Hardy, The Pope, Trout Fly Fishing Rod

£280

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Height: 305.5 cm (120.3")

Diameter: 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Vintage Hardy "The Pope" 10 ft Palakona Fishing Rod.
A fine 10 ft two-piece split cane fly rod by Hardy of Alnwick, known as "The Pope." This Palakona rod is in great condition and features Hardy's well-regarded Lockfast joint, a comfortable cork handle, full open bridge rings, agate butt and tip rings, and a screw-grip alloy band reel fitting with reversible spear and button. The rod is housed in its original Hardy canvas bag with label and carries the distinctive black spiral inscription: "#7, The Pope, "Palakona", Regd. Trade Mark".

Hardy were pioneers in crafting hexagonal split cane rods, a hallmark of their celebrated Palakona series. The rod bears the serial number H42608C, dating it to 1961.
Measurements of the two pieces, handle 1m 54½ cm - 2nd piece 1m 53cm.

Showing is also a Hardy's Anglers' Guides catalogue entry for the rod.

Specification.
Action:- Stiff, for dry fly, a powerful rod.
Pieces:- Two with one top. 'Palakona' split-bamboo.
Handle:- 13 ½ ins. Cork covered, plain shaped.
Joints:- Spiral "Lockfast".
Ring:- Butt and End Agate, Intermediate 'Fullopen' Bridge.
Tyings:- Extra close narrow bands, Crimson Silk.
Reel Fittings & Furnishings:- 'Screw-Grip' with reversible Spear and Button.

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