



# Skylarks



Winter is fast approaching but we are already planning next year's events to keep you entertained in the Wick Country Park. All the latest news from the Friends of the Wick Country Park is here to keep you up-to-date with all that is happening in the park.

## A Message from the Committee

Seasons Greetings to you all! This time last year the future of the Friends of the Wick Country Park did not look too good however we have managed to hold most of the events, though in a reduced format to previous years. Unfortunately the events that did not take place were Paws in the Park and the Quiz Night.

It has still been another successful year with plenty of visitors to our 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 to make the pavilion garden look very good.

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 early in the new year. Another piece of good news is that we are continuing free membership for another year!

It's that time of year to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and I hope you will join us in the new year on the Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January for the January Jaunt and AGM with mulled wine and mince pies.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our events in 2019, until then we wish you .....

**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**

## PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE NEXT EVENT IN THE WICK COUNTRY PARK

Come along to the 'The January Jaunt' on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 starting at 2pm, followed by the AGM with mince pies and hot mulled wine!



Finish the year with a sociable walk around the park with the Ranger and *Friends*. Enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies, stay for the AGM, meet the committee and have your say about the park.



**The winter ramble will be led by the  
Countryside Ranger  
(1-1½ hours)**

**Meet at the Pavilion, Wick Country  
Park**

*(If using sat nav, please use post code SS12  
9GP)*

Everyone is welcome to all or part of this free event - see you on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm!

**The agenda for the AGM will be as follows:**

1. Apologies for absence
  2. Minutes of last AGM – 21st January 2018
  3. Matters arising
  4. Chairperson's report/membership report
  5. Treasurer's report
  6. Ranger's report
  7. Election of Officers
  8. Election of Committee Members
  9. Any other business
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**Free Membership for 2019**

**FREE**

At the last committee meeting it was agreed that there would be no charge again for membership of the Friends of the Wick Country Park.



**Appeal for Volunteers at the Events in 2019**

An Events Programme will be published in the New Year. Our events are always very much enjoyed by attendees, and it gives us great pleasure to see all the happy faces. However, in order to be able to continue these events, and, indeed, to improve them yet further, we badly need more volunteers to help to plan them and also to run them on the day. If you would like to take up this opportunity to help to support the local community - even if you can only spare a few hours - then please email [contact us@friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk](mailto:contact_us@friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk).



**YES WE REALLY DO!!**

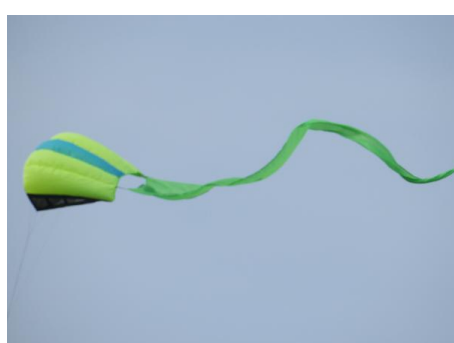
## 'The Kite Festival & Classic Car Display - 2018'

It was a bright and blustery day for the Kite Festival and Classic Car Display on Sunday 16 September. This is co-hosted with The Essex Kite Group (EKG) and the South Eastern Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club.

This event attracts families to the joys of making a kite, decorating and then flying them in the country park. In the pavilion the craft table was offering free kite making. Members of the EKG were on site also and provided the equipment (and help) for the children to make their own kites. Plenty of pens and coloured paper were provided for decoration and it proved extremely popular. Of course there is always a tricky part to the procedure - the tying of the Bow Line knot! Then it was outside for the enjoyment of flying these great creations.



There was also a fantastic demonstration of flying abilities and kites of all shapes, sizes and colours by the Essex Kite Group. Thank you to all.



For the car enthusiasts there was a grand display of classic cars from a bygone era. The polished paint and sparkling chrome was a sight to see. Thank you to Craig and the South Eastern Vintage and Classic Vehicle Club for a wonderful display of tenderly cared for vehicles.



More pictures are on the website [https://www.friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk/past\\_events.shtml#kites](https://www.friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk/past_events.shtml#kites)

Thanks to all involved for making this such a special event and we look forward to seeing you next year!



# WICK COUNTRY PARK EVENTS 2019



DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>January Jaunt &amp; AGM</b>	<i>Starting at 2 pm</i> Start the year with a sociable and leisurely walk of approx <b>1 – 1.5 hours</b> around the park, led by the Countryside Ranger, then enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is then invited to the AGM.

Unfortunately, due to issues related to Budgets that are completely beyond our control, the Wick Weeders group will not be able to meet again at least until the Spring weather arrives. Please keep an eye on our website at <https://www.friendsofthewickcountrypark.co.uk> for further updates.

A full programme of the 2019 events will be published soon.

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**Friends of the Wick Country Park Committee:**

Christine Lee - Acting Chairperson, Hazel Broomfield - Treasurer, Marie Singleton - Secretary, Hannah Cooper – Membership Secretary, Alaric Cundy - Webmaster  
Committee Member: Peter Bates

**Basildon Borough Council Countryside Services:**

Mark Williams - Countryside Ranger. To resolve an issue go to [www.basildon.gov.uk/street](http://www.basildon.gov.uk/street) or customer service on 01268 533333 (option 5). Any site enquiries to 01268 206665

**Neighbourhood Policing Team:** Telephone 0300 333 4444 or 07875 003503

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Please do not forget the January Jaunt, an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon in the new year:-

