

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (founded 1882)



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Version A

Four bells on circle in bronze, silver and gold with open background Width 30mm

Pendant ring, brooch and buttonhole fastenings with plain reverse Manufactured by 'VAUGHTONS / B'HAM'

'The Salisbury Guild badge is unique among ringers badges and consists of 4 bells radiating out from a central point. It was in 1912 that the Guild's committee asked Mr J Jerram to design and execute a badge and in 1913 we read specimens were produced by Mr Hervey Beams of Bradpole as being "one of the most artistic of its kind yet produced". Bronze medals were offered at 6d., silver ones at 1/9 and gold at 32/6. At least 17 gold badges were sold but the whereabouts is only known of one of these. It was presented to the Guild in 1981 by Alex Weeks of Southbroom, the badge having been presented to his grandparents. It has now been incorporated into a badge of office for the Guild's President.' *'The Ringing World' 10.ix.1982 p755*

'The proposed badge for the Guild (which Mr Hervey Beams had in hand) was next discussed. The design consists of four bells in the shape of a cross. The finished design will be about the size of a half penny, and the branch unanimously approved of it' *'The Ringing World' 7.ii.1913 p97*

'The hon. secretary (Mr O H Jennings) exhibited the new badge, which is executed in bronze and silver. It was approved and much admired and orders were given.' *'The Ringing World' 25.iv.1913 p279*

'It was on his initiative that a Guild badge was designed and adopted, and until the last year of his life the sale and distribution of badges was entirely in his hands.' [Obituary of Mr T Hervey Beams] *'The Ringing World' 10.ix.1982 p755*

'MEDAL ACCOUNT - To cutting Die £1 16s. 6d., 10 doz. Silver Medals at 1/9 £10 10s 0d. (112 sold), 200 Bronze Medals at 6d. £5 0s. 0d. (102 sold), 2 Gold Medals at 32/6 £3 5s 0d (2 sold). [Medals all sold on at cost] *Salisbury Diocesan Guild annual report for 1913*

Supplies were received regularly from Vaughton's of the standard bronze and silver versions, with occasional special orders: '2 9 carat Gold Medals (one engraved)' [1932]; 'Sent to Vaughton's, Ltd. - 12 Silver Pendants to be converted to Buttons' [1936]

'Sale of Medals: Silver, 12 buttons at 3/6, 10 Pendants at 3/-. Bronze, 9 Buttons at 1/6, 6 Pendants at 1/3 All Medals sold, no further supplies during War' *Salisbury Diocesan Guild annual report for 1943*

'Guild Badges may now be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Sec., price 4/6s, post free. In Bronze and E.P., brooch or buttonhole type.' *Salisbury Diocesan Guild annual report for 1948*

'To Vaughton....' *Salisbury Diocesan Guild annual report for 1957*

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Sterling silver pendant ring version, hallmarked 'V & S' (for Vaughton and Sons), lion passant guardant for sterling silver, anchor for Birmingham assay office, and date letter n for 1912. If this date letter is correct, the badge pre-dates the Guild's approval of the design (see above), so this may have been a sample.

The library also holds a sterling silver example with a brooch fastening and plain reverse, 'V & S' (for Vaughton and Sons), anchor for Birmingham assay office, '925', date letter Z for 1999, and cross shaped '2000' logo



This gold badge was presented to Revd C Carew Cox and has his name and the date April 16th 1932 inscribed on the reverse. This was the date on which he conducted a peal with the local band at Lyme Regis (five first peelers) to mark the jubilee of the Guild.

The hallmarks show it to have been manufactured by Vaughton & Sons of Livery Street, Birmingham in 9 carat gold, and assayed in that city in 1931-2.

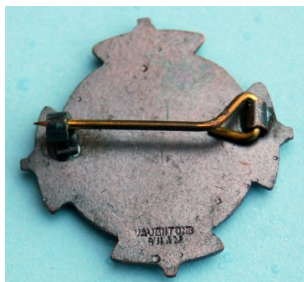
Three badges in gold have been produced in recent years, bringing the total to twenty-one.



SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (continued)



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Version B

Four bells on circle in bronze with solid background Width 30mm Brooch fastening with plain reverse

Manufactured by 'VAUGHTONS / B'HAM', 'V&S' or none shown

'Guild Badge: It was decided that owing to increase (*sic*) cost a slight change of design be made, thus enabling purchase to be made at 5/6d' *Minutes of General Committee meeting held 3.ii.1968*

'The secretary announced that badges were once again for sale at 6s. in a slightly new design.'
'The Ringing World' 14.vi.1968 p475

The Guild reverted some time ago (probably in the 1970s) to using Version A, and these are currently (2015) available in gold, silver and bronze as brooches or pendants.

The 'E.P' badges offered for sale in the 1948 report were plated rather than solid silver. This plating wore readily, exposing the base copper.

Version (Special)

'Stacey' type (see Specials Section), in 'white metal' Diameter 25mm Pendant fastening

The engraving on the obverse is 'SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS' and the reverse has the maker's mark - 'G' and 'S' in overlapping circles.