

INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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1ST FEBRUARY 2024

WHAT'S ON

SOLAR PANELS ON INGS CHURCH - UPDATE

Permission remains elusive. The Planning Committee of the Diocese of Carlisle has passed our application with flying colours. The final arbiter on behalf of the Church of England is the Chancellor of the Diocese. We await his decision. Meanwhile, the National Park have refused the application despite the support of our Parish Council. The refusal notice states: "If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Authority to refuse your application...you may appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990." We do feel aggrieved and are in the process of appealing the decision.

The refusal notice of LDNPA is based round a perceived harm to the building's architectural heritage, the visual impact of engineered and reflective surfaces, and impact on local character/distinctiveness and landscape. There are strong counter arguments.

The view of the S-facing roof is very restricted. The only place from which the S-facing roof can be seen is when standing in front of Church-view cottages and the Village Hall. The S-facing roof cannot be seen from the A591, nor from any other public access road/land. Thus, there is no 'long view' of the Church's S-facing roof which will affect the landscape.

The solar panels do not affect or hide any of the Georgian features of the building for which it is listed, for example, the classical form with continuous nave and chancel and window symmetry. Buildings need to evolve to meet the demands made on them. Ings Church once had a door in the South face of the building until a new vestry was built in 1887. A toilet extension with an entrance from the nave through the North wall was built in 2019. Meeting needs with such changes has allowed the building to survive and thrive. Indeed it can be argued that this protects the architectural heritage

Buildings on Church Lane to the East of the church are not of a similar character nor age. There is little consistency of use of materials of construction. The view is dominated by the metal roofs of the Filling Station complex and by the A591 itself and the traffic on it. The area of the proposed solar-panels installation is only about 2% of the existing hard engineered roof surfaces there already.

The Park's Vision for 2030: <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/aboutus/our-vision> lays claim to caring for communities within the National Park. The refusal notice makes no mention of this responsibility nor the effect of their decision on the well-being of Ings Village community. A key driver for building usage is affordability of heating. Solar panels will halve our energy costs. Using the Church saves it from neglect, safeguarding the future of an important community building and the community that uses it. The Park's website also writes of their vision for climate change. We feel that the refusal of our application significantly undervalues the public benefit of renewable energy generation because of the urgent need to mitigate against Climate Change.

DATES

Sun 4 Feb at 2.30pm

Concert - OttoVoce Ladies Choir

Mon 5 Feb at 7.15pm

Parish Council Meeting
Village Hall

Tue 6 Feb at 12.15

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

Thu 8 Feb at 2.30pm

Bateman Club - Village Hall

Thu 15 Feb at 7.30pm

Staveley & District History Society
NB: in Village Hall

Thu 22 Feb at 2.30pm

Bateman Club - Village Hall

Sat 24 Feb at 1.30pm (to 4.30pm)

'For Ukraine + Music & Parkinson's'
Musical afternoon drop in
St Anne's Church & Hall for teas

Tue 5 March at 12.15

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

Sun 10 March at 2.30pm

Concert - *Fellas* - Men's choir

Thu 14 March at 2.30pm

Bateman Club - Village Hall

Thu 22 March at 7.30pm

Staveley & District History Society

Thu 28 March at 2.30pm

Bateman Club - Village Hall

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

Staveley with Ings Parish Council is looking to increase the number of councillors representing Ings. If anyone is interested in joining us to help the community please contact the Parish Clerk or come along to one of the meetings. The next meeting is in Ings Village Hall on Monday 5th February at 7.15pm.

Due to the overwhelming support by the Ings residents the request to reduce the speed limit in various parts of Ings has been approved and forwarded to Westmorland & Furness Council to action.

The Full Parish Council minutes from the 8th January meeting are available online & on the Council's notice boards. They include the news that Graham from the *Beehive* has given notice to cease his roll as sub-postmaster.

The Emergency plan had been very successful during the December 3rd snowfall with the Parish Halls in both Staveley and Ings being open overnight for a warm place to shelter.

The matter of the car with the advertising logo, that is often parked on the grass verge at Ings, was raised again and the Clerk was asked to report it to Westmorland and Furness Highways.

For up to date information about our community news please check out www.staveleywithings.org

The Parish council web site is unchanged and is www.staveleywithingspc.co.uk.

Cllr Paul Riley

Historic Snowfall in Ings - December 2023

A heavy snowfall brought chaos over the first weekend in December. Many people were stranded or had to abandon their cars in Kendal, Windermere, Ambleside and Grasmere. In Ings, over 15" of snow was recorded. The car-park at the Biketreks / filling station complex and Church Lane was host to many abandoned vehicles. The Village Hall was open all night to stranded passengers.



Q: If you live in an igloo, what's the worst thing about global warming?

A: No privacy!

Q: What's the only animal unaffected by climate change? A: The Egyptian Crocodile, because it lives in Da Nile.



Staveley & District History Society

Winter talks in St Anne's Church at 7.30pm

Feb 15: *History of Gilkes of Kendal* with Chris Crewdson

Mar 21: *Restoring an iconic historic building* with Andy Lowe

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

New members/visitors welcome £3 per talk

www.sdhs.org.uk Contact: staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com



Feb 08: Paul Polydorou: *Tribal People in the Indian Subcontinent*

Feb 22: Kevin Sayers: *Windermere, a Lake for all and how United Utilities is playing its part*

Mar 14: Louisa Morris: *The story of a shipping container from China*

Mar 28: Maggie Mees: *Holehird Gardens, a Lakeland garden for all seasons*

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.



Sunday Concerts in St. Anne's at 2.30pm

Feb 04: *OttoVoce* Ladies Choir

March 22: *Fellas* Male Voice Choir

April 14: Paddy Davies - percussion

May 05: Iona Brown (violin)

Mike Gerard (viola)

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

More details at: www.ingsvillage.org.uk

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