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Welcome from The Duke of Fife

This issue of ChapeltonNews has come round much quicker than expected. It seems only a short while ago that we were planning for 2018 and now the festive season is almost upon us.

As we work towards rounding off the year, we reflect on all that has happened in Chapelton over the past 12 months, and look forward to the exciting times ahead as we step into a fresh year. There is so much to report that we have made an exception and have additional pages.

Not only have we grown the Chapelton community, with many people, including young families and retirees, settling in the town, but we've also introduced a suite of new property types, specifically designed to meet their needs. From the popular rental homes from Places for People to the cottages and apartments presented by Brio Retirement Living, Chapelton offers something for all potential buyers.

The town's event calendar has been just as non-stop as the work on site. Monthly events directed by Elsieck Development Company, the four housebuilders and, most importantly, the community, have led to a series of fun and exciting celebrations, workshops and gatherings for everyone to enjoy, whether they live here in the town or further afield. In this issue we recap on some of those most recent events as well as this Christmas and New Year.

Read on to find out what's new and coming up in Chapelton.

A Successful Summer in Chapelton



The summer months have seen a hubbub of activity in Chapelton thanks to the rolling events calendar.

Family Fun Day

Saturday 11th August saw one of the most successful events to date take place in Chapelton. Arranged by Kev Dunn, Iain McNab and a committee of enthusiastic residents, this was a fun-filled day with all ages enjoying summer activities including face painting, a dog show, treasure hunts, teddy bears' picnics and storytelling.

Local organisation Cove Honey Bees was also on hand to offer visitors the chance to find out about the range of locally sourced products available, including their own honey, as well as information about the wonderful world of bees and life inside a hive.

A great total of £315 was raised for Aberdeen charity Mrs Murray's Cat and Dog Home.

AJC Launches New Showhome

Housebuilder AJC launched its newest showhome this summer, offering first time buyers and young families the chance to experience a home suited to their everyday modern lifestyle.

The two bedroom Findon joins the company's Rothesay showhome in demonstrating how AJC properties are perfect for busy family life, with spacious bedrooms, plenty of storage, large windows and a landscaped garden, accessed from the kitchen via French doors.

Open Thursday to Monday from 11am - 5pm, prospective buyers can enjoy a tour with Sales Adviser Sian, who is featured in this newsletter's 'Meet the Team'.





Community Allotment Opening

Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of the Allotment Association, Chapelton's very first allotments are now ready for planting, helping further strengthen the already thriving community spirit.

With all sixteen plots snapped up, residents now have the chance to get green fingered and grow their own fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs, while getting to know other like-minded individuals in the town.

Annual Bike Ride

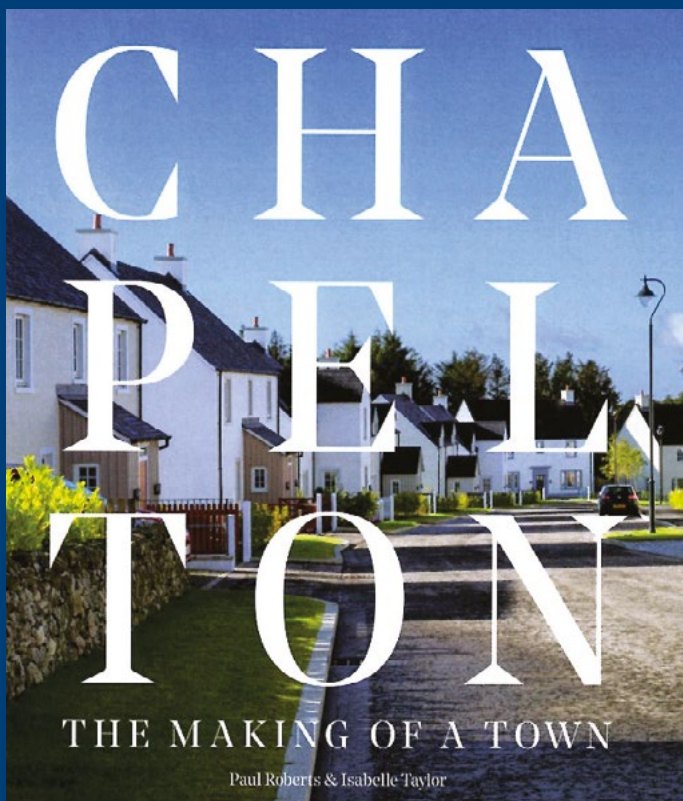
On 2nd September over 200 cyclists set off on the third annual Chapelton Bike Ride, raising a great total of £8,000 for North East Sensory Services (NESS).

Taking on either the full 42 mile route, or the shorter 12 mile route, the cyclists raced (or just took their time) through Chapelton and Durris Forest while spectators cheered them on from the sidelines.

Alongside the race, Brio Retirement Living hosted a Chapelton Community Charity Walk and fun day, where 70 walkers took part in a family friendly five kilometre trail walk, letting those looking for a less strenuous challenge enjoy walking through the grounds of nearby Elsie House. The walk event raised £1,700 and contributed to the final total for NESS.

