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| **411** | [**Old Susannah No. 183 – A Pig and a Poke**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47604&action=edit)  Old Susannah makes a silk purse out of a sow’s ear with some timely political definitions. By Suzanne Kelly ‘In a Pig’s Ear’, I thought upon hearing a recent piece of political gossip; ‘Someone’s telling porkies’. The story put a look on my face akin to the look worn by Milliband  in this photo from August. Perhaps […] | | | 2015/10/01 11:23:52 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,6,52,9&chds=0,52 | 67pageviews 33exits 56uniques | | |  |
| **410** | [**City To Release ‘Tree For Every Citizen’ Costs**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47630&action=edit)  This is an article submitted to SHMU for inclusion in their publication, Torry’s Vision. SHMU, or Station House Media Unit is a charity as well as a limited company, largely funded by the taxpayer. They purport to want articles from people living in Torry. They didn’t want this one. However, almost every issue of Torry’s […] | | | 2015/10/01 11:22:55 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,18,7&chds=0,18 | 25pageviews 17exits 22uniques | | |  |
| **409** | [**Confessions of Old Susannah (A Northfield Special)**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47353&action=edit)  Old Susannah’s feeling sheepish about recent events, and has decided not to duck the important questions surrounding recent articles about Northfield Animal Haven.  Rather than going on the lamb or spreading any bull, here are some timely definitions should anyone think she’s chicken. By Suzanne Kelly. If you’ve been reading the Voice, you may be […] | | | 2015/09/18 12:54:57 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,101,51,38,40,43,28,19,21,9,12,9,5,11,3,9,3&chds=0,101 | 402pageviews 165exits 338uniques | | | Nb during the Nortfield saga a new (?) reader Pete has made brilliant comments – and written his own satire about me. |
| **408** | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Richard Thompson Shows How It’s Done**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47299&action=edit)  Richard Thompson returned to Aberdeen Music Hall, and as they say, ‘he owned it’. Biased devotee Suzanne Kelly reviews. Photographs by Julie Thompson. I only found out that The Rails were opening on the night; I’d long wanted to see them live.  Richard’s daughter Kami Thompson and her husband James Walbourne are giving us pure folk music, beautifully arranged with haunting harmonies and beautiful playing. You’d expect no less though. They explain their new CD has been delayed, or they’d have it for sale tonight.  They seem relaxed and seem to be enjoying it – but it can’t be easy opening up when your father – or father-in-law is basically a living benchmark. | | | | 2015/09/16 9:41:35 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,13,40,17,10,3,8,0,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,40 | 95pageviews 52exits 84uniques | | | Aw, Richard is amazing. lots of fun afterwards with band. again good of Marc and Karen to have me along. |
| **407** | [**‘Trump’ To Speak At City Art Exhibition**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47319&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. Local artists Neale Bothwell, Graham Murdoch and Suzanne Kelly will show their latest works in Aberdeen’s Under The Hammer from 19 September. Kelly will display satirical dolls parodying Donald Trump and some of his entourage. The four dolls include Donald Trump in golfing mode – which will give a selection of […] | | | 2015/09/16 8:23:41 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,16,36,7,3,2,0,6,2,1,1,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,36 | 76pageviews 44exits 67uniques | | | My dolls, happy to have had them up; happier still the Malone one was pre-emptively banned |
| **406** | [**Northfield Animal Haven – Further Revelations**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47257&action=edit)  Further questions arise over Northfield Animal Haven’s owner Kelly Cable. Aberdeen Voice can reveal Cable’s past includes a guilty plea for several years of claiming benefits illegally.  A charity that seeks donations must be wholly above board. Northfield Animal Haven is certainly pushing the envelope as they: Advertise widely that they ‘save all farm animals’ – […] | | | 2015/09/14 11:28:15 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,19,306,100,68,32,19,19,21,22,16,3,9,3,6,10,5,3,2,1,1&chds=0,306 | 665pageviews 381exits 547uniques | | |  |
| **405** | [**Animal Rescue’s Appeals Are For Other People’s Animals**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47214&action=edit)  Embattled Northfield Animal Haven is using photographs to fundraise. There is nothing wrong with that – except that the photos of animals used by the rescue in its cash-raising drives belong to other people. Aberdeen Voice reveals another deception. By Suzanne Kelly  It’s a case of the old ‘spot the difference’ game: only there is no difference in the photos.  A GoFundMe page for Northfield Animal Haven currently has many people worried for the future of six Shetland ponies. Generous people chipped in what they could. What hard-hearted person could resist a fluffy white pony? | | | 2015/09/13 9:39:40 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,175,435,161,95,44,25,23,26,18,19,13,12,19,11,6,1,1,6,2,2,0&chds=0,435 | 1,094pageviews 648exits 854uniques | | | The whole saga involves me, Willows, New Ark, Halfpenny, Fred and Blaikiewells trading messages morning noon and night. authorities doing nothing. majors may get in |
| **404** | [**Old Susannah No. 180 – Good Migrations**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=47065&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Apologies for the late running of this service. One or two little non-Aberdeen Voice responsibilities have kept me tied up. I’ve got about 12 days left to get artwork ready for a group show at Under The […] | | | 2015/09/07 10:53:32 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,4,54,17,9,11,3,2,1,2,1,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,54 | 106pageviews 57exits 88uniques | | |  |
| **403** | [**Animal Shelter Operator Is A Smooth Operator**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46907&action=edit)  Kelly Cable of Northfield Animal Haven (Northfield Farm. Glasslaw. New Pitsligo. Aberdeenshire. AB43 6PX) juggles a host of moral dilemmas:  Raises funds to save ‘all farm animals’  Claims to be wholly dependent on public support.  Sells animals destined for slaughter.  Refused to let other animal shelters rescue ponies free of charge – but she is […] | | | 2015/09/04 12:18:10 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,399,86,33,66,61,109,88,84,52,91,140,34,28,16,13,10,11,7,8,6,4,2,3,3,3,2,3,1,3,0&chds=0,399 | 1,366pageviews 912exits 1,124uniques | | | Kelly Cable spins further yarns; I’m suing her former admin Fiona Manclark, and daddy Eric Cable wants to get an AK47. Jolly good fun |
| **402** | [**Usan Fined £7000 Over Netting Regulations Breach**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46942&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  The Pullar family, operators of USAN and it’s subsidiary the Scottish Wild Salmon Company, recently entered guilty pleas on nine charges of salmon conservation legislation breaches and USAN now has a criminal record.  Salmon and other fish are confronted in Montrose with a vast system of huge ‘leader’ nets that direct fish straight into the bag nets until eventually they are hauled onto a boat, and as they panic and suffer, are clubbed to death.  It is a hard thing to witness. But there are other casualties in those nets that suffer and die. | | | 2015/09/04 12:13:17 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,44,79,16,20,26,10,3,6,1,1,2,1,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,2,0,1,0,2,0,0,0,1,0&chds=0,79 | 217pageviews 162exits 185uniques |   As at 3/10/15 | | Mostly based on hunt sab Jenny Green’s writing to me, with some of my own observations (Pullar’s operations, catch by kills, etc) thrown in |
| **401** | [**Duke of Rothesay, Cabrach Community Inaugurate Cairn**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46811&action=edit)  The Duke of Rothesay attended a ceremony on Sunday in the Lower Cabrach, one of Scotland’s most remote communities. He had come to lay a wreath at newly-constructed memorial cairn. Suzanne Kelly attended. The Cabrach is perhaps best known for its dramatic, beautiful scenery and for being the home of whisky. The Gordon family residence […] | | | 2015/08/28 2:16:11 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,4,0,2,1,0,2,0,0,0,3,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,1,2,0,1,2,0,0,0,4,0&chds=0,4 | 27pageviews 17exits 19uniques |   As at 3/10/15 | | A wonderful day; very glad Marc had me along. The Gordon house and lunch – amazing. HRH asked me about Trump. |
| **400** | [**Heave Ho! In Conversation With Koozie Johns**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46576&action=edit)  Koozie Johns has a musical career spanning decades and genres; he’s worked with a wide spectrum of the UK’s top talents. His latest offering is the recently released Folk Grinder album, ‘The Devil’s Mariner’ produced by Kirk Brandon. A second single, ‘Captain Johnny Clash’ is set for release shortly. Koozie talks to Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne […] | | | 2015/08/25 12:16:24 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,22&chds=0,22 | 22pageviews 12exits 19uniques | | |  |
| **399** | [**Tree For Every Citizen: ‘There’s No Financial Control’**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46774&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly has been one of the main campaigners who tried to stop the Tullos Hill Deer Cull and who tried to stop the city wasting money planting trees on Tullos Hill. When hundreds of Aberdeen taxpayers signed a petition, the city’s Petitions Committee heard Kelly speak – and among other things agreed to release the entire Tree for Every Citizen scheme’s costs. Seventeen weeks went by – and what was finally released leaves much to be desired. Suzanne Kelly explains.  After weeks of chasing, reminding, and waiting, Aberdeen City finally released what was meant to be the complete financial costs of the ‘Tree for Every Citizen’ scheme. One fact is incontrovertible: This was never going to be a ‘cost neutral’ project.  For a scheme which officer Peter Leonard promised again and again was ‘cost neutral,’ waiting from the end of April through the end of August was excessive. | | | 2015/08/25 12:16:19 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,61&chds=0,61 | 61pageviews 45exits 54uniques | | |  |
| **398** | [**Animal Organisation Declines Pony Rescue Offers**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46711&action=edit)  Animal Lovers who chance upon Northfield Animal Haven’s ‘Go Fund Me’ campaign to save two Shetland mares and four foals might want to dig deeper before digging into their pockets. The Shetland ponies could have already been rescued by Blaikiewell’s or Hillside Animal Sanctuary. Northfield turned those offers down and is seeking £5,000 from the […] | | | 2015/08/24 10:35:47 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,261&chds=0,261 | 261pageviews 183exits 196uniques | | | They’ve attacked me before on social media; are very quiet today 25/8 day of publication |
| **397** | [**Old Susannah No 180 – The Beautiful Princess Part II**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46258&action=edit)  Old Susannah gets to grips with Grampian gripes normally; this week the focus is on the Face of Aberdeen, and a shy retiring golf magnate. By Suzanne Kelly Tally ho! There is quite a lot going on in the Deen, such as Dr Kennedy’s new book (interview and review to follow). BrewDog has some new […] | | | 2015/08/07 12:31:13 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,48,10,7,7,5,1,3,3,2,0,0,2,2,0,1,1,0,0,0&chds=0,48 | 92pageviews 51exits 84uniques |   As at 25/8/15 | |  |
| **396** | [**Trail to Tranquility – A Scottish Wild West Film**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46320&action=edit)  Huntly seems an unlikely venue for a film set in the American Wild West frontier.  However, when you come up the Aberdeenshire country drive to the Tranquility Wild West Town for the first time, you feel like you’ve stepped back in time. On the weekend of 11 July director Paul Vernon, town founder and script writer Ally Baranowski, actors and crew worked at breakneck speed from dawn to dusk to film the short movie ‘Trail to Tranquility’.  Suzanne Kelly was on hand to report – and to take the role of Kitty, Tranquility’s saloon owner.  Trail to Tranquility is the latest in a series of films to be shot in Huntly’s Wild West Town, Tranquility. When this film comes out in December, condensed to 35 minutes, it promises to be an -filled, fast-paced adrenalin ride. | | | 2015/08/07 12:21:25 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,37,9,0,0,5,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,3,0,2,3,1,0,0&chds=0,37 | 60pageviews 44exits 55uniques | | | Being in the film was a blast; Debs Cowan and friend Kym did make up. I had on screen kiss, a few lines, and pulled gun on fighting outlaws in my saloon. sweet |
| **395** | [**Big Country Live In Huntly: Suzanne Kelly Reviews**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46215&action=edit)  When Big Country played The Lemon Tree last year as part of their 30th Anniversary ‘Steeltown’ Tour, fans had come from all parts of Aberdeenshire and further afield. The atmosphere was intense as well as friendly and warm, the band seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the large crowd. It was a great night – but when Big Country came to Huntly last week, there were a few new and special things going on. Suzanne Kelly reports. Photos by Rob Scott.  Big Country have seen many many changes during their long, hit-filled career. Huntly was the scene for a further lineup change with Simon Hough on vocals. There was something about the intimate old venue with its high ceilings having a definite acoustic edge over venues such as Aberdeen’s Lemon Tree. | | | 2015/07/30 11:32:30 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,1,0,2,13,16,4,102,29,4,4,1,2,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1&chds=0,102 | 182pageviews 164exits 170uniques |   Stats still high as at 25/8/15 | | This was the day I had massive attack of cyclical vomiting syndrome; Rob Scott drove me to Huntly, choosing bumpiest, worst ride ever. argh. Didn’t get to talk to band, either as should have done |
| 4 | [**Named Person Scheme: Questions And Answers**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45987&action=edit) By Suzanne Kelly  The Scottish Government plans to appoint a teacher/ educator/ nurse to oversee every child born.  The intent is ‘Getting it right for every child;’ the scheme is commonly known as the ‘Named Person’ scheme. Aberdeen Voice asked the agency responsible for the roll-out of the Named Persons scheme to answer some of the many questions surrounding this controversial scheme.  Here are the questions and replies, as well as a few further questions. | | | 2015/07/24 12:44:02 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,55,8,5&chds=0,55 | 68pageviews 45exits 66uniques |   As at 26/7/15 | |  |
| **393** | [**Old Susannah No. 179: All Apologies**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46113&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! Or not as the case may be. The SNP decided not to vote with the Conservatives on the proposed fox hunting amendment. This would have allowed people to resume the sporting life of chasing foxes […] | | | 2015/07/24 12:45:07 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,53,9,7&chds=0,53 | 69pageviews 35exits 62uniques  At 26/7/15 | | |  |
| **392** | [**Denmark’s Complicity In Faroes Cetacean Slaughter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=46007&action=edit)  On Friday 10 July people gathered outside the London Danish Embassy. Denmark, a member state of the European Union, is meant to protect cetaceans. This legal obligation means nothing to the nation. It protects the Faroe Islands, where scores of dolphins and whales are driven to shore each year to be butchered alive. The resulting […] | | | 2015/07/23 12:01:50 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,33,4,1,4&chds=0,33 | 42pageviews 32exits 38uniques |   As at 26/7/15 | |  |
| **391** | [**Kelly’s Heroes – Black Grape at Aberdeen Beach Ballroom**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45867&action=edit)  With an avalanche of anodyne music seeping into our living rooms from tedious TV talent(?) shows, the news that Black Grape would play Aberdeen was great news. Their acidic acid observations are set to uplifting, neo-indie music which thrilled fans and critics when they first set sail some two decades ago. What would they be […] | | | 2015/07/14 7:10:11 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,92,42,13,7,2,0&chds=0,92 | 156pageviews 108exits 121uniques |   As at 19/7/15 | |  |
| **390** | [**Old Susannah No. 178 – Watching The Detectives**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45693&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! Aberdeen Voice is now five years old. There might not be any cutest baby competitions, advertisements selling everything from trouser presses to holidays to Gdansk, but I dare say there have been a few interesting […] | | | 2015/07/02 2:57:04 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,47,36&chds=0,47 | 83pageviews 64exits 75uniques | | | In which I touch on Dr Bochel joining a private firm she’d already cozyed up to |
| **389** | [**Old Susannah Special: Reasons To Get With Trump**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45488&action=edit)  A satirical cornucopia of news stories, current events, anecdotes and statistics on the life and crimes – sorry – life and times of Donald Trump. Businessmen large and small, beautiful women, here’s all you need to know to convince yourselves Trump’s the partner for you. And – he wants to grow up to be President. […] | | | 2015/06/19 4:52:50 am Published  221 views as at 3/7/15 | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,57,23&chds=0,57 | 80pageviews 39exits 67uniques |   As at 20/6/15 | | Written in response to BrewDog selling beer at the Trump open house. |
| **388** | [**Sea Shepherd Monitors Gunmen At Crovie**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45490&action=edit)  Sea Shepherd is welcomed to Gardenstown and Crovie by residents and landowner Marc Ellington – who expressly forbids anyone from shooting seals while on his lands. Why then are these men there with guns trying to kill seals? Sea Shepherd explains. With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. Before you tuck into your wild salmon fillet or […] | | | 2015/06/19 4:52:50 am Published  3/7/15 – 621 views | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,405,50&chds=0,405 | 455pageviews 379exits 408uniques |   As at 20/6/15 | | Pleased this doing well; Jessie Treverton put it on SSUK page. No word from the Pullars |
| **387** | [**North East Scotland College Censors Student’s Artwork**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45424&action=edit) By Suzanne Kelly.  The presence of the nude in art: a tradition from prehistory to the present. The Venus of Willendorf (c. 25,000 bc); the Classical Laocoon and his Sons marble; Michelangelo’s David; Manet’s Le Dejeunner sur l’herbe – all instantly recognisable artwork featuring nude figures, male and female. Most higher art institutions offer life drawing classes and understand and encourage the use of the nude in contemporary art practice.  But, alas, Bibo Keeley is studying ART AND DESIGN in Aberdeen IN THE ART AND DESIGN DEPARTMENT of North East Scotland College – where the female nipple will not be tolerated.  When her work was put forward for the END-OF-YEAR exhibition, it was rejected, and she was told to ‘HANG something else’. No further explanation was given. | | | 2015/06/11 10:20:57 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,33,344,86,11,17,14,302,160,30,9&chds=0,344 | 1,006pageviews 773exits 813uniques | | | Probably my biggest story; pleasure to help Bibo; she and her husband Brian have been long running fans of AV; met her first at Easter Anguston farm; she came to AV drinks at Ma Cameron’s  Commenters include Gaye Black |
| **386** | [**Old Susannah No. 177 – Trust Issues**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45281&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! There are many vibrant, dynamic, connected smart successful goings-on as summertime draws near to the Granite City. I had a tasty affordable dinner at Amarone; it may be a chain, but its mozzarella is second | | | 2015/06/05 1:06:36 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,64,12,15,20,46,7,14,7,5,2,2,1,2,0,0,1&chds=0,64 | 198pageviews 127exits 179uniques |   Stats as at 20/6015 | | S |
| **385** | [**New Willows Patrons Deborah Bonham And Peter Bullick**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45213&action=edit)  Willows is North East Scotland’s largest animal sanctuary with over 300 wild, domestic and farm rescues.  They do not breed animals for sale or market; they never put a healthy animal to sleep; they are dependent on donations to keep going.  Willows is greatly aided by their existing patrons Paul Rodgers and Cynthia Kereluk, who have […] | | | 2015/05/29 8:06:49 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,7,3&chds=0,7 | 10pageviews 1exits 8uniques | | | Willows  Animals  Charity |
| **384** | [**Reputable Animal Charities Initiative**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45088&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  In light of recent events, four well-known animal welfare charities have formed a new organisation known as RE.A.CH to represent ‘Reputable animal charities’.  The aim of RE.A.CH. is to set a ‘baseline’ standard of excellence that all members are required to meet. All members of RE.A.CH are registered animal charities. A spokesperson for the group said:  “The group has been set up to help assure the public that the support they give is being treated in a responsible and ethical manner. The public can be assured that animals that come into the care of any RE.A.CH member will be well looked after by knowledgeable, experienced people who have the ability to provide long term care for them.” | | | 2015/05/29 3:58:58 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,29,3&chds=0,29 | 32pageviews 20exits 26uniques | | | Willows  Animals  Charity  Written by Willows, only on this list because of the work/confrontation I did with Northfield Animal Sanctuary (so-called) which sparked creation of this initiative |
| **383** | [**Sea Shepherd UK Crew Thwart Seal Killers**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45090&action=edit)  The presence of Sea Shepherd UKs seal defence crew have ensured that no seals were shot on the bank holiday at the small coastal village of Crovie despite attempts by Usan Salmon Fisheries Ltd marksmen to do just that. Three employees from Scottish Wild Salmon Company were dispatched to Crovie on the Moray coast to shoot […] | | | 2015/05/29 3:58:53 am Published | |  | | Animals  Environment  Only on this list because of my liaising with Marc and Sea Shepherd, and my interest |
| **382** | [**Julian Cope – Not Freaked Out, Not Over Rated**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45077&action=edit)  With a career nearly as old as the standing stones he loves, writer, historian, beer lover, singer/songwriter/guitarist Julian Cope rode into town. Cope might not have had a huge audience at the Lemon Tree, but it was another one of those nights that was unmissable for Aberdonians who are interested in music. The faithful, the cognoscenti were there. Suzanne Kelly reviews; photographs by Dod Morrison.  Julian Cope tickets didn’t come cheap; two people would have spent just under £50 to get in.  Buying a ticket was also something of a gamble; would Cope simply ‘emote’ at us all night, ramble aimlessly through decades of psychotropic anecdotes, or would this be a really interesting night. Thankfully, it proved to be the latter. | | | 2015/05/25 9:41:21 pm Published | | Stats as at pm 26/5/15   |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,14,29&chds=0,29 | 43pageviews 33exits 41uniques | | | arts |
| **381** | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**A Further Conversation With Declan Laird**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44985&action=edit)  One of Scotland’s fastest-rising young stars in Hollywood is actor Declan Michael Laird. Awarded a fully-funded place at the Stella Adler Academy of Acting based on his performance at a workshop, he’s been busy ever since. Now it seems he’s set his sights on more than acting. Declan talks to Suzanne Kelly.  At age 21 most of us didn’t have a clue what we wanted to do for our career.  Childhood dreams of being a ballet dancer, cowboy or an astronaut were being swapped for aspirations of a more practical kind. For those who wanted careers in sports, arts or entertainment; well-meaning family, friends and school advisors were probably trying to talk them out of it.  ‘Too much competition,’ ‘No reliable prospects,’ ‘No money to be made for most people in that field’ would be some of the sensible persuasions used to veer young people towards surer, more conservative jobs. | | | | 2015/05/25 9:04:29 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,17,43&chds=0,43 | 60pageviews 46exits 54uniques |   Stats as at pm 26/5/15 | | Arts  interview |
| **380** | [**Brian & Bibo Keely: The Shared Heart – through 24 May**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=45050&action=edit)  Aberdeen-based artists Brian and Bibo Keely have turned a major life event into an exhibition of portraiture and sculpture which is optimistic, personal, educational and aesthetically wonderful.  By Suzanne Kelly Preface When local artists want to exhibit, more and more of them are going to Glasgow and Edinburgh. There are several reasons for this. Many […] | | | 2015/05/22 11:32:51 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2&chds=0,2 | 2pageviews 0exits 2uniques | | | art |
| **379** | [**Old Susannah No. 176 – Just Plane Stupid**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44918&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! It’s been quite a week in the Granite City and wider world. Well done all you who voted Conservative! The SNP is now on the move; not since the Covenanters has Scotland been so unanimous. […] | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/05/22 2:40:15 am Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,49&chds=0,49 | 49pageviews 25exits 44uniques | | | OS |
| **378** | [**A Further Conversation With Declan Laird**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44985&action=edit) **- Draft**  One of Scotland’s fastest-rising young stars in Hollywood is actor Declan Michael Laird. Awarded a fully-funded place at the Stella Adler Academy of Acting based on his performance at a workshop, he’s been busy ever since. Now it seems he’s set his sights on more than acting. Declan talks to Suzanne Kelly.  At age 21 most of us didn’t have a clue what we wanted to do for our career.  Childhood dreams of being a ballet dancer, cowboy or an astronaut were being swapped for aspirations of a more practical kind. For those who wanted careers in sports, arts or entertainment; well-meaning family, friends and school advisors were probably trying to talk them out of it.  ‘Too much competition,’ ‘No reliable prospects,’ ‘No money to be made for most people in that field’ would be some of the sensible persuasions used to veer young people towards surer, more conservative jobs. | | | Draft | |  | | Interview |
| **377** | [**Westworld XIII – XI Out Of X**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44840&action=edit)  Apologies to those who will (probably) castigate me (I’m used to it) for putting a piece in Aberdeen Voice which is arguably not strictly related to Aberdeen. I hope though that as AV has over the years carried pieces on everything from the history of instant coffee to UFOs that there is room for one […] | | | 2015/05/15 2:51:24 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,66,24,3,3,1,0,13,6&chds=0,66 | 116pageviews 93exits 98uniques | | | Music |
| **376** | [**Tranquility Wild West Town: Hoedown Lowdown**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44808&action=edit)  The Huntly area’s Tranquility Wild West Town held an open day on 4th May. The rain came down nonstop, but that did not stop families, cowboys and girls, and people of all ages coming together for a great day of Wild West Fun. Suzanne Kelly, a new member to the Tranquility Wild West Town & Re-enactment […] | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/05/15 2:51:22 am Published | | |  | | PR |
| **375** | [**Blink And You Missed It: Trump Consultation On The Quiet**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44804&action=edit)  Well, if you didn’t know there were consultations over the further decimation of the Menie Estate, you were in good company. Few people found out about it in time to meet the deadlines to submit opinions. Those who asked for promised information on the proposals were treated with less than timely and less than courteous regard. Suzanne Kelly reports.  Donald Trump has always let his presence in Scotland be known. There was the unprecedented way Holyrood intervened in the Menie Estate carve-up. There was Trump’s attempts at wind farm derailment, proclaiming ‘I am the evidence’ against wind farms. The man couldn’t fly into Aberdeen Airport with red carpets and escorts (cost to taxpayer for unprecedented police presence c. an estimated £2,000 per visit). | | | 2015/05/15 2:50:43 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,158,64,29,26,11,11,5,9&chds=0,158 | 313pageviews 224exits 283uniques | | | Trump  5 comments |
| **374** | [**Old Susannah No. 175 – Coincidence Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44564&action=edit)  Old Susannah recounts her latest encounter with Aberdeen Council, and gets to grips with issues in the wider world as well. By Suzanne Kelly Chestnuts roasting on an open fire; Jack Frost nipping at your extremities; snow falling. Hope you’re enjoying the spring weather as well. Perhaps you’ve gone up Tullos Hill to shelter under the […] | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/05/01 6:36:32 am Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,24,15,11,11,4,5,12,17,8,7,2,2,5,3,3,4,1,0,2,2,2,0&chds=0,24 | 140pageviews 74exits 131uniques | | | OS |
| **373** | [**A Further Conversation With Jonny Paterson**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44589&action=edit)  Jonny Paterson is a Scottish film producer working in Hollywood, going from strength to strength. His talents and potential are acknowledged by the Bafta Newcomers programme Paterson’s producing ‘Halfway’, a greatly-anticipated film starring Quinton Arron, and has a few other irons in the fire. I have to remind myself he’s 27. Aberdeen Voice catches up […] | | | 2015/05/01 6:35:30 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,8,1,4,3,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0&chds=0,8 | 21pageviews 13exits 18uniques | | | Interviwe |
| **372** | [**Wire: Live Wires Live**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44583&action=edit)  Lemon Tree 26 April 2015; it’s been snowing, most people are cancelling their plans to stay home and be warm. The result is an audience size below what was expected for Wire. But completely undaunted and unphased, they air their new album Wire to Aberdeen’s hardcore, devoted live music fans. Suzanne Kelly reports.  I wish I’d stayed until the end. I wish I’d stayed until the end. Having to leave this show early is a huge regret a week later.  With a new album to promote, long-running, ever-evolving punk/art/rock act Wire played a, well – sweet and strong set to an audience that loved it. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/05/01 6:35:05 am Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,25,7,4,2,2,0,0,3,0,2,0,0,0,0,2,1,1,1,1,0,0,0&chds=0,25 | 51pageviews 33exits 42uniques | | | Music |
| **371** | [**Tullos Hill Deer Petition: Outcomes**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44587&action=edit)By Suzanne Kelly  On Tuesday 21 April I represented the Save the Tullos Hill Deer group at Aberdeen City Council’s Petitions Committee. The petitioners had several requests; the results were mixed. Here are the results of that meeting.  With the mandate of hundreds of Aberdeen residents, and the backing of people from Aberdeenshire and beyond, a 10 minute presentation was delivered to the City’s Petitions Committee. | | | 2015/05/01 6:35:03 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,9,15,3,2,1,4,4,2,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,15 | 41pageviews 22exits 39uniques | | | Tullos  Animal  Environment |
| **370** | [**Gerry Jablonski Band: No Trouble With These Blues.**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44413&action=edit)  Trouble With The Blues is the fourth album from the Gerry Jablonski Band. It’s a classic compendium racing up and down the full spectrum of The Blues, and it’s absolutely cracking. Suzanne Kelly stops listening to it long enough to review.  The Gerry Jablonski Band has come up with their best album yet, although it’s not as if they’ve released any flawed albums before. Twist of Fate, their last album was rightly well received.  But on Trouble With The Blues, the high production values, writing, playing, solos and vocals have reached new, highly-gelled heights. My first initial reaction is that I must see them do this material live as soon as possible.  The lyrics run from playful, for example in ‘The Curse’, to heartbreakingly raw and painful. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/04/17 7:32:01 pm Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/04/17 7:32:01 pm Published | | | Music |
| **369** | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Old Susannah No. 174 – Public Art Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44368&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly.  Apologies for the late running of this service. However, I’ve been busy getting Tullos Hill petition signatures, and writing my presentation to the city’s Petitions Committee for this coming Tuesday.  Fortunately, the brand new album from the Gerry Jablonski Band arrived to give me some new listening pleasure while I was reliving all the fun of the 2012 Tullos Hill issues.  For some reason, the blues seem particularly appropriate to some of our city’s latest comings and goings.  The city council will no doubt be thrilled that over 250 city residents on the electoral register signed the Tullos Hill petition. | | | | 2015/04/17 2:51:16 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:9,7,26,3,1,3,1,5,3,0,1,0,0,2,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,26 | 62pageviews 25exits 58uniques | | | OS |
| **368** | [**A Night In The Mooring s With Joe Lynn Turner**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44270&action=edit)  The Moorings continues to bring acts to Aberdeen which command attention. Joe Lynn Turner’s not-to-be missed acoustic evening was something else again. Suzanne Kelly reports; photos by Still Burning – aka Julie Thompson and George Mackie.  If you were of a certain age, and living in the US, you loved rock and metal. Particularly English metal.  Every guy wanted to be in a band; some great musicians came out of the 70s in the US. UK bands filled giant arenas and played to capacity crowds. Led Zeppelin reigned supreme (and for many of us still does, not least with the re-release of Physical Graffiti on its 40th anniversary – but I digress).  If you worked at it long and hard, you became a halfway credible guitarist. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/04/10 2:27:44 am Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 2exits 2uniques | | | Music |
