

# INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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**1ST APRIL 2024**

**WHAT'S ON**

## **INGS VILLAGE SCHOOL / HALL - A HISTORY**

The children of Ings were taught in the chapel from about 1633. Rowland Wilson may have been taught there. He, like Robert Bateman, was a local boy who made his fortune elsewhere and later became a local benefactor. Wilson became a wealthy London vintner. In his will in 1651, he left all his lands in Grassgarth to his grandson, and at the same time charged him with the support of the School in or near the Chapel of Ings to teach the children in the hamlet of Hugill. For many years £12 per annum was paid for this purpose, and according to a report of the Charity Commissioners in 1835 the same sum was still being paid to the Schoolmaster and Incumbent of the Parish, Revd. J. Airey, for which he taught the children of the hamlet, and any others that came to him, free of charge. According to this same 1835 report attendance at the School averaged 35 in the winter half-year, and 12 in the Summer! The children were taught classics, reading, writing and accounts. Other endowments for the school were received from Robert Bateman (1743) and John Braithwaite (1854).

Throughout the C19th the chief occupations were agriculture and bobbin turning. The population of Hugill township in 1871 was 421 having risen from 237 in 1801. In 1870, school attendance was 45 in Winter, 12-15 in Summer. June: "A very thin school, in consequence of so many children having to do sheep-washing." August: "Only 24 present, harvest has begun." A Schools Inquiry Commission in 1869 reported "The school room is cramped and low, but there seems to be some chance of a new school being built, for which a site is offered close to the present room. All that is required is money for the building, and this might be provided in the discretion of the Trustees from Mr Braithwaite's benefaction." The school was rebuilt the same year. Until 1845, from its inception, the Schoolmasters were Incumbents of the Parish. From 1905 onwards Head-teachers were appointed by Westmorland County Council. After over 300 years educating local children, Ings School was closed at the end of the Summer Term 1972, when there were only 16 names on the register.

Under the 1944 Education Act, many school buildings and associated properties were made the responsibility of Church of England Diocesan Education Boards, who became answerable to the Charity Commissioners for seeing that these assets were used for the continuance of Christian education within the Diocese. When rural schools were closed, in order to protect the interests of local communities where the loss of a school building would have been a serious blow to community life, the Diocesan Board of Finance gave assistance to Parochial Church Councils and local Trusts to retain their buildings. Consequently, the Hall was offered to the PCC of St Anne's Church for £3500. A total of £6000 was duly raised, to cover the purchase and the cost of renovation. The school was officially re-opened as a Parish Hall on Saturday October 6th 1979.

## **DATES**

**Tue 2 April at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall  
To book: Christine 01539 821689

**Wed 3 April at 7.15pm**

Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall

**Thu 11 April at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club - Village Hall

**Sun 14 April at 2.30pm**

Concert - *Paddy Davies (percussion)*

**Thu 18 April at 7.30pm**

Staveley & District History Society

**Thu 25 April at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club - Village Hall

**Sun 5 May at 2.30pm**

Concert - *Iona Brown, Mike Gerard*

**Tue 7 May at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

**Sat 11 May at 7.30pm**

Concert - *Staveley Choral Society, with soloists and orchestra*

**Thu 16 March at 7.00pm**

Staveley & District History Society  
*walk round Ambleside*

**Sun 26 May at 2.30pm**

Concert - *Barrow Male Voice Choir*

**Sat 22 June at 7.00pm**

Summer Barbecue - Village Hall

**Thu 8 August at 9.30am**

Sheepdog Trials - Hill Farm

**Ings Mothers' Union**

1st Thursday in month at 2pm

**Sundays at 11am**

Weekly service at St Anne's Church

## STAVELEY WITH INGS PARISH COUNCIL - LATEST NEWS

<http://www.staveleywithingspc.co.uk/> Email: [staveleyings.parish@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyings.parish@gmail.com)

**Parking charges for Staveley Mill Yard** have not yet been applied. When they do come into effect, this may have a significant impact within the village.

**Traffic speeding in Ings:** A resident of Ings reported that once again there was an increase in traffic speeding away from the 40mph restriction when travelling towards Windermere, and requested that the Speed Indicator Device (SID) be deployed again. It was noted too that the increase in traffic volume and speed on Moorhowe Road remained an issue. News of action by Westmorland & Furness Council of the request to reduce the speed limit in various parts of Ings is awaited.

**Staveley Post Office:** Concerns were expressed about the imminent closure of the current Sub Post Office in Staveley and the need for a new location and Sub Postmaster. Contact to be made with the Post Office to find out what process they have in place when a closure occurs and whether the PC can be of assistance.

**Ings Playground:** Further measures to deter the moles in the playground at Ings have now been taken. We await the outcome of this action. PC is grateful to the working party from Ings that cleared debris, tidied shrubbery, raked old molehills and re-seeded in early March. A permanent 'dogs on leads' sign to be erected.

**Parish Council minutes** from the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and 4<sup>th</sup> March meetings are available online. The next meeting is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Ings Parish Hall, at 7.15pm.

Cllr Paul Riley



### Staveley & District History Society

Winter talks in St Anne's Church at 7.30pm

Apr 18: *Harriet Martineau's life in Ambleside* with Christopher Donaldson

**Summer Walks - further details at website or by email**

May 16: An evening walk around Ambleside with Andy Lowe - 7.00pm

June 20: Duddon Iron Furnace, Broughton in Furness - 2.30pm

July 18: United Utilities' W'mere Wastewater Treatment Works - 2.00pm

New members/visitors welcome £3 per talk

[www.sdhs.org.uk](http://www.sdhs.org.uk) Contact: [staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com)



### Summer Barbecue

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.00pm**  
Village Hall / playground

Burger buns, salads and fire stations provided - suggested donation £5 please.

Bring your own burgers, sausages, steaks etc. and your own drink.

No need to book - just turn up.

Further details: [ingsvillage@gmail.com](mailto:ingsvillage@gmail.com)



**'MUSIC FOR THESE DISTRACTED TIMES'**  
SCS Summer Concert in St. Anne's Church, Ings.  
Saturday May 11th 2024 7.30pm,

The title comes from *A Sad Pavan* written by Thomas Thomkins in 1649 which resonates with the original name for the Nelson Mass - 'A Mass in Troubled Times'.

**Haydn's Nelson Mass**

with soloists in a new arrangement for small orchestra:

Harp, Piano, Timpani, Oboe & Bassoon

Plus choral music by **Jenkins, Tomkins, Chilcott, Rutter, Carter, and Lauridson**

Adults £12, Under 16's £6 available from SCS, Staveley Pharmacy, or at the door.

Contact [staveleychoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:staveleychoralsociety@gmail.com) for enquiries

This concert is supported by grant from Westmorland Arts Trust



How can you tell if a plant is good at maths? It has square roots.

What do cricket teams and pancakes have in common? They both need a good batter.

What did the tree say when spring finally arrived? What a re-leaf.



Apr 11: John Hiley: *A history of Ings*

Apr 25: Maurice Steele: *A walk through history*

Talks take place in Ings Village Hall at 2.30pm

New members welcome £2 per talk. Annual membership £10.

Talks resume on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September after the Summer Break



### Sunday Concerts in St. Anne's at 2.30pm

April 14: Paddy Davies - percussion

May 05: Iona Brown (violin) Mike Gerard (viola)

May 26: Barrow Male Voice choir

All concerts 1 hr - £10 at the door  
incl tea/ buns after concert

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