

# ChapeltonNews



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## Welcome

from the Duke of Fife

Welcome to the summer edition of ChapeltonNews now that the sun has finally made an appearance in time for the start of our events programme. It is also exciting to witness, after a long planning process and a good deal of rain, that the building programme is progressing up the hill as well as across the Pheppie burn, now that things have dried up. You will soon see the outline of the new neighbourhood centre, Geddes Square, emerge along with the infrastructure required for the school site just beyond.

We have always been aware that there needs to be diversity within the design of Chapelton, so it is encouraging that new

house styles have been added to an already varied number. Since our last edition, we have also designed an area beyond the nascent neighbourhood centre, allowing for more housebuilders and a greater speed of build out, which in turn will bring more facilities in the future.

The Boxes continue to be a vibrant range of businesses and we introduce the latest one to the mix whilst celebrating the growth of the very popular Devenick Drinks which attracts all ages to its under-cover bar and off-licence. Along with that, we look at the events to come in the months ahead that bring the community together.

And, lastly, we meet Charlie Craig, one of our earliest residents, who has done so much to build the community here and give life to new ideas and events. It has been a pleasure knowing him over the last 8 years or so.



# A Summer of Events



Chapelton's events programme got off to the best of starts with the first Farmer's Market of the year – and in the sunshine.

There were a few new stalls to compliment our loyal food following and a near record turnout. Nearly 2000 attended and it has become a firm Aberdeenshire fixture.

The Chapelton Community Association has been holding regular events and they continue to offer something for all ages throughout the year. There are also the well-established days that Chapelton is known for.

*Clockwise from top-left: All About Lemons and the Wee Hemp Company were at the May Farmers Market. Lathallan are the sponsors of this years Chapelton Bike Ride.*

**JULY**  
**14** Chapelton 10k  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Registration is full and promises to be a lively day

**SEPT**  
**1** Chapelton Bike Ride  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

We are excited this year to have a new sponsor in Lathallan school who are also bringing their Pipe Band so everyone is welcome.

## Farmers Markets

The next Farmers Markets are on:

**Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>**

# Business Update



Chapelton is so much more than a collection of houses and boasts many great businesses from start-ups to established firms.

The Lounge, Chapelton's very own hair and beauty salon, is looking fabulous and now offers many more treatments. The interior has been designed with such thought and care and is ideal for both individual clients and groups. Clients can also come along to enjoy treatments with a party vibe.

We also welcome Vanessa to the Boxes, where she is fast becoming a hit with her healthy and delicious juices, made on site. The Juicing Company opens every Monday for orders and offers fantastic fresh fruits



and vegetables with nutrition in mind.

Devenick Drinks, who opened their first box last year has now taken on a second taproom alongside their bottle shop and built a covered area. There is now a great party spirit in all weathers.

*Left: The Lounge interior, above: The Juicing Co. at The Boxes*

# House News



Many new areas have been cleared for the building momentum up the hill and each of the builders is adding at least one new house type, offering even greater choice for anyone thinking of making Chapelton their home.

Meanwhile the established lanes and streets are looking green and bountiful, and the attention given to the landscape is evident in showing off the houses.

**AJC** - Two new building sites have been launched by AJC. The first is an 8 home

extension of their current area in Benton Crescent, which has proved very popular with 5 reservations already taken and three remaining. There is just one finished home available from the first phase. At Nether Cairnhill, overlooking the country park, AJC are offering four open plan, timber clad modern homes. Interest in these has been high with early bird reservations on three of them.

**Places For People** - The company has wasted no time in starting on its latest phase of 180 homes in two separate areas. Foundations are in place on Greenlaw Road and Moray Place North, offering the widest possible variety of homes, ranging from 2 to 5 bedrooms. They are also offering shared

equity and mid-market rental houses. Several new house types will be available through their offices/showhome in Chapelton. In addition, they will also be bringing more retail opportunities within the neighbourhood centre, Geddes Square.

**Snowdrop** - Work is well underway on the southernmost site at Cairnhill, which offers wonderful views over farmland. With the bridge now in place and the first plots occupied, there are still a handful of different options for anyone wanting a spacious family home. Buyers can also add on a conservatory for a custom build.

**Brio Next Phase Proves Popular** - The second phase of Brio was launched earlier this year with a series of Open Weekends and as the homes were completed there was a list of people wanting to join the retirement fraternity. The sense of community and belonging is evident and many of the residents are very much part of the Over 60s club run by the Chapelton Community Association. The last homes are being completed now with just 20 remaining.

*Left to right: AJC's new timber clad home and one of Snowdrop's Queen Elizabeth Drive homes.*

# Meet the Resident

This month we hear from Charlie Craig, who was one of Chapelton's earliest residents and is a welcoming face in the community, familiar to anyone moving to Cairnhill. He has over the years been involved in getting the allotments off to a good start, helping to initiate the Scarecrow Festival and is now central to the Mens Group and the Over 60s Club.



**When did you first hear about Chapelton and when did you move in?**

*"In 2012 my late wife Mina and I read in the local newspaper about plans for a new town to be developed south of Aberdeen. Mina and I moved in August 2015."*

**What do you most love about living at Chapelton?**

*"I enjoy how residents of all ages mix socially and have the desire to participate and support activities in our growing community."*

**How did you become involved in the community?**

*"Mina and I were fortunate to have had an allotment in Aberdeen and when we heard that allotments were planned, we wanted to become involved. We had learned from past experience that it would be a good way of getting to know like-minded neighbours and that proved to be the case."*

**What are your main interests when not helping with the Associations? (appreciate that there might not be time!!)**

*"Since 2012 I have been volunteering with Alzheimer Scotland supporting those living with dementia and their friends and family. I help to facilitate football memories reminiscence groups at Pittodrie Stadium and more recently at Balmoral Stadium, Cove."*

*"More recently I have been volunteering at St Machar's Cathedral, in Old Aberdeen, welcoming the increasing numbers of visitors to the City and North East. I have met people from all over the world and I enjoy encouraging them to visit our many great attractions, including Dunnottar Castle."*

*"I hold a season ticket with Aberdeen FC and like many of the Dons supporters living in our community I am optimistic that a better season lies ahead."*

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