



Vintage valuations

CHRIS SANDFORD can't wait to get his old cane rods strung up and casting again this season



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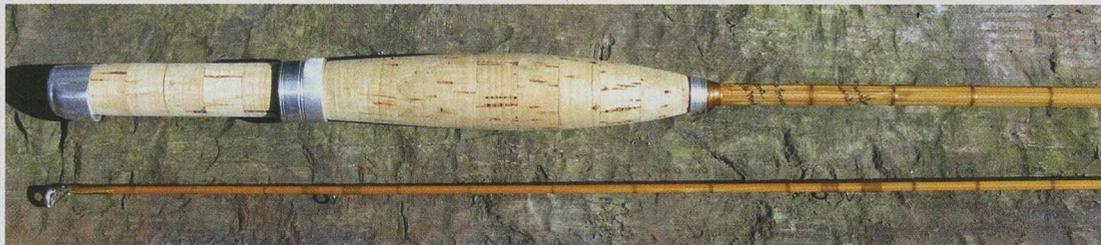
An actor by profession, Chris Sandford is now one of Britain's best known commercial voice-over artists whose name has become synonymous with the world of vintage fishing tackle. His collection ranks amongst the finest in the UK and the Chris Sandford Vintage Fishing Tackle Roadshow is seen regularly at game fairs and angling exhibitions

The joy of short cane rods

I've moved house recently and my collection of vintage fishing tackle is still residing in 27 plastic crates. My 40 vintage rods were, until today, sealed securely in three lengths of nine-inch pipe. But the thought of the new season and the excitement of my first trip to the local chalkstreams sent me in search of my short cane rods. Why am I telling you this? Because if you haven't experienced the joy of flicking a two- or three-weight, double taper line upstream, on a six or seven foot cane rod, you really are missing something. I rarely fish with vintage tackle

but I can recommend that the purchase of one of these little rods will add a whole new dimension to your fly fishing. You can pay anything from £100-£400 in a specialist auction, but be sure to check for that slight 'set' or loose ferrule.

On the other hand, you may wish to consider having a cane rod made to order, in which case I would suggest you research the many bespoke rod companies, but give special consideration to Edward Barder's work and to John Brough who construct some of the finest rods you will ever have the pleasure of wagging!



Chris Sandford's Hardy CC de France.