A huge thank you to all that got involved, be that the cyclists, those helping out on the day or our sponsors lawyers Burness Paull and Brio Retirement Living.





Brio Build Progress

Brio Retirement Living also unveiled its first show homes this summer. The bright and airy rooms of the one-bedroom Campbell cottage and the two-bedroom Fraser cottage have been well received by visitors, allowing people to see the scenic views, the high specification fixtures and fittings, and the smart- assisted technology for themselves.

As visitors to the site will have noticed, there has also been significant progress on the Brio Retirement Living apartment block at the front of the site too. The show apartment is due to be open to the public by early December.

There will also be an information event coming soon, so look out for more information from the Brio team.

Launch of Chapelton Book

An exciting milestone for Chapelton, a new book has been launched which sets out the vision for, and materialisation of, the town, whilst shining a light on the birth of the North East's newest community.

Titled Chapelton: The Making of a Town and written by Paul Roberts and Isabelle Taylor, the book sets Chapelton within the rich historical context of new town creation in Scotland, narrates the course of the town's progress from its earliest days and examines the masterplan, landscape and architecture, with a series of plans and photographs illustrating pages. Chapelton: The Making of a Town is available for purchase on Amazon.

Autumn and Winter Events



The autumn and winter events calendar in Chapelton is just as busy as summer. With something for every interest and age, here is what's happened and what's happening this season.

Halloween Weekend – 27th and 28th October

A spooky programme of activities took place ahead of Halloween, treating (not tricking) residents and visitors.

The pumpkin carving workshop was a sell-out success with children and adults choosing their own pumpkins in Hume Square before carving them into all shapes and sizes.

Health food truck Liberty Kitchen was on hand to offer a delicious selection of meals, with tasty autumnal vegetable soups, seasonal bakes and hot drinks heating everyone up.

The following Sunday evening a bat and moth walk took place in partnership with the local Ranger Service, helping those on the trail find species that lurk in the woodland and countryside at this time of year. Thank you to the Chapelton Community Interest Company and Aberdeenshire Council for their support of this event.



Locked Door Escape Rooms – 1st to 4th November

The Cabin in Chapelton was transformed into two escape rooms, challenging groups of colleagues and friends to race against the clock and save Aberdeen from an evil genius.

Solving clues, puzzles and riddles, the friendly competition put everyone's knowledge to the test in Mission D.A.S.H, helping to stop evil Dr. Paine from targeting Aberdeen's oil bases with satellite missiles.

Christmas in Chapelton

Join the Chapelton community for an evening of festivities as we spread some seasonal cheer.

Starting at Hume Square, the town's Christmas tree, decorated by the children of Newtonhill Primary School, will be switched on before the town's first festive fair is launched at Nether Cairnhill Steading, offering a great selection of crafts, produce and gifts.

Delicious food and drinks will also be available including mince pies and a festive tipple. And with Christmas being a time for giving back, all proceeds raised from the event will go towards Pillar Kincardine, a charity dedicated to promoting positive mental health.

2019 Events

The new year will see a fresh calendar of events for Chapelton, full of community celebrations, fundraising and workshops. We want to hear what you would like to see posted on the 2019 events calendar - from cake decorating to sports days, let us know your suggestions by contacting events@chapeltonnewtown.co.uk

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



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.

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

Sian Goldie from AJC



Tell us about your career experience and what your role brings to the town

I've always worked in marketing and sales, including housebuilding, but Chapelton is very different from any other place that I've been based previously. Here, it's not just about the property but about the whole lifestyle that a move to the town can offer. It's my job to help new residents get settled in and to show potential homebuyers the kind of lifestyle available in Chapelton.

What questions are you frequently asked by house hunters?

Many of our customers are looking for a low maintenance new home but want the traditional layout and character of an older property so they come to us looking for the perfect balance of the two. We always suggest making a list of the 'must haves', things that they would like and things they could compromise on. This way it's easy to narrow down the search and focus on properties that fit needs.

What is it about the Chapelton lifestyle that attracts customers?

Chapelton is unique from other developments. There's plenty of space, the houses aren't tightly packed and there's a great sense of community. This along with the picturesque surrounding

A Sales Adviser with Chapelton housebuilder AJC, Sian is the first point of contact for buyers considering making the town home. A friendly face for residents, she is also on hand to help the local community with any questions about their property and life in Chapelton. Here, Sian tells us more about her work with AJC.

countryside and great local amenities is really attractive to our customers. They love the idea of being part of something new and exciting, something that they're not going to find anywhere else close by.

What do you like most about your job?

Coming from a long line of school report cards where I was consistently told I talked too much, it will be no surprise to anyone that I just love meeting and talking to people.

Customers are often interested in the building methods behind our homes, so I really enjoy talking them through the influences and thought that goes into the design process.

Buying a home is such a personal experience for customers and I love to hear interesting stories about people's lives, or just funny anecdotes that stick with me for years to come. I'm so very lucky to have a job I thoroughly enjoy.

How do you spend your time outside of work?

I have two dogs at home and they take up most of my spare time. They're a handful but I wouldn't change them for the world. We love going on long walks along the beach or taking part in community meet ups.

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