

## BRANCH TREASURER – ANGELA BLENKINSOP-JEWELL



I met Captain Anthony Jewell in 2007, in London, on a blind date!

It was memorable for several reasons: firstly, I had met very few Soldiers – and this one was passionate about the Army! Secondly it had been a while since I had enjoyed myself so much, and we very quickly became great friends, travelling together to many places, all of which, naturally, for me, meant an exponential learning curve in the structure and history of the Military!

Anthony had a cottage in Thornham which had become our bolthole from London so it was easy to decide that we should move up to Norfolk, and to Hunstanton, which we did in 2010.

I suppose all our lives can be split into ‘phases’; from childhood, which, for me, was in Oxfordshire, blessed with wonderful parents (my Dad piloted Mosquitos in the war) and they shared their later years in Hunstanton with us, to youth and growing up – and, then - becoming old!

My youth was split between Newcastle University and, later, Imperial, London: I learnt a lot apart from Languages and Maths: I definitely believed I was Joan Baez, that I could ‘ Ban The Bomb’ single handedly and that London was the centre of the Universe – but that, of course, was pre Hunny!

My working life was privileged: I taught in prisons and hospitals as well as schools – and became a Magistrate in 1984. Fortunately I was able to transfer to Kings Lynn Court where my work changed from Girl Gangs in Croydon to Fishing Licences and Hare Coursing in Norfolk! And I still love teaching!

I have two fabulous children – and 5 grandchildren and my second marriage, to Anthony, added 3 special daughters and another 5 grandchildren: how lucky can a girl get! I fluff up my maternal feathers whenever any of them comes to visit!

Aside from that we are loyal members of The British Legion and enjoy the monthly bonhomie that we share with Sedgeford, under the umbrella of our country’s commitment to the wellbeing and appreciation of those whose families have played their part in our great National Services.

**In aeternum maneat**