

# PINES PARK ARCHERS NEWS & FEATURES

Hi well this is all about ME and some my time at PPA



During the spring of 2004 my husband and I was looking for a hobby or activity that my eldest son then aged 11 could do. Bearing in mind my son had just been diagnosed with Aspergers and ADHD, so it would have to be something that Dad or Mum had to go along too.

As my husband used to be in the army and James was showing how good he was on the shooting games in the arcades, he looked at archery where they could do something together rather than Dad just chaperone.

Mandy the then Club secretary told him to just come along to speak with the coach. Well the whole family went along for support (Mum , 9yr and 3yr brothers) Coaches Jon & Craig didn't like to leave anyone out so we all had a go and just like many of you after your 1st go it was Infectious! we were hooked

Later that year in Oct, I joined the committee part time and the following AGM I was voted in , as so was Ian for Shoot secretary.

The following year 2006 the club was asked to put on a course for the Nationals which were held at Thorsby Hall.

Over the next year the Committee members changed and Ian decided to leave the club and took the boys with him. So we now have inter club rivalry within the family. ....bring it on!( actually - all my boys follow in their Dad's footsteps and are naturals )

I enjoy going out and about to NFAS open shoot competitions, the latest being the 3D champs held at Ashbourne Derbyshire at the end of May. A proud Mum returned home -James won his class - Junior boy Longbow. As he turns 16 this month his next shoot he will be shooting as an adult. He certainly has matured over the years and I personally think archery has something to do with it , with its disciplines and need for concentration.

he family are off again camping at Market Rasen race course for the 2 day Trophy shoot held by Blacksheep Archers just down the road. We have to return a trophy that has been sitting only mantle for the last 3 years. I wonder if it will come back again.? if not! what to put in its place. If you're

wondering Yes it's the boys who have won it James the 1st year and Conor the last two.

If you've not tried a competition yet. Don't be put off if your not competitive. Just go for an enjoyable day with like minded people enjoying the walk around the wood and of course chucking sticks. You might be mildly surprised you like it. Ask others who have been! Here's looking forward to see you around the circuit.

I am a full time working Mum, managing a team of agents selling holidays/activities for Centre Parcs and when I'm not shooting arrows (Must practice more) me time is spent making cards.

I have enjoyed my time as club secretary seeing new members come and go and some even return ? and at present until someone wants to take over am happy to serve you. However if you have a complaint please see the chairman (only kidding)

Here's a couple of facts not known by many I started working in an Hosiery Sales Office when I 1st left school still aged 15 and an ambition not yet filled is to jump out of perfectly good aero plane.

**Regards Julieanne Wallis  
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Secretary**