| **367** | [**City Council To Hear Tullos Hill Petitioner**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=44187&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  A petition to examine issues surrounding Aberdeen’s Tullos Hill has gained sufficient public support for the city’s Petitions Committee to address the issues.  Campaigners were told today that they had exceeded the threshold of 250 signatures, and the city’s Petitions Committee will meet with the petitioners on 21 April.  Text of their petition can be found here http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?Id=13 .  In May of 2011, campaigners wanted the deer spared and for Tullos Hill to be left as a meadow and the roe deer to be allowed to remain. | | | 2015/04/03 1:36:39 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:3,2,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,3 | 8pageviews 5exits 6uniques | | | ACC  Tullos  Animal  Environment |
| **366** | [**Old Susannah No. 173 – Gull Guides**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=43959&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Apologies for the late running of this service. Old Susannah was on holiday, and catching up with current events is taking time. Hard to know where to start, or what day of the week it is. It’s […] | | | 2015/03/27 2:56:10 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **365** | [**Whalefest – Brighton 2015: The Tide Turns**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=43969&action=edit)  Whalefest took over Brighton’s exhibition space mid March with a programme of events unrivalled. Exhibitors and guests came from all over the world; Aberdeen was well represented by volunteers, visitors, and Ian Hay of the East Grampian Coastal Partnership, who had an informative stand. It was a pleasure to be there, and to see how | | | […] 2015/03/27 2:53:33 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Animal  Environment |
| **364** | [**Valerie Watts – Did She Snub Standards Commission?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=43907&action=edit)  11 February, 2015: Former Aberdeen City Chief Executive Valerie Watts, is called as an important witness in a Standards Commission hearing taking place in Aberdeen’s townhouse. Seven elected councillors are accused of using council facilities for political ends concerning a letter sent to residents. Despite a month’s notice of this hearing, despite agreeing to participate […] | | | 2015/03/20 1:59:55 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 0exits 1uniques | | | ACC |
| **363** | [**Tullos Hill Petition Closing Soon – More Signatures Needed**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=43783&action=edit)  At the end of March a petition asking for answers about Tullos Hill will close. Anyone interested in finding out how their tax money is being used, anyone interested in saving the city’s remaining roe deer population, and anyone who wants to ensure further money isn’t wasted is urged to sign now. Suzanne Kelly updates Aberdeen Voice on the petition that the ‘Save The Tullos Hill Deer’ group created at the end of 2014.  roe-deer-fawn-picTime is running out for a petition which could force the city to release information on its costly Tree For Every Citizen scheme and which may help save the city’s remaining roe deer from further culling.  Anyone resident in Aberdeen who is on the electoral role can sign. Signatories have to register with Aberdeen City via the link on the petition page. | | | 2015/03/17 9:31:52 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,2&chds=0,2 | 6pageviews 4exits 5uniques | | | Tullos  Animal  Environment  12 comments; one person no idea what the Tullos Hill issue was, but not stopped him from deriding my position |
| **362** | [**Old Susannah No  172 – Propaganda 101 Part 2**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=42277&action=edit)  One hundred columns ago, Old Susannah wrote on the theme of how propaganda permeates our media and government, and how it’s used by the powerful to steer us and to blinker us. Times haven’t changed. By Suzanne Kelly It’s been a confusing week in the Deen; it’s been very hard to read the signs. Not […] | | | 2015/02/20 12:35:29 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **361** | [**We Need To Talk About The Police No. 6 – Arrest Developments**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=42191&action=edit)  If you are arrested in the UK, surely that means you’ve committed a crime. The stigma of being arrested can negatively impact your career prospects, your family and your social standing. The police only arrest those who are committing a crime, who have broken the law, and need to be stopped. Terrorism laws are there […] | | | 2015/02/20 12:34:47 am Published | |  | | Police  Society |
| **360** | [**Altered Sky – Tunnels, 4 February 2015**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41999&action=edit)  Altered Sky invited Aberdeen Voice to their show at the Tunnels on 4 February. Suzanne Kelly has had her eye and ear on this act, and was happy to go. Photographs by George Mackie. It would not be hard for a band like this to sign a deal that would make them lots of money:  just […] | | | 2015/02/17 10:55:41 pm Published | |  | | Music |
| **359** | [**BrewDog’s Beatnik Brew-In: Shareholder Saturday, Ellon**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41959&action=edit)  Last week BrewDog invited its shareholders – over 14,000 of us – for a day at the Ellon Brewery, Shop and Bar DogTap & bottleshop. The hundred or so who did enjoyed a great day out. Shareholder Suzanne Kelly reports.  beer\_chandelier  BrewDog opened up the newly-expanded Ellon brewery to shareholders on 7 February; it was to tour the plant brewery, see the new shop and bar DogTap & bottleshop, taste beers and have fun.  The day’s main event was to help create a new beer – Bounty Hunter. This will be a chocolaty coconutty, stout (lactose, coconut chip and chocolate). We were invited to take part in the ‘mashing in’ (mixing the grains into the heated water, the early stage of the brewing process) and to help design the stout’s label. | | | 2015/02/17 1:17:58 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:16,3,1,2,2,2,3,3,4,2,2,1,3,0,2,2,1,2,6,0,2,0,4,0,0,3,1,0,5,4,3&chds=0,16 | 79pageviews 72exits 74uniques | | | BrewDog  22/5/15 – not sure why this resurfaced in the stats (made top 10 for a bit) – could be because the beer is due out soon. I saw a prototype of the label; I am on it as part of a crowd. We will see if that remains the case when launched… |
| **358** | [**Old Susannah No. 171 – Still All Loved up**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41963&action=edit)  Following on from last week’s Valentine’s Day themed column, Old Susannah is still feeling the love. After all, this is Aberdeen. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! The Deen is awash in romance; you can smell it in the air. Then again, that might just be a nasty whiff coming in from the sewerage plant. In […] | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2015/02/12 10:40:18 pm Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | OS |
| **357** | [**Eric Auld Retrospective: A Kind Of Homecoming**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41961&action=edit)  Eric Auld – teacher, artist, source of inspiration for many of Aberdeen’s painters passed away towards the end of 2013.  The Rendezvous Gallery on Forest Avenue is holding a retrospective show of his work, organised in part by his daughters. The show opened to a full, appreciative house on Friday 6 February. Suzanne Kelly was in attendance.  Eric Auld will remain one of our area’s most influential and loved artists. He captured Aberdeen’s harbour, day to day life in his still life work, Highland games pageantry, and the natural beauty of his life models. | | | 2015/02/12 10:38:25 pm Published | |  | | Art  Went to opening with Earl Solomon by invitation of Keith Byers – a pupil of Auld’s who did my portrait |
| **356** | [**Ignorant Walkers Disturb Estuary Seals**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41753&action=edit)  Several concerned members of the public have reported visitors to wildlife areas such as the Ythan Estuary are paying no respect to the wildlife. People are ignoring signs and other visitors – and pestering the seals. It may seem cute or fun to go up close to seals – but they need to be left […] | | | 2015/02/05 9:36:30 pm Published | |  | | Animal  Environment  My this was controversial; 28 comments; most saying people should be allowed to go up to the seals. Most amusing |
| **355** | [**Old Susannah No. 170 – Valentine’s Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41693&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly aka Old Susannah gets to grips with Grampian’s great and good, and with St Valentine’s Day just around the corner, her soft and sympathetic side is coming to the fore. Or maybe not. Can’t you just feel the love? Well, it’s official now: Aberdeen City and Shire ARE ON THE MAP! This is […] | | | 2015/01/30 3:12:22 am Published` | |  | | OS |
| **354** | [**In Conversation With TV Smith**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41699&action=edit)  TV Smith is about to tour Germany with the UK Subs, and looks set to spend most of 2015 on the road as per usual. The recent album ‘I Delete’ contains all the observation on society you’d expect and is doing well. He continues to write his tour diaries; the latest is Book Of The Year, another candid account of a year touring, warts – lots of warts and all. In between dates, merchandising, and admin, he talks with Suzanne Kelly.  The Adverts dissembled a mere thirty something years ago, and Tim Smith doesn’t seem to have stopped touring or writing since. Before we speak, I play a particular video of ‘I Delete’ again that I particularly like. The song speaks to me of our surveillance-happy society, personal memory overload, and the little acknowledged fact that sometimes the camera does lie or can be made to lie. | | | 2015/01/30 3:12:16 am Published | |  | | Music  Interview |
| **353** | [**Protestors Oppose Muse Development**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41724&action=edit)By Suzanne Kelly.  Marischal College played host a large demonstration on Saturday 24 January, as hundreds took to the city council’s offices to protest a development which will change the area’s character forever.  Directly across from Marischal College, one of Scotland’s most important modern buildings, another glass box office / retail complex will add to our growing collection of anonymous, soul-less architecture.  With the old St Nicholas House now torn down, space and light enters this part of the city; the Provost’s House and Marischal College are both set off to far better effect. | | | 2015/01/30 3:12:03 am Published | |  | | ACC |
| **352** | [**Aberdeen Unites For Charlie Hebdo Vigil**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41473&action=edit)  On 7 January 12 members of French satirical publication Charlie Hebdo were gunned down in their offices.  This was a premediated, cold-blooded assassination by radicalised people claiming somehow to have ‘avenged the Prophet Mohammed’. Following the massacre of the journalists – and others in France unlucky enough to have crossed the path of the murders, worldwide, pan-religion condemnations were issued and rallies held.  Aberdeen, with its considerable French population, joined in with its own rally, organised by Frog in Aberdeen and especially Julie Tchao.  Suzanne Kelly talks to those who attended. | | | 2015/01/16 1:13:44 am Published | |  | | Society  I remember what a good coming together this was. Duncan Harley had announced on some Facebook page or other to Anne Begg & Co that he was going to cover the event. I joined in, saying that as I was a satirical writer who worked for a French company and who spoke French, who had been in touch with organiser Julie Chao, that I too was going to cover it. Never did see his sagging Grinch-like face on the day which was a moving one |
| **351** | [**Old Susannah No. 169 – Protest, Satire And Other Offensive Crime**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41412&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Before I weigh in with the usual weekly attempt at satire, I hope you will forgive a few non-satirical comments in light of the slaughter of the Charlie Hebdo cartoonists, journalists and activists in Paris yesterday. My […] | | | 2015/01/08 10:58:38 pm Published | |  | | OS  15 comments on this one; at present haven’t the time to go back and look at what they were. |
| **350** | [**Old Susannah No. 168 – Keep the Sex in Sexmass**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41326&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho, cheerio etc. ‘Tis the season of peace on earth, goodwill towards men and so on. Well, it probably is the season of goodwill somewhere. The North Koreans are apoplectic, the Pope is not happy, and […] | | | 2014/12/31 1:21:37 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | OS |
| **349** | [**Petition Launched To Protect Wild Salmon**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41211&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  The Salmon and Trout Association (Scotland) (S&TA(S)), in conjunction with leading angling guide and consultant Ian Gordon, has today launched an online petition aimed at preventing any killing of wild salmon in Scotland before 1st July for the next five years. This follows two years of poor salmon runs and reflects an increasing appreciation that decisive action is required to help arrest the decline.  In 2013 6,563 salmon were killed before 1st July – of which over two thirds were taken by nets. | | | 2014/12/19 2:02:57 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | Animals  Environment |
| **348** | [**Damian Baits And The Beanstalk**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41186&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Damian Baits lived in a kingdom by the sea called the Shire; it had rolling green fields, sandy shores, meadows and hills. Deer grazed in fields, great birds flew overhead, and precious flowers grew.  In the centre of this great shire was a city of silver. Well, granite anyway.  In the heart of the city was a little green park in a valley, sheltered from the harsh winds and verily it was a trap for the sun.  The people had many ways to earn their keep, and young Damian was no exception. | | | 2014/12/16 12:35:58 am Published | |  | | Christmas  I recall Marc Ellington telling me how much he liked this (he says he still thinks my ‘How Sir Ian Grinch Stole Christmas’ is a modern Scottish classic) – but Marc asked me if I’m not sometimes afraid to go as far as I do. Well, not until they change the laws on satire, and if they try I’ll be fighting that anyway. This and the Grinch are my two Christmas favourites so far – what to do next? 22/5/15 |
| **347** | [**Aberdeen Cyreneans Rucksack Project 2014**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41171&action=edit)  At this time of year homelessness and hunger hit the vulnerable particularly hard; even in our prosperous city there are rough sleepers and people with issues who need help. The generosity shown by those who donated and volunteered at this year’s Rucksack Project will go a fair way to help. Suzanne Kelly dropped off her […] | | | 2014/12/11 11:41:52 pm Published | |  | | Society |
| **346** | [**Old Susannah No. 167 – Seasons and Greetings**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=41063&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Season’s Greetings! Tally Ho! Sale now on! 25% off! I’m sure we all love this time of year – a time to reflect… on how that new lowcost dress looks on us in the changing room mirror. […] | | | 2014/12/05 6:32:39 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **345** | [**Old Susannah No 166 – Playing It Safe (?)**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40954&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Apologies for the late running of this service, I’ve been on holiday. I was at the bonfire night fire festival in Lewes where suffice it to say Alex Salmond must be very popular, as there were two […] | | | 2014/11/28 6:35:12 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **344** | [**Steve Cropper, The Animals, Friends And Fans**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40883&action=edit)  Music lovers of every age converged on The Lemon Tree on 21st November, with good reason: Steve Cropper, and Animals & Friends had come to town. Suzanne Kelly and Julie Thompson joined them.  The Animals’ music filled the heads of children of the 60s and subsequent generations; it was part of a pure, strong, British Invasion which certainly inspired musicians in the USA and UK alike.  Over at Stax Records, the legendary home of some epic, timeless classics, house guitarist Steve Cropper was writing equally powerful music.  The riffs, beats and lyrics of the musicians involved have aged very well – everyone can relate to the sentiments of ‘We Gotta Get Out Of This Place’. When the musicians involved got together for this tour, nights of guaranteed feel good, sing along music was promised and delivered. | | | 2014/11/28 6:30:29 am Published | |  | | Music |
| **343** | [**Paul Rodgers, Deborah Bonham. Royal Albert Hall Show for Willows**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40792&action=edit)  Paul Rodgers. Deborah Bonham. The Royal Albert Hall. Add in a Scottish animal shelter and the result was an unforgettable night of music, all to raise funds and awareness for Willows Animal Sanctuary. Suzanne Kelly caught the show and caught up with the generous people who made it happen. Paul Rodgers and his wife Cynthia […] | | | 2014/11/21 6:34:51 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 5pageviews 3exits 4uniques | | | Music  Interesting that 5 people have recently read this old piece; not bad |
| **342** | [**We Need To Talk About the Police 5: Women**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40685&action=edit)  “They didn’t value my mum’s life and they certainly didn’t value my sister’s life. Ultimately, they’re dead. I will never, ever heal. Ever.” – Stacey Banner to the BBC, on murders committed by John Lowe. Police returned guns to him despite his threat to ‘blow off’ Stacey Banner’s head.  The police certainly have problems. Previous articles in this series have looked at the issues of institutionalised racism, guns and how our rights are being chipped away, little by little. With all the powers of surveillance at their disposal, police surely are able to determine when people are in potential danger. How are the 21st century UK police treating women? Suzanne Kelly reports.  Christine Lee and her daughter Lucy are dead. Like so many murdered women, they knew their killer. It was 82-year-old puppy farmer John Lowe, who was husband and stepfather to them. | | | 2014/11/14 6:25:11 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 2exits 2uniques | | | Police  Society |
| **341** | [**Trouble With Trump Part 2 – Unresolved Problems**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40531&action=edit)  Donald Trump bought the Menie Estate in 2006; by 2008 unprecedented planning permission was granted to create ‘the world’s greatest golf course’.  Environmental protection was swept aside for the optimistic promises made. Menie Estate residents were vilified in the press. Farmer Michael Forbes was said by Trump to live in a ‘pigsty’. Residents had their lives transformed, but not for the better.  Some would argue that putting profit before the environment and the rights of the affected families was justified. No one could argue that these promised benefits never materialised.  What is life like at the estate for residents now? What are some of the issues and problems? Why is nothing being done by the Aberdeenshire planners, outdoor access officers, and the residents’ MSP, Alex Salmond? Suzanne Kelly reports. | | | 2014/11/07 6:24:16 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0&chds=0,2 | 2pageviews 0exits 2uniques | | | Trump |
| **340** | [**Old Susannah 165 – Salmond and Carbuncle**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40416&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho! And Happy Christmas and Season’s greetings while I’m at it. Halloween costumes sit next to Christmas cards in all the stores; hope you’ve finished writing  your cards and wrapping your presents. Despite this being the […] | | | 2014/10/31 6:36:26 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **339** | [**Aberdeen Citizen Harbour Article – A Propaganda Fail**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40365&action=edit)  A cheerful article in Aberdeen’s free sheet, the Aberdeen Citizen, appeared on the 23rd of October.  The piece proclaims that plans to take over Nigg Bay for industrialisation “have today been welcomed by local residents.”  Suzanne Kelly, knowing full well the strength of local opposition to this scheme, looks at the two residents quoted in […] | | | 2014/10/31 6:33:08 am Published | |  | | ACC  Environment |
| **338** | [**Willows Animal Sanctuary Halloween Event – 01.11.14**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40389&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. Come and meet our stunning European Eagle Owls named Hedwig and Errol at our special Halloween event on the 1st of November, 11.30 am till 3.30pm. We will be holding a spooky treasure hunt, raffle and tombola. There will be free entry to the visitor attraction for all children in […] | | | 2014/10/31 6:20:50 am Published | |  | | ANimal |
| **337** | [**The Trouble With Trump Part 1 – Trump Dump**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40255&action=edit)  Menie Estate residents and those who stood up for them were vilified in the press; farmer Michael Forbes was said by Trump to live in a ‘pigsty’. What is life like at the estate for residents now? What are some of the issues and problems? Suzanne Kelly reports, in the first of a series. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/10/26 8:47:52 am Published | | |  | | Trump |
| **336** | [**Petition Re. Deer Cull Issues Now Live**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40193&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  As Aberdeen continues its controversial and unpopular deer culling activities, it continues to spend tens of thousands of pounds on the cull and planting trees. The trees planted on Tullos Hill recently were done at the expense of 34 or 35 animals which had previously lived on the hill: SNH guidelines (not law, […] | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/10/24 6:31:02 am Published | | |  | | Tullos  ACC  Animal  Environment |
| **335** | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 164 – Slips, Grips And Trips**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40096&action=edit)  Old Susannah aka Suzanne Kelly gets to grips with grippy politicians and businessmen both sides of the pond. It was an interesting week as ever in Aberdeen, as this photo from our trendy, hip, happening cultural hub shows. Yes, it sensibly closes by 6pm, after all, culture shouldn’t overlap regular working hours. In the door […] | | | 2014/10/17 6:34:51 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **334** | [**A Night At The Moorings With Spear of Destiny**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39978&action=edit)  When Spear of Destiny played the Moorings Bar this past Saturday, it was a case of ‘they came, they saw, they conquered’ (in the words of Dod Morrison). Suzanne Kelly agrees.  Spear of Destiny’s show last year in Aberdeen was a powerful, heady affair.  This year was another triumph, and surely one of the best nights at the Moorings or any other local venue. Striking new material from the new album XXXI added to the evening beautifully.  The line-up if it needs re-stating is Kirk Brandon (guitars, vocals), Craig Adams (bass), Mike Kelly (percussion), Adrian Portas (guitar) and Steve Allan-Jones (keyboards). If you’re touring exhaustively as they are, keeping things fresh for your audience is hard work – but they did it. | | | 2014/10/17 6:29:16 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 4pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Music  Am glad this old piece has been sought out probably as a result of the Westworld review 22/5/15 |
| **333** | [**We Need To Talk About The Police 4 – Gun Stun**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=40092&action=edit)  Perhaps the most controversial issue in Scottish policing today was the unilateral, non-legislative supported police decisions to award themselves the power to routinely carry firearms on routine patrols.  Local councillors and other elected representatives were dismayed throughout Scotland; Kenny MacAskill is being asked to resign (over several issues including this one).  Highlands Police were showing up to incidents in low crime areas equipped to maim or to kill. A suggestion was made that the guns should be made ‘less visible’ – hardly a suggestion that respects the rights of the electorate which are demonstrably against routine armed patrols.  The police had implemented this escalation instead of asking for permission to do so. | | | 2014/10/17 6:27:46 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,2,0&chds=0,2 | 5pageviews 5exits 5uniques | | | Police  Society  22/5/15 – again, glad someone’s reading this |
| **332** | [**Old Susannah No. 163 Selective Memories**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39927&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Hope you’re enjoying the weather. The trains Stopped running further north, streets are flooded, and it’s chaos. Thankfully, none of the building we’re doing in the remaining greenbelt will have a negative impact on the ability of the […] | | | 2014/10/10 6:34:22 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **331** | [**ACC 2013 Taxes: A Good Year For Usual Suspects**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39808&action=edit)  Previous administrations sold off property at a fraction of real value (funny, no one can find the details of the police investigation that was meant to happen – watch this space). They also wrote off £11 million in unpaid debts. Here is a snapshot of where you tax money was deployed last year. The trend […] | | | 2014/10/03 2:07:21 am Published | |  | | ACC |
| **330** | [**We Need To Talk About The Police 3: State Sanctioned Rape**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39803&action=edit)  In Part 1 of this series, excessive, expensive security measures and their implications for civil rights were examined. The second part of the series looked at the problems of racism in the UK’s police forces as experienced by suspects, victims of crime (and victims of police actions), and even police officers.  This third article in the series, deals with the outrageous exploits of the so-called ‘Special Demonstration Squad’ and how it sanctioned its undercover operatives to sleep with and impregnate innocent women. What has happened to democracy, basic human rights and an accountable, law-abiding police force?  Suzanne Kelly reports, concluding that the police are out of the control of the top brass, and undercover police have ruined lives when using deceit to trick women into sex and into bearing children. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/10/03 2:03:45 am Published | | |  | | Police  Society |
| **329** | [**Old Susannah No.162 – Isms It Is**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39702&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho! For a city with no beating heart and collapsed lungs awaiting a granite web transplant, Aberdeen is somehow managing to hold its own on the cultural front. The Techfest 2014 events are very impressive and […] | | | 2014/09/26 1:10:59 am Published | |  | | OS |
| **328** | [**Spear Of Destiny: New Album And Moorings Date**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39711&action=edit)  Spear of Destiny haven’t let up these past 31 years. Released last week, XXXI/ Thirty One is their first studio album in six years. And they’ll be appearing at the Moorings soon. Suzanne Kelly reviews. ‘XXXI / Thirty one’ was pre-released to fans, and is out to the rest of the world now; details here […] | | | 2014/09/26 1:10:14 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 2exits 3uniques | | | Music |
| **327** | [**Crafts Auction For Willows Animal Sanctuary**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39720&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. Artists, shops, craftspeople and supporters have created a Facebook auction page for the Willows Animal Sanctuary. The auction will start on the 30th September, and end one week later. A wide variety of items are available: from jewellery to cosmetics, perfume bottles and quilts. Willows Patron Paul Rodgers of Free, Bad Company […] | | | 2014/09/26 1:10:00 am Published | |  | | Animals |
| **326** | [**We Need To Talk About The Police Part 2: Racism**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39575&action=edit)  In the second article of an ongoing series, the racism permeating the UK’s police forces is examined. By Suzanne Kelly.  Police line pic2 Justice is often depicted as blindfolded as she weighs the evidence in her scales, her sword clutched to dispense an impartial, fair sentence.  The evidence suggests a different reality, one wherein suspects, victims, even police officers who are not white males still have the cards stacked against them.  Perhaps there is a clue to race relations in the mix of police officers? If we are meant to believe that police forces in the UK have worked on their well documented ‘institutionalised racism’ over the years, there is absolutely no sign of this in the 2013 Scottish police equality mainstreaming report: | | | 2014/09/19 12:50:15 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | Police  Society |
| **325** | [**Torry Harbour Development: Have Your Say Now**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39547&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. This Monday and Tuesday is your chance to see what’s proposed for Torry’s Nigg Bay: an extension of the industrial harbour into what is now public recreational coastal space and an important wildlife spot. As per an announcement on Facebook: “Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Harbour Board and Scottish Enterprise are preparing a […] | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/09/14 11:34:25 pm Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,1,0,2,2,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,2,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0&chds=0,2 | 12pageviews 9exits 11uniques | | | ACC  Environment |
| **324** | [**We Need To Talk About The Police – Part 1: Over-Policing**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39508&action=edit)  When police are caught in misdeeds, sometimes of enormous magnitude, there seems to be immunity – they are the police after all.  The suggestion is not that all police are corrupt. The questions that need to be addressed include the increased powers the police have been given, often under the sweeping broad brush of ‘preventing terrorism’, how they are doing their job, and what the scope of investigation should be. Additionally, Police Scotland seems to be granting itself the right to carry guns on routine patrols.  This has happened in the Highlands without recourse to elected officials and institutions, let alone seeking a mandate from the people who are largely against this change. There are far too many problems for them to go unanswered or the situation to go unchecked. ‘Protect and Serve’ is becoming a thing of the past. We need to talk about the police. By Suzanne Kelly. | | | 2014/09/12 12:23:32 am Published | |  | | Police  Society |
|  | The above extracts were taken from Aberdeen Voice’s word press account from a search for Suzanne Kelly resulting in 20 pages. The above is the first three pages only 22/5/15 | | | | | | | |
| **323** | | **Titleand info** | **Date** | | **Analytics as at 23/5/15** | | **My comments** | |
| **322** | | [**Old Susannah No.161 Physicians, Police & Parents**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39382&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! It’s all happening in the Deen and Shire. The Fyvie Festival was last weekend, offering a nice day out including the chance to look at the priceless Tiffany window in Fyvie Kirk. Celebrate Aberdeen took […] | 2014/09/05 7:48:37 am Published | |  | | **OS** | |
| **321** | | [**In Conversation With Elaine Pirie, A Dog’s Best Friend**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39399&action=edit)  Elaine Pirie is involved with numerous issues concerning animal welfare, more often than not centring on canines. Her dogged determination across a host of initiatives and issues is impressive. By Suzanne Kelly.  Elaine and I meet appropriately at BrewDog; she arrives with two marvellous rescued pooches, which are well received. Her knowledge of dogs is only surpassed by her clear passion for them. She is involved and has been for many years with charities, campaigns, welfare issues. After we yapped for a while, several themes, issues and organisations came to the fore. | 2014/09/05 6:41:16 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 5pageviews 5exits 5uniques | | | **Interview**  **Animal** | |
| **320** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Further Conversation With Anthony Baxter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39360&action=edit)  Anthony Baxter talks to Suzanne Kelly about golf, human rights, Robert F Kennedy Junior, politicians, and Glenfiddich. By Suzanne Kelly.  Anthony Baxter and Richard Phinney set out some years ago to make a documentary. Their subject was Donald Trump building a golf course on the Menie Estate, and what life was like for the residents. The filmmakers didn’t expect to be arrested for their investigative journalism. Then again, they didn’t expect to win virtually every documentary prize worldwide for the resulting film, either.  But that’s what their first film, ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ did. | | 2014/09/02 7:55:11 pm Published | |  | | **Trump**  **No fewer than 30 comments on this** | |
| **319** | | [**When Richard Thompson Came To Town**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39325&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly reviews. Photographs by Julie Thompson.  You would be very hard pressed to think of another musician who plays like Richard Thompson, let alone sings or writes like him. You simply won’t find another singer/songwriter/guitarist that even approaches his calibre that has had a career spanning 6 decades, from his days with Fairport Convention through to the present day.  Seeing him over the years has been astonishing in another respect as well, for his voice, vocal range and playing aren’t ageing at all.  In fact, the consensus reached by musicians and fans on his Aberdeen Music Hall performance is that he’s not getting older, he’s getting better (and that’s saying something). It was quite an evening. | 2014/09/01 11:42:29 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | **Music** | |
