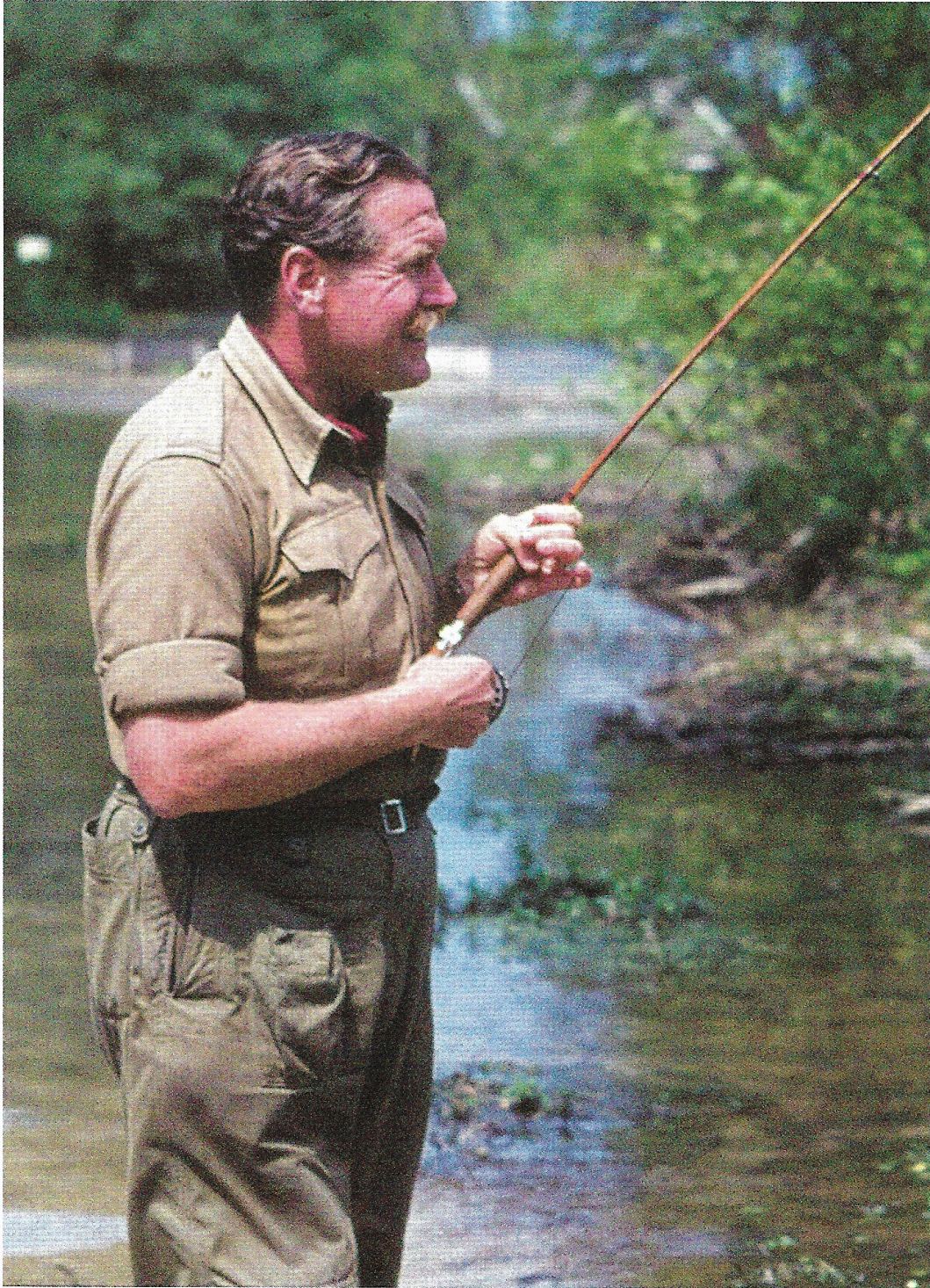


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# In Kite's Country

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I've been told that not many photos exist of the great flyfisher Major Oliver Kite, but I find this hard to believe. To start with, I have 50 unique photos of Kite in my own collection, taken by two Danish flyfishers. More to the point, he was arguably the best-known British flyfisher in the 1960s because of his TV series *In Kite's Country*, appearances in other TV programmes, two books about his innovative nymphing techniques, countless magazine articles and many, many fishing friends. There should be loads of pictures, right?

Checking my copy of the special year 2000 edition of Kite's *Nymph Fishing in Practice*, I discovered some lovely photos of the author, but surprisingly few good ones from his home waters in Hampshire and Wiltshire. A handful of the photos were in my collection too, no doubt having been supplied by my fellow Danish flyfisher Preben Torp Jacobsen, who contributed to a section of the book called *Memories of Oliver Kite*.

Oliver Kite was clearly an extraordinary person who made a deep and lasting impression on those who met him. Even today his name is revered, not least by me, having been regaled with Kite stories by my friend, the late Ove Nielsen.



*Kite holding court at the River Soenderup*