

INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

SEPTIC TANKS

Two words to grab the attention of anyone buying or selling a rural property nowadays. Equally, many of us here in Ings are barely aware of which ancient underground tank our daily ablutions end up in. "We've never emptied it" is a surprising yet common confession. Some of us even host next door's tank – very neighbourly!

In 2015 the Environment Agency introduced new rules for private sewerage, conveniently placing the responsibility for compliance with the hapless homeowner. Thanks EA. One important rule is to prohibit any septic tank from discharging to a watercourse, so if your tank does this, you have an immediate issue. Other rules relating to condition, capacity and evidence of pollution are relevant to all septic tanks and as properties come up for sale over the years and suffer scrutiny from solicitors and assorted surveyors, it has become increasingly apparent that rural homeowners have some tricky issues to solve.

It's likely that most of us in Ings will have pre-1983 brick septic tanks with a deep soak-away. I'm currently investigating whether such systems could meet the Environment Agency binding rules if they are not polluting or overflowing, are well maintained etc. It is possible to apply for an EA permit for a system which is not compliant, but that's essentially admitting your system is not fit for purpose!

Most of us will struggle to accommodate a replacement system unless it's in a shared scheme. Modern domestic wastewater treatment plants are big and require substantial clearances from buildings, boundaries etc, plus anyone needing a soakaway/drainage field will need a large area of flat land. The rules relating to old tanks are a little vague which is rather fortuitous for the many 'effluencers' who want to sell you a shiny new system...

It's unlikely the EA will parachute in a hit team to condemn our septic tanks, but the 'binding rules' spook mortgage firms and conveyancers, so can become a sticking point on sales. The option of connecting to mains drainage is currently not available, perhaps because of our impossibly remote location. Sewers end at Staveley - and that's another story.

Residents were asked in 2010 if they want to be connected to main drainage but gave a collective 'no', so perhaps that would be different if asked again? It only needs two properties with major issues to make an application. Any views and other tank talk would be most welcome.

Malcolm Smith, Hill Top (01539 822090)

DATES

Tue 6 August at 12.15

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

Thu 8 August at 9.30am

Sheepdog Trials - Hill Farm



Sat 17 Aug at 7.00pm

Concert- *Keldwyth Award Finals*

Tue 3 Sept at 12.15

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

Wed 4 Sept at 7.15pm

Parish Council - Village Hall

Sun 8 Sept at 2.30pm

Concert - *High Society Jazz Trio*

Thu 26 Sept at 2.30pm

Bateman Club - Village Hall
with Ian Jones

Sun 29 Sept at 2.30pm

Concert - *A Capella Male Voice Choir*

Ings Mothers' Union

1st Thursday in month at 2pm

Sundays at 11am

Weekly service at St Anne's Church

The grass is always greener over the septic tank!

What do you call someone that's an expert in drainage systems?



A connoisseur!

Why do airport staff take sanitation seriously? To avoid terminal illness!

STAVELEY WITH INGS PARISH COUNCIL - LATEST NEWS

<http://www.staveleywithingspc.co.uk/> Email: staveleyings.parish@gmail.com

The on/off return of the car used for advertising parked on the verge at the junction of Grassgarth Lane with the A591 has engendered more complaints. It was requested that the Clerk report it again to the Westmorland and Furness Highways hotline as it is illegally parked on their land.

Hill Farm, Ings. Change of use of land for siting of 3 holiday pods. Application withdrawn.

The noticeboard at Ings is in a poor state and a replacement is being considered.

It was noted that a local resident expressed the view that the verges are looking lovely where they have not been cut. They also brought to the Council's attention that Westmorland and Furness have recently published a new six page document on road verges and suggested that the Parish Council should look at it and consider adopting the policy in the interests of bio-diversity.

The playground has been inspected and there are no issues to report. A new 'Dogs on leads' sign has been purchased and installed, and mole eradication appears to have been successful. Quotations for repairing the wall at the South end of the playground are being sought.

There is an ongoing issue of the apparently abandoned car in the layby opposite the bus stop in Ings. Since the previous meeting, it has been reported to DVLA as not taxed and the Police have confirmed that it is not stolen. It was requested that the Clerk explore the possibility of having it towed away by either the Police or the DVLA.

An issue with a camper-van which was parked such that it was obstructing highway visibility was resolved following discussion with the vehicle's owner.

Next meeting: Ings Parish Hall, Wednesday 4th September at 7.15 pm.

Cllr Paul Riley



Concerts in St. Anne's Church

Sat 17 Aug at 7.00pm: Keldwyth Award Finals Concert: featuring four young Cumbrian musicians: Jess Moore (saxophone), Sam Weakley (baritone), Charlotte Thomson (soprano), Laura Massey (cello) £12 More information at <https://www.keldwyth.org.uk/concerts/>

Sun 8 Sep at 2.30pm: High Society Jazz Trio: Bruce Carnaffin (clarinet, vocals) David Bateman (banjo, guitar, vocals) Robin Andrews (drums, washboard, harmonica, vocals). £10 incl tea/buns

Sun 29 Sep at 2.30pm: South Lakes a Capella Male Voice choir. Modern and contemporary song £10 incl tea/buns

All concerts - tickets at the door 30 mins before start
More details at: www.ingsvillage.org.uk



Sep 26: Ian Jones: *Off-comers to Windermere. Part 2*

Oct 10: Paul Cropper: *Safari in Kenya*

Oct 24: Colin Thomson: *Titanic - the unthinkable*

Nov 14: Andrew Judson: *From Mizen Head to Malin Head.*

Nov 28: Andy Lowe: *Making a grand entrance*

Dec 12: Mike Mitchell: *tba*

Meetings take place in Ings Village Hall at 2.30pm
New members welcome £2 per talk. Annual membership £10.
Contact: ingsvillage@gmail.com

Lake District Sheepdog Trials

Thursday, 8th August 9:30



Hill Farm, Ings, LA8 9QQ

Adults £7 incl prog, children free, Parking free on site, stalls, dog show, hound trails, bar, refreshment marquee.
Contact Secretary 07769871819 for further details.



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