

## POPPY APPEAL AWARDS CEREMONY – October 2010

In October 2010, a presentation evening was organised by Pamela Austin, the branch Poppy Appeal Organiser, at The Birches, the old Officers' Mess of former RAF Bircham Newton, in order to recognise the long and valuable service given to the Poppy Appeal by our house to house collectors.

**Awards were presented by Legion National Vice Chairman John Crisford (also a member of Sedgeford & District branch), and Branch Chairman Terry Austin.**

John presented an award to Mrs Ellen Hammond, who has collected for a magnificent 40 years, and continues to do so. She is a member of Docking Women's Section of the Legion. Mrs Pat Dawson, who has collected for 38 years and is now in addition the collector co-ordinator for Sedgeford, Docking, and Great Bircham, received her 35 year award from John.

Terry presented the remaining awards to the other collectors present, and also to the National Construction College, which has collected for 25 years, and to Docking Primary School, and the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club both of which have collected for 15 years,

Not all eligible recipients were able to attend, for many reasons, but other collectors, guests, and other supporters like Andrea St Quintin, from Bloomin'Gorgeous florist, and some PCC Treasurers, came along, and everyone enjoyed the delicious hot buffet served by The Birches. The 40 and 35 year awards were presented by the Legion's Vice Chairman (and branch Secretary) John Crisford, and the remainder by branch Chairman Terry Austin, in the absence of Colin Kemp – our County Chairman – who was unfortunately delayed and arrived later in the evening. The evening was also attended by reporter Peter Bird, who took the photograph below, and who wrote the half page spread which you may have seen in the Lynn News.

A number of other supporters of the Poppy Appeal also attended the evening event, as did the County Chairman of Norfolk, Colin Kemp.

Photos – Peter Bird

Back row L-R: Terry Austin; visitor Colin Kemp (County rep); John Crisford; Elaine Folkard (rep from the Construction College & supporters); Rachel Williams (Head Teacher Docking Primary School); Janet Needham (Thornham); Alan Spicer (Stanhoe); Nigel Wickens (Stanhoe); Ian Symington (secretary of Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at Brancaster - supporters); Bethany Browne (CITB);

Front row L-R: Pamela Austin (Poppy Appeal Organiser); Carol Curry (Sedgeford); Peter Newman; Betty Newman; Pat Dawson (Sedgeford); Ellen Hammond (Docking); Ann Whiting; Vicki May (South Creake)



The Appeal collectors who have received awards this year, some of whom are pictured above, are: Ellen Hammond (40 years); Pat Dawson (35 years); the National Construction College (25 years).

20 years: Vickie May, Barbara Allen, Brenda Mendham, Drove Orchard, The Hair Factory, The Lifeboat Inn, The Orange Tree, The Old Coach House, RSPB Titchwell, and Thornham Deli & shop.

15 years: Harry Schulman, Richard Faire, Philip Lines, Elaine Folkard, Philip Quin, Barbara Lynn, Betty Newman, Peter Newman, Ann Owen, Docking Primary School, The Jolly Farmers, North Creake Post Office, The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, and Sedgeford School.

10 years: Carol Curry, June White, Roy White, Christine Hawkes, Bircham Post Office, Docking Fish Bar, Docking Spar shop, The King William IV, and The Railway Inn.

5 years: Brenda Flatt, Janet Needham, Anne Nicholls, Terry Patterson, Allan Spicer, Ann Whiting, and Nigel Wickens

Five and ten year awards are certificates; for 15 years a poppy brooch for ladies and a RBL tie tack for men; for 20 years a poppy badge with '20' symbol; there is a "for merit" badge for individuals after 25 years, for 30 years the award is a brooch for ladies and medal for men, with a bar for every five years thereafter. All business and organisation awards are certificates. Each recipient also receives a covering / thank you letter, signed by the Chairman of The Royal British Legion for the highest awards and the Head of Poppy Appeal for the remainder.







There are further photos on the Photo Gallery Pages if you think there might be some missing on this page!

See below for a full list of Collectors and Locations

## **Poppy Appeal Collectors**

Barbara Allen  
Peter Autie  
Janet Barrett  
Jenny Bland  
Don Bridge  
Bernard Browning  
Sandy Brownjohn  
Jude Carter  
David Causer  
Valerie Causer  
Liz Chaney  
Jane Coates  
Peter Coates  
Carol Curry  
Pat Dawson  
Ann Deam  
Kathy Dow  
Chris Drysdale  
Brenda Flatt  
Elaine Folkard  
Janet Frost  
Ellen Hammond  
Christine Hawkes  
Sarah Lee  
Phil Lines  
Barbara Masters  
Brenda Mendham  
Steve Milcrest  
Janet Needham  
Sophie Rix  
Pen Roche  
Sam Sandell  
John Seedhouse  
Maria Spink  
Mike Spink  
Chris Spryles  
Sue Tunnard  
Alison Wakeman  
Rodney Wakeman  
Nigel Wickens

## **Collection locations**

Bayfield Surgery Docking  
Bircham Country Stores  
Brancaster school  
Brancaster shop  
Briarfields Titchwell  
Chequers Thornham  
Creake Abbey cafe (Creake Abbey)  
Creake Abbey cafe (yurt)  
Deepdale Cafe  
Docking fish bar  
Docking school  
Docking Spar  
Drove Orchards farm shop Thornham  
Duck Inn Stanhoe  
Eric's fish & chips Thornham  
Fat Face Deepdale  
Fish Shed (B Staithe)  
Jolly Farmers N Creake  
Jolly Sailors B Staithe  
King William IV Sedgeford  
King's Head Bircham  
Lifeboat Thornham  
National Construction College reception (& The Birches, Londis, Costa)  
Nisa Extra Deepdale  
Norfolk School of Artists N Creake  
Orange Tree Thornham  
Plume of Feathers S Creake  
Railway Inn Docking  
Royal West Norfolk Golf Club  
RSPB shop (Titchwell)  
Sedgeford school  
The Ship hotel (Brancaster)  
Post office (B Staithe)  
The Strand (Docking)  
Thornham Deli  
Titchwell Manor hotel  
White Horse (B Staithe)