

INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

RE-APPLICATION FOR SOLAR PANELS SUCCESS

The National Park's Development and Control Committee finally approved St Anne's Church's re-application for a solar panel and battery installation at their meeting on 5th August. Linda Walker, a retired circuit judge, and John Hiley spoke at the meeting, overturning the recommendation of the Planning Officer to refuse the application. The level of local support for the application proved key to the decision. One committee member remarked: "The letters of support are very heartfelt, detailed and specific. They are genuinely supportive, in large numbers, of this proposal." Another added: "I have to admit I came to this application minded to follow the officer's recommendation. But I'd now like to move that we don't accept the recommendation, and propose that the application be approved."

Of course, we feel strongly that it is the correct decision. The solar panels aren't just about saving money, they help future-proof not just the building but also the activities that the building facilitates, community and worship events alike. Preservationists argue that historic buildings should remain untouched, a testament to the past. But preservation without adaptation inevitably leads to stagnation and decay. The Lake District's beauty is undeniable, but it's also a living landscape shaped by its inhabitants. The solar panels, invisible to most, are a small price to pay for helping to keep the church operational.

We plan to install the panels in early Spring 2027. In due course, we'll announce details of some donation 'opportunities'. The financial liabilities of the River Wall repair in conjunction with this Solar Panels investment necessitate asking for financial assistance, including grants, one of which will 'match-fund'.

John Hiley

INGS CRAFT GROUP



Ings Craft Group have donated several blankets that they have knitted to Project Linus UK. This volunteer, non-profit organisation aims to provide security, warmth, and comfort to children of all ages who are ill, traumatised, or otherwise in need. Blankets go to hospitals, hospices, care homes and refugees, anywhere at all that children need cheering up.

Although Project Linus UK is a nationwide organisation, the aim is for local people to help local children, which in this case includes all of Cumbria. The photo shows Vita Collins of Brampton, co-ordinator of Project Linus UK Cumbria, receiving the blankets. The Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Village Hall - new members welcome - and would be most grateful for any donations of odd balls of double knitting wool.

Contact: Lindy Priestley 01539 822301

DATES

Sat 3 Oct from 1.30pm

St Anne's Church and Hall
Drop-in concert for Ukraine

Sun 4 Oct at 2.30pm

Choral Concert - St Anne's Church

Tue 6 Oct at 12.15

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

Thu 8 Oct at 2.30pm

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

Sat 10 Oct at 10.00am

Children's Craft Day - Hall

Thu 15 Oct at 7.30pm

History Soc. talk - St Anne's Church

Tue 20 Oct at 2.00pm

Ings Craft Group - Village Hall

Thu 22 Oct at 2.30pm

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

Tue 3 Nov at 12.15

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

Sun 8 Nov at 2.30pm

Piano Concert - St Anne's Church

Thu 12 Nov at 2.30pm

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

Tue 20 Oct at 2.00pm

Ings Craft Group - Village Hall

Tue 17 Nov at 5.00pm

Cello Concert - St Anne's Church

Thu 19 Nov at 7.30pm

History Soc. talk - St Anne's Church

Thu 26 Nov at 2.30pm

Bateman Club talk - Village Hall

Ings Mothers Union

1st Thursday in month at 2pm

Sundays at 11am

Weekly service - St Anne's Church

STAVELEY WITH INGS PARISH COUNCIL - LATEST NEWS

<https://www.staveleywithings.org/> Email: staveleyings.parish@gmail.com

Review of Staveley with Ings Parish Council meeting on 07.09.26:

- In the public participation section of the meeting, concern was raised about Joseph the rough sleeper in the bus stop. The Parish Council has spent a lot of time communicating with Joseph as has Jasmine Box, the Rough Sleeper Outreach Officer, for W & F council, Phone 01539 793199. I explained that the bus shelter is provided, cleaned, insured and maintained by the P.C. on behalf of the rate payers, who are unable to now use the shelter when required and we are also unable to maintain and clean it. Jasmine informed me that she has no enforcement powers regarding the matter and we could clean up after Joseph when he is out for the day. Jasmine is currently supporting Joseph to consider and utilise other options where he can stay.
- Six Planning applications were discussed. More details can be found on the Parish web site.
- The Oak tree in the Ings playground was successfully removed as it was condemned as dangerous. The wood was sold with all money going to the Parish Council to offset the cost of removal, many thanks to everyone who helped.
- Autumn will soon be here so if anyone notices blocked drains on the roadside these can be reported on the W&F web site directly, the more people that report a problem the quicker it will be fixed.
- The Highways Hotline phone number is 0300 373 3306.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 5th October at the Staveley Institute at 7.15pm

Cllr Paul Riley



SALLY THE COLLIE

Ings resident with proud owners. Sally (aka Winalot) claimed the winner's rosette for the second successive year in the family pets (bitches) class at the Lake District Sheepdog Trials at Hill Farm, Ings, on 6th Aug.



AUTUMN SEASON 2026

Talks in Ings Parish Hall at 2.30pm

Sep 24: John Parker "Scottish Islands"
Oct 08: Helen Clark "Bay search and rescue"
Oct 22: Ian Jones "Holehirdiana Part 1"
Nov 12: Katharine Banks "Recycling right and wasting Less"
Nov 26: Andy Lowe "Discovering a landscape of industry"
Dec 10: John Hiley "Life in the hive"

Non-members welcome £2 per talk. Contact: ingsvillage@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CRAFT DAY

Sat Oct 10th 10am - 2pm Ings Village Hall

Autumn and harvest themed crafts
For Ings children (age 0-10 ish) with parents and / or grandparents. Come for any or all of the day. No charge.

Contact Wendy to confirm attendance

wendyrandallartist@yahoo.co.uk



STAVELEY CHORAL SOCIETY Present 'GIFT', their annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Monday December 14th, 7.30pm,
Staveley Village Hall.

To include excerpts from Handel's Messiah
and Bach's Christmas Oratorio,
plus other Christmas music and carols.
Contact: staveleychoralsociety@gmail.com



CONCERTS IN ST. ANNE'S

Saturday October 3rd from 1.30pm

Benefit Drop-in Concert for Musicians of Ukraine + Music and Dementia

Sunday October 4th at 2.30pm

Choral music from *Folli Contorti* a capella choir

Sunday November 8th at 2.30pm

Music for piano duet: David Battersby & Wendy Nicholas

Tuesday November 17th at 5.00pm

Sole cello recital: James Halsey - solar panels fundraiser

Sunday December 6th at 2.30pm

Festive music from *Tra-La Trio*



STAVELEY & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Winter talks at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church

Oct 15th: Geoff Sykes "Big Ben's Country Cousin"

Nov 19th: Alison Shaw "Thomas Mawson Gardens in Cumbria"

Keep the dates: Jan 21st, Feb 18th, Mar 18th, Apr 15th Speakers tba
Visitors / new-members welcome - contact DT Reed 01539 822036

staveleyhistorysociety@gmail.com

STILLNESS SESSIONS - RESTORATIVE HARP

A restful live harp meditation at St. Anne's Church. Lie down, rest and receive the sound as gentle acoustic harp music fills the space.

Sundays at 3pm: 18th Oct, 15th Nov

More info: 07942 310852

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Q. What did they say when the Red Marrows flew overhead?

A. Cor! Jets!

Q. What do farmers wear under their shirt when they're cold?

A. A har-vest.

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