

Mr Anthony (Tony) Chainey – Vice Chariman/Standard Bearer



Tony was born March 21st (the first day of spring) 1939 in the hamlet of Milton where he still resides today. His maternal Great Grandfather William Bason, settled in Milton in the 1800s and from here ran a Carriers Cart business. Tony attended the primary school at Bloxham and then the Windmill Secondary Modern in Deddington.

There were six farms in Milton so it came as no surprise that on leaving school he went to work on a farm.

He was among the last of the call-ups for National Service and served in the Grenadier Guards. He performed sentry duty outside Buckingham Palace, St. James Palace and the Tower of London. One of the sentry duties outside St. James Palace coincided with the late Queen Mother's 59th birthday. As Tony had experience working with animals he was assigned as an Officers Groom attached to the Household Brigade Saddle Club. He was taught to Blanket ride at the Knightsbridge Riding School and rode out early mornings around Battersea Power Station taking a lead horse at the same time. During the winter the horses were taken from Knightsbridge to Melton Mowbray for the officers to hunt, with the Quorn, Beaver, Cottismore hunts etc; In the summer they were taken back to London to be used for the State Visits.

Tony was also taught to drive one ton lorries and on leaving the Service made his career as an HGV1 driver for Bibby's, until his retirement in 2002.

As a keen sportsman he came second in the 440 yards race in the Brigade of Guards training at Pirbright. He was also a member of the Grenadier Guards company football team playing in the final in 1959. On leaving the Guards he played cricket for Bloxham taking 10 wickets for 33 runs in the John Collieridge Cup match at Wroxton.

Tony joined the Royal British Legion in the 1960s. he became the Standard Bearer for the Adderbury and Milton Branch, on parade at Banbury in the mornings and in Adderbury in the afternoons on Remembrance days. This he did for 11 years. He is also a Poppy collector for the local annual appeal, and now Vice Chairman of the branch. On the social side he has been through to the Pairs Final at golf for the RBL at Edgebaston Golf Club. He also helps the branch to fund raise. Tony is also a member of the Oxfordshire Grenadier Guards Association and Banbury Brigade of Guards.