



INTERVIEW

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How did you end up working for Sword Venture?

On my graduation day at Royal Holloway University, Venture had left a number of flyers around the Earth Sciences Department. A few months later I popped along to their office in Staines and had an informal interview, resulting in a temporary data entry assignment (capturing well data from hardcopy well reports and logs). This turned into a permanent role and I have now just marked my 21st year with the company.

Tell us a little about your role at Sword Venture?

I'm a Senior Consultant, currently working onsite at BP Sunbury in a Production Data Manager Role in the Middle East Support Team. My Role includes supporting the regional Production Databases, assisting Users with their requests, building out Dashboards in Power BI/Spotfire and working on Information Management initiatives. One current example is migrating just over half a million Well-related documents from an NT Share to a SharePoint Document Library, and populating meta-data to enable efficient filtering on multiple criteria.

What do you enjoy most about your role and working for Sword Venture?

In my current role I enjoy helping the Users and other members of my Team with their requests – I enjoy problem solving and (sad to say!) working with spreadsheets. In terms of working for Sword-Venture, I guess it is working for a company with great, friendly people but at the same time having the opportunity to work for the larger oil companies in both support roles and on Projects with specific deliverables. It has been an interesting and varied 21 years!

Let's Get Personal.....

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

I can't really think of anything specific...

If you were on a desert island and you could only have three items with you, what would you choose?

I would take something to remind me of my husband, then probably a large roll of duct tape (as there are no ends to its uses according to Mythbusters). Other than that I guess an iPad with a solar charger preloaded with a library of music and books (e.g. how to survive on a desert island).

What is your ultimate, go to gadget or app?

Probably being very predictable, but I would say my iPhone.

If you could have dinner with two famous people (dead or alive), who would you choose and why?

I would probably choose Sandi Toksvig as she is sharp, witty, and funny and would have plenty of interesting stories to tell and Sir David Attenborough as he has such a long and wonderful career

Three words that best describe you:

Quiet, Methodical, Worrier!