

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT January 2019

This time last year, the future of *the Friends of the Wick Country Park* did not look too good. However, we did manage to hold most of the events, though in a reduced format compared with previous years. Unfortunately the events that did not take place were *Paws in the Park* and the *Quiz Night*. The events that did take place were:

- The *Bird Song Walk* led by Mark, the Park Ranger;
- The two *3K Skylarks Races* organized by Peter and the Pitsea Running Club;
- The *Nature Event*, incorporating bug hunting, pond dipping and craft activities to keep our younger visitors entertained; and
- The *Kite Festival and Classic Car Display*, which was co-hosted with The Essex Kite Group (EKG) and the South Eastern Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club.

All in all, 2018 was still a good year, with plenty of visitors to the events, so many thanks to everyone who has contributed and attended. We would also like to say a big thank you to the dedicated team of *Wick Weeders* who have spent many hours keeping the Pavilion Garden look good. However, due to Health & Safety and other issues beyond our control, we have had to cancel these sessions until the Spring.

To keep the success going we are appealing for more volunteers, also to join the committee to help us arrange and give new ideas for next year's events. The list of these is currently being discussed and will be published soon. Another piece of good news is that we are continuing free membership for another year!

Christine Lee
(Acting) Chair

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PS: The Programme of Events for 2019 is now available on the website.