



# The Ridgman Trophy

## Ten Bell Striking Competition

BIGGLESWADE  
8<sup>th</sup> June 2024



13-1-3 in F - 10



36th Ridgman, 2024 at Biggleswade, Lincoln

The 2024 Ridgman Trophy was hosted by the Bedfordshire Association, and was held at Biggleswade and saw an early start from Lincolnshire by car except for our railway enthusiasts Graham and Jim completing the trip by car, bus and train.

The original Gillett and Johnston 1912 - eight were re-hung by Taylor's in 2016 and augmented to ten with the addition of two trebles. At the same time the tenor was recast. The Lincolnshire band were able to practice the test piece (-179 Grandsire Caters, with the first row rung as 2134567980- in the run up to the competition at Lincoln Cathedral and Hawton near Newark.

The Lincoln Guild, The Ridgman Trophy and COVID-19 seem to have an affinity for each other and a band change in the week before the competition was necessitated by our "unwanted friend". Of the 10 associations eligible to enter, six took up the invite for this year. Lincoln were drawn to ring 4<sup>th</sup>. With a simple test piece method mistakes would cost dearly and through the seven times the practice piece had been rung in the run up to the competition and the practice on the day the ringing had been method mistake free. Sadly the "clean sheet" was not kept during the actual competition touch.

The judges commented how close the teams were. Bedfordshire with home advantage were the winners with the results as follows

1. Bedfordshire	-	82%
2. Suffolk	-	78%
3. Essex	-	76%
4. Lincoln	-	74%
5. Cambridge University	-	72%
6. Ely	-	67%

Lincoln were represented by

- 1 - Sandra Underwood
- 2 - Caitlin Meyer
- 3 - Heather Shaw
- 4 - Heather Grover
- 5 - Chris Turner (c)
- 6 - Jim Benner
- 7 - Phil Grover
- 8 - Barry Jones

9 - Keith Brown

10 - Graham Colborne

The Ridgman committee meeting after the competition confirmed Lincoln Guild as hosts for 2025 with a test piece of half a course of Yorkshire Royal, the competition to be held at

**BOSTON**  
**on**  
**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE**  
**2025**  
**At**  
**1000hrs**