

Ulverston News



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter, covering Ulverston events, festivals, and services. We also send email and SMS alerts regarding significant local incidents, and you can phone us for incident updates.

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Ulverston Self Isolation Group



You may be aware that we had been planning to hold a get-together at The Roxy for everyone who has volunteered to help in the event of a serious incident occurring in Ulverston. We were in the process of confirming guest speakers, and had sent out invitations.

However, because of the increasing number of Covid-19 cases locally, and as a result of discussions with Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council, and Public Health England, we have cancelled the live event.

Therefore, we have now invited everyone who has registered as an incident volunteer to attend a virtual meeting. We will discuss experiences and best practice regarding emergency response in Cumbria, including how different organisations cope with incidents such as flooding, and how they have responded to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

The meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd September, and will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. You don't need to have Teams to attend. We'll send out joining instructions. We will also record the meeting, so that you can watch it later if you prefer.

If you have not volunteered and would like to do so, please click on the "Update your preferences" link at the foot of this newsletter, and tick the "Major Incident Volunteer" box.

Cumbria Covid-19 News

As the Government announces new rules limiting the number of people that can gather together, 45 new COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Cumbria in the week ending 4 September, up 11 from the previous week.

Early indications for the current week suggest the numbers are continuing to

increase. The local increases reflect the national picture in England where cases are increasing in all areas. In response Government has announced a tightening of COVID-19 restrictions, setting a new limit of just six people on gatherings indoors and outdoors.

From the 14th September - when the new rules apply - it will be against the law to meet people you do not live with in a group larger than 6 (unless you are meeting as a household or support bubble). The police will have the powers to enforce these legal limits, including to issue fines (fixed penalty notice) of £100, doubling for further breaches up to a maximum of £3,200.

Cumbria County updates can be found at:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/publichealth/covid19outbreakcontrol.asp>

Government Coronavirus FAQs are at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>



Lantern Festival



Birds & Bugs - 19th September 2020

There's big buzz around this year's Virtual Ulverston Lantern Festival, and the theme of 'Birds & Bugs' in the shape of giant bee that has landed in the Market Hall where Lantern-making kits are now on sale.

The bee is hanging around in the Visitor Information Point in the Market Hall where it was welcomed by lanterns committee member Helen Shacklady, who runs the BookShack stall.

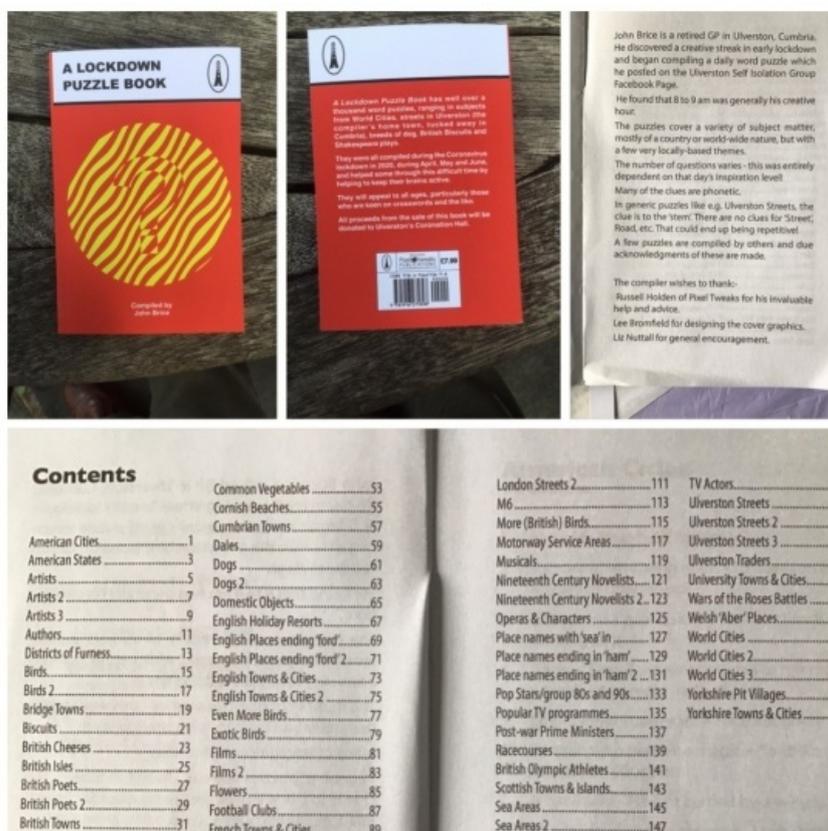
There will be no crowd-pleasing procession in 2020 because of Covid-19 restrictions but lantern-makers are being encouraged to create their own 'Birds & Bugs', send the committee photos of their lanterns and display them outside their homes on the Friday and Saturday evenings during the weekend of 19th

September.

Helen explains: "So many people in Ulverston and visitors to the town love the festival and making the lanterns each year. We are constantly amazed by the creativity shown by the lantern-makers, and their creations will be on show in a virtual parade of pictures on our web site www.ulverstonlanternfestival.org and on our Facebook page. Covid-19 rules out the procession but we want to keep alive the creative flame that makes the festival so unique and enjoyable."

Kits are also on sale for £5 each, from Appleseeds on Market Street and contain willow withies, paper, glue, wire, masking tape and candles – everything needed to make a lantern. The Virtual Festival theme 'Birds & Bugs' offers scope for a huge variety of creations from caterpillars, ants, flies and beetles to butterflies, dragon flies and ladybirds, and from sparrows, robins and ospreys, to gulls, gannets and golden eagles.

A Lockdown Puzzle Book



New book by John Brice

During lockdown John compiled a daily word puzzle, all posted on Facebook. These have now become a book, which is available for sale. All the proceeds are going to support Ulverston's Coronation Hall, South Cumbria's largest music and theatre centre.

It is available in Ulverston at Sutton's bookshop on Market Street, and at the Book Shack in the Infor Market. It is also available online at <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lockdown-Puzzle-Book-John-Brice/dp/1916275893> <https://www.waterstones.com/book/a-lockdown-puzzle-book/john-brice/9781916275898>



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