

## **AND, FINALLY, SIX BADGES OR MEDALS KNOWN ONLY FROM WRITTEN ACCOUNTS**

### **GLASBURY BELLRINGING COMPETITION**

This competition was established in 1912 by Captain A Glen Kidston for bands in Breconshire and Radnorshire ringing 360 changes of either Grandsire or Stedman Doubles. The winning band won a shield and each member of the band received a gold medal engraved with their names, with the second placed band receiving silver medals. *(Information from 'Bell News' 30.iii.1912 p33 and 1.vi.1912 p172)*

The competition was held again at Clifford in 1913, with nineteen teams ringing the test piece of 120 Doubles. The winning team each received a watch chain medallion in silver with a gold centre and the second team bronze medallions. All were inscribed 'Glasbury Bell Ringing Competition, Empire Day, 1913.' *(Information from 'Bell News' 31.v.1913 p155)*

Following the death of his brother, Mr Logan Kidson donated silver medals in the shape of a bell to the winning bands in both of the divisions in the competition in 1914.

One of these medallions has been traced and a picture may soon be available.

### **OPENING OF RESTORED BELLS AT SONNING**

#### **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD - MEDALLIONS FOR RINGERS**

'A pleasant little meeting took place at Sonning, on Thursday of last week, the occasion being the presentation of medallions to those ringers who had taken part in the opening touch and the subsequent peal on the bells after restoration, in July 1912.....Mrs Crawford then presented the medallions, which had been fashioned in excellent manner by Messrs. Taylor and Co. from the old canons of the bells.'

*'The Ringing World' 31.x.1913 p296*

### **HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Batley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. A set of medals, kindly given by the Batley company, will be presented with the Cup. ' *'The Ringing World' 12.ix.1924 p588 - the winners were Kirkburton.*

## RED SEA PEAL RINGERS' BADGE

'On Christmas Eve we had achieved the ambition of ringing a hand-bell peal on the Red Sea, in witness whereof the four ringers hold the most exclusive peal ringing badge in existence. From the design, this decoration would appear to have been instituted by one of the Pharaohs, but we were the first to be able to claim the award - at our own expense by the way. The panels show the inducements held out to ringers of those days - or would have been held out if there were any ringers - but since then times have changed. Our reward was not the sweetmeats and wines and other things of ancient Egypt shown upon the panels, but the satisfaction of having accomplished something unique in the annals of our art.'

*John Goldsmith writing about an incident on 'The Great Adventure' in 'The Ringing World' 27.xii.1940 p615*

**ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY**  
Dear Sir,—I have been asked if I can find out anything about St. Patrick's Society of Amateur Change Ringers. One of my colleagues at work has found a small gold badge with the name round the outer rim. It is a push-on type of fastening and appears to be of fairly recent manufacture. If anyone has any information on the subject I would be pleased to hear from them, and if the owner of the badge would write to me I will put him in touch with my friend.—Yours, etc.,  
Station House, JOHN WALTON,  
Sandford, Bristol.  
[Irish Association to note.—Ed.]

*'The Ringing World' 5.x.1973 p794*

For many years Mr. Parrish has been conductor of St. Alkelda's Guild of Change Ringers and is the sole survivor of the six members who years ago had badges made from the metal of the discarded second bell of Middleham Parish Church.

*'The Ringing World' 5.ii.1954 p87*