

The January Quiz

It has been a few years since we had a quiz night but it proved very popular getting a good few members out on a miserable night generating perhaps 10 teams of 2 or 3 participants.

I found it very interesting, not just from event but the most amazing answers from colleagues who I have previously thought to be mere anglers! One of our team, a fellow left hander, identified an obscure (to me) painting by the artist Edmund HOPPER. Correct answer! Another team mate (one day short of 73 years) recognised a teenage heart-throb! I was less successful as I was convinced that rainbow trout successfully spawn in the River Chess (correct answer “Derbyshire Wye”). Alas my information came from a 1940’s survey and it is most unlikely that rainbows now breed in any of the Chilterns chalk streams thanks to abstraction.

This note is really about another question which failed (?) to get a correct answer. It concerned a picture of a shield showing a white prancing horse and a legend which was indistinct to the casual observer. I think most participants thought it was related to the Ferrari logo and could not see a connection with fly fishing. In fact, it was associated with the coat of arms for the County of Kent. This was awarded following the resistance of the county to William the Conqueror in 1066 as his army advanced towards London following the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The diffuse legend, on close inspection, read INVICTA which meant at the time “unconquered” rather than “invincible” as it may be interpreted today.



The club’s name was selected by general consent by the participants of Les Beecroft’s fly-tying classes which lead to the formation of the club; the Cambridge part was added later to give a geographic location. The fly, which as far as I am concerned, represents a sedge imitation, was devised by Charles Ogden in the 1870’s. A red-tailed variant tied on a long shank 10, provided me with an 8 fish limit in about 30 minutes at Grafham when all around failed to catch – a feat which I never repeated!

I think there were about 100 questions and the team led by Dave Currie answered over 80 questions correctly, a phenomenal feat followed by the members carting off most of the raffle prizes!

Massive thanks due to Chris McLeod for devising the quiz.

Dave Jones, January 2026