

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION 100 PEALS MEDAL

'After some discussion it was decided to give gold medals to members who rang 100 peals for the Association; members who had already qualified are to receive medals at the next annual meeting.' *'Bell News' 3.vii.1909 p230*

It is believed that thirteen medals were produced and awarded, with the early ones being supplied by T Horden. The recipients were: James Houghton (?Senior), James Garratt, Walter Perkins, Anderson Tyler, William Newman, Thomas Hensher, John Blackwell Martin, Alfred Henry Martin, Fred Wilford, Edward Chapman, David Nichols and Frederick Sawfoot. The thirteenth medal was awarded to Fred Gilbert. Although he had only rung 97 peals for the Association, he received it 'for services to the Association', shortly before he emigrated in 1911. It may be that David Nichols declined his medal because of concerns over the cost, and in 1915 the medals were replaced with certificates awarded when a member completed their first peal on an inside bell.



The pendant illustrated above is the one awarded to J B Martin. It is 42mm from clapper to canons. It is inscribed on the obverse: 'Presented to J B Martin by C. N. A. C. B. R.' and on the reverse: '100 peals 1911'. The marks show it to be of 9 carat gold and assayed in Birmingham in 1910. The manufacturers were Rolason Brothers, manufacturing jewellers and silversmiths of Vyse Street, Birmingham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS CELEBRITIES.



J. GARRATT.
A. Y. TYLER.

J. HOUGHTON.
W. PERKINS.

T. R. HENSHER. J. B. MARTIN.
A. H. MARTIN. The late W. V. NEWMAN.

The above photograph is composed of the first eight men to ring 100 peals for the Central Northants Association. To all who achieve this distinction the Association presents a gold medal, and it was arranged that these

eight should attempt a peal. Owing, however, to the illness of the late Mr. W. V. Newman the idea had to be abandoned.

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