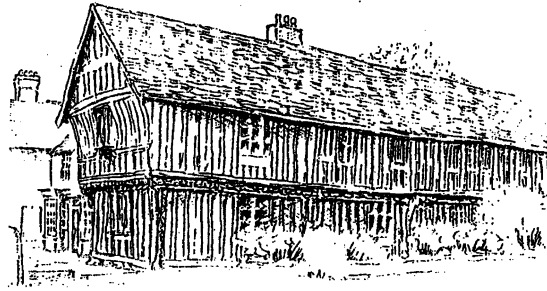


Kings Norton History Society



Kings Norton History Society was formed in October 1980. The Society's meetings take the form of talks covering a wide variety of subjects of historic interest concentrating on the West Midland region. Meetings are held in the North Hall on the last Monday of the month, unless otherwise specified, from September to May. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the talks start at 7.30 pm; matters are usually complete by 8.45 pm. Membership is £12.50 per annum. Talks are 'free of charge' to members. Visitors are always welcome but a charge of £3 per talk is made.

In 2009, Stephen Price and George Demidowicz, both strong supporters of the Society, published '*King's Norton – A History*' a highly acclaimed account of the development of the parish through time.

Members also publish papers together with local walks and other literature on many aspects of historic interest in Kings Norton and the West Midlands. We also mount an annual exhibition at the Kings Norton Festival in the summer. Currently plans are afoot with Kings Norton Park, and the Worcester, Birmingham & Droitwich Canal Society for the 200th anniversary celebration of the completion of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal in 1815.

One of the Society's aims is to be aware of potential threats to Kings Norton's historic environment and to take any appropriate action necessary to preserve it. This objective plays an important part of the Society's contribution to the Kings Norton community. In 1989, a previous chairman, Jim Melling, was instrumental in winning the battle for the inclusion of the Library, Kings Norton Schools and Board Building in Pershore Road South in the Conservation Area. The Society made numerous representations about the dilapidated state of the Primrose Hill Farm, and was delighted when a private funding initiative took on the recent most successful restoration of the complex. Meanwhile the future of the Navigation Inn is still uncertain. These are a few of the areas the Society has been involved with.

If anything of historical concern comes to your attention or you would like to know more about the Society please contact the Chairman, Claire Simpson, email: KNHS@lagonda.org.uk