



1890 Henley Royal Regatta, Corpus Christi Rowing Blade

Sold



REF: 29102

Height: 16 cm (6.3")

Width: 372 cm (146.5")

Depth: 9 cm (3.5")

Description

1890 Henley Royal Regatta Wyfold Fours Presentation Oar.

The full length rowing oar is an original traditional presentation rowing oar with gilt calligraphy and insignias. The writing on the trophy blade is in good condition and reads "Senior Fours, Wyfold Fours, Winners Kingston RC, 1890, Henley Royal Regatta 1890, Kingston, Bedford, Bow F.J. Bell, 10.6, ?2 W.O. Hudson, 11.4, 3 E.T. Fison, 12.3, Stroke W.J. Thompson, 10.4, ?Steerer". The oar was painted by Royston and has the crew's names and weights with the crest of Corpus Christi (pelican in its piety and lily flowers) and another coat of arms which we do not recognise. It belonged to E. T. Fison who was a member of the Cambridge Boat crew for the 1890 Boat Race. There is a paper copy of the 1890 Boat Race crew photo showing Fison taken from 'Fifty Years Of Sport, Oxford and Cambridge' book arranged by The Right Hon, Lord Desborough of Taplow and edited by A.C.M. Croome.

The Wyfold Challenge Cup is a rowing event for men's coxless fours at the annual Henley Royal Regatta on the River Thames at Henley-on-Thames in England. It is open to male crews from a single rowing club. Boat clubs from any university, college or secondary school are not permitted. The trophy was presented in 1847 by George David Donkin, and named after his home, Wyfold Court. It was originally awarded to the winner of the trial heats for the Grand, but in 1855 it became a new event for fours.

Henley Royal Regatta is an annual rowing event in Oxfordshire held on the River Thames. It is held over the first week in July and last for 5 days. The races are head to head knock out competitions attracting local, national and international teams and one particular challenge is the 'Thames Challenge Cup', a rowing event for men's eights.

This oar can be cut down by the leather sleeve and collar to make shipping easier. It would then be pegged with reassembly by means of a threaded rod with nuts and washers, see images of an oar we previously cut down.