

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (founded 1882)



Version A

Bell shape in cupronickel with dark blue enamel headstock No stay, and inscription 'Beds Assn'

Length 25mm Buttonhole and brooch fastenings with plain reverse No manufacturer shown

Original design by Ken Spavins of Woburn in 1950

'The suggestion from Mr Spavin that the Association should have a badge was referred to the secretary to make arrangements with Mr Spavin and report in due course.' *'The Ringing World' 28.iv.1950 p266*

'The president explained that new Association badges were now on sale to members, price 3s. 6d.' *'The Ringing World' 20.iv.1951 p250*



Version B

Bell shape in cupronickel with dark blue enamel headstock. Stay, and inscription 'Bedfordshire'. Length 32mm

Brooch fastening with plain reverse Later pressings have clapper at base missing

No manufacturer shown but known to be R E V Gomm Ltd of Birmingham. 415 badges were ordered in 1975 and a part die and tooling charge paid

The Association reverted to this Version after the millennium



Version C (Millennium)

Circular, bell in centre with dark blue and white enamel Diameter 32mm

Specially produced for the Millennium, issued to resident members only. A number of designs were prepared by a millennium sub-committee and the version shown was selected at a general committee meeting in February 1999 and approved at the subsequent AGM.

Pin fastening with plain reverse No manufacturer shown