had been caught earlier from the slipway at the other side of the chain ferry. So without further ado I jumped on the ferry as a foot passenger and headed for the other side. Whilst on the ferry Tony rang me to say that he had caught a bass, a Mackerel and a Pollock in the Kayak but on the spinning rod with feathers, not on the fly and that he, Ivor and Dave would come over to join me.



The bare necessities...



Ivor shows how its done!

We finished the day here with no joy on the fly as by now the tide was running out fiercely and even with heavily weighted flies, we could not get the depth or indeed the distance we needed. However, Tony did manage this with the spinning rod and caught 2 more Mackerel on the feathers and Ivor had 2 small Pollack with the same method.

So no fish on the fly this year but we did get definite takes and we all enjoyed a pleasant day at the seaside.

## OCTOBER TRIP

As well as the Weekend Away on 21st, 22nd and 23rd October, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October will see us travelling to Haywards Farm for this year's Challenge Match. Will all those wishing to attend who cannot make October's meeting please contact Bruce so that the rules can be explained and the necessary arrangements made.....

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be at the Pheasant on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>. The subject of the evening will be an explanation of the rules for this year's Challenge Match followed by a tying session for those who want to tie their flies for the match (or any other event!). Bruce will be taking the names of all those wishing to take part in the competition so that the final arrangements can be made.

## NOVEMBER TRIP

November's trip will be the Bank Competition at Bushyleaze on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

As we explained at the September meeting, the Pheasant will be closing for a major refit in mid October and won't be reopening for business until the end of November. Consequently we are investigating alternative venues for November's meeting, the final decision will be announced in the next newsletter.