| **318** | | [**Jeremy Paxman Stands Up – Unquestionably Entertaining**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39182&action=edit)  When news spread that Jeremy Paxman was to do a one-man show at the Edinburgh Fringe, expectations varied widely as to what would be on offer.  Scathing diatribes? Career retrospective? Tap dancing? No one agreed what on what his show would be like – but everyone agreed they wanted a ticket.  The show sold out instantly. After weeks of chasing a ticket, Suzanne Kelly was lucky enough to get a seat for an added show. Was it worth hours on the train and an expensive B&B stay? Absolutely.  Suzanne Kelly reviews. | 2014/08/29 5:18:42 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 2exits 2uniques | | | **EntertainmentI**  **loved this show; on a hunch was at the Pleasance and asked for returns – and was told that a final show had only just been added. had nice note back from the production co as well** | |
| **317** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Musicians Launch Recording Studio Venture**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39273&action=edit)  This is a great time to be a musician; it’s also a very hard time to be a musician as well. Arguably technology is behind this paradox. On the one hand, because technology has made it both easier to record and share new music, there has never been more competition in the music industry, and good bands have to stand out against a huge pool of talent all clambering for attention on YouTube and the like.  On the other hand, the ability to harness technology successfully is essential for fledgling acts and producers, and mastery of technology is what makes certain acts sound unique and separates them from the crowd. The more an aspiring musician knows about the aspects of the arts of performing and recording, the better their chances are for success.  The Ruptured Ducklings and their members are not leaving their success to chance; they’re going down every avenue of the industry, as I find out. By Suzanne Kelly. | | 2014/08/29 5:15:34 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,3,0,0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,4,1,2,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,1,0,0,2,0,0,0,0&chds=0,4 | 18pageviews 15exits 16uniques | | | Music  Am interested that this has 18 recent views; Gerry Jablonski hs done a video here; they seem to be doing well | |
| **316** | | [**Old Susannah No. 160 –  Quiz Time**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39175&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho! There is much ado in the Granite City; Friday is the Public Meeting concerning the future of the former St Nicholas House site. Of course the beautiful, iconic, vibrant, dynamic creative glass-box office and retail […] | 2014/08/26 12:38:49 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **315** | | [**Of Seals and Salmon: Govt Sanctions Wildlife Slaughter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=39143&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Salmon fishing and salmon farms are under increasing pressure to supply Scottish salmon to the world. The salmon in farms are prone to disease, are painfully attacked by flesh-eating sea lice, and live their lives in insufferably small, crowded pens as compared to the space and freedom the species would normally enjoy.  Pollution from salmon farms and escapee salmon are causing environmental disruption. Salmon nets seem to be growing in scale and quantity year on year.  Salmon netting is on the increase; anglers report that very few animals are making their way to the rivers. | 2014/08/22 5:16:23 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Animal  Environment | |
| **314** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**City Deer Cull Policy: A Tailored Response**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38792&action=edit)  In mid-July Suzanne Kelly wrote to all the City councillors and the new Chief Executive.  This was following Evening Express revelations that according to a Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) count, there may be only nineteen deer left in the entire city, with only three or four left on Tullos Hill. Tullos had a deer population which was stable for decades, until the Liberal Democrats foisted a ‘tree for every citizen’ scheme on the city, and the deer’s days were numbered as the City Council refused even to consider alternatives to shooting.  In response to Kelly’s email, the City Council created a document which it sent to all councillors, but not to Kelly. Kelly has obtained this missive, and in this article seeks to dismiss its points. | | 2014/08/15 3:40:44 am Published | |  | | Tullos  Animals  Environment  AC | |
| **313** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Old Susannah 159 – Dancing Cakes, Tax Shelters & Guns**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38690&action=edit)  Old Susannah gets to grips with Granite City Gripes such as shooting, snooping and serious tax avoidance, allegedly. By Suzanne Kelly | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/08/07 11:29:42 pm Published | | |  | | OS  14 comments | |
| **312** | | [**In Conversation With USAN’s George Pullar**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38632&action=edit)  A recent Aberdeen Voice piece looked at salmon fishing issues and Montrose-based USAN. Seals were shot in Gardenstown, confrontations occurred between Sea Shepherd, hunt saboteurs and USAN, who operate salmon nets in the Crovie area. Animal welfare organisations condemned USAN’s activities.  USAN’s George Pullar invited Suzanne Kelly out on the boat to experience first-hand a typical day on the water taking salmon. Pullar wanted to explain his operations and his difficulties; this is the story of how the day unfolded. By Suzanne Kelly.  It is a pleasant afternoon when George Pullar collects me from the Montrose train station for my visit. Montrose station by the way is adjacent to wildlife habitat, the Montrose Basin.  This is a highly valued local nature reserve where fishing and wildfowling are permitted leisure activities. | 2014/08/06 12:10:57 am Published | |  | | Environment  14 comments | |
| **311** | | [**Declan Michael Laird Goes To Camp**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38693&action=edit)  actor Declan Michael Laird moved to Hollywood after winning a prestigious full scholarship to the Stella Adler School. He’s on the audition trail, has various projects on the go | 2014/08/05 11:45:12 pm Published | |  | | Interview | |
| **310** | | [**Tullos Hill: Deer Poaching**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38505&action=edit)  Aberdeen City’s deer population has been more than decimated by what seems like a heady cocktail of politics, bad science and greed. Aberdeen Voice covers the issues in a series of articles. By Suzanne Kelly.  The Tree for Every Citizen scheme, a Lib Dem election promise, was promoted by the City, by Councillor Aileen Malone, paid consultant Chris Piper, and unelected city ranger and executive committee member of a deer control group, Ian Talboys.  Nearly three dozen deer were shot on Tullos Hill alone, despite a large public outcry from residents, community councils, elected officials and animal welfare charities.  That wasn’t the end of the persecution of this herd of deer, which had been successfully established on the hill for over 70 years. | 2014/07/25 9:00:18 pm Published | |  | | ACC  Tullos  Animal  environment | |
| **309** | | [**Old Susannah No.158: The Blameless And The Shameless**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38493&action=edit)  Old Susannah locks horns with deer-slaying officials while wading through city documents on the deer slaughter going on around us.  By Suzanne Kelly. Doe! Old Susannah’s been home reading stacks of paperwork received from the City, in response to a freedom of information request. These papers are the basis for some Aberdeen Voice stories on […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/07/25 8:20:04 pm Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **308** | | [**Trapped Deer: City ‘Doesn’t Want This Getting Out’**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38468&action=edit)  In documents released to Suzanne Kelly under Freedom of Information Legislation, it emerges that two deer were trapped in a fenced off area on Tullos Hill in early June of this year. Emails between city officials seem to show that keeping this story quiet was a main concern. By Suzanne Kelly  Some of the fencing erected c. Oct 2011 we were told we could not afford, and which ruins the view. Tullos Hill’s deer population may now be as low as three animals, as previously reported – but for those that remain, fencing and ‘sprayed off’ vegetation means real hardship.  Two roe deer were trapped in the narrow gas curtain fenced area in early June it has just emerged. Emails between city employees arranging for the deer to be let out of the area acknowledge that plants are being sprayed, leaving the deer even less food to eat. | 2014/07/21 3:57:56 pm Published | |  | | ACC  Tullos  Animals Environment | |
| **307** | | [**Old Susannah No. 157 – Games For A Laugh**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38438&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly aka Old Susannah gets to grips with current events in the Granite City and wider world as Commonwealth Game fever hits the deen. Tally ho! I’ve been doing a bit of travelling lately; I’ve even gone to places so remote that  the Scottish referendum vote isn’t the only subject of conversation. I was […] | 2014/07/17 12:57:15 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **306** | | [**Protests Against US Trade Deal 12 July**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38094&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. Protests will be held across the UK on Saturday 12 July against a major trade deal being negotiated between the United States and the EU, which protestors say threatens democracy, the environment, and public services including the NHS. Talks on the EU-US trade deal, also known as the Transatlantic Trade […] | 2014/07/11 1:55:14 am Published | |  | | Social | |
| **305** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 156 – Porn And Bread**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38125&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly aka Old Susannah gets to grips with the news dominating the headlines this week; she’s having her cake and eating it too. Another quiet week passes in the Granite City; a baton came to UTG amid light security measures, Anthony Baxter and Richard Phinney premiered their new film, and a former resident’s run […] | 2014/07/04 4:13:14 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **304** | | [**Gray’s School Of Art Degree Show 2014: Full Marks**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38140&action=edit)  For a third year, Suzanne Kelly reviews the student end-of-year exhibition at Gray’s School of Art; Kelly has a BA (hons) painting from NYIT and a MFA (hons) painting from Edinburgh College of Art.  A good end-of-course degree show in the arts exists to showcase high calibre work and place the students in as good a light as possible, launching them into the art and design worlds.  If the students have been encouraged to think and discover for themselves as well as learning their respective crafts, then the resulting degree show will be a wide-ranging conglomerate of styles, approaches and values. | 2014/07/04 4:09:41 am Published | |  | | Art  What fun it was to be in the VIP tent with Marc Ellington as the newly-elevated above her qualifications Jennifer Craw looked on unamused. | |
| **303** | | [**Willows Animal Sanctuary Open Day Saturday 5 July**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=38096&action=edit)  This Saturday offers two great opportunities for animal lovers to enjoy an entertaining day out and help support animal welfare charities into the bargain. With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  willows-lamb-featWillows Animal Sanctuary invites you, your friends and family to its next Open Day. Willows in Strichen will hold its gala day this Saturday 5th July.  Also on Saturday, Redwing Riding School will hold its annual show at Blaikewell Farm, Deeside, Aberdeenshire, to raise funds for the school and Blaikiewell Animal Sanctuary. | 2014/07/04 4:09:29 am Published | |  | | Animals | |
| **302** | | [**2 North 2 South Fundraiser: Photoessay**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37807&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. On the 31st of May & the 1st of June, a group of around 70 people walked nearly non-stop from Fraserburgh to Aberdeen. This was no mean feat for the participants. The purpose was to raise funds to help learning disabled people, for items such as musical instruments, movies, arts & crafts materials, […] | 2014/06/24 1:36:32 am Published | |  | | Social  Earl Solomon’s work mates organised this | |
| **301** | | [**Old Susannah No. 154 – Foreign Invaders**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37809&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. It may seem like a lovely summer here in Aberdeen, but depending on  who you believe, we need to be on the lookout for dangerous foreign invaders of all kinds. Our lives, jobs and even our gardens […] | 2014/06/20 3:09:30 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **300** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 153 – The Stuff Of Memes**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37626&action=edit)  Old Susannah’s news round up of current events local and larger, online and offline. By Suzanne Kelly. Now that summer has arrived, things are heating up, at least in Aberdeen Town Hall, and on Facebook. There are a mere 99 days to go before the referendum on Scotland’s future. I for one will be sad […] | 2014/06/13 3:06:34 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **299** | | [**Cats Protection In Urgent Need Of Foster Homes**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37402&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. Cats Protection needs foster homes to look after a cat until a permanent home becomes available. Whilst fostering, cats protection provide food, litter and pay all vets expenses. Some cats find new homes very quickly but others may be in foster care for several months. All foster cats are vet […] | 2014/06/06 2:01:18 am Published | |  | | Animals | |
| **298** | | [**OS No. 152 Selective Memories**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37200&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. The saying runs ‘a week is a long time in politics;’  and it certainly has been a long, eventful week in Scotland.  Congratulations to us all; we  now have new MEPs, including one UKIP member, a Scottish […] |  | |  | | OS | |
| **297** | | [**An Interview With Jonny Paterson**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37288&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly interviews young Scots Hollywood producer Jonny Paterson. From the moment Sean Connery first ordered a Martini ‘shaken not stirred’ on the big screen, Hollywood’s love affair with Scottish acting talent has been unshakable. Today’s young Scots actors can be found wandering ‘round Westeros, camping at Beaver Falls, and playing Quidditch with Harry Potter […] | 2014/05/30 5:01:01 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,1,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 10pageviews 8exits 9uniques | | | Interview  I see a small spike; about a month previous this had a massive spike which prompted the follow up piece. Jonny felt this was due to one of his projects getting big | |
| **296** | | [**Night at The Museum: a Creative Invasion**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37107&action=edit)  On Friday night, the 16th of May, Aberdeen Art Gallery hosted an opening evening for adults. The verdict: huge success. Suzanne Kelly attended. A programme of fun, varied, creative, and thought-provoking activities awaited the many visitors to Aberdeen Art Gallery on Friday 16th. When closing time came at 10 p.m., it came too soon. The activities […] | 2014/05/23 3:36:51 am Published | |  | | Art  Note – the final event they threw before closing for their ill advised remodelling was turned into an ACC style security intense fascist thing | |
| **295** | | [**Old Susannah No. 151 – Beg to Differ on Begging**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37183&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho! It was a particularly good week for arts and events, a bad week for local Labour, a grim week for the environment, and a grimmer week still in the field of freedom of information. On […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/05/23 3:36:31 am Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **294** | | [**Walkers Raise over £5,000 for Leukaemia Charity**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37168&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Over 70 people and their pet pooches set out on a pleasant sponsored walk in Westburn Park on Sunday 18 May.  When they completed their 5km journey, they had raised some £5,500 for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research. | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/05/23 3:35:09 am Published | | |  | | Charity | |
| **293** | | [**Bon Accord Baths Campaign Picks Up Steam**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=37112&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  With local councillors from all parties supporting the move to reopen Bon Accord Baths, surely the thousands who want them reopened will prevail.  The BBC was on hand recently for a photo call.  Despite having a very small window of time to get supporters to the baths on a work day, Craig Adams, leading the Bon Accord Campaign, got nearly 100 people down on the day to show their support. | 2014/05/23 3:33:47 am Published | |  | | Social  ACC | |
| **292** | | [**Old Susannah No. 150 – HoMalone 2: The Sequel**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36976&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Before I get down to the usual business, at the time of writing, the fire in Crovie is foremost on many people’s minds. The homeowner  is still unaccounted for (as is a household pet), but remains have […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/05/09 12:23:06 am Published | | |  | | OS  Dozen or so comments | |
| **291** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 149 – Moral Authorities**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36788&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho and please excuse the late running of this service. Among other things, I’ve been up to Gardenstown to look into the operations of USAN’s company, Scottish Wild Smoked Salmon. There is a video of them […] | 2014/05/01 10:55:32 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **290** | | [**The Temperance Movement Sweeps Through Aberdeen**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36703&action=edit)  More than half the people in Aberdeen over a certain age seem to claim they were at the Music Hall when Led Zeppelin played. That night went down in local musical history; those who were actually there still enthuse about it. The Temperance Movement’s night at the Lemon Tree on Saturday 26 April will be remembered as likewise legendary in the years to come. Suzanne Kelly reports; photographs by Julie Thomson.  The temperance movement. Phil, Damon, Luke – Credit: Julie Thompson.  New bands are (finally) arising from the ashes. Sliding ratings signal the decline of the anodyne TV talent show and prefabricated boy/girl bands whose members don’t have a clue as to how to play, let alone write (but who have great skin and haircuts).  Of the new, great acts coming over the horizon, The Temperance Movement must be the most promising, accessible and talented. | 2014/05/01 10:51:24 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | Music | |
| **289** | | [**USAN/Scottish Wild Salmon Company – A Closer Look**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36641&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  When Scottish Wild Smoked Salmon Company (SWSC) (a subsidiary of Montrose-based USAN) arrived in Gardenstown, the landowner made it clear there was no permission to shoot seals from his property.  At least one such illegal seal shooting took place last year, yet no one was charged.  Tourists who had witnessed the episode last year abruptly cancelled bookings and left; some locals were concerned; some angered.  This year the SWSC pledged not to use lethal methods to deter seals from going near its salmon nets near the Ythan Estuary. The SWSC arrived in Gardenstown and Crovie this year to net large numbers of salmon (we have asked for figures but no answer has been received yet). They arrived with guns | 2014/04/28 11:48:00 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,2,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,2,0,0&chds=0,2 | 8pageviews 7exits 7uniques | | | Environment  Animals | |
| **288** | | [**Walking Frae The Broch To The ‘Deen – A Charity Fundraiser**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36396&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. 2 North 4 South is a fundraising event to raise money for individuals with learning disabilities in Aberdeen. On the 31st of May & the 1st of June, a group of around 70 people will be walking non-stop, or with minimum stops, from Fraserburgh to Aberdeen over 24 hours. The money they raise will […] | 2014/04/25 12:26:18 am Published | |  | | charity | |
| **287** | | [**Siege Of Heathryfold Update: Still No Justice For George**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36593&action=edit)  Serious questions need to be answered about how Grampian Police – now Police Scotland handled an incident last June. It’s time for a reminder of what happened during the Siege of Heathryfold, and to let people know that the search for answers is far from over. By Suzanne Kelly.  In June of last year, witnesses claimed a man with a gun was inside a flat in Heathryfold, Aberdeen.  This was however an empty flat – a flat far from the main road and at the end of a row of two houses accessible by a gate – you would have had to be very close to the windows to have seen anything inside, and no explanation has yet been offered as to what the witnesses were doing and how they conceivably came to the conclusion a man with a gun was inside.  The police decided the answer was to surround the building, cordon off streets, bring in specialist teams, and lay siege to an empty property. | 2014/04/25 12:20:47 am Published | |  | | Police  Society  What to do about or for George??? | |
| **286** | | [**Victoria Road School – A Housing Opportunity**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36474&action=edit)  Torry has some amazing buildings, wonderful open spaces, history, and biodiversity. Victoria Road School is an important part of the community, and it should be rescued and not demolished. Suzanne Kelly reports Torry has taken more than its share of hits in the past. The original fishing village cottages were torn down for the oil […] | 2014/04/21 11:53:59 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 2exits 3uniques | | | Social  ACC | |
| **285** | | [**Conservationists Threatened By Seal Hunters**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36443&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  Operatives of a marine conservation charity claim to have been threatened by potential seal shooters. On Easter Monday Aberdeen Voice spoke with a Sea Shepherd observer who claims there is a video showing the seal hunters physically intimidating those who would stop any shooting.  It is understood the police are investigating.  The state of play is a far cry from USAN’s George Pullar’s promise to use non-lethal measures.  Many in Scotland were unhappy at this commercial firm moving into the area to net salmon and trout; now it seems their promises have already been broken. | 2014/04/21 8:21:18 pm Published | |  | | Environment  Animal  Some 20 comments on this; mostly pro salmon fishing | |
| **284** | | [**Old Susannah No. 148 – Life Expectancy**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36394&action=edit)  Old Susannah gets to grips with letting go of a great local talent, and the latest government wheezes, locally and nationally. Another eventful week passes in the Granite City, bringing good news and some sad. Children have done arts and crafts in Union Terrace Gardens, organised by Aberdeen Inspired. This is despite the city’s officer Gordon McIntosh […] | 2014/04/18 2:50:57 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **283** | | [**Alan Davie 1920 – 2014: Celebrating A Most Colourful Life**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36312&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  At age 93 Alan Davie passed away peacefully on 5 April 2014.  His unique talents bridged art, music poetry and jewellery making (among other gifts); improvisation and intuition always guiding his hand. He leaves behind a body of work which is exuberant, mystical, engaging, and compelling.  He commanded genuine affection in his friends and associates, and admiration from peers including Pollock, Rothko and Hockney.  One of Scotland’s greatest artists, Davie’s work and life merit the phrase ‘vibrant and dynamic’ overworked as that phrase may be. For decades he veritably defied the ageing process by creating images filled with joy, magic and passion. | 2014/04/11 8:34:25 pm Published | |  | | Art  Personal - It was not that long between my finally acquiring two original Alan Davie works on paper (one of which had to be sold sadly; could not afford to keep both) and his passing. I was crying; hadn’t remembered crying like that for a long while. I made a painting of the AD piece I kept with the creatures in it crying. When time permits will make a seond, picturing the creatures celebrating his works / with halos, wings etc. Went to a small short exhibitionon AD at the Tate he’d been planning before his death; was very sad; no printed leaflet or info available to buy. But saw a video of him working; he was doing a little circular shuffling dance – and that made me smile. The gallery were happy for me to do this piece; they were very nice. | |
| **282** | | [**Old Susannah No. 147 – Mending Broken Hearts & Legs**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36271&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho, Cheerio, etc.  It’s genuinely been a great week in the granite city.  I had some great new BrewDog single hop beers this week; the Amarillo on draft was heavenly (yes, I still have my 5 […] | 2014/04/08 11:32:04 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **281** | | [**Bleak Day At Blackdog Beach**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36224&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  While more southerly parts of the UK are currently worrying about Sahara sandstorms, Aberdeenshire has a nice long-running, ongoing mess at Blackdog. The small community and its scenic beach were, some say, ill-used.  A landfill site, industrial area, marine pollution from offshore all contribute to the current status of a sandy beach which could have been a small paradise.  Reports were written about leaching pollutants, landfill leakages, hydrocarbons and pollutants from naphthalene to benzene which were all detected, and mitigation works undertaken after political wringing of hands. | 2014/04/04 1:26:15 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 7pageviews 7exits 7uniques | | | Environment  Astounded this has 7 recent hits as at 23/5/15 – the problem remains hushed up | |
| **280** | | [**Deborah Bonham At The Green Hotel**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36093&action=edit)  Deborah Bonham’s new album Spirit is out, she and the band have taken to the road to promote it in the UK and Europe. Suzanne Kelly and Julie Thompson saw the show at the Green Hotel in Kinross. Photos by Julie Thompson.  There are reasons to see your favourite performers live.  For one thing you quickly separate the studio-invented acts that can’t perform live rather quickly from the dedicated artists who are musicians first. Of these, there are a small number of people who transcend their recorded music and come alive onstage.  Their lives shows are always refreshing and unique; they make every show feel new and every audience feel special. This is true of Deborah Bonham and the musicians in her band. | 2014/04/01 4:26:44 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | Music  24/5/15 – DB and Peter have just been announced as new Willows Patrons; Kate from Willows called to let me know. Perhaps why this piece has been looked at. | |
| **279** | | [**Valerie Watts: So Long, And Thanks For … Errr … ?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36090&action=edit)  Valerie Watts served as Aberdeen City Chief Executive on a six figure salary from March 2011 until mid-March 2014. She scrapped her job as Derry Chief Executive and came to Aberdeen to give us the benefit of her experience. What benefits exactly have we reaped from the experience of Valerie’s tenure? ‘Watt’ should not be forgot? By Suzanne Kelly.  Valerie Watts’ stewardship as Aberdeen’s Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council could and should have been a huge triumph by default.  Thousands marched against cuts imposed by the LibDem/SNP alliance in 2008.  The reigning LibDem/SNP coalition not only imposed cuts – they then turned around with some serious audacity to march along with thousands of those whose services they had cut. | 2014/03/31 11:49:51 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,4,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,3,5,2,1,1,1,0,0,1,2,1,0&chds=0,5 | 25pageviews 21exits 24uniques | | | ACC  On a personal - have lost track of the number of pointless, easily disproved ‘misstatements’ ie lies this woman told, mostly re. the Tullos Hill situation. This piece continues to attract attention; pops up in to 10 now and then esp. after she failed to show up at a standards hearing at the town house | |
| **278** | | [**Old Susannah No. 146 – Watts The Story? End Of An Error?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=36049&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Apologies for the late running of this service; a fortnight ago I got tonsillitis, which I found over-rated.  Had to spend a week in bed (without any BrewDog at all – it was awful);  I’d been struck down just […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/03/28 12:30:07 am Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **277** | | [**Deborah Bonham- New Album Spirit & Scottish Dates**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35814&action=edit)  Deborah Bonham launches her new album, Spirit, with some Scottish dates. A supporter of Aberdeenshire’s Willows Animal Sanctuary and lifelong animal lover, Deborah has dates in Dumfries (Friday 21 March http://www.thevenuedumfries.co.uk) and Kinross (Saturday 22 March http://www.mundellmusic.com/). With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  The spirit in the songs and music of Deborah Bonham draws on the hurt, pain, joy and anger that come with life for all of us. Negatives are decanted as positivity, from mistakes comes learning.  From that spirit comes the determination to always push forward and celebrate life, sharing experiences with her audience. | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/03/18 1:29:49 am Published | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 0exits 1uniques | | | Music | |
| **276** | | [**Staggering: Tullos Hill Deer Count: Only 3 Animals**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35698&action=edit)  Can there be as few as three animals left on Tullos Hill, and if so, is that the end for these animals in our area?  Suzanne Kelly reports on recent developments. A herd of roe deer roamed for several decades in Aberdeen’s ‘Gramps’. The herd, once estimated at over 70 animals (an estimate made by […] | 2014/03/14 1:22:10 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0&chds=0,1 | 4pageviews 2exits 4uniques | | | Animals  Environment  Tullos | |
| **275** | | [**What’s Satire Ever Done For Us? The Spitting Image Exhibition**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35743&action=edit)  For 12 years the establishment and celebrities were grist to the Spitting Image mill; nothing and no one was sacred. If you weren’t laughing, you were outraged. By Suzanne Kelly.  Issues of the day were brought to light, political sleaze was explained and mocked in spectacular fashion, and well, those of us with a sense of humour had a great laugh. A new exhibition in London’s Cartoon Museum pulls together puppets, memorabilia, news reports and anecdotes. It is a small exhibition in a small museum.  However, while floor space may be limited, the depth and breadth of the collection and the Spitting Image exhibition is deeply impressive. | 2014/03/14 1:19:55 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 4pageviews 4exits 4uniques | | | Arts | |
| **274** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Public Image Part II – Surely SHUM SHMUstake?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35726&action=edit)  SURF the Don photographers had their work published without permission by Station House Media Unit (SHMU) in a booklet about Tillydrone. This unauthorised use of their images seems to have been because of a combination of Aberdeen City Council’s Sinclair Laing offering the images without consent and apparently suggesting they could be used by SHMU. SHMU seems to have never sought permission from the photographers at the time, and didn’t clear the images in advance of publication.  More than two weeks on, and the photographers are no closer to compensation for the unauthorised use of images by SHMU in its ‘Tillydrone – the Guide’ Publication. Furthermore, SHMU is now asking the artists to sign waivers granting SHMU permission to further use their images in an online version of the book. Suzanne Kelly reports. | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/03/14 1:19:44 am Published | | |  | | ACC  Arts  My did this series about photographers being blatantly ripped off by ACC/its media arms length body SHMU cause grief. I was threatened indirectly via Fred with lawsuits and physical sorting out by Murray, SHMU’s head. Wonder how much he gets per year; their budget is big enough to pay for artwork/photography. Looks like Pete Thompson took the opportunity to threaten Vicky Mitchell, one of the photographers in question, as well. Off record others said that this was hardly ACC/s SHMU’s first experience of being like this. 31 comments; many from SHMU supporters who thought photographers should work for free… | |
| **273** | | [**Old Susannah No 145 ½ – Law Enfarcement part 2**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35575&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah gets to grips with grippy politicians, law bending bankers, lawless American builders and law enforcement officers who are selective in selecting what laws they enforce, in the second half of a look at how the law works – or doesn’t work – and who laws do and don’t apply to. By Suzanne Kelly. Alas! […] | 2014/03/06 10:18:29 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **272** | | [**Old Susannah No. 145 Law Enfarcement**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35343&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Another exciting week passes in Aberdeen; our very own Prime Minister Cameron came up for a nice wee chat, something about independence or other. I haven’t been able to find much about this topic on the net, […] | 2014/02/27 10:25:09 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | OS | |
