

# PINES PARK ARCHERS NEWS & FEATURES

Hi there, you can tell by the title that Tracy and me recently went on a bow making weekend with [www.beyond2000bc.co.uk](http://www.beyond2000bc.co.uk). The course is run by Will Lord and his trusty sidekick Terry!!!

The course is held in Will's workshop, check website for details and is held over two days. We were made very welcome, not only by Will and Terry but by all the family. The course starts at 9-30 each day and the time literally flies till someone shouts grub up, and good grub it is too and then it's back to the bows.

We used a range of modern tools and even some excellent flint tooling made by Will (sorry Terry). Some knowledge of craft tools does help you on this course but knowing your arse from your elbow is a good start. There is plenty of help on hand if you need it so I wouldn't let anything stop you doing this course. Once you have shaped the stave you will also make and fit the horn nocks, size and plait your own string, make and fit a leather handle and then put a wax finish on the bow and finally put it all together.



**Tracy and Will with nearly complete bow and the starting bow stave.**

## Bow making weekend with Mick and Tracy



**Me working on bow ( oh alright posing!!!!!!!)**

We both got an immense amount of enjoyment out of producing our own HANDCRAFTED longbows and had a great deal of fun in the process.

The course is about a 10min run from Bury St Edmunds in the car and there is plenty of good accommodation to choose from, we stopped at the The Abbey Hotel on Southgate Street and would certainly recommend it.

Once you have completed your bow you will also get the chance to try it out on a target in the back garden, don't worry if you miss as Will has already damaged everything that can be broken ( if you go on the course ask about a rather expensive sheet)

In general this is a fantastic course to do with a lot of laughs on the way and something not to be missed by anyone who plays with the stick and string thingymagigs.

And last of all GO ON THIS COURSE ITS LOADS OF FUN.

**Cheers Mick and Tracy**