

## SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN GUILD (founded 2008)

Formerly: Southwell Diocesan Guild (1946-2008); Midland Counties Association (1882-1945); North Nottinghamshire Association (1887-1945)

Note: Southwell Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers 1946 to 1958; thereafter known as Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers



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### Former Association - North Notts Association

This is a classic George Stacey badge produced some time between 1929 and 1944. It is 25mm in diameter, in 'white metal', and has a horseshoe fastening. The engraving on the obverse is 'NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS' and the reverse has the maker's mark - 'G' and 'S' in overlapping circles.

There is no record in the annual reports of the Association purchasing any membership badges, so this was probably ordered by an individual member.

### Former Guild - Southwell Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers

#### Version A - may have been a pattern only

Circular, brass with blue enamel Diameter 29mm Brooch fastening

No manufacturer shown

#### Version B

Circular, brass with blue and white enamel Diameter 29mm

Horseshoe and brooch fastening with plain reverse

Manufactured by 'Denton & Down of Holborn' or none shown

'The Secretary produced an estimate submitted by Messrs. Denton and Down, of Holborn, to provide a multi-coloured enamelled badge at a cost of 2s each. The cost of the steel die for this attractive badge, designed by Mr Ernest Morris, would be £5 10s, and the secretary was directed to place an order with the manufacturers.' *'The Ringing World' 28.iv.1950 p265*

'Badges are now on sale. The Guild is indebted to that fine ringer and gentleman, Mr Ernest Morris, for his design and assistance generally.' *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 1950*

'Denton & Down, Purchase Money for 391 Badges £44 14 9' *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 1950*

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### Former Guild - Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

#### Version C

Shield, cupronickel with blue enamel Length 24mm A minor variation is known which lacks the upper pair of moulding wires on the bell.

Horseshoe and brooch fastenings with plain reverse No manufacturer shown

'It was proposed as a recommendation to the general committee that when stocks of the present badge are exhausted, a smaller badge be produced.' *'The Ringing World' 13.ii.1959 p114*

The hon. general secretary stated that the Mansfield District considered very strongly that a new badge was needed in place of the existing one which was thought to be too large. The question of obtaining a fresh badge of a new design was left to the committee with power to act.' *'The Ringing World' 1.v.1959 p288*

'Mr J Raithby showed members present the design for a new badge. It was agreed that the design was good but the size should be considerably reduced.' *'The Ringing World' 22.iv.1960 p281*

'The design for a new badge was approved and should be ready within the next six to eight weeks.' *'The Ringing World' 13.v.1960 p330*  
'Cost of Badges and Die £46 2s. 6d.' *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 1960*

#### Version D(i)

Circular, brass with dark blue enamel Diameter 20mm

Brooch fastening with plain reverse Manufactured by 'W H Darby, 16 Well St, B'ham

'The supply of badges was low and the Rev S Ball (Blyth) [*sic - should be Rev R G Hall*] had offered to organise a competition for a new design.' *'The Ringing World' 7.vi.1974 p478*

'The proposed new Guild badge was discussed and various prices were given by Mr W L Exton, and a sample passed round. It was decided to go ahead and obtain quotation.' *'The Ringing World' 13.v.1977 p400*

'The Southwell D G has recently issued a new badge which costs 50p (plus postage, no doubt). Collectors may be interested, writes our correspondent.' *'The Ringing World' 22.ix.1978 p797*

'The year saw the introduction of the new Guild badge, although the design is a smaller size to that used twenty years ago.' *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 1978*

'W H Darby - badges £240.54' *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 1978*

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### Version D(ii)

As above, but in cupronickel

Later pressings are similar, but have slightly thicker lettering or stronger gold colour

'Badges £270.79'      *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 1980*

'Badges £880.27'      *Southwell Diocesan Guild annual report for 2000*

### Current Guild - Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

#### Version E

Circular, brass with dark blue enamel background and circular rope      Diameter 28mm

Stud fastening with plain reverse      Manufactured by 'Darby, Well St, B'ham 19'

'120 Guild Badges £1016.76'      *Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild annual report for 2013*



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