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WALKING PROGRAMME 5th - 7th MAY 2012

Welcome to the 4th Corby Walking Festival. We hope you enjoy walking and taking in some of the wonderful scenery the Welland Valley and Rockingham Forest area has to offer. A variety of themed walks is included, including wildlife, local history and photography. Or if you fancy more of a challenge, try completing the Around Corby Route, a total of 34 miles. All walks are free of charge, unless stated otherwise and they are led by qualified, experienced walk leaders. No matter what your fitness level is, you will find something in this programme to suit you.

The Working Group is pleased to announce Lakelands Day Care Hospice as the beneficiary charity for 2012. All donations are welcome. You can also join them on their CROWNS AND TIARAS fundraising walk to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 5 May.

WALK FESTIVAL LAUNCH - Saturday 5 May, 10.30am at East Carlton Country Park, East Carlton, Leicestershire. The Mayor of Corby Borough will officially open Corby Walking Festival 2012.

FOR FAMILIES! - Festival Community Fun Day, Monday 7 May at East Carlton Country Park from 12 noon - 4.00pm. Join in the fun, with bouncy castles, archery, face painting, games and much more! (There will be a small charge for some activities). To be opened by Fiona Castle, Patron of Lakelands Daycare Hospice and the Mayor of Corby Borough.

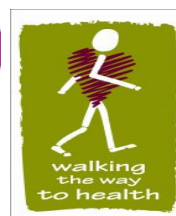
The Festival is the result of partnership working by a number of agencies and local organisations. Thanks to all partners who contributed time, resources and funding to this event. Thanks to Bizzy Bees Buses for providing transport.

**For more information, visit the Festival website:
www.corbywalkingfestival.org.uk**

All walkers participate at their own risk. The event organisers and associated partners will not be held liable for any injuries or incidents that may occur. All children and young people under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult during the walk programme activities. Dogs on leads are permitted at the walk leader's discretion. Walk leaders have the right to refuse any walkers whose dogs do not appear under control.



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NOTE: PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE MEETING POINT 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME. ALL WALKS ARE FREE OF CHARGE, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE. VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO LAKELANDS DAYCARE HOSPICE ARE WELCOME AT THE END OF YOUR WALK.

Date	Start Time	Walk Leader	Description & distance	Meeting point
Sat 5 May	9.00	Barry O'Brien	First section of Around Corby route. East Carlton Park to Brigstock via Cottingham,Bringhurst,Great Easton, Rockingham,Gretton & Weldon. Distance: 18 miles. <i>Dogs are not allowed.</i>	By the Wishing Well, East Carlton Country Park, East Carlton, LEICS, LE16 8YF
Sat 5 May	9.30	Chris Eilbeck - Ramblers	Cottingham - Oakham via Caldecott, Lyddington, Uppingham, Wing and Manton. Linear route with return by bus. (RF1 service) Distance: Approx 15 miles. <i>Note: Walking pace is brisk. Walkers are required to bring bus fare.</i>	Spread Eagle Public House, 1 High Street, Cottingham, LE16 8XL (GR845-901)
Sat 5 May	10.30	Bob Seaton - Ramblers	Leisurely walk via Ashley and Wilbarston - Distance: 6.5 miles	By the Wishing Well, East Carlton Country Park, East Carlton, LEICS LE16 8YF (GRSP833893)
Sat 5 May	10.30	Barry Knott - Corby Photographic Society	Photography walk in Great Oakley, Corby. Bring a camera!	Great Oakley Village Hall, Lewin Road, Corby, NN18 8JS.
Sat 5 May	10.30	Noel Rogers & Rita Robins - East Carlton Walking Group	Lyveden New Bield Circular walk. A delightful trek across the Lyveden Valley, passing through the pretty village of Wadenhoe. End the walk with a stroll in the Elizabethan Gardens and refreshments by the moated garden. Distance : 6.5 miles.	Visitors Car Park, Lyveden New Bield, Oundle, PE8 5AT
Sat 5 May	11.00	Suzanne Preston - Corby Borough Council	Diamonds and Tiaras fundraising walk for Lakelands Day Care Hospice. Don your best crown or Tiara and put on your royal wave to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee! Duration: 1 hour. <i>Donations are welcome on the day.</i>	Outside the Park Café, East Carlton Country Park, LEICS, LE16 8YF
Sat 5 May	11.00	Peter Hill - local historian	Historical tour of local buildings in Corby Old Village, finishing at Corby Heritage Centre with refreshments. Duration: 1 hour.	St John the Baptist Church, Corby Old Village, Corby, NN17 1XF.
Sat 5 May	1.00	Ann & Alan Potter - East Carlton Walking Group	A walk around picturesque Lady wood, followed by a guided tour of the historic National Trust Lyveden New Bield Lodge and Elizabethan gardens. Lyveden New Bield is an incomplete Lodge, created by Sir Thomas Tresham between 1595 and 1605. Distance : 1 - 2 miles.	Visitors Car Park, Lyveden New Bield, Oundle, PE8 5AT
Sat 5 May	2.00	Chris Andrews - RSPB	East Carlton Wildlife Walk: A gentle stroll through the parkland, looking at spring flowers, insects, and visiting the park pond. Duration:1 hour	Outside the Park café, East Carlton Country Park, LEICS, LE16 8YF
Sat 5 May	2.00	Peter Hill – local historian	The Geddington - Newton round'. Local history walk. Distance: 2 miles	Eleanor Cross Memorial, Bridge Street, Geddington, Northants NN17 2NU.