| **271** | | [**Catching Up With Hollywood Hopeful Declan Michael Laird**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35391&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly catches up with Hollywood Hopeful, Declan Michael Laird Young Scottish actor Declan Michael Laird swapped his ‘River City‘ role and his football career for Hollywood when the prestigious Stella Adler School offered him a full scholarship. A year on from his last interview with Aberdeen Voice, Declan gets us up to speed. Shortly after […] | 2014/02/27 10:24:51 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,2,0,0&chds=0,2 | 4pageviews 4exits 4uniques | | | Arts  Pleased to see this has had some reads; new piece due out 25/5/15 evening. Glad to see DML doing so well | |
| **270** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 144 – Dream On**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=35090&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Alas, the vibes don’t seem so vibrant and the dynamics seem less dynamic this week in Aberdeen city and shire, for Donald Trump is leaving us for Ireland, apparently. Instead of security guards, bunds and dyed-green turf, […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/02/14 3:03:33 am Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **269** | | [**Old Susannah No. 143 – We’re All Going To Hell Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34923&action=edit)  Old Susannah aka Suzanne Kelly brings you the latest ungodly news from Aberdeen and the wider world. Armageddon outta here! It’s the end of the world as we know it.  I will tell you about the nice places and people I’ve see next week (from a brilliant new Jo Malone perfume to Brewdog’s newest creations, and […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2014/02/07 4:31:14 am Published | | |  | | OS  23 or so comments; think around dthis period Bill Smith was busy attacking me, and others defending | |
| **268** | | [**Protest Beer: BrewDog Satirises Russia’s Anti Gay Law**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34872&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. February 4, 2014 – BrewDog launches the world’s first protest beer – ‘Hello My Name is Vladimir’.  Within 24 hours the flagship Aberdeen bar had completely sold out of its stock of ‘Vladimir’ both bottled and draft beer.  “Hello My Name is Vladimir mocks Putin’s discriminatory legislation ahead of the Winter Olympics in […] | 2014/02/07 4:31:11 am Published | |  | | BrewDog | |
| **267** | | [**Public Image? Unauthorised Photos Published By SHMU**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34907&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Artists own the rights to the work they create; be it photos, paintings sculpture, music and more. Anyone who wants to reproduce such artwork is, in almost all cases, required to obtain prior permission for use. Guidelines for paying for reproducing artwork exist, and it is expected that media professionals adhere to these rules.  But we are in Aberdeen, would-be city of culture.  An Aberdeen City Council officer offered local charity SHMU an assortment of photographs without the image maker’s permission, and SHMU then published some of these photos without contacting the photographers to get their consent to have the images published. | 2014/02/07 4:29:46 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | ACC  Arts | |
| **266** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 142 – Face Off**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34744&action=edit)  Old Susannah aka Suzanne Kelly gets to grips with current news in the City of Culture. The rains are lashing us, the sun never seems to shine, and I know we’re all thinking the same thing – wouldn’t it be great if we could hang around together in a civic square to celebrate. Until such […] | | 2014/01/31 8:00:18 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **265** | | [**Old Susannah No. 141 – Greetings From NYC**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34696&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah writes from New York and looks at the ‘Deen from a slightly different perspective. By Suzanne Kelly. Greetings from New York, which I guess is also a bit of a city of culture like Aberdeen is. A foot of snow fell here yesterday, which has led to strange sights. Trucks spreading salt and […] | 2014/01/24 12:18:24 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **264** | | [**Animals Need Your Help This Winter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34658&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Most Scottish animal welfare organisations get no government support: the charities must rely on private donations to keep going.  The cost of keeping animals, their food, shelter, heating and care, continues to rise, while the economy shows only modest growth.  Our local charities are not only struggling for donations, but they are also struggling to home animals which are being abandoned at an alarming rate.  Without shelter places, animals such as horses may wind up in the slaughterhouse, and other animals may be put down. | 2014/01/24 12:18:07 am Published | |  | | Animals  Charity | |
| **263** | | [**An Interview With Chad MacGregor – The Z-list Celebrity Tweetgate**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34533&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly interviews controversial local campaigner and activist Chad West-MacGregor Chad MacGregor is a young local activist who supports the Conservative party and who campaigned for building in Union Terrace Gardens. Following recent developments, he met with Suzanne Kelly for an interview. Background: Chad MacGregor may be known to those who follow political issues in […] | 2014/01/16 11:17:21 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | ACC  Meeting pro-web Chad was interesting; I wasn’t at all like he thought I’d be. I gave him some sensible advice about his FB page, and explained some people might find him a misogynist racist . We may well hear more from him in politics in the future | |
| **262** | | [**Save The Tullos Hill Deer: From Cruel Illegal Poachers**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34535&action=edit)  A £500+ reward has been offered for information passed to the Scottish SPCA for information leading to the conviction of person(s) involved in killing animals in Aberdeen’s ‘Gramps’ – Kincorth and Tullos Hill. Suzanne Kelly reports.  A dog walker on Kincorth Hill made a gruesome discovery when their dog found a severed roe deer leg this week.  The witness who took a photo of the severed limb also found small mounds of an unidentified white powdery substance.  They were able to locate a ranger on the hill and reported their finds. The ranger revealed that a skinned cat had been found on Kincorth Hill as well. | 2014/01/16 11:13:30 pm Published | |  | | Tullos  Animals  ACC  Environment  Later I was to discover that Ranger Talboys said there were so few deer counted on the hill that poachers must have killed these poor creatures elsewhere then come up the hill to dump legs and intestines. How very likely indeed | |
| **261** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 140 – It’s Academic**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34470&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho! Happy New Year! I trust everyone is happily settling down to the 9-5 routine after having time off for the holidays. The sales continue, despite dire warnings that the city council has to build something […] | | 2014/01/10 2:32:43 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **260** | | [**Big Country, Small Venue, Complete Fan Bliss**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34381&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. Photos by Julie Thompson.  It’s been said that the greatest acts and greatest guitarists have a sound which is unmistakably theirs alone. This remains true of Big Country, Scotland’s longest-serving, most successful, arguably most loved rock act. You can identify a Big Country track within the first few notes, and the sound instantly evokes bagpipes, highlands countryside, pipe bands… the sound of Scotland, if you will, is the sound of Bruce Watson and Big Country.  The last time I saw Big Country they were opening for the Rolling Stones in front of thousands. Now their tour took them to my doorstep and the intimate Lemon Tree. Julie Thompson and I arrived early to find dozens queuing to get in. As to the audience, I think every age group was represented. Once inside, we found the whole front of the stage area had been staked out, and the Lemon Tree filled rapidly. | 2014/01/10 2:27:16 am Published | |  | | Music  Arts | |
| **259** | | [**TV Smith – An Advert For The Art of Protest**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34348&action=edit)  Local Punk stalwart Fred Wilkinson of Toxik Ephex opened for Tim aka TV Smith at the Moorings on 21 December; anyone for hundreds of miles around – literally – who truly loved punk was there. Suzanne Kelly reviews.  There are some people for whom The Adverts’ contribution to punk starts and ends with Gary Gilmore’s Eyes; they are the equivalent of the adult who never grows out of eating fish fingers and has no idea a whole world of culinary delights are out there. Such people are either to be pitied, or frogmarched if not pogo’d to a TV Smith performance. | 2014/01/02 8:31:04 pm Published | |  | | Arts  Music  Interview | |
| **258** | | [**Twas The Night Before Christmas 2013**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34204&action=edit)  Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Deen Nae een were stirrin, ye ken fit Ah mean? ACSEF members were nestled all smug in their beds Visions of brown envelopes danced in their heids Lady Helen in her kerchief, and Sir Ian in his cap Had just settled their brains for a long winter’s […] | 2013/12/24 1:12:04 am Published | |  | | Christmas | |
| **257** | | [**Old Susannah No. 139 – Christmas, Corruption, Conspiracy**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=34063&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Season’s Greetings!  No doubt you’ve bought your presents, decked your halls with boughs of holly, sent all your Christmas cards, planned your Boxing Day television viewing, and ordered your turkey. The holidays are upon us, the pre- […] | 2013/12/19 11:54:40 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **256** | | [**Menie Police FOI Update: Little Info, No Confidence**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=33890&action=edit)  You might think that if someone came onto your land, damaged goods and removed property – and you had a video which could hold vital evidence, the police would want to look at the tape. You would be wrong, if you were called David Milne and living on the Menie Estate.  On behalf of David Milne, Suzanne Kelly tried to find out why there was no follow up and why no one would so much as touch the videotape.  After waiting several months for information requests and a Scottish Information Commissioner review, all we know is the information is too sensitive and too secret to reveal. | 2013/12/13 2:05:55 am Published | |  | | Environment  Trump | |
| **255** | | [**Pallas – Progressive Rock Progresses**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=33756&action=edit)  There was never a doubt Pallas’ date at  the Moorings was going to be highly entertaining – the musicianship was never in question, and fans knew they would hear Pallas’ contributions to the pantheon of prog rock classics. Suzanne Kelly reports. ‘Eyes in the Night (Arrive Alive)’ towards the end of the set had whole the […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2013/12/06 2:07:40 am Published | | |  | | Arts  Music | |
| **254** | | [**The Bloody, Bloody Banks of Loch Lomond**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=33698&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly writes about how the Royal Society for Protection of Birds is determined to cull dozens of feral goats – and deny an animal sanctuary the chance to rescue them, and what is going wrong with land management in Scotland today.  Culling is a fact of wildlife management. But are we culling all sorts of creatures in Scotland too aggressively? Are there other alternatives to culling?  Many animal rights charities would point to measures such as fencing, deterrents, rehoming and other means.  But we have apparently seen illegal shooting of seals from private land in Gardenstown without the landowner’s consent, and against the landowner’s stated wishes. | 2013/12/06 1:55:38 am Published | |  | | Environment  Animals | |
| **253** | | [**Old Susannah No. 138: What Goes Around Comes Around**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=33462&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho!  Another exciting, fun-filled, vibrant, dynamic and connectivity-laden exciting week’s gone by in Aberdeen. Lots of action at BrewDog this past week, with a few tastings, new products, and interesting visitors. I spent some time with […] | 2013/11/21 10:13:55 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **252** | | [**How The Mighty Has Fallon**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=33219&action=edit)  Plagiarism. Say it out loud now: It doesn’t make you feel good, does it? It makes you feel sleazy and unimaginative.  It’s not the same as writing. It’s not the same as saying ‘Creative writing is what I do’, is it? Suzanne Kelly writes. Stuart Heritage wrote a column on winter in the Guardian, which […] | 2013/11/14 10:47:50 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,3,1,2,1,0,0,1,0,2,0,0,2,0,0&chds=0,3 | 16pageviews 16exits 16uniques | | | Society  Wonder why this has 16 recent readings | |
| **251** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 137 – Lying and Spying**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=33131&action=edit)  Old Susannah aka Suzanne Kelly casts an eye on the past week’s vibrant and dynamic events. Tally Ho!  It’s been bonfire night, which here in Torry means another 7 weeks or so of fireworks at night. The Members (‘Sound of the Suburbs’) played at the Moorings; the Gerry Jablonski Band is touring Poland, the Opera was […] | 2013/11/08 1:43:27 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **250** | | [**Old Susannah No. 136 – How Capitalism Works**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32890&action=edit)  Old Susannah, Suzanne Kelly, gets to grips with Grangemouth, Granite Webs and Gardens. The revolution may or may not be televised, but almost everything else is being privatised. Tally Ho! Well, it’s been a colourful week in the Granite City; plans for the city centre are being  drawn up, and that’s something you don’t see every […] | 2013/11/01 1:42:23 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **249** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Siege Of Heathryfold: Devastation, But No Compensation**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32983&action=edit)  On Friday 7 June 2013, Grampian Police surrounded an empty flat on a curious tip-off that someone with a gun was inside. The owner George Copland was arrested elsewhere on Sunday 9 June. The police spent days tearing his place and his possessions to pieces, leaving an impassable mess behind them. Released without charge, he has had absolutely no help with clean-up and no apology.  Having visited the property at the end of October, contacted the police and Aberdeen City Council, Suzanne Kelly reports.  George Copland is not well; this is no surprise. He was unjustly, as it transpires, arrested after Grampian Police dramatically lay siege to his empty flat, cordoned it off for days while conducting a destructive search that yielded no evidence of gun crime or any other crime. | | 2013/11/01 1:34:57 am Published | |  | | Police  Society | |
| **248** | | [**ASPS Aberdeen Open Studio Weekend**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32879&action=edit)  On 19th and 20th October some 200 people visited artists in their WASPS studios and participated in the Big Draw – an international event in October/November with events aimed at getting everyone to draw and create art. Voice’s Suzanne Kelly was one such visitor.  Aberdeen has a pool of talented, diverse, international artists who exhibit work in important Scottish galleries and abroad, have work in international collections and are better recognised outside the city limits than they are at home.  However, WASPS studio space on Langstane Place, home to some 35 artists and makers whose work varies from portraiture to botanical art and from abstract landscapes to sculpture, held an amazingly successful open studio event in Aberdeen last weekend. | 2013/11/01 1:34:27 am Published | |  | | Arts | |
| **247** | | [**The Siege Of Heathryfold – An Update**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32902&action=edit)  The city was shocked in the summer when it emerged that a police incident, reported as a stand-off between police and an alleged armed individual in an Aberdeen house, turned out to be a hoax. The reverberations are still being felt but questions remain unanswered.  The history  7 June 2013 – armed police surround an empty property, on reports that a gunman is inside. The flat was empty.  9 June 2013 – George Copland, occupier of the council flat at the centre of the siege is arrested in the early hours at his girlfriend’s flat. After 12-13 hours in custody, he is released.  27 October 2013 – Suzanne Kelly updates Aberdeen Voice readers on what appears to unfinished business and an injustice which continues to affect an innocent citizen. | 2013/10/29 6:45:25 pm Published | |  | | Police  Society | |
| **246** | | [**City Of Culture Bid Lowdown – Dundee V Aberdeen**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32680&action=edit)  The dust has settled on the City of Culture Bid, Round One; Aberdeen did not make the shortlist. Dundee however is through to Round Two. Following a review of bid material, recent events and a visit to Dundee, Suzanne Kelly compares the two cities and offers a few observations.  It was meant to be so simple to win the City of Culture bid and it was meant to be another feather in the cap of Valerie Watt, Aberdeen City Council’s Chief Executive. She’d been at the helm when Derry won the right to be City of Culture 2013.  For the Aberdeen bid, the usual city council suspects were called in and a number of arts and culture names and experts were signed up to create our submission. Rita Stephen, sometime secondee to ACSEF, past promoter of the City Garden Project, etc, was seen as the safe pair of hands for this task. | 2013/10/23 11:56:16 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,2,0,0,1,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 7pageviews 7exits 7uniques | | | ACC  Arts | |
| **245** | | [**Old Susannah No. 135 – Garden Salad**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32536&action=edit)  Old Susannah, aka Suzanne Kelly, gets to grips with her greens this week, with the never-ending Union Terrace Gardens saga, GM crops and various vegetables – including Eric Pickles – all vying for news coverage this past week. Another vibrant and dynamic, connectivity-laden, smart, successful Scottish week passes in Aberdeen. The weather is taking a […] | 2013/10/18 12:03:01 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **244** | | [**Date With Destiny – Spear Of Destiny Floor Moorings Bar**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32480&action=edit)  ‘The history of a nation is measured by its gains, but where will it end. The money with the power, the weapons with the firepower; they’re owned by you. You’ve heard the list of names, exactly who’s to blame, is this our land of shame.’ – Land of Shame, Kirk Brandon Kirk Brandon, Adrian Portas, Craig […] | 2013/10/12 8:48:29 pm Published | |  | | Music | |
| **243** | | [**Old Susannah No. 134 – Now That’s Not What I Call Music**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32416&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Another exciting week passes in Aberdeen. The papers were filled with interesting stories; the restaurants and bars were filled with interesting people, and the Moorings was filled with the sound of the ever interesting and intense Spear […] | 2013/10/11 12:44:24 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **243** | | [**Trump Wants Bigger Bunds – Object Now**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32186&action=edit)  Another day at the Menie Estate, another breach of the approved planning permission occurs, and another retrospective planning application appears. It certainly seems like business as usual. However, this latest application is a step too far for residents.  Suzanne Kelly provides background, and tells you how to object to the application and thereby help the residents of Leyton Cottage get their sunlight back.  Trump came, saw and continues to conquer both nature and our planning laws. What was meant to be temporary ‘stockpiling of earth’ has turned into a nightmare for Susan Munro and her family at Leyton Cottage.  Currently, there is an application and an accompanying report (written by environmental consultants working for Trump, Ironside Farrar) which would see giant bunds made permanent between Leyton Cottage and the rest of the estate to the detriment of those who live there. | 2013/09/30 10:48:23 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment | |
| **242** | | [**Old Susannah No.133 – Stealing Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32090&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally ho! Has the Deen ever seen a fairer summer? It’s not faded out just yet, and the parks are still full of people. Union Terrace Gardens were full of revellers for the Rainbow festival. The mythical drunks […] | 2013/09/27 2:38:00 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **241** | | [**Lies, Damned Lies, and The Trump Effect**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32103&action=edit)  Lies, Damned Lies, and The Trump Effect (or 74% of people don’t remotely trust the Evening Express).  Credibility is stretched to new extremes by claims made by the Chamber of Commerce and the Marcliffe’s Stewart Spence concerning ‘the Trump effect’. Numbers, surveys and statistics are used in attempts to demonstrate how positive an impact Trump is having on Aberdeenshire tourism.  Suzanne Kelly peeks behind the curtain at the little man pulling the strings, using a satirical survey to demonstrate just how easily statistics can be massaged. | 2013/09/27 2:36:08 am Published | |  | | Trump  Environment | |
| **240** | | [**Jablonski And The Electric Band: Album Launch Review**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=32038&action=edit)  Aberdeen’s undisputed Ambassadors of Blues Gerry Jablonski and the Electric Band excel themselves with a standard-setting live show and new album ‘Twist of Fate’ that deserves wide acclaim. Suzanne Kelly reviews.  Gerry Jablonski and the Electric Band would have been my first port of call musically if I were in charge of Aberdeen’s City of Culture Bid. This is Aberdeen’s longest serving and most talented blues/rock outfit. Years of hard work, dedication and progress have turned out a diverse, blues-infused album with an individualistic sound.  Jablonski and the Electric band are the kind of journeymen that make going to see live music the pleasure it should be, a good antidote to manufactured bands and reliance on costume changes for audience captivation. | 2013/09/27 2:35:36 am Published | |  | | Music | |
| **239** | | [**Milne Petition: What the Committee Didn’t Let You See**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31971&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  As per previous articles, Menie Resident David Milne appeared before the Scottish Government’s Public Petitions Committee to request a public inquiry into the past and present situation at the Menie Estate. Over 19,400 people supported this call.  The Scottish Government, Scottish Enterprise, Police Scotland, Aberdeenshire Council were going to have to answer some tough questions.  Each was asked by the Petitions Committee if they wanted an investigation. Each said no. ‘Good Enough’ was in effect the Committee’s response; it sent Milne packing.  Before rubberstamping this blatant self-regulation by the organisations already in the firing line for their actions, Milne was allowed to make a final statement to the Committee. | 2013/09/19 11:07:06 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Society  ~Personal note – a very dark day for logic and democracy; poor David | |
| **238** | | [**New Poll Launched To Save the E.E.**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31857&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. The state of the EE has proved divisive in our area. Some see a dark hole that should be rid of druggies and alcoholics. Some think it is a waste of space, empty of any meaningful content. Some see a cute place to look at baby picture competitions. Have your say […] | 2013/09/17 12:47:36 am Published | |  | | Satire | |
| **237** | | [**Animal Related Crime – Vigilance Required – How To Help**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31844&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. In the past few weeks several serious incidents have brought home the fact we must watch out for our pets and our neighbours’ pets. Pet cats that don’t normally stray are going missing in all parts of the city but notably Torry, Cove and Kincorth. Animals are also being abandoned by their […] | 2013/09/17 12:47:23 am Published | |  | | Animals | |
| **236** | | [**Twist Of Fate For Jablonski And Electric Band**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31843&action=edit)  Gerry Jablonski and The Electric Band have long been one the most successful acts to come out of Aberdeen.  Their first 2 albums on Fat Hippy Records have sold to classic blues rock fans all over the world and both albums have had to be re-pressed to supply demand for their music!  On the 23rd September Fat Hippy will release their stunning third album Twist Of Fate. | 2013/09/17 12:47:15 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 4pageviews 4exits 4uniques | | | Music  I expect the recent views relate to the new album review | |
| **235** | | [**Petitions Committee Snubs 19,000+ Citizens**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31652&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Menie Estate resident David Milne started a petition to ask for a public inquiry into the past, present and future events and issues arising from Donald Trump’s takeover of the Estate to build ‘the world’s greatest golf course.’  As per previous coverage of the problems faced by residents and visitors to the estate, there are many questions that have remained unanswered as events have unfolded. The Scottish Government called in and approved Trump’s plans – a move which was without precedent.  The actions of the police, local and central government, and Scottish Enterprise as well as the SNH since golf course construction began have included the arrests of two journalists on the charge of ‘breaching the peace’, as shown in Anthony Baxter’s award-winning documentary, You’ve Been Trumped. | 2013/09/13 12:09:13 am Published | |  | | Trunp  Environment | |
| **234** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No.132 – Mothers Of Reinvention**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31791&action=edit)  It’s been another event filled week in city, shire and country, but at least the weather has been amazing. By Suzanne Kelly. Last Sunday I took a long drive with some friends through Banchory, then down to Drumtochty and Stonehaven. We also stopped into one of the NEOS (North East Open Studios) venues. Even though […] | 2013/09/12 11:11:20 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **233** | | [**Old Susannah No. 131 – Be Still My Heart**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31617&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. Tally Ho! It’s been such a pleasant summer in the Deen, and there is no sign yet of the great weather retreating. The Braemar Games are set for this weekend, and it should be another great year […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2013/09/06 1:10:40 am Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **232** | | [**Menie: The Case For A Public Inquiry – Part 2**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31329&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly sets out part 2 of her case for a public inquiry, examining the role of the Scottish Government, Scottish Natural heritage and the police.  “It’s a request about good governance, about the way planning rules are set and managed – about the way the relationship between officials and developers are kept within appropriate bounds…” – David Milne, The Scotsman  http://www.scotsman.com/police-questioned-over-donald-trump  What’s wrong with the state of play at the Trump International Golf Links Scotland course and its genesis? | 2013/08/27 11:01:48 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 4pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Trump  Environment | |
| **231** | | [**Old Susannah No. 130 – The Masters**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31206&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right] I had a break last week, and spent a great deal of time on GISHWHESH (greatest international scavenger hunt the world has ever seen).  This is the annual international scavenger hunt / […] | 2013/08/23 4:35:13 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **230** | | [**Ian Wood And His Granite Can Of Worms**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31208&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  The Press & Journal devoted its first five pages on 21 August to august business mogul Sir Ian Wood.  On the following day, while the Scotsman put the Ian Wood ultimatum on Page 23 (with the little matters of Syria and other news taking precedence), our P&J had Alex Salmond on the cover entreating us to take the Wood shillings, and the following three pages were likewise dedicated to the granite web (with one pro-Trump article also up front, undoubtedly for balance).  This ceaseless Aberdeen Journals attempt at blatantly trying to rewrite history ignores reality. The AJL owners must be convinced the public will buy into the brainwashing and forget the past. From what I’m told, this propaganda is not appreciated by a web-wearied (and possibly dwindling) readership. | 2013/08/23 4:23:05 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 5pageviews 5exits 5uniques | | | ACC  UTG  I wonder whether Diane Morgan could have accessed this when doing her War & Peace book; she does mention the ‘brilliant’ reporting in the AV… | |
| **229** | | [**Trump Golf Course Public Consultation – My Experience**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31159&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice contributors and concerned local residents visited the public exhibition at the Menie Estate; the Trump Organisation launched a consultation for the proposed new MacLeod course – a course that will border the public Balmedie Park. A series of tall posters stood in a Stonehenge-esque semicircle; the first one announced that Trump International Golf Links Scotland welcomed us. Suzanne Kelly gives her account of the visit.  Entering the large parking lot (which differs from the original approved plan), topped with strong, high lights (apparently higher and brighter than initially permitted) with more of those oversized clocks nearby, you would have walked past the temporary clubhouse to a temporary marquee, manned by a very oversized bouncer (who towered over me and I’m 5’11”) where the Trump organisation’s documents say they wish to ‘welcome’ you to the public consultation, and that they will answer questions. | 2013/08/23 4:23:03 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 6pageviews 5exits 6uniques | | | Trump  Environment  Could people looking at my Trump/Menie pieces recently be related to my little feud with Jamie Hutner, who was meant to supply info in a timely matter for the 5/15 pre application consultations? | |
| **228** | | [**Second Menie Course: Less Than 7 Days To Respond**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=31004&action=edit)  Residents, supporters, and Aberdeen Voice contributors attended the Trump International Golf Links Scotland exhibition of its proposed Macleod Course on the evening of 20 August, 2013. For now, let’s just say the red carpet wasn’t exactly rolled out to welcome them. The most important issue is that you now have a chance, whatever side of the bund you sit on, to voice your opinion on the proposed second course – a course that apparently will be directly adjacent to Balmedie County Park. Suzanne Kelly reports.  The venue for the exhibition of the proposed second course was the temporary marquee adjacent to the temporary clubhouse in the not-to-original-spec Trump parking lot, bordered by the high bunds, which were never approved in their current form, and are now higher than before, near Leyton Farm Road.  Trump’s parking lot wasn’t exactly filled with visitors when we arrived around 1900. | 5:18:37 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment | |
| **227** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 129 – For Argument’s Sake**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30790&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right] Tally Ho!  I hope everyone is enjoying a vibrant, dynamic, smart successful summer with lashings of connectivity.  Tartan Day in Aberdeen was good fun, and once again the gardens were used to […] | 2013/08/09 2:55:46 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **226** | | [**Menie: The Case For A Public Inquiry – Part 1**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30823&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  In the wake of the Trump Organisation’s activities at the Menie Estate and its interactions with government, the impartiality of some of our public servants and representatives has been called into question.  Over 19,000 people have signed local resident David Milne’s petition requesting a public inquiry, which will be decided by The Scottish Government’s Petitions Committee.  Such an inquiry would put local and national government, Police Scotland and Scottish Enterprise and more under the microscope, and they don’t want that. | 2013/08/09 2:53:28 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Trump  Environment | |
| **225** | | [**Tullos Hill Revisited**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30565&action=edit)  On Sunday the 21st of July a small group of people, previously brought together by their concerns regarding the culling of roe deer as part of the controversial ‘Tree for Every Citizen’ project, visited Tullos Hill. Fred Wilkinson reports.  The group wanted to take a look at what had changed since the culling of the deer and the planting of the trees. There was considerable upheaval associated with these, as well as the removal of vegetation and the erection of fences. Armed with half a dozen cameras, from mobile phone additions to expensive professional devices, the group also wished to create a visual record of the beauty of the area and the wildlife in evidence.  As we walked along the top of the hill from the Altens Farm Road entrance, one of the first things we observed was that a vast area which months before had been quite brutally cleared of gorse, and all other vegetation for that matter, was now covered by new growth and crowned by an impressive display of foxgloves. | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2013/08/01 11:43:54 pm Published | | |  | | Tullos  ACC  Animals  Environment | |
