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from the Duke of Fife

Spring is always a time that feels like a new beginning and this Spring in particular brings so much hope.

As we gradually ease out of lockdown and all work carefully towards getting our lives back to normal, there are signs of positivity throughout Chapelton. Not only is building work of new areas and properties moving apace, with areas such as Pheppie Park now sold out, but each business in the town has also reopened - all of which are very much welcome by residents and visitors.

We pressed ahead with an exhibition in May to give residents a chance to see and comment on our plans for the next few years.

There was a lot to take in but the positive response was very rewarding so, on behalf of the team, I would like to thank those who came along.

Personally, I am most excited about the opening of The Box Park @ Chapelton's Burgess Park. This is a new initiative that will provide a range of start-up businesses with supportive and affordable premises where they can engage with and sell to customers. So far we have revealed that the popular barber Mr Dun will be opening, in addition to delicatessen Wander and Graze and greengrocers Clementine, and there's much more to come.

On the topic of food and drink, we recently celebrated our largest and most successful farmers' market to date. The next events in the series will be in July and September so keep an eye on our social media channels for more details.

I hope that you, your friends and family are all safe and well, and that you enjoy reading this edition of ChapeltonNews.

Life in Chapelton



There's plenty happening in Chapelton, from new businesses opening in the town to annual events returning, read on for more about life in Chapelton.

Dates for your diary

With the first farmers' market of the year being the biggest yet, we're excited to host farmers' markets on Sunday 18th July, Sunday 19th September and Sunday 21st November. The list of stallholders is forever growing, with visitors flocking to sample produce from across the North East.

August will see the return of the Scarecrow Festival organized by the allotment committee and promises to be even bigger and better this year. The annual Chapelton Bike Ride will return for its sixth year on Sunday 5th September. Sponsored by Burness Paull, the event will once again see cyclists trail across a 42 mile route or shorter 12 mile route to raise money for local charity North East Sensory Services.



Open for business

All businesses have now reopened in Chapelton, including The Lounge, Teacake, The Croft Nursery School and Slate and Grain.

Joining them is a host of start-up businesses that are opening this summer in the newly formed Chapelton Box Park that is located in Burgess Park. Delicatessen Wander & Graze, popular barber Mr Dun and Broughty Ferry based green grocers Clementine are just a few that bring a new offering to the town.

Keep an eye on the Chapelton Facebook page for more details on this exciting initiative and other businesses set to open.

Get fit in Chapelton

The lighter and longer evenings have allowed for outdoor fitness classes to start up again. Taking place on Wednesdays from 6:45pm - 7:30pm in Liddell Park, all levels of fitness are welcome to join.



Property News



Shared equity available (above)

Places for People is currently offering a Shared Equity Scheme on properties in Chapelton, allowing buyers to receive an equity loan of up to 40% of the house value. With the Scottish Government's First Home Fund already committed for 2021-22, the scheme has been hugely popular as a positive alternative.

Visit homestobuy.placesforpeople.co.uk to find out more.

Sell out at Pheppie Park

Aboyne based housebuilder AJC has sold all properties at Pheppie Park and is now offering a selection of detached and semi-detached homes at South Wolrige Gardens Lane. The release has been very successful with bungalows and properties for first time buyers proving particularly popular.

Visit ajcscotland.com for more information.

Award-winning Snowdrop Developments

Another award is in the bag for Chapelton housebuilder Snowdrop Developments. Announced as 'Family Run Architectural Design Company of the Year' by Scotland Prestige, Snowdrop is currently delivering bespoke homes on generous plots in Chapelton, with just four remaining for sale.

Visit snowdropdevelopments.co.uk to view the plots currently available.

Having your say

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Residents Share Their Wellbeing at Home Tips

Here in Chapelton, we have been reflecting on the past year. It's remarkable how much our lives have changed in just over 12 months, and we've become accustomed to staying at home to protect each other and those around us.

But, it's important in these difficult times to look after ourselves and our own wellbeing more than ever before. Here, some members of the Chapelton community share how they've maintained a routine and positive outlook in the strangest of times.

Have a working day routine

Having a routine that is similar if you were in your normal working environment can be hugely advantageous. Chapelton resident Natalia McLeod has run her business, Wander and Graze, from home for many years and tells us how she maintains a routine:

"It takes a lot of discipline but I do find that a routine is very useful. We always start our day with a coffee and making a list of tasks that need to be completed and timescales. It's also important to take breaks and switch off at a reasonable hour to keep your day structured. Just about every day we head out for a walk at lunchtime - we're lucky that there are plenty of great walks surrounding Chapelton and it always clears our head a little."

Make time for fresh air

Never underestimate the power of fresh air. Resident Susan Macgregor has been taking full advantage of Chapelton's unique position between city and country over lockdown:

"I've really enjoyed running and walking along the Chapelton trail - and you'll often see me on a lunchtime cycle exploring the quiet back roads out by Cookney."

"Even further afield, there are lots of options for great walks when you have more time on your hands. I've enjoyed going for walks



and runs and with the snowfall in February I was able to ski on the forest tracks at Drumtochty Glen, Durris and Countesswells."

Resident Lesley Smith agrees: *"The benefits of working from home in Chapelton are the beautiful walks we have on our doorstep. I can just nip out at lunchtime to get some fresh air and I'm surrounded by gorgeous countryside."*

Pick up a new hobby

Life has been fairly monotonous, with some of us falling victim to the repetitive nature of lockdown (work - eat - sleep - repeat!). Susan told us how she has been able to start new hobbies in lockdown to keep her brain active, and how she's looking to keep them up post-lockdown:

"During the summer when lockdown was a little more relaxed, I went rowing with the Catterline Rowing Club at Stonehaven - exploring the cliffs, birds and sea life. I also took up paddle boarding at Knockburn. My big future plan is to ski to the South Pole and my little future plan is to take a fly-fishing lesson. It's good to stay positive, hopeful and think big!"

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Meet the Team



Having owned three homes by Chapelton housebuilder Stephen, Kathy brings a wealth of knowledge and personal experience to her role.

How did you become a sales adviser?

I was introduced to Stephen when we purchased our first property from the housebuilder. I was immediately impressed with the quality of the build and great care and service that we received. I began doing some holiday cover and then gradually moved onto regular weekend work. I'm now a part-time sales adviser and proud to say I have owned three Stephen homes to date.

What questions are frequently asked by house hunters?

Buyers always want to know more about the builder they're buying from and the cost of the property. They also love hearing all about the Chapelton community and what it offers.

And what is it about the Chapelton lifestyle that attracts customers?

People are really drawn to how different the town and community is. It's such a vibrant place that has the benefits of both city and country living.

What do you like most about your job?

I always look forward to meeting new people and sharing their excitement of choosing and moving into a new home.

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