

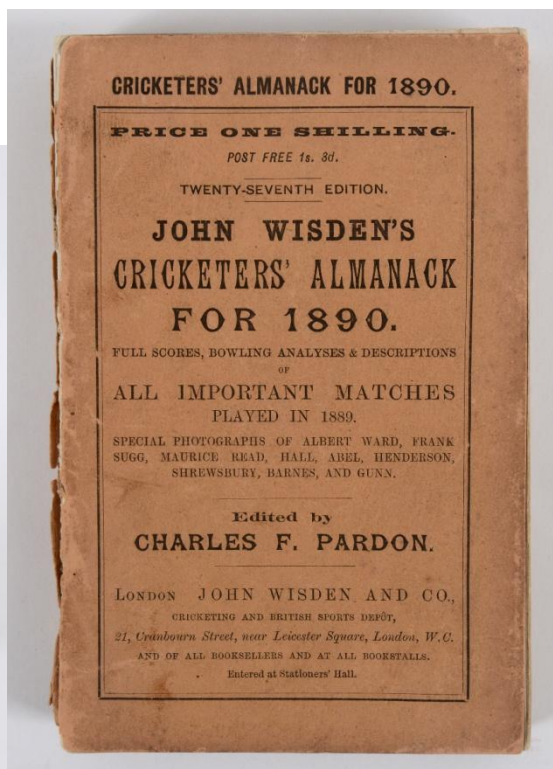
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A run of the iconic **Wisden Cricketers Almanack** books, dating from the late 19th century, could sell for as much as £10,000 when they go under the Charterhouse hammer in their auction on **Friday 28th July**.

“Wisdens, as they are generally known as, are the bible of cricket and considered to be the most famous sports reference book,” commented George Holtby. “It has taken many years to amass such an extensive run with the earlier the copy generally the more expensive they become. Although I have never seen a first edition, which came out in 1864, rarely do you see copies as early as the ones we have been instructed to auction.”

The run of Wisdens at Charterhouse starts from 1890 through to 2005. Although the books are most known for their distinctive bright yellow covers, this format was not issued until 1938. Prior to this, they could be either salmon pink or buff coloured.

In the collection there are two volumes which stand out and are valued by Charterhouse at £2,000 for each book. These are the 1918 and 1919 copies and are very rare as few copies were printed after The Great War due to paper shortages.





Above are some of the early Wisden Almanacks *plus 20% Buyers Premium

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for their July specialist auctions which include pictures, books and maps on the 28th and classic, vintage and modern supercars at Sherborne Castle on the 16th.

For further information regarding these auctions, or to arrange a home visit, please contact or **Justine Jackson** or **George Holtby** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email items for valuation at **info@charterhouse-auction.com**