

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (founded 1881)

'The Secretary introduced the subject of the adoption of a Guild badge, and the matter was referred to the committee to choose a design, the only dissentient voice being that of the Rev. E W Wilson (Freeland), who saw no necessity for a badge. They were, he said, already well united without any badge, and his experience of other societies was that a badge was only a nuisance. Other members spoke in favour of a badge, one remarking that the majority of members would be only too proud to wear one.'

'The Ringing World' 25.vii.1913 p59

Version A

Bell shape in chrome Length 17mm Buttonhole or brooch fastening with plain reverse

No manufacturer shown, but some, at least, by J. Taylor & Co.

'A GUILD BADGE Mr T J Fowler said at the last committee meeting he suggested that the Guild should have a badge, and he was asked to submit a design. He obtained a design from the front page of 'The Ringing World,' which had been suitable engraved. The design had been seen by the officers of the Guild and his branch and they have approved of it. He had given an order for 200 and the die was being made. The cost of a badge or brooch was 2s. plus postage. It had a silver-oxydised finish.'

'The Ringing World' 29.vii.1949 p355

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD - Badges (stud or brooch), now available, 2s. each. Six or more post free. Less than six 3d. extra.

'The Ringing World' 7.x.1949 p483

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD - Your Guild Badge plated and returned, post free, for 1s. 6d. A few plated badges still available, 3s. post free. State pin or stud. - T J Fowler, Black Butts, Cookham

'The Ringing World' 10.viii.1951 p511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD - A further supply of Guild badges (brooch or stud) is now available. 3s. each, postage 2½d.; three or more post free. Same design but much better plated and beautifully polished. Limited number only. Order early. - T J Fowler

'The Ringing World' 7.x.1955 p638 and similar advertisements up to 19.xii.1958 p831

'Badges (J. Taylor & Co.) £25 4 0' and 'Sale of badges £25 4 0' *Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report for 1960*



OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (continued)

'Although not specifically for the Centenary, a new design of Guild badge will be available shortly.'
Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report for 1979

'The new Guild badge became available towards the end of the year. They proved, however, to be more popular than anticipated and my stock of them stood at nil within a month of the first batch of 500 badges arriving. Another batch is now on order.'
Oxford Diocesan Guild annual report for 1980

Version B (Centenary)

Bell shape, brass with light blue enamel Length 16mm

Brooch fastening with plain reverse No manufacturer shown

A letter of 29 Jan 1980 to Toye Kenning and Spencer of Birmingham, says "in view of our forthcoming centenary, we wish to change the design of the badge".



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Version C (shown left)

As Version A, but with bell canons hollow rather than filled in Length 27mm

Chrome (left) and dull pewter-like (right) finishes

Brooch and horseshoe fastenings with plain reverse No manufacturer shown



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Intermediate Variety (shown left)

An example is known on which the canons appear to be intermediate between versions A and C (Image courtesy of Ben Waller)

