

STANDARD BEARER – STEVE GREEF

Steve was appointed our standard bearer after Peter Cleland stood down due to ill health in 2014. Both Steve's father, Henry (a previous chairman of Sedgford & District branch) and his grandfather Alfred, were also Legion standard bearers. Steve has carried the standard before – memorably - for the former Docking branch in the early 1980s, at the Royal Albert Hall in the Festival of Remembrance. Thrown in at the deep end, it was his first experience of carrying a standard, so certainly not something to be forgotten! That was also his last time, until appointed to be our standard bearer.

Steve served in the RAF Regiment for seven years, from 1972 to 1979, both on different field squadrons at RAF Catterick (which included various detachments) and in a Bofors gun sqn, as well as with the Queen's Colour Squadron at RAF Uxbridge – hence, he says, the shiny shoes (which he now claims to polish during episodes of “Strictly.....”). Most of his service was spent in Germany during the Cold War, including detached duty in Berlin, however, he has also been awarded the General Service Medal (Northern Ireland). In addition, he wears the Queen's Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee medals and a Home Office Long Service and Good Conduct medal.