

# INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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**1ST DECEMBER 2025**

**WHAT'S ON**

## 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST



Long time Ings resident, Cynthia Kelsall was 100 on 17th Nov. Ings Village Hall hosted a Birthday breakfast in her honour on the 22nd. Her association with Ings goes back 85 years when her father relocated his small munitions manufactory from Kent to Ings shortly after the Battle of Britain in WW2. She attended Kendal High School then London University and became a Biology teacher, returning to Ings on her retirement.

Thereupon, Cynthia volunteered at the Lakeland Horticultural Society at Holehird, sang in Staveley Choral Society and enjoyed art classes in Ings Village Hall. She was a member of Bateman Club for many years and regularly attended musical events in the village. Cynthia wasn't well enough to be present to celebrate with some 80 friends, neighbours, and colleagues from Holehird, and enjoy the display of photos, memorabilia, Cynthia's sketches and botanical illustrations.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

**Saturday 6th December 10am - 3pm**

- Making Paper-chains, Xmas Baubles, Angels
- Pasta and Biscuit making for lunch
- Decorating a little tree for the church



Calling all Ings / Hugill children (age 0-10 ish) plus parents or their other special people - grandparents with their visiting grandchildren also welcome. Come for any or all of the day!

Enquiries and booking to Wendy Randall  
07494 349478 or [wendyrandallartist@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendyrandallartist@yahoo.co.uk)

## DATES

**Tue 2 December at 12.15**

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

**Sat 6 December at 10.00am**

Children's Xmas Craft Day - Village Hall

**Sun 7 December at 11.00am**

Carol Service - St Anne's Church

**Sun 7 December at 2.30pm**

Concert in St Anne's Church

**Thu 11 December at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

**Wed 24 December at 6.30pm**

Christingle Service

**Thu 25 December at 11.00am**

Christmas Day service

**Tue 6 January at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

**Thu 15 January at 7.30pm**

History Society talk - St Anne's Church

**Thu 22 January at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

**Tue 3 February at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

**Thu 12 February at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

**Sun 15 February at 2.30pm**

Concert - St Anne's Church

**Thu 19 February at 7.30pm**

History Society talk - St Anne's Church

**Thu 26 February at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

**Sundays at 11am**

Weekly service - St Anne's Church

**Ings Mothers' Union**

1st Thursday in month at 2.00pm

**Staveley Choral Society**

Mondays - Weekly rehearsal at 7.00pm

## STAVELEY WITH INGS PARISH COUNCIL - LATEST NEWS

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

The Staveley with Ings Parish Council meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Ings. Staveley or Ings residents with any issues are invited to all Parish Council meetings where they are given the chance in the public participation section to give their views and question the parish council on issues on the agenda or raise issues relating to the Parish for future discussion. The next Parish Council meeting is on Mon 5 January at 7.15pm at the Ayland Pavilion.

At the meeting members of the public raised concerns about road safety on the A591 from Plumgarths roundabout through Ings. The council agreed to form a subgroup to develop a highways plan. The Group will investigate whether the speed limit on the A591 at Ings should be reduced, along with what measures could help with road safety. Residents assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Several planning applications were discussed, full details are available on the website.

Cllr Paul Riley

### Christmas at St Anne's

**Sun 7 Dec at 11am: Carol Service**  
with Ings Occasional Choir

**Wed 24 Dec at 6.30pm: Christingle Service**  
Mulled wine and mince pies after the service and a visitor from the North

**Thu 25 Dec at 11am: Christmas Day Service**  
Family Communion



All welcome



Dec 11: Mike Hambrey: *"Meltdown in the Alps"*

Jan 22: Peter Jones: *"Lancaster Canal Trust"*

Feb 12: John Parker: *"The Islands of Scotland"*

Feb 26: Chris Hiley: *"Highleys of Walsden – a family broken by WW1"*

Mar 12: Louisa Morris: *tba*

Mar 26: Helen Clark *"Bay search and rescue"*

Apr 09: Jean Scott-Smith *"Shap Abbey"*

Apr 23: Maurice Steele: *"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"*

Meetings in Village Hall at 2.30pm

Non-members welcome £2 per talk. Annual membership £10.

Contact: [ingsvillage@gmail.com](mailto:ingsvillage@gmail.com)

### A Poem and a Speed Camera

I was recently shown a copy of a Poem called *Ings*. The author is Zafar Kunial who spent 2014 as the Wordsworth Trust's Poet in Residence. The poem is about visiting Ings and the Church and falling foul of the speed camera. Kunial was clearly aware of Wordsworth's poem *Michael*, in which Wordsworth wrote of the story of the church's founder Robert Bateman and the 'chapel floored with marble'. You can read Kunial's poem at:

<https://granta.com/three-poems-zaffar-kunial/>

Paul Riley

### Staveley & District History Society

#### WINTER TALKS 2025-26

Thursdays at 7.30pm in St Anne' Church, Ings

Jan 15: Mark Hatton *"A history of the wad mines of Borrowdale"*

Feb 19: Steve Dickinson *"The hole in Hadrian's Wall"*

Mar 19: Andy Lowe *"Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse"*

Apr 16: John Mather *"Sir Thomas Bouch - Victorian Railway Engineer"*

Visitors / new-members welcome – just turn up or contact [staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com)



### Concerts in St. Anne's

**Sun 7 December at 2.30pm**

#### *"Winter Notes, a musical almanac in Cumbria"*

Jack McNeill (clarinet and bass clarinet)

Eleanor McIntosh (Soprano) Kate Halsall (Harmonium and percussion)  
featuring new music and re-imagined classics - instrumental music, poetry, song, found texts, carols, improvisations  
£15 at the door from 2pm incl tea / buns after the concert

**Sunday 15th February at 2.30pm**

***Harps North West and friends*** - Programme details to follow  
£10 at the door from 2pm incl tea / buns after the concert

Q: What do you get if you cross an iPad with a Christmas tree? A: A pineapple.



Q: What do snowmen eat for lunch?  
A: Iceburgers!

Q: What did Santa ask Rudolph about the weather? A: Is it going to rain dear?

Q: What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? A: Tinselitis

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