| **224** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 128 – Bad Boys**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30520&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly gets to grips with the week that was with relevant definitions. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right] Bells rang out across the land; families cheered; flags were waved in celebration; couples kissed in the streets.  The happy news swept the world; the twittersphere nearly exploded.  I’m sure we will all remember where we were […] | 2013/07/26 12:55:38 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **223** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 127 – Police, Academies**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30410&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=360 float=right] Balmy evenings, hot days, dolphins playing in Nigg Harbour; things are looking pretty good in the Deen for a place with such poor connectivity.  The Surf show of River Don photos has […] | 2013/07/18 10:45:46 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **222** | | [**£8200 Police Cost For Cancelled Trump Visit**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30304&action=edit)  A new freedom of information request reveal Police Scotland incurred costs of £8,000 when Donald Trump cancelled a visit to the Menie Estate. Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly is seeking clarification of information police supplied, which she feels is self-contradictory.  Arrivals of Donald Trump and/or his family to Aberdeen Airports seem to be media events, meriting photos and articles in local newspapers.  Police are often shown in pictures of Trump arriving, travelling or staying at his estate. The police also intervened in a land boundary dispute at the Forbes Farm, normally a civil matter.  Is Trump getting policing above and beyond what any other visitor would get? | 2013/07/13 5:08:11 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Trump  Police | |
| **221** | | [**Blaikiewell Horses: Salmond Rides In**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30219&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  As Blaikiewell Animal Sanctuary and Redwing Riding School continue to fight for a fair settlement, First Minister Alex Salmond has weighed in, suggesting the matter be expedited and handled fairly. The sanctuary for 60 horses and its associated riding school sit in the path of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route; compulsory purchase orders mean they have to find more land.  Finding suitable grazing fields, stabling and habitat for the rescued animals is difficult, much more so when the compensation on offer did not take account of the needs of the sanctuary’s animals. Any new site has to offer as much grazing land as the present site; the cost of feeding horses is continuing to increase; grazing over the summer months helps alleviate the costs. | 2013/07/12 6:05:20 am Published | |  | | Animals  Charity  Environment  Mavis’ brother Bert is now firmly in love with Salmond, and takes to FB to sing his praises every 15 minutes at least… | |
| **220** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 126 – The Donald Ducks**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30250&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]With the warmer weather, all sorts of undesirables are on the move in our area.  Recently these dodgy types somehow infiltrated the otherwise inaccessible Union Terrace Gardens, and havoc reigns.  Some of these […] | 2013/07/12 6:03:30 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **219** | | [**Scottish Outdoor Access Code Trumped**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30076&action=edit)  Since the arrival of the Trump organisation at the Menie Estate in Aberdeenshire, the provisions of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code have been at best selectively enforced, at worst ignored.  Security and greens keeping staff stop residents and visitors, gates have been padlocked shut, excluding anyone who wishes to exercise their rights but who has mobility issues.  Suzanne Kelly contacted the Shire’s access officers in February to remedy this problem, to no avail, leading to her complaint to the SNH, which is responsible for the Code. | 2013/07/05 3:14:23 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Trump  Environment  Interesting at 25/5/15 that my more important Trump pieces seem to have all had 3 recent hits; could it be Jamie Hunter from Cameron McKeanna? | |
| **218** | | [**Gray’s School Of Art – Degree Show Highlights**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30093&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Each year Gray’s School of Art holds an end-of-year degree show; this has become a highly-anticipated social as well as artistic fixture in Aberdeen’s cultural calendar.  Jewellery, photography, fashion, painting, design, sculpture and ceramic work by graduating students is displayed then scrutinised, and while the atmosphere is enjoyable, it is still a serious business for fledgling artists. This year’s overall creative quality was considered outstanding by students, faculty and visitors alike.  Societal issues seemed to dominate the graduates’ work, with design students in particular addressing the issues of our time and the future. | 2013/07/05 3:35:48 am Published | |  | | Art | |
| **217** | | [**BrewDog AGM 2013: Local Heroes**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=30074&action=edit)  BrewDog’s annual general meeting on Saturday 22 June in the AECC came on the heels of a new share offering, impressive financials, and yet more awards; Aberdeen Voice contributor and card-carrying BrewDog shareholder Suzanne Kelly and Voice photographer Julie Thompson were on the spot.  A very sombre AGM was held in north Aberdeen fairly recently. The men at the helm of the business in question visibly squirmed as they addressed a small number of unmoved shareholders about their 2012 failures and shattered plans. In a speech peppered with jargon, the board spot.  There is nothing like a BrewDog AGM, yet six years ago, you would have found BrewDog’s founders James Watt and Martin Dickie flogging small quantities of their beer at the Aberdeen Farmer’s market on Belmont Street. Times have changed. | 2013/07/05 3:30:58 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0&chds=0,2 | 8pageviews 6exits 8uniques | | | BrewDog  Angela Joss took great exception to this, and added a few posts  Nice to see 8 recent hits | |
| **216** | | [**Old Susannah No. 125 – The Writing’s On The Wall**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29990&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly gets to grips with graffiti, ghastly beer and grumpy dads. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=355 float=right] Another amazing week whizzed past in Aberdeen, under a super moon, bright and dynamic in its aspect.  BrewDog’s AGM was indeed the beer event of the season.  Great food, brilliant brews, lots of merchandise at great prices, and […] | 2013/07/01 11:57:14 pm Published | |  | |  | |
| **215** | | [**Siege of Heathryfold & George Copland Arrest – Latest**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29987&action=edit)  On Friday 7 June 2013 police surrounded an empty flat; its occupier George Copland was far away. Reports of a gunman in the flat were obviously incorrect. Early morning Sunday 9 June Copland was arrested at his girlfriend’s flat – police broke in, took him away, held him for c. 36 hours, and trashed the flat which they laid siege to, looking for weapons. They found a completely legal air rifle, Copland said he’d kept it under lock and key, and rarely had it out – and had not had it out any time recently.  Copland was asked to agree if several items – remote-controlled toys and a feather duster – could be construed as weapons. Denied his medication and medical attention, he was released.  The police have no plans to apologise or to pay for trashing his flat, although he has committed no criminal offence.  Suzanne Kelly reports on recent developments. | 2013/07/01 10:54:35 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 7pageviews 4exits 6uniques | | | Police  Note 25/5/15 – I can’t really write about the last arrest they did of George; all sounds very dodgy, but he didn’t help himself either apparently. Then again, he is mentally unwell and they knew it. Did they drug him? Not impossible… | |
| **214** | | [**Blaikiewell Sanctuary Threatened By AWPR – Petition**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29834&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Campaigners determined to save Blaikiewell Horse Sanctuary, home to over 60 horses and ponies launched a petition asking the Scottish Government to treat the charity fairly and give it premises of equal size in the vicinity. Without a proper valuation and settlement, the charity will find it hard to support the animals it has and to continue.  Mavis Petrie, founder of Blaikiewell had this to say:-  “If we are not given the means to relocate we will have to drastically reduce the number of horses we can provide for. Destruction is out of the question and not only will the feed bill for the existing animals be greatly increased, it will mean that we cannot rescue another animal in the foreseeable future.  “There are already far too few sanctuary places in Britain for all the animals that find themselves homeless. | 2013/06/28 4:05:36 am Published | |  | | Environment  Animals  Charity | |
| **213** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No 124 – The Shame Of It**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29766&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=355 float=right] Tally Ho!  Summer time and the living is vibrant and dynamic.  Race for Life takes place in a fortnight; Duthie Park will reopen in style on the 30th; Willows is holding an […] | 2013/06/21 2:40:05 am Published | |  | | OS  17 comments; not bad | |
| **212** | | Si[**ege A Hoax, But The Damage All Too Real**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29691&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly met with George Copland, the resident of an Aberdeen house which was the scene of an armed police siege – when no one was in it – who was arrested and held for a day and a half.  The 7th June siege, called a ‘blunder’ in mainstream media, was a massive police operation launched on the say-so of an anonymous tipster.  A 29 year-old-man, was subsequently detained for questioning on suspicion of wasting police time the same day of the siege.  Why then, was George Copland arrested and his property searched, on account of a hoax, days later? | 2013/06/21 2:30:13 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 4pageviews 4exits 4uniques | | | Police | |
| **211** | | [**Old Susannah No.123 – The Beautiful Princess**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29466&action=edit)  [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]Tally Ho! instead of the usual news round up, diary, and definitions, I wanted to cheer everyone up with a little fairy tale. Definitions and normal services to resume shortly. By Suzanne Kelly. The Beautiful Princess There once was a beautiful princess; all around her marvelled at her great beauty. Was […] | 2013/06/14 12:04:52 am Published | |  | | OS  Trump  Sarah Malone Bates | |
| **210** | | [**Cull of the Wild Part 1: Seals.**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29276&action=edit)  Countryside lovers could be forgiven for thinking that environmental protection is a thing of the past in Scotland. Urban Sprawl is removing our green belt. Air, land and sea pollution in many cases exceeds EU maximum levels: roads in Aberdeen are among the country’s top ten most polluted roads.  Species protection and sensible, humane management of wildlife doesn’t seem to exist. The agencies charged with guarding our natural heritage for the present and for future generations seem to be stocked with those who place commercial interests above wildlife. In a four part series, Suzanne Kelly looks at this cull of the wild, focusing on Seal, Badger, Deer and Bird of Prey issues. | 2013/06/13 11:54:38 pm Published | |  | | Environment  Animals | |
| **209** | | [**Scottish Enterprise, Trump and Menie – Business As Usual**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29366&action=edit)  How the unelected quango that is Scottish Enterprise, with ACSEF’s blessing, put business before our environment and won the day for Trump is the question. However, getting information about what happened is a bit like pulling teeth. Suzanne Kelly reports on her recent bids to obtain information from Scottish Enterprise about its engagement with Trump.  Scotland is well and truly open for business. We will wine and dine with you, fly you round our protected environment in helicopters, create feasibility studies at taxpayer expense, and give support recommending existing environmental protection is overlooked.  Well, we’ll do that if you are a foreign billionaire. | 2013/06/10 9:30:56 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | Trump  Scottish Enterprise  Environment | |
| **208** | | [**Surfing The Don: A Touring Photography Exhibition**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29339&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  The life of the River Don corridor has been unveiled in a photography exhibition launched at St Machar Cathedral on Saturday 1 June.  It is the largest visual celebration of the area in recent times, the result of a group of Aberdeen photography enthusiasts who embarked on an exciting and dynamic community-led project to capture the past, present and future of the area.  Award-winning artist Alicia Bruce supported the group in selecting, editing and presenting the touring exhibition and the publication Surfing the Don.  Following the launch it will tour city venues, the Scottish Parliament and Europe. | 2013/06/10 9:20:19 pm Published | |  | | Arts  Environment  It was some of the photographers on this programme whose work was taken without payment or credit by SHMU | |
| **207** | | [**Old Susannah No. 122 – The Lady Vanishes**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=29244&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]Interesting times in the Granite City of Culture; there have been two notable photography exhibitions. On Friday 1st June a group show of hundreds of images of Aberdeen was launched in the City […] | 2013/06/07 3:00:35 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 2exits 2uniques | | | OS | |
| **206** | | [**Old Susannah No. 121 – Creative Writing**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28965&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right] Another busy week flies past in our future Capital of Culture: this weekend sees some great artistic talent on show.  The Aberdeen Artists’ Society exhibition is a great, enjoyable, eclectic collection of […] | 2013/05/24 12:55:13 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **205** | | [**A Menie Mini Break With John Aberdein**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28731&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  North-east novelist John Aberdein, author of Amande’s Bed and Strip the Willow, was in town for a few days, and found time to take a little tour of the Menie Estate with us. Here are some of his photographs and reactions.  We arrived at the Menie Estate at half twelve on a lovely, warm Spring Sunday. Walking towards the Munro property, I knew what to expect. But when you see the bund separating the Munros from the views and from the sun for the first time, it is unsettling.  The bund increases in height, but it is not just the severe, bulldozed ridge of sand that takes the breath away, it is what is planted on top.  Evergreen trees, conifers, are already brown. | 2013/05/13 11:51:11 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,3,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,3 | 3pageviews 0exits 1uniques |   As at 26/5/15 | | Trump  Menie  Environment  Social | |
| **204** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal 120 – Portrait Of A Lady**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28704&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=330 float=right] Apologies for the late arrival of this service; it’s been a busy week. John Aberdein, author of works including Strip the Willow, was in town, and I am pleased to have been […] | 2013/05/13 9:16:32 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **203** | | [**Gray’s Fashion Students – Talent Beyond Their Years**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28488&action=edit)  [singlepic id=2703 w=320 h=365 float=right]By Suzanne Kelly. “Don’t expect too much; these are only 2nd and 3rd year fashion students” was the caveat for a recent show by Gray’s School of Arts fashion students. They were all a year or two at least from their final degree fashion show, and could hardly be expected to […] | 2013/05/09 11:50:14 pm Published | |  | | Arts | |
| **202** | | [**Massive Mayday March: Music, Munchies And Messages**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28493&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  This year’s Mayday March in Aberdeen impressed everyone with a sizeable turnout.  Some 500 people marched down Union Street to the Castlegate, where speeches were delivered by Trade Union representatives, politicians, and local activists. Unison, Aberdeen Trade Unions Council, UCATT, CWU, PCS, EIS, Aberdeen Against Austerity and campaign group ‘Save Bramble Brae School’ were among those represented.  It was hardly surprising the turnout was so high. Severe budget cuts, austerity measures, economic uncertainty, bizarre taxes (i.e. bedroom tax) and arcane health checks on benefit claimants imposed by the ruling Conservative-Liberal Democrat government (which is also creating tax loopholes for the wealthy): there was no shortage of reasons to march. | 2013/05/09 11:33:21 pm Published | |  | | Social | |
| **201** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 119 – Nudge, Nudge**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28398&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]Tally Ho!  This past week there was an astonishingly great fashion show by Gray’s School of Art second and third year fashion students, held in The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen. It was […] | 2013/05/02 10:18:37 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **200** | | [**Band Of Friends – Lemon Tree May 4th**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28342&action=edit)  [singlepic id=2685 w=400 h=218 float=right]By Suzanne Kelly. This promises to be a proper celebration of the music of Rory Gallagher without being a tribute band, as some long-serving musicians band together as friends to create the Band of Friends. Original band members and friends include, GERRY McAVOY (Bass Guitar): Played with Rory for 20 years; […] | 2013/05/02 8:49:02 pm Published | |  | | Arts | |
| **199** | | [**Role Models: Courage On The Catwalk Runaway Success**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28255&action=edit)  Local charity and support group Friends of Anchor came up with an ingenious way to raise funds and awareness: they decided to hold a fashion show with models who survived a cancer diagnosis. Suzanne Kelly covered this event for Aberdeen Voice and found it one of the most uplifting and inspirational events held in our area for quite some time.  Friends of Anchor decided to put on a fashion show to raise funds – but not just any fashion show.  The women would be community members who had been diagnosed with cancer and overcame it with help from the Anchor Unit.  The call for models received an overwhelming response; it was only a pity that only 24 could be selected.  After months of fittings and rehearsals, these amazing women took to a catwalk erected in The Beach Ballroom. | 2013/04/29 1:40:41 am Published | |  | | Charity | |
| **198** | | [**Old Susannah No. 118 – The Twilight Saga**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28214&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right] The winds howl; the rain falls and a sandstorm or two batter East Grampian; it must be spring.  The biggest event of the past week was to be a ‘twilight’ visit to […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2013/04/26 1:55:53 am Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **197** | | [**Kept In The Dark: Trump Snubs Council**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=28226&action=edit)  On April 23 the Formartine Councillors should have had two site visits to the Menie Estate parking lot – which had been erected in a manner inconsistent with the agreed permission. The high bunds by the Munro home Leyton Cottage should have also been examined as they were not approved. The second of the two visits was meant to take place at approximately 9pm, and was meant to show how the lighting affects the area: the Trump organisation did not show and did not turn the lights on – for the first time in residents’ memories. Suzanne Kelly reports.  The 5.30 meeting was amazingly brief; so brief in fact I virtually missed it. Councillors attended the parking lot, and unfortunately most did not pay sufficient attention to the bund built on Leyton Farm road by the Munro’s residence.  I had written to the councillors involved to point out that the bund, not built per the approved plans, seemed to have slipped off the scope of the retrospective permission request. | 2013/04/26 1:52:19 am Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Social | |
| **196** | | [**Fitness To Work – Do They Give ATOS?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27956&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Evidence continues to mount against the French giant ATOS, brought in to assess the fitness of UK citizens to work or otherwise, yet the current UK Government does nothing.  Sensationally, Dr Stephen Bick MP claimed to have uncovered a quota system through which ATOS planned to allow only one in every eight people it assessed to be considered permanently unable to work, irrespective of the medical facts.  Scores of people have had their own physicians’ opinions overturned. Bick has called for a National Audit Office report. And still ATOS carries on, at great expense to the taxpayer, with its ritualistic, insensitive, arcane investigations and operations. | 2013/04/22 8:05:31 pm Published | |  | | Social | |
| **195** | | [**In Conversation With Alicia Bruce – Part 1**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27944&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly reports on a recent conversation with artist Alicia Bruce in a two-part article. The first looks at her background and her work regarding the Menie Estate.  Alicia Bruce was the first photographer to show the world the human cost of the Trump development at the Menie Estate, countering the anti-resident propaganda which dominates the local press to this day. Aberdeen Voice was keen to find out more about her and her photography, and we finally catch up with her as she closes a show at Holyrood and works on a local project. | 2013/04/22 8:05:17 pm Published | |  | | Arts  Interview  Never did a part 2; she made several corrections to this over time; didn’t’ seem that keen to have another go, and by then neither was I. I like AB and know her passion for detail, but what I wrote was what I’d taped from our talk. | |
| **194** | | [**SOS: Save Our Sheep! Farmer’s Threat To Rescued Lamb**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27906&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Some weeks ago, a lamb was brought to Willows Animal Sanctuary near New Pitsligo. It had been found nearly dead, half drowned in a stream.  Tender loving care by the person who found it nursed it back to a state of health, and it continued to recover at Willows, all the while being hand fed and tended to frequently.  It recovered, and is now an adored pet for the many people, especially children who benefit from the Animal Assisted Therapy which Willows offers.  This should be the end of the story; the animal was saved, helped to recover, and has a home for its life being adored at a sanctuary. If one local farmer has his way, the lamb will be seized, and Willows charged with theft and hauled to court. | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2013/04/18 11:32:07 pm Published | | |  | | Animal  People very divided. The tup was returned. I had found in law that if a person abandons the search for a farm animal, it can be claimed as indeed this one was. nice farmer – he’d sued his father for every penny he had and won. apparently a real piece of work | |
| **193** | | [**Old Susannah No. 117 – Marmite Margaret**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27671&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=350 float=right] It was a very warm welcome at the wonderful Blaikiewell’s when I visited over the weekend; it is a great spot.  There is much to do to ensure its future, but certain […] | 2013/04/12 12:45:26 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **192** | | [**Tullos Hill Litter: Left By Tree Planters?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27700&action=edit)  A frequent visitor to Tullos Hill advised Aberdeen Voice that things had got even worse. Suzanne Kelly paid a visit to investigate, and returns with photos – and evidence pointing to littering by… the tree planters.  If you were one of the minority who were determined to wipe out the meadow and gorse habitat of Tullos Hill, ruining its insect, bee, butterfly and mammal populations in the process, no doubt you will be pleased at its condition. It is almost completely denuded of plant and animal life, save for the protruding tree guards and tens of thousands of sapling trees.  On the other hand, if you loved the hill as it was, and expected to soon be in a vast field of dame’s violets and other wild flowers, and enjoy the older, established trees and wildlife, then this is a very black day. | 2013/04/12 12:45:13 am Published | |  | | Tullos  Animals  Environment  ACC | |
| **191** | | [**Why We Must Save Blaikiewell Horse Sanctuary**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27570&action=edit)  STV News broke the story last week that popular, 40-year old Blaikiewell Horse Sanctuary could fall victim to the AWPR if suitable new premises are not organised. This is a unique place which has rescued horses and other animals for decades, offered riding lessons and stabling – all due to the dedication of volunteers and founder, Mavis Petrie. Suzanne Kelly talks to Mavis about the area, the animals and the AWPR.  The AWPR will inevitably cut a swathe through our constantly-dwindling greenbelt land. Urban sprawl, increased pollution in green areas and loss of local green recreation areas are inevitable consequences.  There will be very real costs to wildlife, rural animals, and those who live there. | 2013/04/09 10:39:59 pm Published | |  | | Charity  Animals  Environment | |
| **190** | | [**AWPR Coming: Don’t Lose Out If You Are In Its Way**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27585&action=edit)  Hundreds of  homeowners could be in for a nasty shock.  Transport Scotland has taken title on lands needed for the AWPR.  Like or loathe the idea of the new road, it is coming.  If you are affected by its progress, you cannot afford to sit by and do nothing.  Suzanne Kelly reports. [singlepic id=2582 w=390 […] | 2013/04/09 10:37:04 pm Published | |  | | Environment  For one thing, although the EE had this story first, the Petries alarmed me by their refusal to do the required actions to protect their property, and clearly others ignored the issue too. I do hope this helped at least one person | |
| **189** | | [**Old Susannah No. 116 – Black April**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27482&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=320 float=right] Spring has sprung; all is well; everything is vibrant and dynamic in the Deen and elsewhere.  (If you don’t have any benefits or are on a low income  – then welcome to […] | 2013/04/05 12:24:11 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **188** | | [**Trump Planning: Aberdeenshire Corrects Its Statement**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27479&action=edit)  The twists and turns in the ongoing Trump Scotland saga continue. Campaigners and residents celebrated when they learnt of the recent decision to defer a retrospective planning application the Trump organisation had applied for. An Aberdeenshire council spokesperson contacted Aberdeen Voice with a statement which now has to be retracted, as the spokesperson made an error.  Likewise, Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly needs to retract an error: she thought the spokesperson, Gordon Lyon, had retired following a call to Council offices over a year ago. It is time to look at these retractions. Could one of these mistakes actually have the germ of a great idea in it?  For some reason the Shire’s planning officers recommended retrospective approval be granted to the Trump organisation at Menie – and not for the first time. | 2013/04/05 12:20:51 am Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Social  Ah the spokesman Mr Lyons. A man harassed by many sides; a man able to bend the truth like a strongman ripping a telephone book. Serpentine | |
| **187** | | [**Willows Animal Sanctuary Open Day Sunday 31 March**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27379&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  It’s the Easter Open Day at the Willows on Sunday, 31st March, with a coffee shop, gift shop, and second-hand book stall.  There are all sorts of other attractions: a raffle, tombolas, live music, Lucky Ducks, and bottle stalls.  There’s also a Body Shop stall, homebakes, a craft table, and lots more. So come along and join the fun! | 2013/03/28 10:34:47 pm Published | |  | | Animals  Charity  After so many years, how nice that the Rodgers and Deborah Bonham and Pete have become patrons, done a concert. Hoping for Deborah and Peter to visit soon | |
| **186** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 115 – Self Knowledge**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27389&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right] What a week it’s been.  Firstly (before the satire sets in), I have been asked to convey thanks to the Formartine councillors who took the logical, courageous, sensible, prudent step of deferring […] | 2013/03/28 10:00:52 pm Published | |  | |  | |
| **185** | | [**Trump’s Retrospective Planning Application Deferred**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27273&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Aberdeeenshire Council’s Formartine Area Committee met today, Tuesday 26 March, and decided not to grant retrospective planning permission to Trump International for works at the Menie Estate which had gone against the approved plan.  A Council spokesperson advised that:-  “the application was deferred to allow a site visit and a public hearing. (there was no vote – the action was agreed by committee). The date and time of both will be arranged in due course.” | 2013/03/26 5:37:22 pm Published | |  | |  | |
| **184** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 114 – Stop (the) Press!**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27086&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=350 float=right] Tally Ho! Apologies for the late running of this column. For one thing I’ve been a bit tied up with issues at the Menie Estate.  I’ve compiled a report covering some of […] | 2013/03/21 9:48:12 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **183** | | [**A’bund’ance Of Trouble: Trump Plans Changed & Rushed?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27210&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  An eight-month old application for retrospective permission at Trump Golf Links International at Menie has suddenly been altered with no warning or publicity.  A new document was added earlier this week to the retrospective App 2012/2342, and after eight months of relative inaction, the application which would allow the bunds to stay put is now going to be decided by the relevant councillors: on Tuesday 26 March.  The very short lead time – less than a week – between the changes to the application made on the Council’s web page means little chance for meaningful consideration – and the people who made representations have not heard anything about the changes or the upcoming meeting. | 2013/03/21 9:47:31 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals  Social  These people do as they please and cannot be stopped apparently. But we can hold up a hand, point and say ‘look what is going on here’ and that is something | |
| **182** | | [**Menie Estate: Time To Help**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27077&action=edit)  Following publication of an in-depth report into many failings and misuse of powers at the Menie Estate, Suzanne Kelly responds to those who have been asking what they can do to help.  What chance have we got to right things at the Menie Estate for the residents, visitors and wildlife?  People have been asking by email and Facebook what they can do to help the situation at Menie in some way.  It seems daunting if not impossible: Scotland’s First Minister, the local press, a majority of Aberdeenshire politicians, Grampian Police, VisitScotland and Scottish Enterprise all lent their assistance to a billionaire international real estate developer.  What chance does the average person in the street, unhappy at what is going on, have to change things? More than you might think is the answer. | 2013/03/21 9:44:54 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Envvironment  Animals  Social | |
| **181** | | [**Menie Estate Report Published By Suzanne Kelly**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=27022&action=edit)  Since Donald Trump first applied for planning permission to build ‘the world’s greatest golf course’ on the Menie Estate, regular Aberdeen Voice contributor Suzanne Kelly has followed events closely.  Today Ms Kelly publishes a report on the Menie Estate outlining eleven major areas of concern. In each of those areas, various incidents, documents and decisions are examined, and recommendations made.  Kelly says,  “Putting aside my own personal feelings for the ostentatious Donald Trump, I could not understand why the idea of overturning the SSSI protection afforded to the dune system at Menie to allow construction of a golf course and housing complex – particularly with the housing needed to fund the golf course – got the go-ahead. Like thousands of others, I wrote to Aberdeenshire Council to voice my objections. | 2013/03/15 5:40:49 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals  Social  One of my two magnus opi arising from AV research. People have come from the BBC, Sweden, Glasgo Uni and elsewhere to talk to me about my Menie Report. Glad of it | |
| **180** | | [**Wildly Unprepared – Ready For Glasgow**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26809&action=edit)  They’re free, they’re funny, and they’re found monthly at Aberdeen’s Belmont Cinema Bar.  They’re heading to Glasgow’s, ‘Round The Clock Comedy Roadshow,’ and they are Wildly Unprepared. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=2490 w=390 h=235 float=right] Wildly Unprepared is a troupe of comedians offering up a thoroughly enjoyable blend of comedy improvisation and audience participation. They […] | 2013/03/07 10:34:41 pm Published | |  | | Arts  Pleasant comedy improve team, many of whom were in the Terry Pratchett ‘Guards Guards’ I was in | |
