

LADIES GUILD (founded 1912)



Version A

Shield, brass with blue enamel Length 30mm

Brooch fastening with plain reverse No manufacturer shown

'It was decided that there should be a membership badge, and this matter was left to Miss Chillingworth to look into.'
(Report of inaugural meeting) *'The Ringing World' 1.xi.1912 p296*

'The matter of a badge for the Guild was then discussed, and various designs submitted. A design was selected and the Secretary was asked to communicate with Mr Whittington, who had very kindly offered to secure the badges. The Guild decided to buy a stock and sell to the members at cost price, thus effecting a considerable saving on each badge.' *'The Ringing World' 16.v.1913 p336*

'Badges may now be obtained at 2s. each, post free - Edith K Parker, Hon. Secretary' *'The Ringing World' 24.x.1913 p278*

A new Guild badge was needed in 1949 as the original die had been lost in the blitz. Estimates for a simpler and cheaper design were sought but finally it was decided to stay with the original pattern and the new badges were made by the Midland (sic) Medal and Badge Company to be sold to members at 5/6d each.' *'A History of the Ladies Guild of Change Ringers 1912-2000' by Janet Stephenson*

'It was decided to have a new die for badges and have a supply made as soon as possible.' *'The Ringing World' 3.viii.1951 489*



Version B (i)

Shield, chrome with blue enamel Length 30mm

Brooch fastening with vertical pin (early edition) or horizontal pin (later editions).

Manufactured by 'BM Co.' (plain reverse), 'B.M&B Co' (cross hatched reverse), TOYE KENNING // & SPENCER (textured reverse) or none shown

LADIES GUILD (continued)



Version B (ii)

Very similar to version B (i), but the scrolls are rather closer together and the ropework border finer.

Manufactured by COLLINS / LONDON'



Two examples of in sterling silver are held by the CCCBR Library Committee. One is Version B (i) with a vertical brooch fastening, was manufactured by 'TK&S' (Toye, Kenning & Spencer Ltd, London) and hallmarked in Birmingham 'd' for 2003.



The other is Version B (ii) with a horizontal brooch fastening and a safety chain, and was manufactured by 'D.G.C.' (Daniel George Collins of Newgate Street, London) and hallmarked in Birmingham with 'M' for 1936.