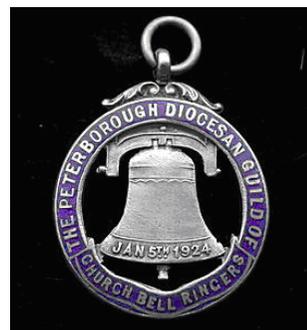
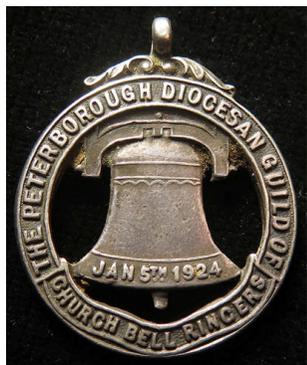


PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (founded 1924)

Formerly: Peterborough & District Association (1880-1924)

Subsumed: Raunds, Welling borough & District Society (1883-1895), Central Northamptonshire Association (1900-1923) and Towcester & District Association (1894-1930)

Note: In the former Central Northamptonshire Association gold medals were awarded to those ringers who achieved 100 peals for the Association. Further details were given in the 'The Ringing World' of 12th April 1974, pages 315 and 490. See also Specials Section



At a committee meeting on 27th January 1926, a letter was read from George Stacey quoting 9d each for bronze badges, 1/- for white metal and enamel, 3/- for silver and 3/6 for silver and enamel. The white metal and enamel version was selected, but both sterling silver and brass and enamel version also exist.

Version A(i)

Circular, sterling silver, brass or white metal, cut out background with or without blue enamel border and Dia. 25mm. Pendant, buttonhole and brooch fastenings No manufacturer shown on base metal badges.

The silver version shown (top left) is hallmarked T.L.M. for T L Mott Ltd of Vyse Street, Birmingham. It was assayed in that city and has the date letter 'A' for 1925-6.

'Badges now ready price 1/3.' *'The Ringing World' 27.viii.1926 p542*

'During the year a distinctive badge for the Guild has been approved by the Committee, and a good number of members have already secured one of them.' *Peterborough Diocesan Guild annual report for 1926*

'Mr Robert G Black, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Guild, is in difficulty over the Guild's official badge. The die was in the possession of Mr George Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead, Somerset, but no reply has been received to his letter. If any ringer in the neighbourhood can enlighten Mr Black as to whether the business is in being it would be appreciated.' *'The Ringing World' 23.vii.1948 p309*

'Guild badges now being purchased carry a purchase tax of 100% and this makes them very expensive. Mr Stacey did not mention this when the Brach Sec's placed their orders to his quotation.' *Minutes of Peterborough Diocesan Guild committee meeting 26.ii.1949*

'As badges were not forthcoming from the Jeweller who had the original mould', the Secretary was to try to find another firm. *Minutes of Peterborough Diocesan Guild committee meeting 25.ii.1950*

'The Secretary gave a quote for Messrs Denton and Down. 300 ordered to be sold at 3/- each.' *Minutes of Peterborough Diocesan Guild committee meeting 29.v.1950*

'The secretary reported that he had received a quotation for Guild badges; this was accepted by the meeting and it was hoped these would be available in a few months' time.' *'The Ringing World' 23.vi.1950 p394*

'Cost of new die and badges (200) £31 14s. 4d.' and 'Sale of badges (183 at 3/-) £27 9s. 0d.' *Peterborough Diocesan Guild annual report for 1950*

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (continued)



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In 19454 the Guild tried, and failed, to get the original die back from the estate of George Stacey, the solicitors involved claiming that they could not find it. In the meantime Denton and Down had produced a new die at a cost of £5. This was used until the late 1950s when J. Taylor Ltd of London took over supplying the badges, which they continued to do until the early 1970s. Neither of these firms marked their products.

Version A(ii)

Similar to Version A(i), but different headstock and scroll at top, and differently shaped bell Diameter 25mm

Buttonhole and brooch fastenings

No manufacturer shown, but either Denton and Down or J Taylor Ltd.

Version B

Circular, brass with blue enamel border and solid background Diameter 25mm

Buttonhole and brooch fastenings with plain reverse No manufacturer shown

Sometime in the 1970s this different version of the badge was introduced, possible at the time that the London Badge and Button Co. took over production.

Version C

Similar to Version A with cut out background, but with differently shaped bell. Diameter 25mm Pendant, buttonhole and brooch fastenings with plain reverse

The Guild reverted as some point to the original design of badge. This version was produced by the London Badge and Button Co., originally of Irthingborough and later as LBB, a division of Toye, Kenning and Spencer of Birmingham.



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