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Welcome to the Summer Issue of ChapeltonNews 2016.

The past few months have been busy for everyone in Chapelton and with a number of community events set to launch into the Autumn, we're sure that this exciting time will continue.

In this issue we learn about some of the latest updates in the town as well as the activities that the community and neighbouring areas can expect to enjoy in the near future, including a bike ride challenge and fundraiser, which is already proving popular.

We also hear from Alison Dumphie of Chapelton Community Interest Company in our regular Meet the Team section. Alison is at the heart of organising a range of events in Chapelton as well as liaising with existing and new members of the local community.

The onsite teams have been hard at work doing the detailed finishing of the initial phase and beginning to build the houses of the next stage. In addition to learning more about some of the latest developments and plots, we'll also take a look inside some of the current Chapelton property owners homes and see how each has been individually styled.

I very much hope you enjoy reading this issue of ChapeltonNews. For residents requiring further updates please visit and register your details at www.chapeltonlife.co.uk

New Plots



Following the years of hard work on the first phase, our three housebuilders are now continuing their activity into stage two of the build.

A number of new plots will soon be available to prospective buyers including apartments, terraced houses and semi-detached homes. Each property will be conveniently located near the town's first community hub, Hume Square, offering a place to enjoy a leisurely stroll, local facilities and green space.

Developed by housebuilders ZeroC, Stephen and AJC, the homes will complement the existing surroundings of Chapelton and bring much needed additional housing to the local area.

ZeroC have started to build Bunting Place, north west of Hume Square. Stephen will begin their development of 20 cottages shortly and AJC will follow with their next block further along Greenlaw Road.

The Latest from Chapelton

With the Chapelton landscape growing and maturing, the local community is also evolving.

Chapelton Community Interest Company has developed a number of new events and initiatives to support the community and its way of life.

New Hair and Beauty Salon

Hume Square is already a bustling place and with a new hair and beauty salon to launch in the coming months, we're set to see the community hub grow even further.

Run by local hairdresser Kelly Daun, the Lounge at Chapelton will be located between Teacake and the nursery school offering residents and those from nearby a convenient new facility.

For more information on the hair salon, visit www.facebook.com/TheLoungeAtChapelton.

Walking Route Mapped Out

With the town set within one of the North East's most attractive locations, Chapelton Community Interest Company has worked closely with residents and local groups to map out a new walking route for residents and neighbouring communities to enjoy.

Spanning across more than two miles with a starting point in the centre of Chapelton, the route will be the first of a range that, over time, will offer people of all ages varied walking, running and cycling routes through the surrounding countryside and overlooking the coastline.

Maps of the route are available at no cost from Teacake.



Community Challenge

Local residents and neighbouring communities are invited to join the housebuilding teams for the Chapelton Bike Ride on Sunday 4 September 2016 in aid of charity North East Sensory Services.

Formerly the Stonehaven Bike Ride, the challenge will offer cyclists a choice of a 42 mile or 12 mile route each starting at Teacake in Hume Square. A 2.4 mile walk through the grounds of the nearby Elswick House is also available for those looking for a less gruelling challenge.

Live music and stalls will make this a fun day for all with proceeds going to this great local charity.

Registration costs and further details can be found at: www.chapeltonbikeride.co.uk

Look Inside Chapelton's Stylish Properties



Chapelton is home to a wide range of properties. From apartments at the edge of Hume Square to detached houses overlooking the coastline, each property has its own character.

Three Chapelton residents tell us how they have uniquely styled their new home to bring something different to the community.

Dustin Falzon & Stacey Will, owners of a four-bedroom Stephen property

Chapelton may boast the very best of traditional town designs but couple Dustin and Stacey have brought a modern twist and personal flare to their home.

Walking into the couple's property, an open plan kitchen-dining and living space has been adapted to offer island worktops and dark wood flooring. The surrounding white walls and large windows flood the room with light.

Upstairs, the spacious master bedroom finished with crisp white furnishings, benefits from an en-suite bathroom. A stone wall has been introduced here offering a spa 'wet room' feel which is complemented by the natural colour of the space.

All four of the bathrooms within the property have been tailored with a different theme including a second en-suite which has been finished with classy black and white details.

Speaking of the design of his home, Dustin said: "Each of the bathrooms are very different in terms of colouring but are all very modern and reflect the general theme of the house.

"We wanted to make sure that any visiting guests had somewhere relaxing and comfortable to enjoy and the second en-suite bathroom offers just that.

"We couldn't ask for anything more and look forward to continuing to add our own style to our new home."

