

# INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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1ST APRIL 2025

WHAT'S ON

## 100TH BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST PARTY - Sat. Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

Long time Ings resident Cynthia Kelsall will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 19th. Plans are in hand to mark the occasion with a breakfast party in the village. Details will be announced in due course.

Cynthia first came to Ings early in WW2 from Kent, where her father, Albert Kelsall, was a director of Milestones Service Garage Ltd. Like many businesses with small engineering workshops, Milestones had become involved in the war effort, making small arms tools, which were needed in vast quantities to meet demand. After the Battle of Britain, which Cynthia saw as a young girl, the Government decided to evacuate such manufactories to less vulnerable locations. Cynthia's father and fellow director, Eric Pride, who had both worked in munitions at Vickers Shipbuilding Co. in Barrow in WW1, relocated Milestones to Ings Garage, mothballed at the beginning of the war, when its owner, Clifton Park and his mechanic Fred Unsworth both joined the RAF.

Exciting tales are told of the move to Ings: hauling equipment in lorries and trailers through the London blitz at night; of arriving in Ings in the early hours, and of willing hands waiting to erect the machines to minimise delays to production. Then came demands for expansion of the premises, the plant and employees. A canteen, a ladies cloakroom, a new office and another workshop were all built, eventually accommodating a work force of some 35 folk.

In that time, Cynthia attended Kendal High School. At the end of the war, Park and Unsworth re-opened the garage, and Milestones returned to Kent. Cynthia went to study Biology at London University and became a Biology teacher, returning to Ings on her retirement. Thereupon, she re-established her friendship with Barbara Coupland who worked at the garage in the war. Cynthia volunteered at Holehird Gardens, looking after the *Polystichum* collection. She sang in Staveley Choral Society and enjoyed art classes in Ings Village Hall. She painted some beautiful botanic works. She was a member of Ings Bateman club for many years and regularly attended musical events in the village.

## SOLAR PANELS - PETITION

Thanks to those who have returned their petition forms - we've received over 200, many with trenchant comments in support. We'd be grateful to those reading this newsletter who haven't yet completed a form to do so - there's still time, and the more returns we have the better! Thank you. Electronic copies may be requested by email from [ingsvillage@gmail.com](mailto:ingsvillage@gmail.com) and are also available at: <http://www.ingsvillage.org.uk/church-solar-petition.php?home>

John Hiley, Churchwarden

## DATES

**Tue 1 Apr at 12.15**

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

**Wed 2 Apr at 7.15pm**

Staveley with Ings Parish Council

**Thu 10 Apr at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club - Village Hall

**Sun 13 Apr at 2.30pm**

Concert - *piano/flute duo*

**Thu 17 Apr at 7.30pm**

Staveley & District History Society

**Fri 18 Apr at 10.00am**

Good Friday Walk

**Thu 24 Apr at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club - Village Hall

**Sun 27 Apr at 7.30pm**

Concert - *bassoon/accordion duo*

**Sun 4 May at 2.30pm**

Concert - *one piano/four hands*

**Tue 6 May at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

**Thu 8 May at 14.00**

VE day - Ings MU afternoon tea

**Wed 14 May at 14.30**

History Society visit to Keswick

**Sat 17 May at 7.30pm**

Concert - Staveley Choral Society

**Sun 1 June at 2.30pm**

Keldwyth Award Showcase Concert

**Sundays at 11am**

Weekly service - St Anne's Church



Q. What is Ings Garage's favourite holiday? A. April fuel's day.

Q. Which bird should you never let into a jewellery store? A. A robin.

## STAVELEY WITH INGS PARISH COUNCIL - LATEST NEWS

<https://www.staveleywithings.org/> Email: [staveleyings.parish@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyings.parish@gmail.com)

At the Staveley with Ings parish council meeting on the 27th February there were a number of planning applications discussed, more details can be found on the council's web site.

The Lake District National Park Authority is consulting about the new local plan for Staveley and Ings, this will be crucial in deciding any future development in our village. This plan can designate local green spaces that are applied to land which makes a significant positive contribution to the visual amenity or character of a settlement. Once a green space has been designated in the plan it will be hard, or impossible for it to be developed for any purpose, The Parish council along with its partners have been active in contributing to this plan.

The Curlew action group have posted signs on the gated road, making the public aware that there are ground nesting birds between March and July and they are requesting dog walkers to take care not to disturb the birds by keeping dogs on a lead and sticking to the paths during this period.

Have your say about your community by attending the next Parish Council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April in the Ings Parish Hall at 7.15 pm.

*Clr Paul*

### Sunday Concerts in St. Anne's

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm

**David Edmonds (flute)**  
**Charles Edmondson (piano)**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm  
Piano Duo

**David Battersby & Wendy Nicholas**

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2.30pm

**Keldwyth Showcase Concert**  
with three young Cumbrian musicians

All concerts 1 hr - £10 at the door  
incl tea/ buns after concert  
more details at: [www.ingsvillage.org.uk](http://www.ingsvillage.org.uk)



### Staveley & District History Society

**April 17<sup>th</sup>: "The story of the Ordnance Survey" with John Parker.**

John was with the Ordnance Survey in Cumbria throughout his working life. (Talk in Ings Church at 7.30pm)

**May 14<sup>th</sup>: Guided walk round Keswick with Andy Lowe.** Meet 2.30pm  
Keswick Bus Station - or 555 bus from Staveley / Ings at 12.43.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>: Visit to Lowwood Gunpowder Works, Haverthwaite** - details tba

**July 17<sup>th</sup>: Visit to Nenthead Lead Mines** - details tba

Yearly membership £10 - New members/visitors welcome £3 per talk / visit  
Contact: [staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com)



Apr 10: John Hiley: "Local Heroes"

Apr 24: Maurice Steele: "Letter Boxes"

Talks take place in Ings Village Hall  
Thursdays at 2.30pm

New members welcome £2 per talk.

Annual membership £10.

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### Village Hall - Diary Dates

Fri Apr 18	10.00am	Good Friday Walk
Thu May 8	2.00pm	VE day afternoon tea
Sat Jun 28	7.00pm	Barbecue
Sat Sep 13	10.00am	Coffee morning
Sat Nov 15	10.00am	Birthday Breakfast

Check for updates in future newsletters  
and at [www.ingsvillage.org.uk](http://www.ingsvillage.org.uk)

### Concert - "Accordion meets Bassoon"

St Anne's Church, Ings - Sunday 27th April 7.30pm

**KAREN TWEED (accordion) and URSULA LEVEAUX (bassoon)**

Internationally renowned players, and long-term friends and collaborators, play a unique concert of solo and duo music.  
Book online at [Wegotickets.com](http://Wegotickets.com) - put "Ings" in the search box

Ticket price £11 - includes commission

[www.karentweed.com](http://www.karentweed.com) [www.ursulaleveaux.com](http://www.ursulaleveaux.com)



### Staveley Choral Society Summer Concert

St. Anne's Church, Ings.

Saturday May 17th, 7.30pm,

#### 'Now Here is the Weather!'

- with sunshine, storm clouds, rainbows, and other delights,

featuring clarinettist / composer / arranger / maker: **JACK McNEILL**

*You'll be seated around starrily-lit tables,*

*with delightful refreshments included in the price of the ticket*

*£15 - from Staveley Pharmacy / choir members / on door*

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