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Introduction

by The Duke of Fife

Welcome to the latest issue of ChapeltonNews.

The summer and autumn months have been a busy period for everyone in Chapelton and with 2017 just around the corner, we are all looking forward to an exciting time ahead.

Our recent Bike Ride Challenge was a huge success, bringing together hundreds of residents from the town and its surrounding communities who helped raise over £6000 for local charity North East Sensory Services.

In this issue we learn about the great events of that day as well as additional community updates in the town including Teacake's extended opening hours and the launch of a new hair and beauty salon.

We also hear about Chapelton's latest design plans including the introduction of a new retirement village and single storey cottages.

Finally, we learn more about Galina Tachieva from DPZ in our regular Meet the Team section. Galina is a key advisor to Elswick Development Company ensuring that the vision for Chapelton is brought to life and she shares her passion for the town's future with us.

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

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Bike Ride Challenge Success

The Chapelton Bike Ride Challenge on Sunday 4 September was a huge success with hundreds of residents pedalling-up the miles in aid of local charity North East Sensory Services (NESS).

Over £6000 of much needed funds were raised for the charity by cyclists who took on the 12 and 42-mile routes over mixed terrain surrounding the town and the total was boosted by around 50 walkers completing the Chapelton Trail for the charity.

Spectators also enjoyed live music, entertainment and catering whilst cheering on competing family members and friends.

Supporting 4,800 people in the North East, NESS helps those with sensory impairment through social work and life-enhancing services.

To help support the charity or for further information, visit www.nesensoryservices.org

The Lounge at Chapelton Opens

A new hair and beauty salon has been added to Hume Square's bustling environment. The Lounge at Chapelton is now open to residents and the wider local community.

With appointments available from Wednesday to Saturday, the salon has already become extremely popular due to its wide range of ELEMIS skincare treatments, experienced stylists and nail technicians.

Run by makeup artist Kelly Daun and her partner Norman Hatton, the boutique is the perfect place to be pampered in a convenient new facility.

Look out for pop up events at the salon over the coming months and visit www.facebook.com/TheLoungeAtChapelton for regular updates.

Teacake Extends Opening Hours

A popular meeting place with Chapelton residents and those from neighbouring areas, Teacake has extended its opening hours to offer a three course dinner on Saturday nights.

Now open from Tuesday to Sunday, Teacake is also offering a festive menu featuring ginger bread scones, pressed duck thigh and clementine posset thanks to well-known Aberdeen chef Bob Miller who recently joined the team.

Bookings are now open for tables of two or more as well as exclusive use. The festive menu is priced at £30 per person and is bring your own bottle with no corkage charge. For further information, visit www.facebook.com/teacake.chapelton

Looking Ahead to the New Year



Extensive progress in our building programme will now offer residents, potential buyers and neighbouring communities a range of new opportunities.

Single Storey Cottages

Following high demand from prospective buyers and local community feedback, a range of cottages set around courtyards are set to be added to Chapelton's street scene.

Led by housebuilder, Stephen, the new property types will offer a series of two and three bedroom homes available as both semi and detached homes. They are currently available for purchase off plan.

The single storey cottages have been designed to complement the existing mix of properties available in Chapelton and will bring a new dimension to the current landscape.



Retirement Village Plans

Elsick Development Company's vision of Chapelton as a stand-alone community that provides a more sustainable, whole-of-life alternative to suburban expansion will take a major step forward with plans for a retirement village within the town.

Supporting prospective buyers' varying needs, the village is set to offer a selection of one and two bedroom apartments and single storey cottages. The area will also provide open green spaces, landscaped communal gardens and a community hub.

Feedback on plans for the retirement village was welcomed at a recent community consultation meeting in November and further news will be shared in the new year.

For further information about Chapelton's changing landscape and the properties available, visit www.chapeltonofelsick.com



Meet the Team

Galina Tachieva, Managing Partner at DPZ



Originally from Sofia, Bulgaria, Galina Tachieva works with new urbanism planning firm Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co (DPZ) helping to support Elisck Development Company bring the vision of Chapelton to life.

Her experience of working on projects across the world gives Galina great insight into the best practice in town planning, helping to make Chapelton a vibrant new community for the future.

How did you get to where you are today?

I came to the United States more than twenty years ago to study for my graduate degree in urban planning at the University of Miami's School of Architecture.

The course was overseen by Andres Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk from DPZ and after being incredibly impressed by the company's methodology of how to improve traditional urbanism, I applied for an internship. I've been here ever since and thoroughly enjoy what I do, bringing meaningful and beautiful projects to help communities thrive both physically and economically.

What does your typical day at work involve?

DPZ oversees projects across the world so I spend a lot of my time travelling. Besides Scotland I have travelled to Brazil, Mexico and Canada helping the company to progress their projects.

No day is ever the same but a lot of my job involves design and collaboration with stakeholders through a charrette process as well as research.

As a Managing Partner, I often oversee new work coming in, staff composition and the coordination of both long and short terms goals of the firm.

What does your role contribute to Chapelton?

In addition to leading projects and charrettes I also participate as a project manager and designer - this is the case with Chapelton.

Andres Duany leads the public process and meetings while I manage the design team with my partner. Chapelton is a very large project so we need all hands on deck to help.

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

We designed Chapelton with a very picturesque urban structure, a bit like a medieval settlement. As a result, the town features a complex topography with multiple existing features or 'traces on the land' such as trees, roads and pathways. I'm really looking forward to seeing Chapelton develop whilst remaining sympathetic to its surroundings and retaining elements of traditional Scottish towns.

Can you contribute a fun fact that not everyone might know about you?

This is a story from many, many years ago. I have been an avid reader since childhood, and Oscar Wilde was my favourite in high school. I was happy to accept a role in his play "Lady Windermere's Fan" when it was staged with our senior class. Well, this was my first and last theatrical performance - I played Lady Windermere, the only "tragic" character in a comedy! And it was a real tragedy at the end - I was so bad. This experience taught me a good lesson - you have to try different things in life before finding your true vocation.

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