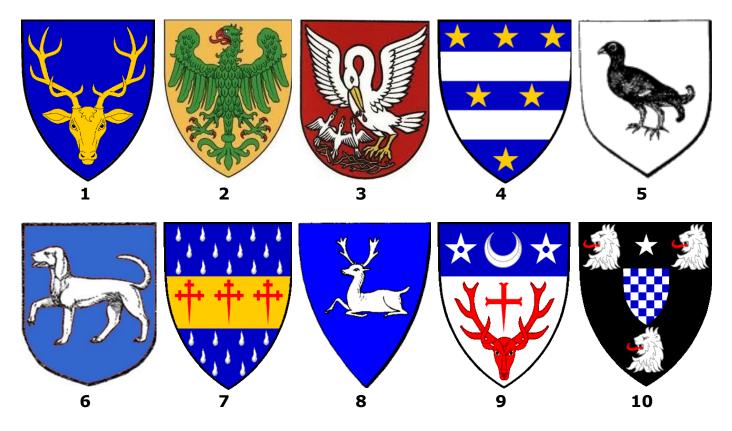
#### **MHS Heraldry Group**

# **Blazoning - Unit 18**

## **EXERCISE 1 - PRACTICE**



#### **MONSTERS**

A **Gryphon** or Griffin is the commonest heraldic monster. It has the head, wings, legs and claws of an eagle, attached to the rear half of a lion. A gryphon's head is distinguished from an eagle's by having prominent ears. When rampant a gryphon, or dragon, is said to be **segreant** 

Am **Aquatic Gryphon** or **Sea Gryphon** has its lion half replaced by the rear section of a fish.

A **Dragon** is a four-legged scaly monster with wings. It is often shown with a forked tongue or breathing fire, and the end of its tail is usually pointed.

A **Wyvern** is a dragon whose back two legs are replaced by a long scaly tail.



A **Cockatrice** is a wyvern whose front half has been replaced by the beak and legs of a rooster.

A **Harpie** is a bird with the head (and sometimes breast) of a woman.







harpie



Or a dragon segreant armed argent langued azure



Argent a gryphon statant gules holding between its front claws a fleur-de-lys or



Or a wyvern displayed gules ducally crowned or



Per fess or and vert in chief a dragon passant gules and in base a bend wavy argent



Or three piles conjoined gules on a canton argent a gryphon segreant sable

#### **EXERCISE 2**











two coats impaled

#### **FISH**

Various kinds of fish occur, often as a pun on a person's name, and in this case they may be represented naturalistically. Pike occur, and are called **luces**. Barbels have strings called barbs coming from the sides of their mouths. General, unspecific, fish occur, often looking rather like herring.

There are special names for the various attitudes adopted by fish. It is **naiant** if it is swimming horizontally; **haurient** if swimming vertically upwards and **urinant** if its head is down. A fish swimming up to the right would be **hauriant** bendwise sinister. If a fish is adopting a curved shape it is **embowed.** 

NB Animals face-to-face are **respectant** while back-to-back they are **addorsed**.

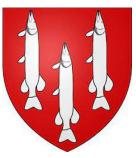
The heraldic **dolphin** occurs quite frequently. It differs considerably from a real dolphin and is normally shown *embowed*.



Per fess wavy azure and argent in chief a dolphin embowed (naiant) and in base three escallops all counterchanged



Per fess argent and azure in chief six estoiles of the second 3, 2 & 1 in base a fish naiant or above a bar wavy of the first



Gules three lucies haurient (Lucy)



Gules a garb or between two fish urinant respectant argent



Argent two fish haurient, addorsed and embowed sable between seven crosses crosslet gules 3, 2 & 2

### **EXERCISE 3**











# **ANSWERS**

## **Exercise 1**

- 1. Azure a stag's head caboshed or
- 2. Or an eagle displayed reversed vert armed and langued gules
- 3. Gules a pelican in its piety argent beaked and membered or
- 4. Azure two bars argent between six mullets or 3, 2 & 1
- 5. Argent a moorcock proper
- 6. Azure a talbot passant argent
- 7. Azure goutté d'eau on a fess or three crosses crosslet fitchy gules
- 8. Azure a buck lodged argent
- 9. Argent above a stag's head caboshed a cross moline fitchy gules on a chief azure a crescent between two mullets pierced argent
- 10. Sable an escutcheon checky argent and azure between three lions' heads erased argent langued gules a mullet silver for difference

## **Exercise 2**

- 1. Argent a gryphon segreant gules armed or
- 2. Per pile argent and or a dragon segreant gules
- 3. Per bend sinister sable and vert a wyvern regally crowned or armed and langued gules in sinister base a Maltese cross argent
- 4. Per pale sable and or two gryphons' heads erased addorsed and counterchanged
- 5. Or a gryphon segreant sable langued and membered gules *impaling* Azure ten mullets of six points or 2, 2, 2, 2 & 2

## **Exercise 3**

- 1. Or on a fess wavy azure between three thistles proper a fish naiant argent
- 2. Azure a fish haurient in bend between six mullets or
- 3. Gules on a chevron or be tween three fish naiant argent an annulet of the field
- 4. Azure crusilly fitchy or two fish haurient embowed and addorsed gold
- 5. Per pale vert and azure two cannon saltirewise mouths upwards between in chief and in base two gulls volant and in dexter and sinister two fish naiant argent