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Visit **WARWICK**

WARWICK'S Blue Plaque Trail

Warwick Town Council
Commemorates the lasting contribution that, through their commercial endeavours, the family and descendants of George Nelson Dale & Co Manufacturers of Gelatine, Lime & Cement 1837-1970 made to the community of Warwick

Birthplace of WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR
1775 - 1864
Poet

Warwick Town Council
Newell Orton
1915 - 1941
WW2 Fighter Ace
Sqn Ldr DFC & bar
Born and lived here

Warwick Town Council
SITE OF THE DONALD HEALEY MOTOR CO.
3rd JULY 1963 - 13th DECEMBER 1974

Warwick Town Council
Dr John Conolly
1794 - 1866
Leading practitioner in mental health care
Lived near here

ARCHITECT F. W. PUGIN
J.R.R. TOLKIEN & EDITH BRATT
MARRIED HERE
22 MARCH 1916
OPENED 1860 BY BISHOP ULLATHORPE

DR BARBARA ANSELL
1923 - 2001
Pioneer in the treatment of childhood rheumatoid arthritis
Lived here

The King's High School for Girls
occupied this site 1879-2019 before relocating to Banbury Road

Take a walk back in time following Warwick's Blue Plaque Trail. Discover the home of the poet and writer Walter Savage Landor, see where J. R. R. Tolkien got married, admire the beautiful Mill Garden, learn about the famous local boxer Dick Turpin and more.



The former Warwick Gas Works building was built in 1822 near the basin, obtaining its raw materials from the coal wharves established at the waterside. By 1851 the gasworks comprised a one storey central block with two storey wings flanked by two octagonal gasometers.

A painting of a muscular man in a boxing stance, wearing a blue and red striped belt with a portrait of a man in a gold frame. The background is dark with white specks.

Lionel "Dick" Turpin (26 November 1920 – 7 July 1990) was an English middleweight boxer. He was a British and Commonwealth middleweight champion, reputedly the first black fighter to win a British boxing title. Dick was born in 1920 in Warwick and after serving in World War II was the country's number one middleweight boxer in the year 1947.

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WARWICK RAILWAY STATION

PRIORY PARK

ST NICHOLAS PARK

MYTON FIELDS

WARWICK CASTLE

RIVER AVON

WARWICK SCHOOL

BRIDGE HOUSE THEATRE

LEISURE CENTRE

AMUSEMENTS

CAFE

BOAT HIRE

PEDESTRIAN LODGE GATE TO CASTLE

CASTLE ENTRANCE

CASTLE LANE

GERRARD ST

SMITH ST

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ST

BANBURY RD

MYTON RD

COVENTRY RD

COTEN END

A429 TO A46, KENILWORTH & COVENTRY

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WARWICK'S Blue Plaques

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3 Dr John Connolly, Theatre Street



John Connolly was born in Market Rasen in 1794. His first employment was in the military, he then turned to medicine and by 1823 he was living in Stratford-upon-Avon. He went on to general practice at the Warwick Dispensary in Castle Street and in 1835 is listed as living in Theatre Street. In 1839, he was appointed resident physician to the Middlesex County Asylum where he introduced the principle of non-restraint into the treatment of the insane, which led to non-restraint becoming the accepted practice throughout England.

4 J. R. R. Tolkien & Edith Bratt, The Catholic Church of St Mary Immaculate West Street

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was an English writer, poet, philologist and academic, best known as the author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. On 22nd March 1916, J.R.R. Tolkien married Edith Bratt at St Mary Immaculate Church, Warwick. Edith converted to Catholicism in order to marry him.

5 Barbara Mary Ansell, Jury Street

Barbara Mary Ansell, CBE, FRCP, FRCS (30 August 1923 – 14 September 2001) was a British medical doctor and the founder of the field of paediatric rheumatology. Ansell was educated at King's High School for Girls, Warwick and was notable for outstanding contributions to the advancement of paediatric knowledge, specifically defining chronic joint disorders and the improvement of their management. After her death, a new science building at the then King's High School for Girls, and a street in Warwick (Ansell Way), were named in her honour.

6 Castle Hill Baptist Church, Castle Hill

The rebuilding of the church is a milestone in the history of one of the oldest Christian communities in Warwick. Its exact foundation date is lost in the confusion of the 17th-century Civil Wars. It certainly existed by 1649 and was probably started by soldiers of the Parliamentary army.



**7 Arthur Measures,
Mill Garden, Mill Street**

At the end of Mill Street, famous for its 15th and 16th century buildings is where you will find the Mill Garden, renowned for the quality of its planting and breathtaking position on the banks of the River Avon, lying beneath the walls of the castle. The blue plaque was awarded to Arthur Measures for his inspired leadership of the syndicate that purchased Mill Street from the Earl of Warwick in 1959.

**8 Newell Orton, DFC & Bar,
Bridge End**



Newell Orton, DFC & Bar (1915 – 17 September 1941) was a British flying ace of the Royal Air Force in the Second World War, credited with destroying 17 enemy aircraft. Born in Warwick in 1915, he was educated at Coten End School and Leamington Technical College. He learned to fly at the Royal Leamington Spa Flying Club and joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 1935, qualifying as a pilot. He transferred to the RAF in 1937.

**9 Walter Savage Landor,
Landor House,
Smith Street**



Walter Savage Landor, a poet and writer, was born on the 30 January 1775 behind the blue door you can now see on Smith Street. Landor was the most celebrated poet of his time. Landor loved the light airy house and wrote 'Never without a pang do I leave the house where I was born.' He died on 17 September 1864 in Florence, Italy.

**10 King's High School,
Landor House,
Smith Street**

King's High School for Girls was founded in 1879 under the headship of Miss Mary Fisher with the first twenty-one girls assembled in Landor House on Smith Street. Since then, the school has been inspiring girls to achieve academic excellence and personal enrichment.

Over the years the school underwent several changes and expansions. In September 2019 King's High School moved to Banbury Road, Warwick.

**11 William Holland,
Priory Road**



William Holland was a 19th-century master maker of stained glass who established his painting and plumbing firm in Wallace Street in Warwick in 1828. By 1832 he was working out of no 14, Smith Street, Warwick. His work was in the style of 12th century gothic art, illustrating scriptural event. His work is now recognised as an important link between 19th century gothic revival and high Victorian revival work.

**12 Donald Healey Motor
Company, Coten End**

The business was founded in 1945 by Donald Healey, a successful car designer and rally driver. Healey's new enterprise focused on producing high-quality, high-performance cars which were inevitably expensive. In 1963 they moved into the former Warwick Cinema on this site where a retirement complex now exists.

**13 George Nelson Dale & Co,
Charles Street, Warwick**

George Nelson Dale and Co were manufacturers of gelatine, lime and cement spanning over the period 1837-1970. George Nelson was said to be the inventor of the world's first table jelly, he died in 1850 and had five sons who survived him. He is buried in the churchyard at Old Milverton, overlooking Guys Cliffe House and the Saxon Mill.



WARWICK'S Blue Plaque Scheme

*Warwick Town Council
introduced a Blue Plaque
Scheme in order to recognise
people and places within the
CV34 area and to
commemorate the lasting
contribution made to the
community of Warwick.*