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# WARWICK Blue Plaques

A graphic for the Warwick Blue Plaques Trail set against a brick wall background. It features a central blue speech bubble with text, surrounded by several circular and octagonal blue plaques, each with a photograph of a location in Warwick. The plaques include information about George Nelson Dale & Co, Walter Savage Landor, the King's High School for Girls, J.R.R. Tolkien and Edith Bratt, the Donald Healey Motor Co, and gasworks.

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.

**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

**Warwick Town Council**  
Birthplace of **WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR**  
1775 - 1864  
Poet

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

**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.  
3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 1963 - 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 1974

A GASWORKS WAS OPENED HERE ON THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 1822.  
BOTH THIS OCTAGONAL TOWER AND THE SIMILAR ONE SITUATED AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE FRONTAGE ARE THE OLDEST KNOWN SURVIVING GASWORKS BUILDINGS, AND WERE USED TO HOUSE THE TWO ORIGINAL GAS HOLDERS.

ARCHITECT E. W. PUGIN  
**J.R.R. TOLKIEN & EDITH BRATT**  
MARRIED HERE  
22 MARCH 1916  
OPENED 1860 BY BISHOP ULLATHORNE

## 1 Gas Works, Saltisford

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.

## 2 Dick Turpin, Parkes Street

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.

## 3 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. Edith converted to Catholicism in order to marry him.

## 4 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.

## 5 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 Warwick Castle. Arthur Measures assisted residents of Mill Street to buy their houses from the Earl of Warwick in the last century.

## 6 Newell Orton, Bridge End

Newell Orton was born in 1915 in Warwick and was educated locally at Coten End School and Leamington Technical College. He learned to fly at the Royal Leamington Spa Flying Club. He joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in 1935 and was soon a qualified pilot with the rank of sergeant. Orton's prowess as a fighter pilot was well-known in Warwick and he was regarded as a local hero.

## 7 Kings High School, Landor House, Smith Street

King's High School for Girls was founded in 1879 by Miss Mary Fisher with the first twenty-two girls assembled in Landor House on Smith Street, Warwick. 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.

## 8 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.

## 9 William Holland, Master Glass Maker

William Holland was a 19th-century master maker of stained glass who established his painting and plumbing firm in Wallace Street, Warwick in 1828. In 1847, William purchased then demolished two houses on Priory Road (then Oil Mill Lane). He commissioned the building of his family residence and adjoining workshop at 3 Priory Rd.

## 10 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.

## 11 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 Cliff House and the Saxon Mill.

