

# ChapeltonNews



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## Welcome

### from the Duke of Fife

It's hard to believe after the long cold and dark winter that spring is finally here. It's always an exciting and optimistic time of year when the days get longer and warmer, the birds begin to chirp and trees and flowers bud.

Here in Chapelton, that excitement is being intensified by a series of recent and upcoming milestones for the town. A good deal of work has been done towards the opening of our latest play park which has been created for older children, providing a great

place to play and socialise outdoors, and is close to being open. Late summer we'll also be seeing the Brasserie open at Brio Landale Court which will provide an additional place for the local community and visitors alike to get together and enjoy great food and drink in a welcoming, relaxed and stylish environment.

We're also looking forward to many events and fundraisers that will take place this summer including the second Chapelton Fun Run - which was a huge success last year - and the annual Chapelton Bike Ride, an event that has become a local landmark occasion. I would like to welcome all of you to celebrate these events, either as attendees, participants or sponsors, and the many others that are now marked in the Chapelton calendar.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition of ChapeltonNews and look forward to seeing everyone as they make the most of the spring and summer months outdoors in Chapelton.



# What's on in Chapelton



## Christmas in Chapelton

It may seem a distant memory now but the Christmas celebrations in Chapelton aren't to be forgotten.

The community came together on 6th December spreading festive cheer and marking the end of 2019. Kicking off the Christmas celebrations, the light switch on and the town's first festive fair were a roaring success, giving residents a chance to catch up over mince pies and festive drinks whilst browsing a selection of locally made crafts and gifts. An impressive total of over £800 was also raised for Pillar Kincardine, a charity dedicated to promoting positive mental health.

## Bike Ride

The date has been set for the next Chapelton Bike Ride - Sunday 1st September.

Now in its fourth year, the Bike Ride has become a concrete event in the North East calendar with a grand total of over £22,000 raised for local charity North East Sensory Services in recent years.

Once again starting at Hume Square, the cycle routes will offer cyclists a choice of a 42 mile route or a 12 mile route. A 5km walk through the grounds of nearby Elsie House is also available as an option for those looking for a slower pace.

Live music, stalls selling great food and drink and compering from Michael Macdermid, a presenter at radio station Northsound 1, make for a fun day out for all ages. Visit [chapeltonbikeride.co.uk](http://chapeltonbikeride.co.uk) to sign up.



## Spring Clean Your Home

Aberdeen's answer to Netflix phenomena Marie Kondo, Gabriella Agata, is set to treat the community to an insight into how to clean and organise their homes in time for spring and summer with an event on 23rd March.

As a professional organiser, Gabriella will share her top tips on how to get the most out of even the smallest of spaces, organising objects for balance within the home and folding and storage techniques for clothes and accessories. For more tips on how to best use your space at home, visit Gabriella's website [www.lifeineight.com](http://www.lifeineight.com) or read her guest post on the Chapelton blog.

## Fun Run

The Chapelton 10k is back for its second year. After the huge success of the event in 2018, the fun run will be hosted in the town on Sunday 14th July, and like last year will help to raise funds for a number of local charities.

The day will include a part road, part trail 10k race for adults as well as running races for children and toddlers. The 10k adult run costs £15 per entrant, the 1k children's race £2 to enter and the toddler dash £1 to enter, with all details available on the Chapelton website.

All ages and abilities are welcome to join as well as local sponsors interested in supporting the event and cause.

# News from the Town

This year has already seen some great happenings with many other milestones marked for the rest of the year. Here are some of the highlights

## New Temporary Park to Open

Following last year's launch of Chapelton's first play park, a second play area has been designed and is due to open at Easter.

Created for older children and located in the green space between Black Street and Greenlaw Road, the park will be a safe place to play and socialise outdoors. A sheltered area with some stones for informal seating will overlook the play equipment.

## Brio's Brasserie Launch

Late summer will welcome the opening of the Brasserie at Brio, Landale Court. A place for the local community and those from surrounding areas to gather and socialise, The Brasserie will boast a menu of fantastic food and drink, an outdoor terrace and will be open seven days a week and will complement the existing Teacake.

## Brio Retirement Living Community Opening

Late summer will also see the launch of Brio Retirement Living's much anticipated Landale Court.

A celebration of a new way of retirement living and aimed at the over 55's, this area in the Chapelton community features modern one and two bedroom cottages and apartments set in attractive landscaped grounds. Homeowners can enjoy range of onsite facilities, including a fitness suite, homeowner club lounge and fantastic communal spaces all supported by Brio staff, 24 hours a day, every day.

