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Introduction

by The Duke of Fife

A Happy New Year and warm welcome to the first issue of ChapeltonNews of 2017.

The joys of the festive period are fading and now we are all looking forward to an exciting time ahead. The past months have been a busy period for community events and new business ventures in Chapelton. With much more planned for 2017, we are all optimistic for what the near future will bring.

In this issue we hear about some of the great events that have taken place recently as well as those set to happen over the coming months. We also hear of the latest community updates and new properties emerging in the town.

Finally, we hear from Alan Brown of construction consultant company Thomson Gray in our regular Meet the Team section. A key member of the Elswick Development Company Team, Alan tells us more about how he contributes to the development and how he hopes to see Chapelton evolve in the future.

I hope you enjoy reading the 14th issue of ChapeltonNews. For residents requiring further updates please visit and register your details at www.chapeltonlife.co.uk



Community News



Recent Festivities

The second Christmas in Chapelton was well celebrated with many events including the decoration of the town's traditional telephone box.

Organised by a local group of residents known as the 'Chapelton Woolies', the event saw the iconic telephone box which is located in Hume Square dressed with handmade accessories including a snowman, colourful stockings and advent calendar made from wool and felt.

Chapelton Woolies meet every week in the Cabin to create homeware and clothing items. All new members are welcome and should contact Rebecca Struthers through Facebook for further information: www.facebook.com/Woolie-Mamas.

The Hut

Located a short distance from Hume Square (above), Liddell Park is due to be a new central community space and focal point for the surrounding neighbourhood. Acting as a place of leisure and a meeting spot for residents, the Park will feature a children's play area and also be home to The Hut.

Covering 50 square metres, The Hut will feature a crisp modern design and boast an exhibition window frontage to inform the local community of the latest Chapelton news and help visitors and buyers.

The space will eventually function as an office and meeting space for the Chapelton Community Interest Company and will be easily accessible from Greenlaw Road. However, it will start life as a sales centre for the proposed Liberty retirement village.



Local Facilities

Hume Square's latest commercial outlet, The Lounge at Chapelton, has been extremely popular since launching at the end of last year.

The hair and beauty salon is open Wednesday to Saturday offering a selection of treatments including ELEMIS facials, Balayage hair colouring and luxury manicures. Take a look at the salon's Facebook page for the latest news and offers at: facebook.com/TheLoungeAtChapelton

Community hot spot, Teacake, is also continuing to be a firm favourite with its extended Saturday evening hours being a success. Local foodies can enjoy a three-course meal for £30 per person from 7pm - 10pm on Saturday evenings and a great selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, light bites and sweet treats from Tuesday to Sunday. For further information, visit facebook.com/teacake.chapelton

Looking Ahead



Following many celebrations in 2016, this year is set to see a series of exciting community events.

The popular Community Wood planting will take place in the spring with new residents and families invited to plant some small trees to leave a lasting mark and help the existing woodland area to grow. This will be closely followed with a new series of garden workshops where green-fingered residents can learn how to make the most of their gardens.

The second Chapelton Bike Ride will take place on 3rd September once again raising much needed funds for local organisations. Keen cyclists, families and walkers can take part and enjoy the day whether it's taking on the most challenging course, a short jaunt or sampling some local produce. Look out for further information in future issues of ChapeltonNews and on the Chapelton Facebook page: [facebook.com/chapeltonofelsick](https://www.facebook.com/chapeltonofelsick)

Property Update

The first phase of Chapelton is quickly taking shape and as the three housebuilders move their developments along Greenlaw Road, further property opportunities are arriving on site.

Work has started on the foundations of Perth-based housebuilder Stephen's single storey cottages which are already proving extremely popular. The first part of ZeroC's Bunting Place is near completion and has a variety of homes fronting onto a

green walkway and also the Balcaskie, a spacious apartment over garages.

Aberdeenshire housebuilder, AJC Homes, is also working on plans for properties which will be situated alongside Liddell Park. Further information and news on all of these home styles will be released in the coming months in ChapeltonNews and on the regularly updated Chapelton Facebook page.



Meet the Team

Alan Brown, Quantity Surveyor at Thomson Gray



Since joining the Elswick Development Company team in 2012, Alan Brown from construction consultant company Thomson Gray has closely advised the delivery of the core infrastructure of Chapelton. He tells ChapeltonNews how his role has developed and evolved with the progress of the town.

How did you get to where you are today?

I've always been interested in the construction sector and after completing a degree in quantity surveying at Edinburgh Napier University in the early nineties and gaining some experience, I joined Thomson Gray over ten years ago. I now work on a wide variety of projects across Scotland and as far afield as Italy.

What does your role contribute to Chapelton?

At Thomson Gray we offer both cost and procurement advice on the core infrastructure of the Chapelton landscape. As the project has progressed the advice that we provide has become much wider and now includes all aspects such as a the road network and community facilities.

What other projects have you worked on in addition to Chapelton?

I've worked on a number of infrastructure projects in recent years but prior to this I was mainly involved in conservation works. I have been involved in a number of projects at Blair Castle, New Lanark World Heritage Site and the complete restoration of Marchmont House, a stately home in the Scottish Borders.

Do you have a favourite element in Chapelton?

I remember my first visit to Chapelton and seeing the bare fields set to be developed alongside my drawing plans and now it's really exciting to see this in place. A real highlight was cycling down Greenlaw Road as part of the Chapelton Bike Ride last year - it was such a great feeling to see the town full of people and life.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I do a lot of cycling and like to get out into the hills surrounding the village where I stay whenever I can. With two young boys, most of my free time is spent with the family and we do a lot of swimming and canoeing in the summer.

Tell us something that not everyone might know about you.

I've never owned a CD or anything more modern than that for music. I have a large collection of LPs and regularly listen to my record player, preferably with a glass of something red.

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