

# PINES PARK ARCHERS PROFILE

## NEWS & FEATURES

**Gary Swift**



### **WebMaster & Shoot organiser**

#### Occupation:

Information Security Manager.

#### Other interests:

Sailing – Yacht racing and  
cruising on the North Sea,

#### Family background:

Married with 6 kids – all grown  
up and left home except Jenny  
who is now 15 yrs old,

#### Length of time in archery:

About 12 years ago my wife and  
I joined a target archery club,  
unfortunately 6 months later the  
club folded so we found other  
interests.

Then about 8 years ago our  
youngest daughter did an archery  
session with school that she  
really enjoyed. Shortly  
afterwards on a family day out in  
Pines Park we all had a session  
on a Have A Go Day, hosted by  
Pines Park Archers.

This resulted in our joining the  
club. Although we don't get to  
the club very often due to work  
commitments etc we do enjoy  
the times that we do get across.

About 3 years ago the Shoot  
Secretary left the club. As there  
were no other volunteers to take  
on the role and as a big believer  
in "you only get out as much as  
you put in" – I agreed to give it a  
try. I really appreciate the  
assistance provided by other  
members in managing the  
course, marshalling and laying  
out courses for our open shoots,  
as I don't have the time available  
to do much of the day to day  
maintenance of the course.  
Although I can still arrange the  
shoots and complete all the  
documentation required etc  
which I can do from anywhere.  
This is one of the reasons why I  
agreed to look after the Web Site  
when the old webmaster left the  
club. It is one of areas where I  
have some skills and it is  
something else that I can do  
from anywhere as long as I have  
internet access.

#### Length of time in club:

Approx 6 years,

#### Main features of your committee role:

Arranging open shoots, applying  
for shoot permits, ensuring  
course for shoots is safe,  
Developing and maintaining the  
club web site,

#### What bow and arrows you use?:

A Bickerstaff 45lb Longbow and a  
Samick 45lb Field Bow – both  
with wooden arrows that I make  
myself,

One interesting or unusual fact  
about you that others may not  
know – I am a Certified Ethical  
Hacker and qualified Computer  
Forensic Investigator.