

# ChapeltonNews



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## Welcome from The Duke of Fife

It's hard to believe that this is our fifth new year on site. The vision of Elsick Development Company (EDC) has always been to create a place with a strong sense of community and we're immensely proud of the way in which residents have picked up this mantle.

In contrast to most current housing provision, Chapelton is already on its way to becoming a self-sufficient town where residents can live, work and play. We see those who have made Chapelton their home doing all three.

We've continued to listen closely to your feedback and have changed the masterplan to meet public demand. One of these changes saw the introduction of single-storey cottages to Chapelton which have proved to be popular. We also amended the design of Liddell Park to include a children's play area. Construction work is well advanced and we look forward to seeing it open in the Spring.

2017 was a busy year with the introduction of the Chapelton Trail, our new events calendar, major earthworks and developer, Liberty Retirement Living, breaking ground on-site. We can't wait to see what 2018 holds.



# 2017 Events



With the launch of a new events calendar, the Chapelton community and its visitors are enjoying a range of workshops, celebrations and activities.

The new series aims to bring a number of fresh events to the town by partnering with local businesses to offer residents and visitors alike the chance to try out a new hobby.

## Chocolate Creations with Cocoa Ooze

Award-winning chocolatier Cocoa Ooze brought their delicious workshops to Chapelton on Saturday 11 November.

A marshmallow and chocolate workshop for children and a truffle creation session were extremely popular. All ages were able to try their hand at the art of chocolate making before going home with a selection of handmade sweet treats.



## Christmas in Chapelton

The Chapelton community and those from neighbouring areas enjoyed a festive evening of celebrations on Wednesday 29 November.

Sponsored by Liberty Retirement Living, residents experienced the official switch on of the town's Christmas tree before making the most of Teacake's cosy atmosphere and festive food and drink.

## Festive Wreath Decorating with Kim Dalglish

Popular florist Kim Dalglish helped Chapelton residents and visitors get ready for the festive season with a wreath decorating workshop on Saturday 2 December.

Using a mixture of traditional foliage and modern accessories, attendees each decorated their own Christmas wreath to be proudly displayed on their front door.

Take a look on the next page of ChapeltonNews for an insight into some of the events due to take place in Chapelton in 2018.



Chapelton's wreath decorating event was held in the stylish surroundings of the ZeroC showhome

# 2018 News

## Events

The 2018 events calendar launched with a Wellbeing Weekend in January.

Saturday 20 January saw local yoga instructor Louise MacDonald guide participants through Ashtanga Yoga and enjoy refreshing drinks from The Juicing Company. The following day Rachel Boyle from Top to Toe Baby took parents through an introduction to baby massage.

Our February event will offer the community the chance to enjoy a tippie with local drinks businesses including Porter's Gin, Cock O' the North and Arbikie vodka. Hosted in the AJC showhome, the event is set to be a fun evening including at home cocktail recipes and tastings.

The annual Easter egg hunt will return to Elsick House while an egg decorating class will be held in Chapelton for all ages to enjoy during the celebratory holiday.

To keep up-to-date with the latest events in Chapelton visit: [www.chapeltonnewtown.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.chapeltonnewtown.co.uk/whats-on)

## Property Updates

The new year started with Allen Build, part of Places for People, continuing to work on the Liberty Retirement Village and the first properties which are set to be ready by summer.

AJC are continuing with their terraced properties looking out onto Liddell Park while Stephen continue their cottages and a further development of the concept.

In other news, DesignYourHome.com, brought to you by ZeroC, is a brand new way to own a new home. You purchase the plot and specify the design of your new home and it will be built to your own specification. Try out this novel approach to owning a new house, only available in Chapelton with ZeroC. Try out this novel approach to owning a new house, only available in Chapelton with ZeroC.

## Five Things You Might Not Know About Chapelton

- 1 The 2.4-mile long Chapelton trail incorporates part of the Causey Mounth. An old drovers' road, it was created as the main route between Stonehaven and the Bridge of Dee in Aberdeen over 800 years ago. What remains of the original path still acts as a causeway over boggy areas such as Portlethen Moss nature reserve.
- 2 Hume Square in the centre of the town is named after the famous philosopher David Hume, who formulated the concept of empiricism.
- 3 The Liddell Hut is named in honour of Eric Henry Liddell; a Scottish Olympic Gold Medallist runner, Christian missionary and international rugby player. Liddell refused to run in heats for 100 metres race at the 1924 Summer Olympics as they were held on the Sabbath, and his exploits were brought to a bigger audience in the 1981 Oscar-winning film Chariots of Fire.
- 4 Chapelton itself takes its name from a small hamlet of a few houses located near Elsick House, giving the town a centuries-old link to the local area.



- 5 Chapelton's use of pedestrianised and public spaces is typical of a civic planning direction known as New Urbanism. Housing and shopping are placed in close proximity, with accessibility for all one of the main forces behind Chapelton's vision.

## Having your say

You can find the latest news and share your views on Chapelton via our Facebook page and website: [www.chapeltonnewtown.co.uk](http://www.chapeltonnewtown.co.uk)



[www.facebook.com/chapeltonofelsick](https://www.facebook.com/chapeltonofelsick)

In the meantime if you have questions you would like us to answer, please get in touch at [info@chapeltonnewtown.co.uk](mailto:info@chapeltonnewtown.co.uk). We will respond directly and print some of the answers in upcoming issues. People and their views are at the heart of the community.

# Meet the Team

Vivian Bisset from Liberty Retirement Living

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Vivian Bisset is Liberty Retirement Living's Sales Manager for Chapelton. From providing information on the town and the properties available to supporting residents when they move into their new home, her role ensures that Liberty customers have the best possible experience.

#### What is your experience within the property sector?

I have been employed within the property sector for some 27 years, working in estate agency sales, leasing and factoring.

#### What will Liberty Retirement Living bring to Chapelton?

Chapelton is a fantastic vision of community building in a semi-rural area only a short distance from Aberdeen. Already a partly established community, Liberty Retirement Living will both add to and gain from this community, bringing senior citizens to the area to be involved in the wider community to live a full and exciting life. There are outdoor walks where everyone can enjoy meeting each other as well as walks and various meeting places within the retirement village itself.

#### Tell us what your favourite location in Chapelton is and why.

I think Hume Square is fantastic with houses, a nursery, beauty salon and coffee shop surrounding the village green. This has a very welcoming feel especially on the nice days when you can sit outside the coffee shop, Teacake, and watch the community go by. Once The Village Hub is complete within the Liberty retirement village, everyone will be welcome to come in to relax, have a coffee or a meal at the Slate & Grain brasserie.

#### How do you like to relax outside of work? Do you have any hobbies?

I love walking, especially with our dog Beau. We love climbing hills or walking at the local beaches or woodlands. The area has so many walks and beaches, we are really spoiled for choice in the North East of Scotland. I also like to keep fit and spend time with family and friends.

#### As someone that is relatively new to the Chapelton team, what are you most looking forward to seeing develop?

I am looking forward to being part of Liberty Retirement Living evolving within the Chapelton community and working with the new owners to move them seamlessly into their new homes.

I am so impressed with the team who have meticulously planned the whole process from pre-reservation information to move-in day. Everything will be managed so that the new owners can enjoy the whole experience.

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