Ridgman Trophy 25th Anniversary Celebration St Laurence, Surfleet Saturday 15th June 2013

This year will be the 25th Anniversary of the setting up of the 10 bell striking competition by Bill Ridgman. It will be celebrated at Surfleet in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild with a competition open to all societies within and bounding the Ely Diocesan Association. The day will also include open ringing at neighbouring towers, a mini ring, food and drink at a riverside inn, boat rides along the river Glen and handbell ringing. There is also a pleasant riverside walk.

Competition ringing begins at 12.30pm and the judges are Michael Purday and Richard A Smith. This years test piece is half a course of Cambridge Royal. Depending on the number of teams taking part, the results will be announced in the marquee at around 5 pm.

Car parking is very limited around Surfleet church, PE11 4AB, but an off road area has been arranged for which there will be a charge of \pounds 3.00. Please follow the signs. In the interests of community harmony please do not park on the roads near the Church.

The Mermaid Inn (opposite the Church) have kindly allowed the exclusive use of their beer garden for the day. Please do not park in the pub car park as they have a wedding reception in their restaurant in the afternoon. The outside bar will be open and food will be available throughout the afternoon. Details of the menu will be available shortly. There will be a small marquee in the grounds for a bit of extra shade from the sun. The Maplestead mini ring will also be located here.

Three local towers will be open for general ringing:Spalding(8 bells, 15 cwt)12.30 - 13.30Pinchbeck(8 bells, 18 cwt)13.45 - 14.45Gosberton(6 bells, 17 cwt)15.00 - 16.00

We look forward to welcoming you to Surfleet and the 25th Anniversary Celebration Ringing. For further information contact Alan Payne on 01778 560633 or agpayne@talktalk.net