Blaby U3A

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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.

September 2026

Hi Everyone,

Rain at last! The gardens are looking better and the grass everywhere is green again. I noticed that the shops are selling Halloween and Christmas stuff already and it's only September.
Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes. We always have a good selection so don't forget to buy your raffle ticket today!
Today's speaker is Stephen Evans with his talk about the Great Central Way, most of which is now a footpath that many of us will have enjoyed walking. I'm sure his talk will be fascinating and informative.

Steve Hammond-Evans
Chair

GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Our next book will be 'Only The Brave' by Danielle Steel, a historical novel set in Berlin during World War 2. The meeting will be on the last Monday of the month, 28th September, at 10 a.m. at Gill's house.
All books are borrowed from the library by Gill, so no need to buy and if you enjoy reading, why not come along and join us to discuss the current book.
See Gill on the membership desk in the foyer.

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

Despite a wet start to the day 5 Intrepid strollers met up dressed for the weather. A few minutes into our walk luck was with us and the rain stopped and everyone was then stripping off. We walked over to Whetstone and then onto Glen Parva on the footpath through the fields. We navigated Brick Hill stopping just once to catch our breath. Cynthia was able to help us identify

the bird song we could hear using her phone app but sadly we didn't get sight of any as they refused to come out of the bushes. We walked down onto Great Central way and then through the woods to the park where we made our way over to the library cafe. After being refreshed with drinks and cake we retraced our steps back to Blaby.
Why not join us, we meet at 10am on the first Wednesday of the month at Bouskell Park

COMPUTER GROUP
The new computer group started on Friday, 28th August. It went well and was useful with learning how to set up a WhatsApp group for the Computer Group. We plan to meet again at the beginning of October, however this group can't take anymore members so if anyone is interested, please see Dawn to be put on the waiting list or to start another group.

OUTINGS / CURRENT GROUPS
To discuss these with ideas, or other suggestions for Groups, please contact :- Dawn West 0762 607620

LOCAL NEWS
Leicester Heritage Open Days - Friday 11th - Sunday 20th September
Contact: Local Libraries or heritageopendays.org.uk/visitleicester.info

MEETINGS
TODAY'S MEETING :- Wednesday, 9th September, 2026
Guest Speaker - Steve Evans This talk covers progress on the Reunification of[9] two sections of Railway, Leicester to Loughborough and Loughborough to Ruddington. See website:- Reunification - Great Central Railway

NEXT MEETING :- Wednesday, 14th October, 2026
Guest Speaker - Peter Cousins.
'Champion of the People' - Orson Wright. Builder of South Wigston and many parts of Leicester! An amazing 'rags to riches' story of a man influential in all areas of Leicester.

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Raffle prizes are welcome, also books, jigsaws and ideas
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