Margaret Kennedy - owner of ZeroC apartment

Margaret Kennedy is one of the lucky few to own an apartment overlooking the bustling Hume Square.

Margaret fell in love with the two-bedroom home which sits at the edge of the Square when she opted to downsize from a larger property in December last year.



Since moving in, she has transformed the property into a welcoming home filled with family mementos and comfortable furnishings.

Commenting on her home, Margaret said: "I was instantly drawn to the wooden worktops in the kitchen; they're such a nice feature to have. I seem to be the only resident at Chapelton that has chosen them so far but I'm sure that will change soon - they're becoming increasingly popular."

Outside Margaret often enjoys the courtyard area where she has added a plethora of potted plants and garden furniture.

She continued: "I really love the courtyard - it's such a lovely spot to sit and watch the world go by. I wasn't keen to look after a garden on my own so am very happy with a small space that I can easily maintain and add the odd plant to."

Adam Maitland, owner of an AJC home with his wife Catherine

Since moving in in December 2015, Adam and his wife Catherine have quickly transformed their property into a comfortable and sociable space that can be enjoyed by their family and visiting friends.

A well-furnished open plan kitchen living space at the front of the property boasts a large breakfast bar which creates a social environment for dinner parties and events. Here Adam and Catherine have added clean-cut white units which sit above light wooden flooring bringing a bright and airy feel to the whole room.

Adam said: "We love to host family and friends in what we see as our long-term family home. The open plan living, dining and kitchen area is a fantastic space for socialising and was a real selling point for us."

Continuing through to the lounge area, Adam has furnished this formal room with a selection of unique furniture items sourced locally. A large distressed coffee table in the middle of the room instantly catches the eye amongst distinctive sofas finished in brown leather and soft fabric.

Adam added: "We instantly loved the lounge area. It's such a bright and spacious room and we've tried to keep the furniture in-keeping with the classic house design whilst filling the large space."

"We were really keen to include as much of the furniture in the house from local outlets as possible. We sourced our carpets and flooring from Andersons of Inverurie, who were exceptional and our blinds from Angus Classic Interiors in Brechin - they have a great selection of patterns and materials, but I have to give full credit to my wife for the choices."

Meet the Team

Alison Dumphie from Chapelton Community Interest Company



How did you get to where you are today?

I have had a variety of jobs in my working career. The longest was working for American Express booking business travel which I thoroughly enjoyed and was able to take advantage of greatly reduced travel prices to see the world.

More recently I worked with the project team building the new Mearns Academy in Laurencekirk and when this came to an end I approached EDC to see if they had anything in the construction industry. The rest is history.

What does your typical day at work involve?

No two days are the same, but if I am not working from home I usually check my emails over breakfast then head up to Elsick House for the morning and go to Chapelton in the afternoon.

My role is very varied looking after Elsick House and being the point of contact for any changes in Chapelton so it is hard to define a typical day.

What has been your favourite event or celebration in Chapelton so far?

Our Christmas service held at St Ternans - there was a lovely atmosphere in the church, made even more eventful by Morag's dip in the burn en route. We had a great turn out and raised money for the Stonehaven Kidney Dialysis Unit at the same time.

Alison has been working closely with Elsick Development Company for the past two years and since joining the company has played a significant role in shaping the Chapelton community as we know it today.

A well-known face in the town, Alison is at the heart of organising many of Chapelton's successful events including the recent tree plantings, Easter egg hunt and Christmas service. Always eager to help, she is a key member of the team ensuring that existing and new residents are aware of progress with the development and on hand to answer any questions.

Alison makes every effort to get to know the residents at Chapelton. During the frequent events she makes introductions and helps newcomers settle in and build friendships throughout the community.

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

I try to fit in some time for walking with my dog "Hugo the Boss", gardening and enjoying time with my two grandchildren.

What is your favourite spot in Chapelton?

I love the lanes; they are unique in new developments in this area. But my favourite spot has to be Teacake where I meet up with lots of residents and savour Anita's delicious mackerel pate.

Tell us something that not everyone might know about you

I love animals and am a sucker for a sob story, so when I was told there was a goat looking for a new home to end her days (which I was assured were numbered) I took her on.....for ten years.

It came to light that the reason she was being rehomed was that she was something of an escape artist. Our postman came racing to our house one morning to report that "Jessica" was sunbathing on our neighbour's doorstep! The latest addition is a donkey, again I was duped - he is only about ten and could live to be 50, so guess what I will be spending my pension on.

What do you look forward to seeing develop the most in the town?

I frequently get asked about play parks and how soon they may be in place. They will be a great meeting place for parents and children and tie in with our community vision.

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