| **179** | | [**Old Susannah No. 113 – Politics And Religion**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26709&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=350 float=right] Could spring be around the corner? The weather is improving, a ‘the green shoots of the economic recovery’ (as the Tories used to say) are nearly as vibrant and dynamic as the […] | 2013/02/28 9:58:23 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **178** | | [**In Conversation With Declan Michael Laird**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26741&action=edit)  [singlepic id=2483 w=320 h=220 float=right]Declan Michael Laird has gone from the outskirts of Glasgow to Hollywood, via River City.  Since Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly last spoke with him, things have been happening. This year’s Oscars might be over and done with, but Laird’s career is just starting. Declan’s in a car heading to a friend’s house […] | 2013/02/28 9:58:16 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,2,0,0,0,2&chds=0,2 | 6pageviews 4exits 6uniques |   Stats 26/5/15 | | Arts  Interview  I suppose stats from the piece out today; he’s really making strides. So good for me – not always trying to bring down bad people, but highlighting good people and things stoo | |
| **177** | | [**The Menie Estate: From SSSIs To Bluegrass Country**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26650&action=edit)  In this instalment of the Menie Estate Series, Suzanne Kelly considers environmental issues and describes her visit to the course on 16 February 2013.  Our elected officials largely shrugged their collective shoulders when consigning the Menie Coastline and its SSSI sites to history to accommodate Trump International Golf Links Scotland. It was Aberdeenshire Council’s position that making money outstripped the importance of the Scottish coastal environment for present and future generations of people and wildlife. They did phrase it a little less brashly than that:-  “Aberdeenshire Council supports the proposed development because the economic and social benefits through growing and diversifying the economy are sufficient to outweigh the conflict with national and development plan policies relating to the environment, protected landscapes and new house building.” | 2013/02/25 11:06:26 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques |   Stats as at 26/5/15 | | Trump  Environment  Animals  People still looking at this and other old Trump pieces; don’t know whether to be pleased or to expect a lawsuit | |
| **176** | | [**David Milne Launches Menie Estate Inquiry Petition**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26559&action=edit)  David Milne, resident at Aberdeenshire’s coastal Menie Estate, launched a petition on 14 February 2013 which may yet lead to the local and national governments being scrutinised over their handling of planning permission granted to Trump International to build a complex on the estate. Suzanne Kelly reports.  Milne explained to Aberdeen Voice that he worked with the Public Petitions Committee for several months before the wording was agreed and accepted. If four thousand people sign, then the petition will go before the relevant committee – and an inquiry could be launched.  Since its launch on Valentine’s Day, people have been signing rapidly. At the time of writing, the petition is less than 500 signatures short of its 4,000 target. | 2013/02/21 11:28:32 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals | |
| **175** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No. 112 – EU Got to be Kidding**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26410&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=350 float=right] Another week passes in Aberdeen; Jamie Oliver’s new Italian restaurant had its first tasting sessions, and bookings extend way into the future. I feel kind of badly that no one told the […] | 2013/02/14 11:30:47 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **174** | | [**Menie Heroes And Villains: Part 2 – Villains**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26310&action=edit)  Having previously looked at the people who can be considered heroes for their attempts to protect the environment or people, the focus shifts to the ‘villains’ in this fifth article in the Menie Estate Series.  By Suzanne Kelly.  Identifying the players in the course of events at Menie is key to understand what happened, and hopefully to preventing a repeat performance elsewhere. The cumulative effect of the various pro-Trump factions, large and small, all helped make the development’s approval all but inevitable.  This article will take stock of the people, organisations and incidents that won the day for golf over natural heritage, existing planning policy and area residents. | 2013/02/11 10:56:42 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals | |
| **173** | | [**Richard Thompson Plays Edinburgh**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26185&action=edit)  Richard Thompson returns with a brand new, guitar-driven record. “Electric” is released by Proper Records on Monday February 11th. Richard, who is a frequent visitor to Aberdeenshire, sent Aberdeen Voice an advance copy. Those who’ve heard it so far love it. By Suzanne Kelly.  Richard’s Electric Trio will be taking to the road for a major UK tour on Wednesday February 20th, and will tour the USA starting in March.  The tour reaches Scotland on Thursday 28 February with a concert at Edinburgh’s Usher Hall . Telephone 0131 228 1155 for tickets. | 2013/02/08 12:20:37 am Published | |  | | Arts  Richard is such a sweetie; his piece Fergus Lang is a brilliant Trump send up imo | |
| **172** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No 111 – Love Is In The Air**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26233&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=320 float=right]Tally Ho!  As St Valentine’s Day approaches, love is well and truly in the air.  Either that, or the wind has changed direction and is blowing across the sewage plant. Another vibrant and […] | 2013/02/08 12:19:51 am Published | |  | | OS  17 comments; can’t remember why | |
| **171** | | [**Trump Vice President Weds Journals Ed – Joining The Dots**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26150&action=edit)  In her series of articles on The Menie Estate and Donald Trump’s planned resort. Suzanne Kelly has documented part of the course being eroded by the North Sea. She has documented the draconian security activities on the site, and the construction of huge earth bunds blocking existing residents’ access to sea views and sunlight. She has also documented deteriorating road surfaces. Further articles will focus on key players in the Menie story, but a recent development has led her to write this supplementary article for Aberdeen Voice.  [singlepic id=2414 w=320 h=255 float=right]A wedding was solemnised this past weekend: Miss Sarah Malone married Mr Damian Bates. There are a few points which make this wedding of interest and importance to a wider circle than their family and friends. | 2013/02/05 9:20:23 pm Published | | As at 26/5/15   |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,2,3,0,0,2,1,1,2,0,2,0,2,0,2,2,1,1,2,1,1,0,1,0,1,2,0,0,0,1,2&chds=0,3 | 33pageviews 26exits 31uniques | | | Trump  AJL  P&J  Malone  Bates  Social  This one endures; and am glad of it | |
| **170** | | [**Menie Heroes And Villains: Part 1 – Heroes**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=26094&action=edit)  In the fourth part of the series The Menie Estate, Suzanne Kelly looks at the roles different people played in writing the Balmedie Coast’s future. There were those who tried to uphold existing planning and environmental laws such as Martin Ford and Debra Storr. They were vilified and even assaulted in the case of former Councillor Storr.  Public servants and politicians held meetings with the Trump organisation while planning matters were pending, contrary to protocol – if not to law. At least one town planning professional seems to have colluded with Trump while the application was pending. This is the first half of the story of the people involved – that of the heroes. | 2013/02/04 9:44:30 pm Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals  Social | |
| **169** | | [**Old Susannah No. 110 – Ding Dong, The Web Is Dead**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25984&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]Bells rang out; glasses clinked as toasts were made; there was dancing and connectivity in the streets (although stolen cars whizzed by). Champagne corks popped dynamically. After many long years, the granite web […] | 2013/02/02 1:22:20 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **168** | | [**Old Susannah No 109: Koots & Co.**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25853&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]Another busy week in Aberdeen passed in a flurry of activity, culminating in the excellent BrewDog party celebrating the new factory opening. Live band Little Kicks were great, and so were the BrewDog […] | 2013/01/24 8:27:57 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **167** | | [**A P\*ss-Up In The Brewery: BrewDog Style**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25910&action=edit)  19th January 2013, the winds are blowing; the snow is on and off again, and it’s brass monkey weather. Perfect for a BrewDog barbeque and party. Suzanne Kelly reports.  The opening of the shiny new BrewDog Brewery near Ellon was marked by one of those types of events Martin and James, BrewDog’s founders, are now famous for.  Around 200 shareholders (‘Equity Punks’ as they are known) were chauffeured from the eponymous Aberdeen bar to the factory and back again for four hours of factory tours, music from The Little Kicks (an act which is really getting stronger all the time), speeches, a great but cold barbeque, and of course, beer. | 2013/01/24 8:18:54 pm Published | | 2013/01/24 8:18:54 pm Published | | BrewDog | |
| **166** | | [**Not Members Only: In Conversation with Nigel Bennett**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25823&action=edit)  After many years in the music industry as a lead guitarist and side man, acclaimed UK rock musician Nigel Bennett released his debut solo album, Truth Or Consequences, on October 23, 2012 (Zip Records) in North America. The CD will be released in Europe in January 2013.  Suzanne Kelly gets talking to Nigel about his new CD, touring, talent shows – and Donald Trump.  Bennett, lead guitarist for the British punk band The Vibrators, is taking centre stage as he flexes his musical virtuosity as a solo performer and front man. Truth Or Consequences features 13 tracks that highlight Bennett’s appreciation for styles ranging from country-tinged melodies to hard rock instrumentals to reggae. | 2013/01/24 8:17:42 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 3pageviews 2exits 2uniques |   As at 26/5/15 | | Interviews  Music  Nigel B – absolute sweetie; just spoke to him 25/5/15 when he called to see if I was getting well. see him soon | |
| **165** | | [**Menie Estate No. 3: Love Thy Neighbour Trump Style**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25728&action=edit)  When Donald Trump bought the Menie Estate, it was the end of a peaceful life in the countryside for the existing residents. Anthony Baxter captured incidents in his award-winning documentary You’ve Been Trumped which caused outcry here and abroad.  In Part 3 of a series on the Menie Estate, Suzanne Kelly finds out how life is now for Trump’s next-door neighbours.  There are certain absolute rights UK citizens are supposed to enjoy, including the right to privacy and a right to go about their lawful business without interference. In Scotland, access to the countryside – whoever owns it – is guaranteed by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. | 2013/01/18 12:27:37 am Published | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals  Social | |
| **164** | | [**Menie Estate Series No. 2: The Road’s A Ruin**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25600&action=edit)  Things are seriously amiss at the Trump International Golf Course and Menie Estate, as Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly and photographer Rob discovered.  Inspired by Anthony Baxter and Richard Phinney’s You’ve Been Trumped film, Kelly has followed developments at ‘the world’s greatest golf course’ with interest. On a recent visit, residents showed our team around the site and shared stories. In the second instalment of a series of articles, Kelly looks at the demise of the road infrastructure.  There are signs of flooding all over the Balmedie area. Damage to the course is dramatically illustrated in the article Menie Estate Series: Crazy Golf.  But the course damage is only one aspect of how the estate is faring this winter; the residents have more practical and urgent problems. | 2013/01/16 5:57:51 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Trump  Environment  Animals  Social  Again at 26/5/15 there are three hits on this old story; I am now expecting something or other to happen… | |
| **163** | | [**Menie Estate Series: Crazy Golf**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25547&action=edit)  Things are seriously amiss at the Trump International Golf Course and Menie Estate, as Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly and AV photographer Rob discovered. On a recent visit they spoke to several residents and spent hours walking the area. Aberdeen Voice shares their findings in a series of articles.  King Canute demonstrated that although he was a wealthy king, he could not hold back the tides by standing on the shore as the tide came in. Trump did not get this memo.  There are signs of flooding all over the Menie Estate; this is not surprising as the North East is experiencing some of its wettest weather historically speaking. | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2013/01/14 11:47:13 pm Published | | |  | | Trump  Environment  Animals  Social  This one went national; I was seen posing on the ruined leg of the course in a red jacket in several papers. Rob and I had a great time; Rob Menlove responsible for us going this far on the course to find the destruction. It might have been me and Duncan Harley, who had just got in touch with AV wanting to do photos. Then he started dictating how much he was going to charge. I said no, and was delighted Rob got the national credits and £ 29 comments | |
| **162** | | [**Old Susannah No. 108: Troubled Bridge Over Don Water**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25420&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]An eventful and warm week has passed in the Granite City; many people settled back into their routine after the holiday break. Children were back at school, councillors were back at Marischal, people […] | 2013/01/11 12:26:54 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **161** | | [**Old Susannah No. 107 – Natural Heritage 101**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25228&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]Happy 2013 and Tally Ho! Revellers gathered in Stonehaven for the annual fire festival to ward off evil spirits; in related news, it is thought developer Stewart Milne was not in attendance. […] | 2013/01/03 10:54:32 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **160** | | [**Old Susannah No. 106 – A Farewell to Arms**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=25047&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=330 float=right] It’s been a very busy week in Aberdeen and the wider world. Donald Trump had a full page ad in the Press & Journal mixing wind farms and the Lockerbie bomber. […] | 2012/12/20 11:54:50 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **159** | | [**Mountains Animal Sanctuary Robbed And Vandalised**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24869&action=edit)  In a particularly callous crime, given that we’re in the season of goodwill to all men – and, presumably, animals – thieves have struck at a Forfar animal sanctuary. Suzanne Kelly reports. [singlepic id=2274 w=320 h=290 float=right]Thieves have dealt a heavy blow to Mountains Animal Sanctuary, taking goods and cash worth thousands, and vandalising the […] | 2012/12/14 7:10:39 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **158** | | [**Old Susannah No. 105: Season’s Greetings!**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24748&action=edit)  Old Susannah casts her beady eye once more on the goings-on of the great, the good and the downright ugly! By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]The chill in the air, a few days of snow, children behaving better than usual; this can only mean one thing. Yes, it’s Christmas shopping time again. Seasonal […] | 2012/12/10 11:48:33 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **157** | | [**Salmond’s Web: Exclusive Correspondence Revealed**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24593&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly today received documents from the First Minister’s office shedding light on ‘Webgate’ – the genesis of the failed bid to build a granite web over Aberdeen’s Union Terrace Gardens. Kelly investigates.  Alex Salmond’s personal interest in the project was well publicised when it emerged his office had intervened in the TiF (Tax incremental Funding) bid appraisal for pilot projects in Scotland.  The appraisals were undertaken by the Scottish Futures Trust, which had placed the Aberdeen proposal 10th in the list of projects to be recommended based on a variety of financial and technical criteria.  Salmond’s intervention, at the expense of projects from Renfrewshire, West Lothian, Ayrshire and Dumbartonshire, propelled the web into position to be one of the potential pilots. | 2012/12/06 11:52:03 pm Published | |  | | Granite Web  ACC  26/5/15 – it seems that any misdeed by any SNP elected official has been forgotten or glossed over; this is now a one party country | |
| **156** | | [**Paying Through The Nose: Part 2**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24357&action=edit)  Local authorities in Scotland must allow the public to look at their unaudited accounts, and Aberdeen City Council is no exception to this rule. In August 2012 this annual statutory period of time was granted for interested people to examine the city council’s financial year documents from 2011. Paying Through The Nose: Part 1 looked […] | 2012/12/03 10:56:41 pm Published | |  | | ACC  Finances | |
| **155** | | [**Old Susannah No. 104 – Discovering New Levels**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24445&action=edit)  Old Susannah casts her beady eye around the ‘Deen – and this week, far beyond! With Suzanne Kelly. | 2012/12/03 10:55:58 pm Published | |  | | OS  This smacks of one of the overly- and badly-edited columns of mine which Pete Thomson’s hand is visible in. | |
| **154** | | [**Publishing Icon Folds: Scotland Closed for Business**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24270&action=edit)  [singlepic id=2228 w=320 h=285 float=right]By Suzanne Kelly. The bell tolls for one of Scotland’s most famous businesses, which had exported its products around the world. Its long-serving staff members, some of whom had been with the firm for over five decades, are distraught as the firm lets them go for younger, more modern business models. […] | 2012/12/03 10:55:36 pm Published | |  | | Satire  AJL | |
| **153** | | [**Willows Open Day And Fayre**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=24210&action=edit)  [singlepic id=2225 w=320 h=395 float=right]You can help brighten the cold, dark winter months by attending the latest events and fundraising at Willows Animal Sanctuary. Attractions include a Victorian Fayre and an auction featuring a guitar donated by the legendary Brian May. With thanks to Suzanne Kelly VICTORIAN FAYRE on 01 December Willows Animal Sanctuary is […] | 2012/11/30 1:30:39 am Published | |  | | Animals  Charity | |
| **152** | | [**Paying Through The Nose: Part 1**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=23778&action=edit)  In a move meant to demonstrate transparency in government, August 2012 saw the opening of a statutory period in which members of the public were able to view Aberdeen City Council’s financial year documents for 2011. In the first of a two-part investigation, Suzanne Kelly seeks answers but winds up with more questions. [singlepic id=2208 […] | 2012/11/23 12:07:41 am Published | |  | | ACC  Finance | |
| **151** | | [**Tree For Every Citizen: Award Winner Or Disaster?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=23988&action=edit)  Originally sent to cover Aberdeen’s Tree for Every Citizen initiative, Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly turned campaigner against the scheme, protesting alongside animal charities, community councils and thousands of local residents. [singlepic id=2220 w=320 h=235 float=right]Despite the many firm arguments against the plan – a plan which included culling the deer which had wandered the Gramps […] | 2012/11/23 12:03:02 am Published | |  | | Tullos  Animals  Environment  ACC | |
| **150** | | [**Old Sushi No. 103 – Gone Fishin’**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=23602&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah surveys the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and beyond, and smells something fishy while she’s at it. By Suzanne Kelly [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right] Tally Ho! The masked ball was a huge success socially and financially; its use of Union Terrace Gardens was inspired. This great common good asset made […] | 2012/11/16 12:45:04 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **149** | | [**Old Susannah No. 102: Culture, Vultures And Liverpool**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=23250&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s event’s in the ‘Deen and beyond. By Suzanne Kelly.  [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=320 float=right] Tally Ho!  This past week has been an exciting one on several counts.  The fireworks were amazing – when Nick Clegg tried to handle Question Time in Parliament, the poor man […] | 2012/11/09 12:46:24 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **148** | | [**Is Government Reporting Any Good?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=23040&action=edit)  The Iraq war was rubber-stamped despite the wishes of protesting millions; the justification that then Prime Minister Tony Blair used was a report. This report had been notoriously ‘sexed up’ to the extent that the Americans refused to endorse it. Blair aide, the foul-mouthed Alistair Campbell, was one of the main editors of this ‘dodgy dossier’. Blair stood by its robustness. We all know better now. Suzanne Kelly examines the quality standards of the reports on which life-changing decisions are taken.  Closer to home, what kinds of reporting standards are we seeing? Very poor ones, I’m afraid.  A report prepared for Aberdeen FC’s stadium plans for Loirston included a lengthy commentary from MSP Brian Adam, who favoured the project.  Labour MSP Richard Baker’s comments against the stadium were excluded from this report, leaving it unbalanced. At the time, Kate Dean first insisted that Baker missed the deadline, but Baker proved otherwise. | 2012/11/06 12:19:43 am Published | |  | | ACC | |
| **147** | | [**Old Susannah No. 101 – Scary Thoughts, Scary Movies**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22997&action=edit)  Another wonderful week has flown by in Aberdeen, and at this time of year, additional spookiness is in the air. By Suzanne Kelly.  [singlepic id=2148 w=390 h=230 float=right]A Sweet Lily Adams cupcakes decorating session produced these holiday favourites; I hope you like. Old Susannah also had a delicious dinner at La Stella. Sadly I missed Wildly […] | 2012/10/31 11:32:47 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **146** | | [**Bully For You: Trump Threatens Suit Against Filmmaker**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22606&action=edit)  A documentary about a golf course? On the face of it, this might not sound like a thrilling premise for a feature documentary. Then again, this is no ordinary golf course, and this is no ordinary film. Suzanne Kelly examines the impact of Anthony Baxter’s You’ve Been Trumped in the wake of the film being broadcast on national television.  ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ is the story of a handful of Aberdeenshire residents, and what happens when two intrepid documentary makers dare scrutinise Donald Trump.  Despite the best efforts of the Trump machine to smear the individuals involved, discredit the film, and stop its being shown on the BBC, ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ made its national television premier on 21 October 2012, some 16 months after its first outing.  Director Anthony Baxter may not have intended to stir up a hornet’s nest, but his film is playing a part in Scottish politics. | 2012/10/24 2:51:41 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques | | | Trump  Menie  Interesting someone’s reading this 2 ½ years on | |
| **145** | | [**Old Susannah No. 99 – 99 Problems**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22450&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah looks back on the week that was, complete with Zeppelins, BrewDogs, and a bad smell coming not from the Torry sewage plant, but a whiff of scandal from Edinburgh. By  Suzanne Kelly [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right] Tally  Ho!  By the time you read this, I’ll have been to the Led Zeppelin […] | 2012/10/18 11:24:07 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **144** | | [**Zeppelin Celebration Day: Rolls-Royce Of Concert Films**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22476&action=edit)  For those who love Led Zeppelin, this film has been a long time coming. Was it worth the wait? Did it capture the concert as it was? Does it give the viewer the real taste of the legendary O2 concert? Absolutely. Suzanne Kelly reviews Celebration Day.  If you have the remotest interest in the fathers of all things metal, you have to see this film. It delivers the concert as it happened; as I was one of the lucky 20,000 who managed to get a ticket to the O2 for the one-off Led Zeppelin concert (over 4 million people applied for tickets via the online email lottery), I can honestly say I felt as if I were back at the O2 and that no time had elapsed between the movie and the concert.  The problem with most bands playing live is that a certain level of musicianship is essential. A concert film is going to capture for posterity any errors, wrong notes or bad musicianship; it is a brave act willing to do a concert film. | 2012/10/18 11:19:59 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques  Bless one reader 3 years on as at 20/6/15 | | | Music  Review | |
| **143** | | [**Nexen Donates £6,000 to Rape Crisis Centre**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22491&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly. Photography by Alan Jamieson.  The Scottish Government reduced its funding to Rape and Abuse Support by 50%; this has gone largely unnoticed. Sadly, one in every four women statistically experience some form of sexual abuse (including violent attacks and rape) in their lifetime. Education and awareness are the answer, allowing the subject to remain taboo is the status quo – and the problem.  Stalking, human trafficking, spousal abuse are all problems we know exist in the North East of Scotland, yet there are few support services, which makes the work of RAS all the more important. | 2012/10/18 11:19:49 pm Published | | Enjoyed my visit to this centre | | charity | |
| **142** | | [**Old Susannah No. 98 – The Art Of Protest**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22233&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s event’s in the ‘Deen and beyond and finds some bizarre and downright ugly situations worthy of  protest. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=320 float=right] It’s been a pretty wild week here in the Granite Web City, and wilder still in the wider world. | 2012/10/11 11:52:47 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **141** | | [**Old Susannah No. 97: It’s An Ill Wind**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22107&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back on another exciting week in the Deen, even if there was no mass protest by 60 or so members of the Cove Rangers/HoMalone/Kate Dean/boys with megaphones collective.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=330 float=right]Common Good Aberdeen launched an initiative to put swings and play equipment In Union Terrace Gardens; | 2012/10/04 11:18:58 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **140** | | [**Fighting Dog Fighting**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22084&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Crime involving animals of all kinds, domestic, farm and wild, is on the increase throughout the UK. There are a wide range of illegal, violent acts taking place up and down the country. But there are things we can do to help stem the tide. The details are upsetting. Horses have been attacked in Cornwall recently, and wildlife crime has been reported in the Scottish Borders.  A golden eagle was killed recently in our own area. It probably suffered for days in an illegal trap.  Conviction is almost always a difficult business. Thankfully, in Aberdeenshire, the successful prosecution of the Reid Brothers led to the exposure and end of a violent, vicious dog-fighting ring. These people tortured the unfortunate animals, and for their pleasure filmed the dogfights. | 2012/10/04 11:15:45 pm Published | |  | | Animals  Charity | |
| **139** | | [**Old Susannah No. 96 – Some Naked Truths**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=22016&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah takes a look over the past week’s event’s in the ‘Deen and beyond in her quest to expose the uncovered even at risk of getting under the skin. By Suzanne Kelly.  [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=330 float=right] Footdee was transformed into an Ibiza foam party this week. Trees and bits of tree were trashed […] | 2012/09/26 11:59:58 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques |   Amazing – a read as at 20/6/15 | | OS | |
| **138** | | [**Washout: The Protest Against Aberdeen City Council**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21930&action=edit)  After a long build-up, vitriolic postings on FaceBook, and a call to the media to attend a protest by hundreds of people, a group of approximately 70-80 stood outside Marischal College today for three quarters of an hour. Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly attended.  Background: Aberdeen has been split over a controversial plan to build a £140 million pound series of arches over Union Terrace Gardens called ‘the granite web’. The city is far from financially sound, and would need to borrow some £70 million minimum to build the scheme, which would also see the felling of ancient trees – some of the few trees in the city centre.  Those against the scheme point out the city has vast areas of disused brownfield, some of which are becoming arson hotspots which could be the site of any futuristic architectural projects. | 2012/09/23 6:40:09 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 2exits 2uniques | | | Union Terrace Gardens | |
| **137** | | [**Old Susannah No. 95: Sense of Humour Fail**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21906&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah  takes a look over the past week’s events in the ‘Deen and further beyond ( including the murky depths of ‘local’ cyberspace ). By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right] Across Aberdeen this past week most of us have enjoyed the last warm(ish) days of summer, and the sunny days | 2012/09/21 12:30:02 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **136** | | [**Smoke: Are You Sure You Know What’s Safe?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21816&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly reports on the results of some important research presented at the recent Science Festival.  Aberdeen Science Festival had an amazing array of lectures, talks, trips and cabaret events which thousands of visitors enjoyed.  One of the more important issues covered was the very serious subject of second-hand smoke and its effect on children. I took the opportunity to talk to Dr Stephen Turner ( pictured ) of Aberdeen University and Rachel O’Donnell of ASH Scotland on a promising initiative to attempt to tackle this complex problem.  You smoke, or your partner smokes; you have a couple of children and a cat. No harm in smoking around them in the house – just open a window and the smoke can’t bother them. Can it | 2012/09/21 12:27:02 am Published | |  | | Health  Science festival | |
| **135** | | [**Old Susannah #94: Paralympics Lessons Learnt (Or Not)**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21759&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah looks at events over yet another vibrant and dynamic week in the ‘Deen. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=280 float=right] Congratulations to all those who took part in the Paralympics – whether as athlete, supportive family member, friend, carer or spectator. This was by all accounts the biggest, most successful, most | 2012/09/13 11:28:24 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **134** | | [**Tullos Hill Now: Deer, Habitat Destroyed: Cost, £120K**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21637&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly visited Tullos Hill on 29 August and St Fitticks’ on 2 September.  These were sites of tree planting – and deer culls.  Around 40 animals were killed (the record-keeping is so poor and the freedom of information office reports so contradictory that the exact number is hard to tell). Suzanne presents […] | 2012/09/13 11:28:01 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **133** | | [**UTG Referendum: The Real Attacks On Democracy**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21676&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  ‘Undemocratic!’ is the cry coming from various people in Government and some Aberdeen residents concerning the death of the granite web scheme.  The truth is that democracy took a beating in the way the referendum campaign was waged, in the secrecy over the TIF ranking the scheme received, and in the statements made by ministers who should know they were overstepping their bounds.  For those who really care about ‘Democracy’ and how it has been chipped at by those insistent that the web goes ahead, here is an overview of some newly emerged issues. | 2012/09/13 11:25:55 pm Published | |  | | Union Terrace Gardens  ACC | |
| **132** | | [**Art And Sculpture At Easter Anguston Farm**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21768&action=edit)  On Wednesday 12 September VSA’s Easter Anguston Farm in Peterculter opened its annual one-week outdoor art gallery and sculpture trail. This is in conjunction with North East Open Studios 2012 (NEOS), which runs a yearly event during which regional artists open their studios to the public over a one-week period. Suzanne Kelly reports.  Over 70 guests attended the preview evening, and were treated to guided tours of the artwork placed around the farm’s grounds. Guests were also able to meet some of the artists- some of which are service users- and view the farm, farm shop, animals and education areas of the facility.  John Booth, Deputy Chief Executive at VSA, was one of several speakers welcoming the guests. | 2012/09/13 11:24:15 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 4pageviews 3exits 4uniques | | | Charity  Art | |
