



Kings Norton is a large, outer suburb of the city of Birmingham at the heart of which lies a treasure chest of architecturally valuable period buildings.

A village like oasis amidst extensive contemporary development, King's Norton boasts listed architecture dating from the 13th, 15th and 17th centuries.

Saint Nicholas Place is the result of the restoration of The Old Grammar School and The Tudor Merchant's House through winning BBC Two's Restoration Programme in 2004.



www.saintnicholasplace.co.uk

Bookings

Apply early! Numbers are limited. All applicants must be paid up members for insurance purposes.

Closing date for applications is July 31st

If you require confirmation please enclose an sae or E-mail address.

No refunds available for cancellations after September 1st unless we can reallocate your place.

Queries

Please contact

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A Step Back in Time

*A tour of
Saint Nicholas Place
King's Norton, Birmingham
and
a talk by
Gaynor Arnold*



Warwickshire & West Midlands

NWR

Day Conference

Saturday 3rd October 2009

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Girl in a Blue Dress

is a fictionalised account of Charles Dickens's troubled marriage. It is written in the first person from the perspective of Dorothea Gibson whose narrative weaves back and forth between past and present.

The Times said
"Arnold contrives to keep this essentially passive, housebound woman's story constantly engrossing and in the end, after her husband's death, redemptive."

The Man Booker panel commented
"Here is somebody who can tell a story"

Gaynor said
"It is nice to find success at this stage in my life. I just wish I had started earlier."



Programme

- 10.00 - 11.00 Registration and refreshments
- 11.00 - 12.00 Guided Tour in 3 groups
- 12.00 - 14.00 Lunch and free time
(Time to look around the local area)
- 14.00 - 15.15 Talk by Gaynor Arnold
- 15.15 - 16.00 Refreshments and farewells

Cost - £13.50



Gaynor Arnold

By day, Gaynor is a social worker in Birmingham, specialising in adoption and fostering. She studied English Literature at Oxford and always had her nose in a book!

Girl in a Blue Dress, her first novel, took her five years to write and was taken on by Tindal Street Press, the small Birmingham Publishers that also spotted Clare Morrall.

Gaynor was longlisted for The Man Booker Prize in 2008, The Desmond Elliot Prize and The Orange Prize for Fiction 2009.



She is an active member of Edgbaston NWR.

Gaynor will be happy to answer any questions after her talk and will also bring and sign copies of her book.

Lunch

We will supply refreshments at the start and end of the day but would like you to bring your own delicious lunch and drink to be eaten in the centre - or you are welcome to visit any of the local amenities if you prefer. There will also be time to explore the surroundings if you wish.



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Address :

Tel No :

E-Mail :

Group :

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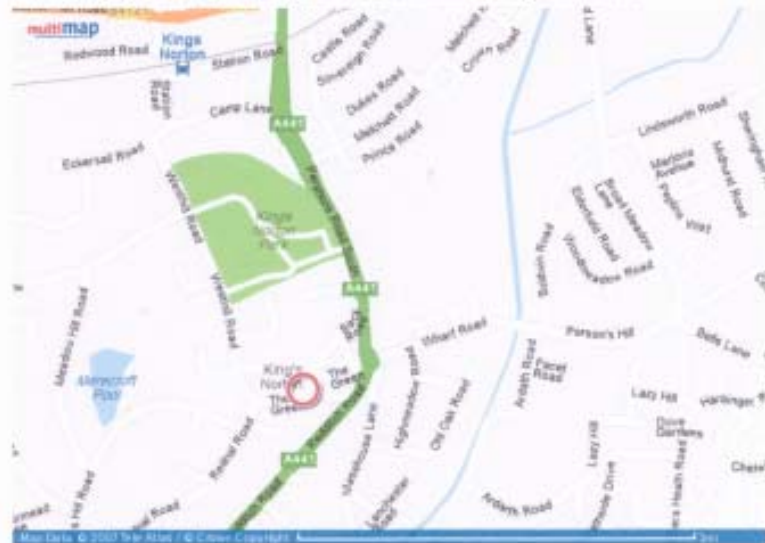
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Tube:

Railway: Hall Green (0.45mi, 0.72km)

Map of King's Norton, Birmingham, West Midlands, England, B38 8



Nearest transport link

Your notes

Tube:

Railway: Kings Norton (0.45mi, 0.73km)



St Nicolas' Kings Norton

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Location

Saint Nicolas Place
81 The Green
Kings Norton
Birmingham
B38 8RU

Tel: 0121 458 1223

Directions

- Train: to Kings Norton Station and then No. 18 bus to the church.
- Bus: Nos. 18, 45, 49 and 146
- Car/coach: off A441 at Kings Norton.

- [Find Kings Norton on multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com)
<http://www.multimap.com/s/i56pkZsB>