

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (founded 1882)

Became: In 1946 MCA divided into Derby Diocesan Association, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild and Southwell Diocesan Guild

### Only version

Flower shape with rope edge. Silver, chrome and bronze varieties known to exist Width 25mm

Buttonhole and brooch fastenings with plain reverse

Manufactured by 'Phillips Aldershot' shown on chrome and bronze versions

The sterling silver version (below left) has the maker's mark 'HP' (probably H Phillips, Aldershot), the leopard's head for the London assay office and the date letter 'D' for 1939.

'Mr Over, of Loughborough District, brought forward the matter of ringers' badges for association members and this was left in his hands to find out costs, etc., in bronze and silver. Local secretaries are asked to get to know approximately how many will be required in each district and then to inform the general hon. secretary.' *'The Ringing World' 14.x.1938 p668*

'It was reported that on the subject of special badges for Midland Counties Association members, a small committee would meet on Easter Monday before the usual committee meeting to decide exactly what should be done and choose a suitable design.' *'The Ringing World' 10.ii.1939 p88*

'It was pointed out that the sub-committee had approved of a suitable design for special association badges. The matter now rests in the hands of the secretary to get the design redrawn and estimates for badges in silver and bronze.' *'The Ringing World' 28.ii.1939 p269*

'The hon. secretary reported that the new badges were now in circulation and could be had either from him or from local secretaries, bronze 1s. 6d., silver 2s. each.' *'The Ringing World' 30.vi.1939 p418*

'The hon. secretary mentioned that M C A badges were available and trusted all members would now purchase these and so help to clear the initial cost of production.' *'The Ringing World' 8.xii.1939 p731*

'Members were also asked to purchase their M.C.A. badge (silver 3s., bronze 1s. 6d.) as soon as possible, and so reduce the stock and help to clear the large initial cost.' *'The Ringing World' 9.ii.1940 p69*

'Sundry expenses - Association Badges £29 0 0' 'Steel Die for Badges £2 0 0' 'Income - Badges £14 19 6' *MCA report 1939*

'Sundry expenses - Association Badges £0 6 3' 'Income - Badges £4 8 6' *MCA report 1940*

'Sale of badges £10 2 6' *MCA report 1941 – 1945*

