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U3A is a national organisation for retired and semi-retired people who are no longer in full time employment, offering opportunities for members to come together in a friendly environment.

**June 2026**

Hi everyone,

Hope you are all well and surviving this changeable weather. We had a terrific thunderstorm recently which knocked out our electricity! Luckily no damage but we had to reset our cooker clock. Does anyone else find this tricky every time it happens, or perhaps it's just me!

We have a great programme of speakers going forward but today we have a change of speaker due to illness. Luckily, Jo Golby has nobly offered to speak instead and I know she is an excellent and entertaining speaker, so sit back and enjoy.

Steve Hammond-Evans  
Chair,

## GROUPS

### BOOK CLUB

This month's book is 'An Unsuitable Match' by Joanna Trollope, all about love and marriage in later life and the complications with grown-up children that make for a good read.

We meet on the last Monday of the month, the 29<sup>th</sup> this time, at Gill's house at 10am to discuss the book. Books are borrowed from the library by Gill ready for the book club so no need to buy. Large print and audio tapes available too on request. See Gill Hammond-Evans on the desk in the foyer if you are interested in joining this friendly group.



### COFFEE MORNING GROUP

Meets on 4th Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Antiques Centre, Blaby. All are welcome - coffee and cake with friends

### STROLLERS

It was raining but nothing daunted, the U3A strollers gathered at the gates of

Bouskell Park. Liz, our leader, was unable to be with us but Sue with her trusty dog greeted us with a cheerful smile. As the weather was decidedly changeable the decision was made to stick close to home; so we headed straight into the park in the direction of the Icehouse, knowing that the Long Walk with its tall tree canopy would give some protection from the driving rain. There were 7 of us plus the dog who constantly ran backwards and forwards checking up on stragglers. Turning left onto the bridle path the rain eased as we walked by the side of the cemetery and onto Mill Lane. There the decision was made to continue towards the Ford and back up through Alison's Acre. At this point coffee was beckoning so it was down through the park where the circus was being set up and on into the village for coffee at Insomnia. Despite the weather it was a very pleasant walk full of chat and smiles, of approximately 3 miles. Come and join us on our stroll on July 1st. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

### LOCAL NEWS

Some local events you may be interested in:-

Friday, 12th June 7.30pm      Blaby Methodist Church  
Fundraising FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT  
Willows Singers                      For details see next page

Friday, 3rd July 2.30-4.30      Countesthorpe Village Hall  
AFTERNOON TEA Fundraiser - The Next Chapter Rescue and Rehoming  
RSVP                                      For details see next page

Saturday, 4th July 7pm              Countesthorpe St Andrews Church  
CONCERT - HARMONICS COMMUNITY CHOIR  
Tickets available on the door

Wednesday, 22nd July 4pm      Blaby Methodist Church  
Free AFTERNOON TEA For the over 60's  
See Gill H.E. to register your place

### MEETINGS

TODAY'S MEETING :- Wednesday, 10th June, 2026.

Change of Speaker to Jo Golby who gave us the fascinating Tales of a Tour Guide in January. Today's talk is:-  
The Domestic - Servant to Goddess and All the Ammunition in between.  
1940s to 1950s from Housewife to Worker and back again

NEXT MEETING :- Wednesday, 8th July, 2026

**Healthwatch Leicester and Healthwatch Leicestershire.**

An Independent, Non Profit Organisation which represents the voice of local Health & Social Care Services. People tell us about their experiences, good and bad, so that we can help make changes by improving services. There is more information on our Website.

**N.B. If you would like to put forward any QUESTIONS** please write them down and hand them to Anne (Speaker Seeker) beforehand or on the day.

Make use of the u3a websites, national as well as local. You can sign up for the national newsletter at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/>

Please remember to silence your phone before meetings.

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# Fundraising FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT

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6 TO 30

Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of Fashion, Fun and Fizz (alcohol free) on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm, at Blaby Methodist Church, Winchester Road, Blaby LE8 4HL.

Treat yourself to a new outfit ready for summer!

Tickets: £6 in advance (£7 on the door) (Children free) (includes refreshments)

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## Afternoon Tea Fundraiser

3rd July • 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Countesthorpe  
Village Hall

Supporting  
The Next Chapter Rescue  
and Rehoming

Tickets: £18 per person

RSVP:  
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treats &  
good company!