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Sun 6 May	9.00	Barry O'Brien	Second section of the Around Corby route. Brigstock to East Carlton via Stanion, Geddington, Great Oakley, Pipewell & Wilbarston. Distance: 16 miles. <i>Dogs are not allowed.</i>	By the Wishing Well, East Carlton Country Park, East Carlton, LEICS, LE16 8YF. Transport provided to Brigstock starting point.
Sun 6 May	9.30	Chris Eilbeck – Ramblers	Corby - Oundle via Little Oakley, Geddington, Brigstock & Lyveden. Distance: 15 miles. Return by Bus (x4 service) <i>Note: Walking pace is brisk. Walkers are required to bring bus fare.</i>	Lidl Store, Oakley Road, Corby. (A6014) (GR 883-880)
Sun 6 May	9.30	David Craddock - Ramblers	Leisurely walk via Brookfield Plantation and Rockingham. Route is part urban/part rural. Distance: 8 miles.	Gretton Village Hall, Kirby Road, Gretton, NN17 3DB (GRSP902944)
Sun 6 May	11.00	Noel Rogers - East Carlton Walking Group	Circular route via Gretton and Kirby Hall. Leisurely pace taking in the marvellous views of the historic Kirby Hall. Distance : 5.5 miles.	Gretton Village Hall, Kirby Road, Gretton, NN17 3DB. (GRSP902944)
Sun 6 May	11.00	Barry Knott – Corby Photographic Society	Photography walk – Circular route Gretton - Rockingham. Bring a camera and be inspired by wonderful views of the Welland Valley.	Gretton Village Hall, Kirby Road, Gretton, Northants, NN17 3DB.
Sun 6 May	2.00	Chris Andrews RSPB	Fineshade Woods. A stroll through the woods accompanied by birdsong. We will watch out for flowers, butterflies and more. Cafe available for refreshments afterwards. Duration: 90 minutes. Suitable for wheelchairs & pushchairs. <i>There will be a car parking charge.</i>	RSPB Centre, Top Lodge, Fineshade Woods, Northants, NN17 3BB. (GRSP978984)
Sun 6 May	2.00	David Craddock - Ramblers	Leisurely circular walk crossing Corby Railway Tunnel. One steep climb on route. Distance: 4.5 miles.	Gretton Village Hall, Kirby Road, Gretton, NN17 3DB (GRSP902944)
Sun 6 May	2.00	Peter Hill - local historian	The 'Great Oakley - Little Oakley Round'. Local history walk. Distance : 6 miles.	Great Oakley Village Hall car park, off Lewin Road, Great Oakley, Corby NN18 8JS
Sun 6 May	2.00	Louise Tuffin Nhants/Beds/ Cambs Wildlife Trust	Guided walk around Kingswood Local Nature reserve. See what wildlife you can spot on your way round! Refreshments to be provided afterwards. All are welcome, but anyone with special access/mobility requirements is advised to contact: Louise Tuffin on: 01604405285. Duration: 2 hours, including refreshments.	Top of Tower Hill Road, Corby, Northants (GRSP 86300 87644)

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Mon 7 May	9.30	Chris Eilbeck - Ramblers	Wilbarston circular route via Desborough, Arthlingworth, Braybrooke & Stoke Albany. Distance: 15 miles. <i>Note: Walking pace is brisk.</i>	Wilbarston Village hall, Church Street, Wilbarston, LE16 8QG. (GR 816-884)
Mon 7 May	9.30	David Craddock - Ramblers	Leisurely walk via Fineshade Wood and Blatherwycke. Distance: 7 miles.	Bulwick Church. (GRSP963942)
Mon 7 May	10.30	Elisabeth Jordan	Historical walk around the village of Gretton. Note: there is one short section of a steep hill.	Front of St James Church, Station Road, Gretton, NN17 3BU.
Mon 7 May	12noon	Barry Knott - Corby Photographic Society	Photography walk –circular walk from Harringworth to Seaton Mill. Bring your camera and be inspired by the views! Followed by a chat and coffee at the nearest pub.	Harringworth Church, Seaton Road, Harringworth. NN17 3AF.
Mon 7 May	1.00 & 2.30	Alan Potter - East Carlton Walking Group	Children's walk through East Carlton Country Park, with a performance of drama and music by Core theatre - enter a world of tree spirits and magic!	Outside the Park Café, East Carlton Country Park, East Carlton, LEICS, LE16 8YF
Mon 7 May	1.30	John Sharp - Corby Nordic Walking group	Come along and try out Nordic walking, with the use of poles and get an all over workout - all fitness abilities and Nordic walking novices are welcome. Duration:1 hour	Coach Car Park, East Carlton Country Park, LEICS, LE16 8YF
Mon 7 May	2.00	Chris Andrews - RSPB	Thoroughsale and Hazelwood wildlife walk. A gentle walk through this magnificent wood and along the Boating Lake. Listen to birdsong, visit the ducks on the lake and other spring wildlife. Duration: 90 minutes.	Boating Lake Car Park area, Cottingham Road, Corby, NN17 1TA.
Mon 7 May	2.00	David Craddock - Ramblers	Leisurely circular walk via Hostage and Cadge Woods. Distance: 4.5 miles.	Bulwick Church (GRSP963942)

Important rules:

1. **Always follow the Country Code. (visit www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)**
2. **Always select a walk route that is within your fitness ability.**
3. **Wear sensible shoes/boots and clothing. Always take additional clothing items with you in case the weather changes.**
4. **Take water and snacks with you to stay hydrated and keep your energy levels up,**
5. **particularly on longer distances.**
6. **Should you decide to go on an unled walk, plan your route in advance, take along a first aid kit and have a mobile phone with you in case you need to make an emergency call.**