| **131** | | [**TechFest/British Science Festival – Through 9 September**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21589&action=edit)  [singlepic id=1988 w=320 h=235 float=right]By Suzanne Kelly. This year’s TechFest is bigger than ever before, and it’s not too late to catch a host of lectures, activities and events.  TechFest runs through Sunday 9 September at various venues throughout Aberdeen. Archaeology, Psychology, Geology and even Mixology get a look in this time around. The Bill | 2012/09/07 12:00:58 pm Published | |  | | Science  Events | |
| **130** | | [**Old Susannah No. 93 – All that Glitters Is Not Gold**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21578&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah looks at events over yet another vibrant and dynamic week in the ‘Deen. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]Tally Ho!  I hope everyone’s had another exciting week in  Aberdeen. The Science Festival has kicked off, attracting visitors, scientists and lecturers from around the world. It is most kind of them […] |  | |  | | OS | |
| **129** | | [**An Interview With Ben Hukins**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21542&action=edit)  Ben Hukins gives Voice’s Suzanne Kelly the run-down on his background, races, interests and opinions on Aberdeen’s hot topics.  I meet Ben at Café 52. I’ve been running (it was a Thursday and getting around town on Thursday evenings at rush hour is always problematic) and am somewhat out of breath.  Ben is a local runner with a number of local races and victories under his belt.  He has a girlfriend who is now into running, several cats, a rabbit which has chewed through his mobile phone charger, a father who used to be a professor at Aberdeen University and opinions on the day’s issues.  Unsurprisingly the Olympic Games is our first subject for discussion: | 2012/09/07 12:09:51 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 2exits 2uniques |   As at 20/6/15 | | Sports  Interview | |
| **128** | | [**Old Susannah No 92: Oot of Africa/Petitions for Dummies**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21347&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah looks at events over the the last week … and once again, what a week it’s been in the ‘Deen. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=330 float=right] Vibrant and dynamic adjectives are being used to describe the Labour, Lib Dems and Independents who voted against the beloved web. Conspiracy theorists say that […] | 2012/08/31 12:53:25 am Published | |  | | OS | |
|  | | [**Old Susannah #91: Where Did That Olive Branch Get To?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21307&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah looks at events over the the last week … and what a week it’s been in the ‘Deen. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=330 float=right] ‘SHATTERED!’ roars the Press & Journal headline following the council’s decision on Wednesday not to pursue a £92 million pound loan to build the Granite Web.  […] | 2012/08/24 12:27:37 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **127** | | [**Campaigner Calls For CGP Investigation**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21235&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly, Chair of campaigning group ‘Democracy Watch’ called upon UK and EU regulatory agencies to investigate details of the proposed City Garden Project today. Citing both past invoices paid by the public worth hundreds of thousands of pounds and the revelation that leading businessmen plan to add £15 million towards the project’s estimated £140 million costs may have conflict of interest issues. The project is subject to a vote of the Full Aberdeen City Council on Wednesday 22 August.  Sir Ian Wood will ‘give’ £50 million to the City if it agrees to borrow £92 million more via Tax Incremental Funding to build a ‘Granite Web’ over the existing Victorian Union Terrace Gardens.  The subject has been voted down in a previous consultation, but narrowly passed a non-binding referendum exercise. | 2012/08/21 9:43:26 pm Published | |  | | Union Terrace Gardens  ACC | |
| **126** | | [**Old Susannah No. 90: What A Web They Weave**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=21166&action=edit)  Old Susannah takes a look recent events in the ‘Deen, and tackles tricky terms with a locally topical taste. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=350 float=right]Tally Ho!  Once again future of our Union Terrace Gardens with its green field, 250-year-old elms, other trees, and wildlife is in the spotlight. The vote of the full […] | 2012/08/17 12:14:25 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **125** | | [**Old Susannah No. 89 – Silly Season & Smokescreens**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20880&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Old Susannah peers past the hot summer haze, smokescreens, and piles of unsold, undistributed P&Js and EEs to define the Deen’s dominant issues.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=340 float=right]Tally Ho! The big news this past week is John Swinney: he has come down firmly on the side of the City Gardens Project. Result! I […] | 2012/08/10 12:11:59 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **124** | | [**Old Susannah No. 87 – Morality Tales**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20601&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Old Susannah can barely contain her excitement over the Olympics and Tartan Day, and reviews the week’s past local events. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=310 float=right] Tally Ho!  I guess we’ve all had an exciting week, and with the Olympics upon us and Tartan Day around the corner, you can practically feel […] | 2012/07/26 10:36:02 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **123** | | [**Old Susannah No. 86 – Fun And Olympic Games**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20449&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Old Susannah can barely contain her excitement over the imminent Olympics, and reviews the week’s past local events. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]Yet another exciting week in the Granite City has just passed. I had a great weekend with Anthony Baxter, the Milnes, Susan Munro, photographer Alicia Bruce and more [ | 2012/07/20 12:07:18 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **122** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Willows – Sandi Thom Charms Man & Beast**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20407&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly reports back from Willows on last Saturday’s Sandi Thom concert and with an update on Willow’s inhabitants.  The weather changed every hour last Saturday, mostly from heavy rain to light rain – but that didn’t deter crowds of animal lovers from heading to Willows Animal Sanctuary to hear Sandi Thom.  Morgan, age 11, visited her favourites including Snowy the goat, and cats Fluffball, Fred and Frankie. Fred likes to climb on people, and so too does Fluffball (as I later found out: having bent down to tie a shoelace, I became a perch).  The cats were in their finest form, all wanting lots of attention:Arthur, the cat who had been found in waste ground living in a paint can; Ella, the three legged cat (Paul Rodger’s wife Cynthia is particularly fond of this sweet-tempered feline); Bailey (a fluffy Bailey’s Irish Cream coloured cat) and the rest. | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [0](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/edit-comments.php?p=20407) | 2012/07/19 11:57:16 pm Published | | |  | | Willows  Animals  Sandi Thom | |
| **121** | | [**Old Susannah No 85: Brigadoon, Braveheart, Brave & Balmedie**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20288&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah comments on current events and enlightens us with definitions of some tricky terms with a locally topical taste. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right] Tally Ho!  I will start by apologising for a recent column; I clearly misread the signs and got carried away.  Specifically, you don’t need to worry | 2012/07/12 8:56:23 pm Published | | Months later, our very own Duncan Harley had veritably the same brave wave as this | | OS | |
| **120** | | [**FAIL: FOI Fatally Flawed?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20144&action=edit)  Disillusioned and dissatisfied with the speed, quality and transparency (for lack of a better word), Suzanne Kelly sums up her dealings with Aberdeen City’s FOI officers.  In 2007 I made my first Freedom of Information request to Aberdeen City Council. This concerned travellers’ sites (the city had the brainstorm of telling travellers to go to the Torry Battery – I pointed out that it was an Ancient Monument which the City was supposed to safeguard).  I received a reasonable answer in a reasonable timeframe.  However, it seems as if FOI request handling is far from straightforward of late. | 2012/07/06 12:09:30 am Published | |  | | FOI  ACC | |
| **119** | | [**Old Susannah No. 84 – Fifty Shades of White**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=20049&action=edit)  Old Susannah watches the latest developments in the ‘Deen and the wider world and helps Voice readers to get their whites right. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]One of the best events in recent memory?  The Party in the Park held by Common Good Aberdeen last Saturday was fantastic, despite the rains. | 2012/06/28 11:44:54 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **118** | | [**ACC Exceeds Own Tullos Target: 34 Deer Shot**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19974&action=edit)  34 Deer – possibly 35 – were killed from March to early May 2012. This newly emerged fact contrasts with the City’s earlier claims that 22 – then 23 animals were destroyed for the controversial ‘tree for every citizen’ scheme.  The public’s frustration over the unwanted deer cull is past the tipping point, as contradictory information and propaganda mount up. A full impartial investigation is a necessity to ensure that no further culls happen and that those responsible for a catalogue of failures are brought to book. What are the recent developments? What are some of the issues the cull’s proponents need to be held accountable for?  The revelation had been made earlier in Aberdeen Voice that 22 deer were shot according to the City weeks ago. The figure was increased by one due to a blunder. But the real truth is shocking. | 2012/06/27 4:05:14 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Animals  Deer  ACC | |
| **117** | | [**Old Susannah No 82: Arts and Craftiness**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19901&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah comments on current events and enlightens us with definitions of some tricky terms with a locally topical taste. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=360 float=right] Tally Ho!  I’m not sure if this past week was more vibrant than it was dynamic or more dynamic than it was vibrant – but it’s | 2012/06/22 12:46:14 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **116** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Did Aberdeen Council Endanger Citizens?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19802&action=edit)  A campaigner against a controversial deer cull has asked the Health & Safety Executive to investigate Aberdeen City Council over its failure to follow its own risk assessment which identified lethal risks to the public and ‘non-target’ species while the shooting took place. With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  Twenty-three roe deer were culled by Aberdeen City Council earlier this year on Tullos Hill in the south of the city.  The City says the cull was necessary for its ‘Tree for Every Citizen’ scheme, which started life largely as a Liberal Democrat election pledge. Protestors and a variety of animal welfare charities disagree.  Aberdeen City later claimed that the cull was prompted by new deer management legislation (a claim again contested by opponents).  The question is: did the City endanger people during the shooting operations? | | 2012/06/22 12:44:27 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  Animals  ACC | |
| **115** | | [**Old Susannah No. 81: Alphabet Soup Leftovers And Dogs’ Dinners**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19712&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Old Susannah continues her romp through Aberdeen City Council’s A to Z of services, and  considers two very different ‘Mr Smiths’, and dog’s dinners.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=320 float=right] Tally Ho!  The burning issues of the past week include Olympic torches and scorching internet debate following Annie Lennox’s article in | 2012/06/14 11:39:50 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **114** | | [**Rock ‘n’ Roll Animals: Paul Rodgers and Cynthia Kereluk**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19725&action=edit)  Willows Animal Sanctuary announced two new patrons – Paul Rodgers and his wife Cynthia Kereluk. The couple were at Willows answering questions, visiting the animals, even playing a few acoustic bars of Bad Company Songs last week. Would the voice behind Bad Company, Free and The Firm be at home on an Aberdeenshire farm? Yes, and then some, as Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly found out.  When I last spoke to Paul Rodgers it was for a split second while backstage when The Firm – Jimmy Page, Tony Franklin, Chris Slade and Paul Rodgers – were on tour in America, playing massive arenas and Madison Square Garden… I was a very lucky girl indeed. | 2012/06/14 11:32:24 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,2,1,0,0,0,1,1,0,0&chds=0,2 | 8pageviews 5exits 8uniques |   Interesting this has 8 views on 21/6/15 – possibly because I am still chasing Deborah Bonhamfor an interview now that she’s a willows patron. Visit to follow I hope | | Animals  Willows  Music | |
| **113** | | [**Declan Michael Laird Interview**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19656&action=edit)  At age 18 Declan Michael Laird is getting a remarkable reception in Hollywood. He is on a scholarship to the most prestigious acting school there is, he is playing football with celebrity expats, and he is having the time of his life. Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly catches up with Declan, and gets the gen on his story so far.  Declan answers the phone, and the first thing that comes up is weather. Aberdonian readers don’t need me to tell them how this summer is going, but Declan’s interested. “You’d be surprised – I do miss the damp weather sometime… the sun can get to you sometimes if you’re running around a lot.” he offers, “But I do love it, and I’m lucky.”  His voice is filled with enthusiasm (it sounds as if he is smiling and on the verge of laughing), and it should be. He is in Hollywood pursuing a career as an actor. Not bad for a teenager from Scotland. | 2012/06/14 11:31:18 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques |   21/6/15 hit possibly due to current piece which as 99 reads | | Interview  Actor | |
| **112** | | [**Old Susannah No. 80: Alphabet Soup, And A Farewell**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19604&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah comments on current events and enlightens us with definitions of some tricky terms with a locally topical taste. This week, more ABZ ‘A to Z’, some ATOS, and thoughts on the sad loss of a Voice colleague. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right] Tally Ho!  It’s all been happening up | 2012/06/07 11:55:39 pm Published | |  | |  | |
| **111** | | [**Willows New Patrons – Paul Rodgers And Cynthia Kereluk**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19591&action=edit)  PAUL RODGERS, iconic rock/blues singer and songwriter from FREE, BAD COMPANY and THE FIRM, along with his wife Cynthia Kereluk, visited Willows Animal Sanctuary on Tuesday the 5th of June. Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly was on hand to meet the new patrons and say hello to some old friends.  Willows Animal Sanctuary received a huge boost when Paul Rodgers and his wife Cynthia announced this past Tuesday that they would be active patrons of the animal charity, which celebrates its 12th anniversary this year. The couple spent a considerable time speaking to the media and to fans, sharing their (considerable) rescue animal stories, touring the facilities, visiting the animals – and crucially launching a raft of helpful fundraising initiatives. | 2012/06/07 11:44:08 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,5,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,2,0,0,1,0,1,0,3,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,5 | 16pageviews 13exits 13uniques |   With 16 hits as at 21/615 this may be due to my trying to get Deborah Bonham and her manager to agree to an interview now that she is a Willows patron | | Animals  Willows  Music  Charity | |
| **110** | | [**Old Susannah No. 79 – The A to Z of ABZ**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19338&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah comments on current events and enlightens us with definitions of some tricky terms with a locally topical taste. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]Result!  I am sure we have all been dancing in the streets as our benevolent UK coalition Government has decided NOT to introduce a tax on heated […] | 2012/05/31 11:48:56 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **109** | | [**Nick Nairn Aberdeen – A (Rave) Review**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19073&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Some months back I had a chance to take a full day course at the Nick Nairn Cookery School, but I never got my schedule straightened out in time to sign up.  Instead, I found time for ‘Quick Cook: Classic Crepes’ – a two hour lunchtime course.  I am not the most easily pleased person, but I can truly say this course was everything it should have been – instructive, enjoyable, hands-on, perfectly structured, and the results were delicious.  I already knew how to make crepes decently – so I thought. Louise’s techniques (different and clearly superior to my usual style) were demonstrated with enthusiasm and clarity. | 2012/05/24 10:43:26 pm Published | |  | | Review  Food | |
| **108** | | [**Old Susannah No. 78: Austerity Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19193&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah comments on current events and enlightens us with definitions of some tricky terms with a locally topical taste. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=290 float=right]Tally Ho!  What was that great seismic shake, that sonic boom that was felt all up and down the coast this week?   The police were flooded […] | 2012/05/24 8:51:30 pm Published | | Note – it’s 21/6/15 and an anti austerity march has taken place; possibly time to revisit this subject | | OS | |
| **107** | | [**Old Susannah – On Hitting A Ton**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=19048&action=edit)  Old Susannah wonders who pulled the trigger on the hill without warning, injects some good stuff into the mix and sings happy birthday. By Suzanne Kelly.  Brief Deer Update [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right]Firstly, a clarification to a recent deer cull story of mine.  Ranger Ian Tallboys wrote to advise he didn’t shoot the deer.  […] | 2012/05/17 11:37:43 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **106** | | [**New Nick Nairn Cook School Caters To Increased Demand**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18951&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Nick Nairn’s long-awaited Aberdeen Cook School, which opened its doors on 9th May, caters to a demand from would-be cooks from across the country. The £500,000 project is providing further jobs and a tourism boost to the north-east of Scotland.  The new Aberdeen Cook School has been a passionate desire of Nick’s for several years and is located in a stunning listed building – formerly St Nicholas Kirk’s old church hall in the city centre – which has been transformed into two separate state-of-the-art foodie havens.  Work on the building has been carefully designed to enhance original features such as the carved mouldings and stained glass windows, alongside striking stainless steel and white kitchen areas, designed by Kitchens International | 2012/05/17 11:29:10 pm Published | |  | | Review  Food | |
| **105** | | [**Willows Open Day 26 May And Rescue News**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18955&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  Kate at Willows Animal Sanctuary has updated Aberdeen Voice with the latest news, including an open day and some dramatic equine rescues.  An open day will be held on 26th May at Willows Animal Sanctuary from 11:30 to 5pm.  While animals all over the UK are experiencing problems, here are some tales of equine work that Willows has been doing locally:  Early in 2012 Willows received a call about the plight of three miniature Shetland Ponies that had been abandoned on one of the Shetland Islands.  [Edit](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18955&action=edit) | [Quick Edit](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/edit.php?orderby=date&order=desc&s=Suzanne+Kelly&post_status=all&post_type=post&action=-1&m=0&cat=0&seo_filter&paged=15&mode=excerpt&action2=-1) | [Trash](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18955&action=trash&_wpnonce=d5113ef33b) | [View](http://aberdeenvoice.com/2012/05/willows-open-day-26-may-and-rescue-news/) | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [0](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/edit-comments.php?p=18955) | 2012/05/17 11:27:42 pm Published | | |  | | Willows  Animal  Charity | |
| **104** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Tullos Deer Cull: ACC Risked YOUR Life**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18771&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly reports on the serious issues raised by the modus operandi of Aberdeen City Council with regard to the recent deer cull.  It is nearly two weeks since the general public were dismayed to learn that 22 of 29 deer were destroyed to further the ‘tree for every citizen’ scheme which was so vigorously promoted by the Liberal Democrats and a handful of City Officials. As an indicator of how extremely unscientific this entire project is, it seems that only one deer count was done before the shooting started, and it failed to identify the sex of half of the deer it counted.  It is only now that the general public realise that a gunman was on the hill shooting a rifle: and that the City took a lethal risk to people’s lives to kill the deer. | | 2012/05/11 12:29:34 am Published | |  | | Tullos hill  Animals  Deer  ACC | |
| **103** | | [**Old Susannah No.76: Election Reflection – A Scream**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18728&action=edit)  Tally Ho and Long Live the Revolution!  Dong Dong…!  Things genuinely seem a bit more vibrant, dynamic and forward-looking since the elections.  Labour have a majority and the LibDems got the ballot-box cull they had asked for. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] No I didn’t get in – but I couldn’t have […] | 2012/05/11 12:27:53 am Published | |  | |  | |
| **102** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Ten Reasons Why Gardens Referendum Is Invalid.**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18726&action=edit)  What could have been more simple and straightforward (let alone transparent and democratic) than asking the people of Aberdeen to vote on the future of Union Terrace Gardens? Suzanne Kelly delivers her verdict.  I gladly threw myself into the work of being at the head of an official campaign organisation (my group ‘Democracy Watch’ was one of the official campaign groups with a statement in the referendum voting pack), and I naively assumed that a simple vote with straightforward rules was imminent.  Had I known then what I know now, I would instead have joined Labour and opposed the referendum. Here are some reasons why, and a bit of background. | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [1](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/edit-comments.php?p=18726) | 2012/05/11 12:25:42 am Published | | | Diane Morgan called my reporting ‘brilliant’ apparently in her book War and Peace in the Denburn Valley released may 2015. Can’t say the review of it in AV really did the job; Dave Innis or someone had ‘bagsied’ it to review very early on | | Union Terrace Gardens  ACC | |
|  | | [**Election Candidate Hits Out At Deer Slaughter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18490&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  A candidate in the Torry/Ferryhill area of the city for City Councillor, has hit out at Aberdeen City Council for the slaughter of 22 Roe deer on Tullos Hill.  Suzanne Kelly has been researching, reporting on and campaigning against the ‘Tree For Every Citizen’ scheme (a LibDem election pledge) for over a year. | 2012/05/01 11:42:16 pm Published | |  | | Deer  Tullos Hill  ACC | |
| **101** | | [**Healthy Tullos Hill Deer Eradicated By Aberdeen Council**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18468&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  Deer cull protestors were shocked to learn on 26 April that 22 deer on Tullos Hill have been slaughtered as a precursor to Aberdeen City Council’s controversial tree-planting scheme. A planned protest on Saturday 28 April will still go ahead.  A Freedom of Information Request has revealed that 22 of the 29 deer which roamed Tullos Hill were shot on the orders of Aberdeen City Council. Despite a 2400-signature petition, over 200 letters of protest and the objections of four local community councils, this cull has taken place. The council argued that deer had to be slaughtered to advance its Tree for Every Citizen scheme, a Liberal Democrat election pledge staunchly supported by Councillor Aileen Malone. | 2012/04/27 5:35:42 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 0exits 1uniques |   Hmm I wonder who is reading this at 21/6/15 – Steve Shaw was directed by the petitions committee in April to give me ALL of the costs of the Tree for every Citizen scheme – will chase. They said it was all ‘cost neutral’-obviously not | | Tullos Hill  Deer  Animals  ACC | |
|  | | [**Facebook Lost Pet Service**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18402&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly is on the subject of animal cruelty. She talks to Di Melville, who set up and administers a Facebook page which reunites families with lost pets.  At present, our local newspapers are filled with stories of animal cruelty –neglect, abandonment, abuse, dog fighting and so on. A lost dog was beaten to death in the Rosemount area a week ago in a particularly brutal and sickening attack. However some people are doing something about the many pets which go missing in our area and promoting responsible animal ownership.  Facebook can be more than a place to catch up with friends and have online conversations – for many pet owners it can be a means to help recover lost animals.  ( Pictured left: Brook, a Missing Chocolate Labrador. For info – www.findbrook.co.uk ) | 2012/04/26 10:06:55 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,2,1,2,0,2,1,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,2,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 19pageviews 16exits 16uniques |   As at 21/6/15 – if these stats are accurate, am pleased that people are aware of this article and the scheme | | Animals  charity | |
| **100** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Lush Campaign Against Animal Testing**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18356&action=edit)  The Lush shop in Aberdeen’s Union Street is active this Saturday in campaigning against animal testing for cosmetics. With thanks to Lush Aberdeen. [singlepic id=1656 w=390 h=230 float=right]Humane Society International and Lush Cosmetics have joined forces to launch the largest-ever global campaign to end animal testing for cosmetics. The campaign, launched to coincide with World […] | | 2012/04/26 10:03:44 pm Published | |  | | Lush  animals | |
| **99** | | [**Tullos Deer Cull: Protestors To Stage Mock Funeral**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18298&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  A mock funeral protest will take place this Saturday, 28 April, on Tullos Hill, timed to coincide with Aberdeen City Council’s tree-planting day. Campaigners want to raise awareness of the cull, damage to the existing meadow, and the absence of public support for City’s Tree for Every Citizen scheme.  The contentious decision to plant a tree for every citizen with the majority of the phase 2 trees to be planted on Tullos Hill has caused thousands to sign petitions and four Aberdeen community councils to protest formally against the scheme. | 2012/04/24 2:08:54 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **98** | | [**Old Susannah No. 75 – Olympic Fever!**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=18222&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks at recycled paper in the shape of old news and defines some tricky terms we will all too soon be bombarded with in the run up to the London Olympics.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=360 float=right]What a week it has been in Aberdeen! This was the story everyone was talking | 2012/04/19 11:29:04 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **97** | | [**Shot For Trees? – Tullos Hill Update**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17918&action=edit)  What has happened on Tullos Hill lately? What happened to the deer? Suzanne Kelly, who first covered the Tullos Hill deer cull story almost a year ago in May 2011, updates Aberdeen Voice readers.  First, I am sorry to say but the cull seems to have happened. I have several sources who witnessed a silver Land Rover and one (unconfirmed) who spoke to a hunter. How many animals were shot so far, and whether more will be destroyed, is now subject of a Freedom of Information request.  Three separate sources have similar stories to tell – a silver Range Rover seen on the hill several times by different people and reports of lights flashing at night on the hill set the scene to support that Aileen Malone, Ranger Ian Tallboys, ‘consultant’ Chris Piper and Peter Leonard have had their way, and had deer shot. | 2012/04/12 11:12:48 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **96** | | [**Tullos Hill And St Fitticks: A Photo-essay**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17789&action=edit)  [singlepic id=1593 w=390 h=255 float=right] By Suzanne Kelly. By now you probably heard of the environmental carnage on Tullos Hill. It seems likely deer have been killed – despite the public’s wishes, the improbability of trees growing, and the bad science behind the cull. Gorse removal seems to have happened until the last week in […] |  | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **95** | | [**Torry/Ferryhill Candidate On Green Party Indifference**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17735&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly, Independent candidate for Torry/Ferryhill in Aberdeen City’s Council elections, speaks out against the Green Party for its apathy over the controversial Tullos Hill roe deer cull, in light of the Greens fielding a candidate in Torry/Ferryhill. [singlepic id=1613 w=320 h=240 float=right]When I was with the Green Party, I explained clearly on several occasions […]  Greens came back with this – I could have instantly rebutted it, but preferred that they get some seats if possible over other parties [**Greens Respond To Suzanne Kelly’s Resignation Claims**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17839&action=edit)  In response to Suzanne Kelly’s article in this week’s issue The Scottish Green Party, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Branch have issued the following statement. [singlepic id=1612 w=320 h=240 float=right]Suzanne Kelly’s article is factually inaccurate and misleading. For the record, while Ms Kelly has now decided she wants to be an independent candidate, in 2010 it was […] |  | | Can’t say I liked how Debra Storr and Martin Ford left the LibDems and took over the Greens when Rhonda Reekie had held the can for many years on her own. Her husband, Torry Green candidated in the end, told the EE that he was intersted in the Tullos Deer situation. He did nada. His brother John Reekie and him disagree, as sometimes siblings do… | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC  Green Party | |
| **94** | | [**Old Susannah #72 – Propaganda Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17543&action=edit)  Midway between that referendum and the forthcoming council elections,  Old Susannah takes a look at the nature, effect and effectiveness  of propaganda. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=350 float=right] Tally Ho! The weather in Aberdeen has been glorious; half of the town seems to have been at the beach or Torrymelinos this past Sunday; | 2012/03/30 12:09:03 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **93** | | [**Finding Merlin: A Fresh Take On A Familiar Story**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17482&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice received an advance copy of Adam Ardrey’s book, ‘Finding Merlin The Truth Behind The Legend’. Suzanne Kelly read the work and found not a sword-in-the-stone work of sorcery, but a well-constructed case for Merlin’s being a historical figure – from Strathclyde. Suzanne explains.  ‘Merlin’ is a very compelling work which attempts to unravel the famed tale of Merlin and Arthur.  Virtually every corner of the UK lays claim to being the true home of the actual historical figures which were morphed by time and embellishing writers into the heroic figure of Arthur and the magical figure of Merlin. | 2012/03/29 11:59:01 pm Published | |  | | Book review  Merlin | |
| **92** | | [**Old Susannah No. 71 – Dr Who Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17464&action=edit)  Old Susannah takes a humanoid angle on the Provost’s exit, the who’s who of deer cull councillors, alledged  cybercrime, the police box/granite web, and the Cameron and Clegg creatures.  By Suzanne Kelly   [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=300 float=right] Happy Friday everyone!  So much has been happening in our Vibrant ‘Deen it is hard to know where | 2012/03/22 11:55:29 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **91** | | [**Old Susannah No. 70 – A Mixed Bag**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17333&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah considers the upcoming council elections, the UTG referendum result, the happenings on Tullos Hill, International Womens Day, blogging beasties and generosity. By Suzanne Kelly  [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=350 float=right]Tally Ho!  The May elections are coming, and not a second too soon.  Some of our tireless (or is that tiresome?) councillors are packing […] | 2012/03/15 11:32:10 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **90** | | [**Potential Residential Care Home Vote Fraud Concern**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17222&action=edit)  With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  A new cloud covers the controversial Union Terrace Gardens Referendum today, as a care home worker came forward with concerns about postal votes sent to a residential home.  The worker, who wishes to remain anonymous, approached Aberdeen Voice to say that over a dozen postal vote envelopes arrived at one residential home – but when the worker went to retrieve them a short time later – they were not where they had been left.  Apparently no one at the home recalled seeing them or knows what was done with them.  Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly is researching further, and will be contacting the elections officer, and the other recognised campaigning organisations on the issue. | 2012/03/15 11:04:37 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 1pageviews 1exits 1uniques |   The source for this story was supposed to meet me on numerous occasions but failed to show; and still kept in contact wanting to get together. hmm. interesting that someone accessed this after all this time… | | Election  Fraud  Care home | |
