



Don Richardson, one of our oldest and respected members, has been made a “Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur”, an honour bestowed by the people of France for bravery. As a member of the Royal Engineers, Don helped to repair bridges and the transport infrastructure in France and then Germany during 1944 and 1945, supporting the liberation of France following the Normandy landings.

Don was able to come with Pam to our Christmas Lunch at East Close and showed us his medal, sent to him by the French Ambassador. He was also interviewed by the Bournemouth Echo!

We offer Don our warmest congratulations.

[The Legion of Honour was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802; the Order is the highest decoration in France. The Order’s motto is “Honneur et Patrie” and its seat is the Palais de la Légion d’Honneur, on the left bank of the River Seine.] Source: Wikipedia.