In addition, should some homeowners require care and support, they can opt for as little or as much as they need.

To find out more visit: [www.brioretirement.co.uk](http://www.brioretirement.co.uk)



## Foodie Quine Recipe

As one of Scotland's leading food and drink bloggers, a resident of Newtonhill and a regular visitor to Chapelton, Claire Jessiman (aka Foodie Quine) is a familiar face to many.

Sharing her passion for great Scottish produce, local restaurants and cafes and inventive recipes, Claire's blog [www.foodiequine.co.uk](http://www.foodiequine.co.uk) is the place to find great inspiration for eating out or dining in. Here, Claire shares one of her latest recipes.

More of Claire's favourite recipes and cooking tips can be found at [www.foodiequine.co.uk](http://www.foodiequine.co.uk) or on the Chapelton blog.

## Foodie Quine's Easter Fudge

With only two ingredients, no tricky temperatures or boiling hot sugar required, this microwave Easter Fudge is quick and easy to make. Once you've mastered it you can adapt the toppings to suit the occasion and personal preference. You can make it with white, milk or dark chocolate. I use supermarket own brand which works just fine. More expensive chocolate may be even better, I just haven't tried it! You can also make it in a bowl over boiling water if you don't have a microwave.

### Ingredients

- 500g White Chocolate
- 1 x 397g tin Condensed Milk
- Suggested toppings - mini eggs, gummy fried eggs, Easter sprinkles

1. Line a traybake tin (aprox 34cm x 20 cm) with baking paper.
2. Break up the chocolate and put in a microwavable bowl along with the condensed milk. Microwave in a series of 30 second bursts.
3. Remove, stir and check each time until it the chocolate has melted. Beat well with a wooden spoon until smooth.

*At this point you need to work quickly*

4. Tip the fudge into the prepared tin and spread it with a palette knife into a smooth and even layer. Push your selection of Easter toppings into the fudge.
5. Place the tray of fudge in the fridge to set for at least four hours (or ideally overnight).
6. Once hard cut into chunks with a large knife.

# Meet the Team

## A Day in the Life



Last newsletter, we introduced AJC sales advisor Sian who helps both prospective and current homeowners in Chapelton. This time, we get a glimpse into a day in the life of Carol Leslie the town's administrator, who works for the Chapelton Community Interest Company.

### Tell us a little about how your day starts out

I'm quite a morning person so I like to get up and out of bed early. The very first thing I do is put the kettle on and catch up on the daily news - that's part of my routine that hasn't changed in years.

I'm usually logged onto my emails around 9am, responding to any requests from the previous evening

When my admin tasks are complete, I head over to Chapelton to take care of any jobs in the town. This can range from greeting

new residents, meeting existing residents regarding any queries or changes they are planning for their home or garden, meeting with the local sales advisors, or pinning information on the town noticeboard. No day is ever the same and that's the way I like it, I just do what needs done.

I love getting to know the Chapelton community - it's lovely to see them make the town their new home and I do everything I can to make them feel welcome. I also support the community gatherings. These events range from drink tastings to tours of the nearby estate farms. There's always something extra I can do to bring people together and that's an important part of the Chapelton lifestyle.

### What do you do for lunch?

I'm very lucky in that Chapelton has its own tearoom, Teacake. I occasionally pop in for a bite to eat and catch up with owner Bob. It's a lovely setting for a quick break and the coffee and cakes are delicious!

### How do you spend your afternoon?

After I've completed my jobs / meetings in the town and had something to eat I have a regular catch up with The Duke and Duchess of Fife, directors of Elsick Development Company which is leading the Chapelton project.

The Duke and Duchess are fantastic people to work with and we have great conversations discussing the future of Chapelton and its community. They're always happy to get involved, including spending time in the town and with local residents.

### What does a typical evening look like for you?

Once I've finished my working day I like to take a walk in the local area, whether that be via Chapelton's dedicated walking trail or along the beach in Stonehaven.

Chapelton's surrounding scenery is idyllic and that's something I'm very appreciative of. I have plenty of places to explore on my work doorstep meaning that I can enjoy my favourite hobby, walking, whenever possible.

If the weather is on the dreich side, then I'll spend time indoors with my family. I often pick my grandchildren up from school before heading home to sit down to a family meal. Nothing beats a family get together and that's part of the reason I love working in Chapelton. It's all about people coming together.

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