

## **BLUE PLAQUES GROUP UPDATE**

### Group activity update:

The Group last met in person at the Town Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Current plaques:

- **44 Heath Terrace CV32 5NA**

Unveiling of this Plaque confirmed for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the property, followed by refreshments at the Town Hall in the Council Chamber at 2:45pm. Plaque to be installed by Pinners on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Official invitations went to Hapgood family members, representatives of the Leamington History Group, the Leamington Society, Leamington Literary Society, Cllr Bill Gifford, Leamington FC and Arsenal FC – all have accepted and will have representation. Cllr McAllister attending as Town Council representative.

- **27 Woodbine Street CV32 5BG**

No further updates on this Special Interest Plaque as yet – owner of the property is seeking quotes for scaffolding to erect the Plaque on her preferred location.

### Progress with other nominations:

1. Permission has been given by the owner of 56 Bath Street (location of Iceland store) for a Blue Plaque to Margaret Maitland Fowler on the front of the building. Listed Building Consent application to be completed and submitted to WDC for this site. Owner to make £100 donation and Leamington History has offered up to a £350 donation towards the creation and installation of this Plaque.
2. Location of Eleanor Doorly's (Head of King's High School and children's author) residence in Leamington has been confirmed as being at 23 St Mary's Crescent. Property owner has confirmed she is happy to have the Plaque installed but would like to wait until early 2022 as she is having repair works done to the front of the property in Autumn 2021.
3. Location of the residence of Sir John Hicks (winner of Nobel Prize for Economics 1972) at 17 Claremont Road has been confirmed. Current property owner has agreed to have the Plaque installed but would like to postpone until after his recovery from a medical issue (hopefully Summer 2022).
4. A nomination has been made for Christopher (Coin designer, Royal Mint) and Janey (Professor of Fashion, Royal College of Art) Ironside to have a joint plaque at 44 Holly Walk. Property owner has agreed to have the Plaque installed.
5. Travelodge are happy for a Special Interest Plaque commemorating the headquarters of the Camouflage Unit being located there during the Second World War to be located on the property. However, they do not own the building. Text for plaque being created in conjunction with Leamington Museum.

6. There was a new nomination for Nelly Thornton. Nelly became the model for the Rolls Royce bonnet ornament sculpture "Spirit of Ecstasy" and was later known by the name Eleanor Velasco Thornton. She was also the mistress of Baron Montagu of Beaulieu. Nelly lived at 24 Charlotte Street, Leamington Spa for part of her childhood and lived from 1880 – 1915 when she sadly drowned on the SS Persia when it was torpedoed during the First World War.