

Despite a slow start to the month the 3rd brought a star find in the shape of a **Clouded Buff** (photo on right by Ian Hodgson), only the second record of the species at the Bay, the previous one having been found on Cinque Ports golf course in June 1971, while **Frosted Orange** was also new for the year. A few dismal nights followed, but despite overnight rain **Large Wainscot** and **Centre-barred Sallow** were recorded on the 6th and **Clay Triple-lines** (only the third to have been recorded at the Bay) and **Large Thorn** were trapped on the 8th.



Lunar Underwing followed on the 9th and a **Sallow** on the 10th brought the total of macros recorded this year to within one of last year's Bay record of 345 species in one year, a record that was equalled the following night by a **Convolvulus Hawk-moth**. Other immigrants included up to 83 Rush Veneers in the traps overnight and a Vestal in the Oasis in daylight on the 11th. Another Vestal was trapped on the 15th, along with an **Autumnal Rustic**, but a series of cold nights reduced activity to a minimum and it was not until a warmer 20th that an improvement took place, bringing three new species for the year in **Black Rustic**, **Pink-barred Sallow** and **Feathered Brindle**, together with the second Convolvulus Hawk-moth of the autumn. A **Mallow** was trapped on the 21st, followed by **Beaded Chestnut** on the 23rd, **Dusky-lemon Sallow** on the 24th and, on the 26th, **Oak Lutestring**, which was recorded for the first time last year, **Yellow-line Quaker**, which has been recorded in only three years previously, and another Convolvulus Hawk-moth.

Deep-brown Dart and the formerly rare **Blair's Shoulder-knot**, now regular along the south coast, were trapped on the 27th, **Orange Sallow** was caught on the 28th and a **Barred Sallow** followed on the 29th. The month concluded splendidly with the Bay's first record of **PALE-LEMON SALLOW** on the 30th, bringing the total of macro species for the year to 360.