| **89** | | [**Aileen Malone On Rocky Ground –Tullos Deer Cull Latest**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=17106&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly learned as we all did this week that the Council plans to push ahead with unsuitable and unpopular plans to turn one of our remaining meadows, Tullos Hill, into some kind of forest.  Just a few little problems: they want to cull the half-tame deer that have lived in the area for decades, and then there is the small matter that the trees probably won’t make it – again.  With no warning, and while Councillor Cooney was attempting to forward the idea of keeping Tullos Hill as the meadow it is, we learned this week that the cull and tree scheme is on. | 2012/03/10 1:01:54 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  Animals  ACC | |
| **88** | | [**Willows Open Day – A Photo-essay**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16916&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice photographer Rob and I attended Willow’s Animal Sanctuary Open Day on 25 February and had an absolutely wonderful time. Were it not for the snow which started when we were there, Rob would have had a hard time getting me to leave. Suzanne Kelly reviews a splendid day out.  It was a nice drive to Willows from Aberdeen; the countryside is beautiful. Willows was well signposted, and a helper was on the main road to ensure people found their way.  It is a spacious and friendly haven for animals and people. Getting to know some of each was a pleasure.  I met Sue during the event, and she told me that when she and her husband moved to Scotland six years ago, they soon discovered Willows, had visited and supported them during that time and wanted to do more. | 2012/03/01 7:42:16 pm Published | |  | | Willows  Animals  charity | |
| **87** | | [**The Great City Gardens Project Gravy Train**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16815&action=edit)  A person might think that a chamber of commerce exists to promote local businesses. Here in Aberdeen this is true as well. But as Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly learns – the taxpayer is funding at least some of the PR work for the City Gardens Project – and the Chamber of Commerce and ACSEF seem to be leading the City Council by the nose.  The proposed City Gardens Project/Granite Web is a contentious idea which would see a mix of public and private interests building huge, granite ramps over Union Terrace Gardens. While this idea may not even get off the ground, it has been a gold mine for some fortunate businesses via the Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce – at the taxpayer’s expense. | 2012/02/28 5:11:09 pm Published | |  | | Union Terrace Gardens | |
| **86** | | [**Old Susannah #69 – ACSEF, Allegations, Pots And Kettles**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16634&action=edit)  What a week it’s been for Old Susannah. The pizza party that never was,  PR wars and public accusaltion of criminal activity.  Where to start? And where is it all going? By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=350 float=right] According to the Press & Journal of 21 February, Tom Smith of ACSEF claims to be […] | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | 2012/02/23 11:06:26 pm Published | | |  | | OS | |
| **85** | | [**Stick With Fridge Magnets In Scottish Awards**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16293&action=edit)  Electro wizards Fridge Magnets have been nominated in the Best Electronic Act category at the Scottish Alternative Music Awards.  Fridge Magnets have already shared big stages with Calvin Harris, Alex Metric, Japanese Popstars and Burns and have played at T in the Park and Rockness.  With this nomination, they appear to be going from strength to strength. Their early demos have already been featured on Radio 1 and the Glaswegian/Aberdonian outfit are attracting attention from some big London labels. | 2012/02/23 10:33:53 pm Published | |  | | Music  Review | |
| **84** | | [**BIG Pizza Party Fails To Deliver**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16518&action=edit)  With an armful of flyers promoting various pro ‘Retain Union Terrace Gardens’ groups, Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly headed to the first of two ‘pizza parties’ thrown by the secretive ‘Vote For The City Gardens Project’ group. Suzanne was unable to give away more than four flyers – because less than a half dozen students turned up to hear the pro CGP message.  If the promise of free food to students isn’t enough to lure more than 5 or 6 people, things are looking bleak for the VFTCGP, and bleaker still for PR agency, BIG Partnership. VftCGP, on their official Facebook page, announced last week there would be two ‘free pizza!’ events thrown for students; a free pizza dinner was theirs and all they had to do was show up to hear a pro-City Garden Project lecturer – Paul Robertson. | 2012/02/21 12:07:32 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques | | | Union Terrace Gardens | |
| **83** | | [**Old Susannah No.68 – Untangling The Web**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16413&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks at the Granite Web, and the impressive effort it has taken to spin. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=350 float=right] Tally Ho! Yet another vibrant and dynamic week in the Granite Web City.  Whilst Friends of Union Terrace Gardens, Aberdeen against Austerity, and Democracy Watch engaged in some inexpensive grassroots campaigning | 2012/02/17 12:13:49 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **82** | | [**Old Susannah No. 67 – Mythinformation**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16165&action=edit)  Old Susannah wades in with her chainsaw rattling in the direction of Union Terrace Gardens, but the elms need not fear, she is only out to cut through the misinformation presented as ‘myth busting’ by the City Garden Project. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=330 float=right] By Suzanne Kelly. Old Susannah has been busy with Union Terrace […] | 2012/02/10 1:01:34 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **81** | | [**Old Susannah No. 66 – Ground Hog Day**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=16016&action=edit)  It’s the American holiday Ground Hog Day this week, and Old Susannah wonders if she’s not reading the same old stories over and over again in the local news.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=330 float=right] Happy Ground Hog Day!  In America people eagerly await the movements of groundhogs on 2 February (everyone has […] | 2012/02/03 1:01:02 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **80** | | [**Winter Punk Art Exhibtion: A Tribute to Poly Styrene**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=15990&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly weighs in on a unique gallery and a unique collection of British artists.  The music world lost a number of real innovators in 2011 – people who were unlikely success stories in some ways, but whose individuality shaped the history of music. Amy Winehouse died in tragically predictable circumstances. Nate Dogg had many personal problems and came from a world of violence, despite dice being loaded against him from the start, he worked with hip hop greats.  His style was sought after, and at the time of his death from a stroke he’d been working on a new gospel project. Then there was Marianne Joan Elliott-Said – or Poly Styrene to you and me. | 2012/02/03 12:59:53 am Published | |  | | Art  Punk  Review | |
| **79** | | [**Odious Susannah No 65 – Toilet Humour & PR Offensive**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=15849&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice’s Odious Susannah takes a look at this past week in Aberdeen, and tries to make some sense of it all.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=330 float=right] What a week!  I felt pangs of pity for the disgraced captain who left the sinking ship.  His reputation in tatters, he jumped before the […] | 2012/01/27 6:00:37 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **78** | | [**Old Susannah No. 64 – The Web In The Garden**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=15624&action=edit)  Old Susannah tries to get to grips with the newspapers, the actual news, and council-speak.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=330 float=right] Dancing in the streets is assured today, for tomorrow we will be dancing on the concrete ramps!  (hopefully without falling off of them).  Rejoice!  Result!  The lovely ramp / Teletubbies design has […] | 2012/01/19 11:43:03 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **77** | | [**Old Susannah No. 63 – Mystery, Misery, And A Referendum**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=15505&action=edit)  Old Susannah tries to get to grips with the newspapers, the actual news, and council-speak.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=330 float=right] Tally Ho!  The highlight of this past week was undoubtedly going to the Wildly Unprepared show at the Belmont on Wednesday night. The atmosphere was terrific, and the place was standing room | 2012/01/11 11:32:24 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **76** | | [**Tree for Every Citizen Scheme: Not So Cost Neutral After All**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=15309&action=edit)  Aberdeen’s contentious deer cull/Tullos Hill tree-planting scheme takes a particularly strong blow as a Freedom of Information request shows that the financial picture is not as ‘cost-neutral’ as its (few) supporters would have us think. Suzanne Kelly examines the newly-released figures for Phase 1 of the planting and questions the logic of proceeding with Phase 2.  Aileen Malone, Aberdeen City Councillor and Convener of the Housing & Environment Committee has been silent on the subject of her pet project and Liberal Democrat election manifesto pledge lately; she’s not answered emails on the subject, nor has she appeared in the media to defend the scheme. | 2012/01/07 1:14:07 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  ACC  Tree for every citizen  Deer  Animals | |
| **75** | | [**Old Susannah No. 62 – A Tale Of Three Cities**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=15360&action=edit)  Old Susannah tries to get to grips with the newspapers, the actual news, and council-speak.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=300 float=right]Tally Ho and Happy New Year! Old Susannah’s had a bit of a holiday break in London and New York, but is back in the Deen and looking for news in all the [… | 2012/01/06 1:17:25 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **74** | | [**It’s A Cruel Winter – Be Kind To Wildlife**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14951&action=edit)  Temperatures are plummeting; Holiday lights are being blown down on Union Street, and it’s been snowing in Aberdeenshire. Local wildlife needs your help to make it through another winter writes Suzanne Kelly.  Seasons are getting wetter; winters are more unpredictable – at least according to the Met Office data. Animals need to be able to access clean water, food and shelter – your help couldn’t be easier or more important.  If you have a window box or a large garden; if you live near a park or open waste ground, here are some tips. | 2011/12/22 3:40:30 am Published | |  | | Animals  Wildlife | |
| **73** | | [**Tullos Hill Report Issued By Meadow Campaigner**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14887&action=edit)  Aberdeen City’s ‘Tree for Every Citizen’ scheme, the proposed deer cull, and the case for meadowland preservation are examined in an extensive report issued by campaigner Suzanne Kelly.  This report examines a controversial plan by Aberdeen City Council to attempt a second plantation of 89,000 trees on Tullos Hill.  The first attempt largely failed due to poor soil, weeds, and other factors, including arson, weather, and deer browsing – according to a Forestry soil report. This first attempt cost the City £43,800.  The issues of how the City launched its public consultation (which omitted a 2-3 year weed control requirement and a deer cull) and how it has since responded to its Community Councils and citizens forms a large portion of this report. | 2011/12/15 11:42:34 pm Published | | Had a fair amount of interest over this paper of mine; it and the Trump/Menie report are published on some academic website or other. | | Tullos Hill  ACC  deer | |
| **72** | | [**FOI Prevails: The Quest For Milne Property Deals**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14994&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly provides further detail regarding The Scottish Information Commission’s decision on Aberdeen City Council’s handling of FOI requests regarding sales to and contracts won by Stewart Milne related companies.  This week the Supreme Court sided with Aberdeen City Council and rejected Stewart Milne’s appeal concerning profit-sharing on a land deal.  Milne bought land from Aberdeen City Council (property worth some £5 million was sold to him for c £375,000) with a clause stipulating Milne had to share any related profits with the seller, Aberdeen City Council.  After lengthy appeals, the Milne Group must pay £1.7 million pounds to Aberdeen City Council (legal costs are at present unknown). | 2011/12/15 11:41:04 pm Published | | Considered this a success. I do note that on later FOI inquiries that went to the Info commissioner, no one interacted with me allowing me to counter/question statements of the other side. In a perfect world the audit commission / police would have been interested in ACC giving land to Milne in Kingswells while he underbid competitiors… but no | | Stewart Mile  ACC  FOI | |
| **71** | | [**An Aberdeen Christmas Carol**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14935&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice presents An Aberdeen Christmas Carol – A work of fiction, with apologies to Charles Dickens, by Suzanne Kelly and Fred Wilkinson. (any resemblance to anyone living, dead, or somewhere between the two is purely coincidental and not at all a deliberate attempt at parody. This is a work of fiction and of Saltire satire )  The careful shopper kept one eye on his purse and the other looking upwards, for the gigantic Christmas lights hung over all, like the giant orbs from ‘The Prisoner’, and were prone to falling, crushing the occasional small child or pensioner.  The pubs were filled with young ladies and gentlemen drinking eggnogs and Babysham.  The first snow would soon fall, and Christmas cheer was everywhere. Well, almost everywhere. |  | | NB my first christmas special – I can’t quite remember why it’s by both Fred and me off the top of my head; doubtless there is a reason, probably his Doric language contributions | | Christmas  Satire | |
| **70** | | [**ACC Ordered To Release List Of Property Sold To Milne**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14871&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice has learned that the Scottish Information Commissioner has upheld Voice reporter Suzanne Kelly’s Freedom of Information Request with regard to land and property sold by Aberdeen City Council to Stewart Milne and associated companies.  Less than a week has passed since Stewart Milne’s appeal to the Supreme Court failed, the Scottish Information Commissioner has decided that the Council must provide Kelly with information on land transactions between Aberdeen City and Stewart Milne companies. The Supreme Court had been asked to review the details of a land purchase Milne Group made from Aberdeen City Council. The Supreme Court found that Milne must pay the City £1.7 million over the land deal. The cost of the legal action is at this point unknown.  Kelly had followed the case, and had heard from several sources that there may have been other deals regarding the property developer and the City. | 2011/12/12 4:48:19 pm Published | |  | | Stewart Milne  ACC | |
| **69** | | [**Winter Wonderland At Union Terrace Gardens**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14536&action=edit)  On 17 December Union Terrace Gardens will become a Winter Wonderland, and your artwork (if you’re 12 years old or younger) could win you a prize.  Suzanne Kelly gets the information from the organisers.  Everyone is invited – come along to the Gardens from 1 to 3.30pm, and enjoy seasonal treats for all ages, including the Cairngorm Reindeer, Christmas carol singers, a display of the winning artwork, and more.  This is an Eden Project inspired community event. | 2011/12/04 12:05:34 am Published | |  | | Union Terrace Gardens | |
| **68** | | [**Tullos Hill Meadowlands Initiative Launched**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=14085&action=edit)  Controversial plans to plant 89,000 trees on Tullos Hill backed by Aberdeen City Council are under fire from the public, community councils, animal charities and experts. A new initiative to preserve this crucial wildlife habitat as meadowland is launched today by Councillor Neil Cooney and campaigner Suzanne Kelly.  The Tullos Hill Roe Deer, approximately 30 in number, have survived on the Hill for over 30 years but will face years of culling if the tree scheme goes ahead. The deer normally live for 6 to 7 years. This cull would cost the taxpayer approximately £8,000 over 2010-11, £14,000 over the following 4 years, according to Aberdeen City Council. The scheme has already seen the City hand back £43,800 of grant money, as the previous planting failed for a number of reasons, and that soil issues and weeds were to blame in part for the failure. | 2011/11/14 9:54:20 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **67** | | [**A Union Terrace Gardens Autumn**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13574&action=edit)  [singlepic id=1255 w=320 h=240 float=right] A Photoessay by Earl Solomon and Suzanne Kelly Autumn is surely one of the best times to experience Union Terrace Gardens. The leaves are changing colour; the air is cool but very clean (that’s what trees do), and in this unique valley garden people are enjoying themselves. . [singlepic id=1254 […] | 2011/11/07 2:01:34 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC  photoessay | |
| **66** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**DISCREDITED: Tree For Every Citizen And Its Backers**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13686&action=edit) By Suzanne Kelly.  For nearly a year many people have attempted to get Aberdeen City Council to see sense over its planned cull of the Tullos Hill roe deer. The City insists the archaeology-rich, bio diverse meadows of Tullos must be turned into an 89,000 tree forest. They will not budge.  It makes no difference that the area has a history of arson and that there are explosion hazard sites on the hill (there is a dangerous old waste tip and escaping gas areas, protected by warning signs and barbed wire fence). Aileen Malone (Liberal Democrat Councillor), Valerie Watts (Chief Executive), Pete Leonard (Officer) and Ian Tallboys (ranger) have all been corresponding with me and others. These emails often contradict other correspondence. | | 2011/11/04 2:02:40 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **65** | | [**Forests Not The Only Ecosystems: The Case For Meadows**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13548&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly explores the functions of wild meadows in Britain, looks at some of the existing meadows in Aberdeen and what the authorities have planned for those areas.  ‘We must have a tree for every citizen” is the battle cry of Aileen Malone, a ranger or two (who also think we will make money from the trees), one or two people who are involved with the forestry industry and some political pundits.  They are willing to kill the Tullos Hill Roe deer, discard our bronze age (and later) archaeology, displace birds and insects, remove gorse and wildflowers from Tullos Hill, and spray weed-killer for 2-3 years.  Never mind that they have previously failed.  Forget that Mother Nature has left this windswept, exposed hill as a grassy meadow: these experts will try a second time with our tax money to impose a new biosystem over the biosystem which exists on Tullos. | 2011/11/04 1:21:27 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **64** | | [**OS No. 56 – Charity Begins At City Council**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13356&action=edit)  Old Susannah reflects on what’s been going on, who’s got designs on our City, who’s doing what out of the goodness of their heart, and wonders if there’s enough ‘connectivity’ yet.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right]It was another busy week in the Granite City. Have been busy decorating cupcakes with Sweet Lily […] | 2011/10/28 2:01:46 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **63** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Gordon Highlanders Statue Unveiled**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13161&action=edit)  Saturday 5th October morning was sunny and crisp; a perfect setting for the unveiling and dedication of the Gordon Highlanders commemorative statue by Mark Richards. Story by Suzanne Kelly; photos by Earl Solomon of Hart & Sign.  The guests of honour were those who had served as Gordon Highlanders before the world-renown unit was ‘amalgamated’ in 1994.  HRH Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay and last Colonel-in-Chief of the Gordon Highlanders spoke of how he had grown up alongside this regiment, and had been surrounded by its members who formed some of his childhood memories.  “When I was a child in the 1950s my earliest memories were of the Gordon Highlanders; they suffered terribly but found their way to Balmoral” he said, naming a Pipe Major Brown and others. | | 2011/10/28 1:39:22 am Published | |  | | Gordon Highlanders | |
| **62** | | [**Dr David Kennedy On Education**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12876&action=edit)  In our final extract from Suzanne Kelly’s interview with former RGU Principal Dr David Kennedy, he describes how the community came together, in the face of serious local business opposition, to help RGIT achieve university status in 1992, how that community spirit inspired him to raise his voice against the Menie development, and how he still gets a buzz from teaching and seeing its benefits. “At least one good thing came out of Trump”, David Kennedy is convinced, “Community spirit”.  “Twenty years ago the Government had a policy to make polytechnics into universities. Here in Scotland they decided there would be two new universities, not very good ones I may say, one in Edinburgh and one in Glasgow. These two institutions, which previously had been local authority colleges, became centrally-funded in 1985, thus enhancing their status. |  | |  | | Interview  David Kennedy | |
| **61** | | [**Wayne’s World – Hemingway Addresses Full House**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13208&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly was present to witness Wayne Hemingway give a talk to a full house at Robert Gordon’s Business School on the evening of 5th October. The audience was a wide mix of students, lecturers, design practitioners, businesspeople and others (Hemingway kept asking the audience questions to determine who was there, and he tailored his presentation accordingly).  Mr Hemingway gave an illuminating, bespoke talk. My only criticisms were that the lighting engineer had no clue what type of lighting was appropriate for a slide/video presentation talk where people wanted to take notes (the lights went on and off, up and down for most of the second half), and that those who plan to forever change Union Terrace Gardens weren’t in evidence. They might have learnt something. | 2011/10/21 3:24:38 am Published | |  | | Review | |
| **60** | | [**Dr David Kennedy On Sustainability**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13078&action=edit)  Former RGU Principal Dr David Kennedy, whose background is in the sciences has believed for a long time that we are destroying the world around us. In another extract from his conversation with Voice’s Suzanne Kelly he talks of his horror at what we are destroying in the name of progress.  Dr Kennedy and I discussed where the world may be heading, and I mentioned Albert Einstein, who said: “I do not know with what weapons World War III will be fought with, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.” | 2011/10/21 3:22:33 am Published | |  | | Interview  David Kennedy | |
| **59** | | [**Security Or Censorship? Photos Banned Near UTG Show**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13034&action=edit)  Aberdeen Voice reporter Suzanne Kelly attempts photography around Union Terrace Gardens Design Exhibition, only to be threatened with police and forced to delete some photos from phone.  Last week, a father from Glasgow was apparently cautioned by both private shopping mall security and police. He had taken a photo of his daughter atop a child’s seat within the confines of the mall in question. It seems signs warned shoppers against taking photos, and this otherwise perfectly harmless photo wound up being a cause celebre.  A Facebook campaign to boycott the mall was organised, and the suddenly contrite shopping mall seemed to have changed its colours.  Perhaps Apardion Security which work Aberdeen’s Academy Shopping mall and Aberdeen City Council didn’t get wind of this story. | 2011/10/15 5:02:50 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,2,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 7pageviews 7exits 7uniques |   Wherin security guards chase me around the Academy shopping mall, wherein they stop me as soon as I enter the Bon Accord mall – obviously using phone recognition technology. Private Eye picked up on this story, and mentioned AV and me. nice to see it being read on 21/6/15 | | Union Terrace Gardens | |
| **58** | | [**OS No. 54 – Vermin, Parasites, And “Cultural” Spaces**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12881&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back at the week that was and wonders who’s up to what and why. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right]Old Susannah is having trouble sleeping at the moment for several reasons. Firstly, there is the sheer excitement over the UTG design competition – which design will I fall in love […] | 2011/10/13 11:38:31 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **57** | | [**Dr David Kennedy On Morality And Values**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12921&action=edit)  As conversations go, our own Suzanne Kelly found her recent discussions with former Robert Gordon University Principal Dr David Kennedy fascinating. As always, conversations lead to discussion of inter-connected events. Here, in a further interview extract, Dr Kennedy talks frankly about how personal and societal standards, values and morality have changed and how individual actions have affected and influenced matters, perhaps unintentionally, on a much larger scale.  We had been discussing land use and EU farming bureaucracy, and how, for many farmers, European subsidies had made them rich.  Dr Kennedy is in no doubt that elected politicians have much to answer for, on numerous issues in addition to agricultural policy. | 2011/10/13 11:33:47 pm Published | |  | | Interview  Dr David Kennedy | |
| **56** | | [**Old Susannah No. 53 – Let’s Cull The Whole Thing Off**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12718&action=edit)  Old Susannah reflects on what’s been, what’s going on, what will and won’t happen, and reaches for a pen and a paracetamol.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] What a week it’s been. There was the massive march against the budget cuts, which just goes to prove that some unions and people just | 2011/10/07 3:40:09 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **55** | | [**Dr David Kennedy On Land Use And Farming**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12653&action=edit)  Dr David Kennedy, former Principal of The Robert Gordon University, is a man of many interests, experiences and opinions. Voice’s Suzanne Kelly was eager to get his views on contemporary local and global topics and they conversed, among other topics, about life, the planet, greed, oil, fish and Wood. This is the first extract from that conversation.  David Kennedy was not short of words, opinions or facts. He had recently been interviewed in-depth by the mainstream media, but in the end all that was reported was the well-publicised return of his own honorary RGU degree in protest over RGU’s decision to award a similar honour to Donald Trump. | 2011/10/07 3:32:24 am Published | |  | |  | |
| **54** | | [**Three Cheers For ACC – Deer Cull On Hold! (Oh Really?)**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12602&action=edit)  Three Cheers for Aberdeen City Council! The Cull is on Hold! Or so you might think if you glanced at a headline in tonight’s Evening Express. Voice’s Suzanne Kelly writes.  Several people on the anti-cull e-mailing lists have seen these headlines and written to say how happy they are the deer are safe. ‘Thank goodness, we can all forget about the cull and get back to business as usual’.  But what is the truth behind this and other media stories, and what is the truth? Conflicting informationis leaking out of Marischal College like a particularly leaky sieve. | 2011/10/01 2:02:40 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  Animals  ACC | |
| **53** | | [**Suzanne Kelly’s Letter To Barry White ( Scottish Futures Trust )**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=13439&action=edit)  PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, POSTCODE AND EMAIL IF ANY HERE   (This letter is an expression of my understanding of the situation; its contents and arguments are accurate as far as I am able to determine)   Dear Mr White I am a resident of Aberdeen and as such would like to ask you […] | 2011/10/01 12:02:15 am Published | |  | | Union Terrace Gardens | |
| **52** | | [**‘You’ve Been Trumped’ Wins Edindocs Festival Award**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12455&action=edit)  You’ve Been Trumped – the documentary film branded ‘a failure’ by Donald Trump has just won its third major documentary award – and first in Scotland – clinching the Scottish Screen Archive Prize for Best Feature Documentary at the Edindocs Festival in Edinburgh. Suzanne Kelly reports.  The award means the film will be archived as an important piece of Scotland’s history and stored at The National Library of Scotland ‘forever’.  This latest award follows two other major festival awards for the film.  In June You’ve Been Trumped won the Green Prize – the top environmental award for UK documentaries – at the Sheffield International Documentary Festival. And in August, the film scooped the Special Jury Prize at Michael Moore’s Traverse City Film Festival in Michigan. | 2011/09/30 2:22:59 am Published | |  | | You’ve Been Trumped  Trump  Menie | |
| **51** | | [**Old Susannah No. 52: The Most Hated Man In Scotland?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12315&action=edit)  [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right]Old Susannah looks back at the week that was. By Suzanne Kelly. Old Susannah is enjoying a glass of ‘Hello… my name is Ingrid’ (a beautiful brew made with cloudberry) at Brewdog, and is reflecting on another busy week in the Deen. There was the Periurban conference for one thing. This […] | 2011/09/23 12:03:57 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **50** | | [**Deer Citizens…**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12286&action=edit)  It’s the debate we weren’t supposed to hear, it seems, and there is suspicion that the full facts were held back from publication to Aberdeen residents. Public opposition to a controversial scheme seems to be growing. With thanks to Suzanne Kelly.  Local campaigners, opposed to Aberdeen City Council’s cull of the Tullos Hill roe deer, have placed advertisements in the local press and launched a postcard campaign.  The first advert appeared in Aberdeen’s Evening Express on 7 September, and it appears again in the 21 September issue of Aberdeen Citizen.  Campaigners will also be out in force in Aberdeen city centre this Saturday (24 September). | 2011/09/22 11:42:04 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **49** | | [**Looking For Dolphins On Porpoise – A Techfest Event**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12194&action=edit)  Techfest rolled into town last week; one of its attractions was a free session of whale and dolphin watching from Torry Battery. Ian Hay of East Grampian Coastal Partnership led the event. By Suzanne Kelly.  Torry Battery – Saturday morning 10 September: it was a bit windy, rainy and overcast – so it was almost perfect. Well, perfect for whale and dolphin watching anyway. Expert and marine mammal enthusiast Ian Hay of the East Grampian Coastal Partnership met a group which had gathered this morning as part of Aberdeen’s Techfest. And the marine life did not disappoint.  Those who got there early saw an impressive display, and were able to make the dolphins out as they headed away from the harbour. Ian then delivered an amazing talk; everyone present took away new information however young or old they were. | 2011/09/22 11:36:50 pm Published | |  | | Environment  Animals | |
| **48** | | [**Old Susannah No. 51 – Police and Thieves**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=12096&action=edit)  Old Susannah watches the latest developments in the ‘Deen and the wider world and feels like a deer caught in headlights. Here is this week’slook at what’s happening where and who’s doing what to whom. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] It’s been another one of those weeks in Aberdeen. Campaigners launched an | 2011/09/16 12:25:43 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **47** | | [**Old Susannah No.50 – Open Doors, Open Season**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=11860&action=edit)  Old Susannah watches the latest developments in the ‘Deen and the wider world and feels like a deer caught in headlights.  Here is this week’s look at what’s happening where and who’s doing what to whom. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] This Saturday is Open Doors day; I urge you to get […] | 2011/09/09 12:11:10 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **46** | | [**Truth, Untruth And Consequences: Part Two**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=11568&action=edit)  A look at more contradictory information from different arms of the council – with deadly consequences for the Tullos Hill Roe Deer by Suzanne Kelly.  In the first instalment of ‘Truth…’ Suzanne Kelly revealed part of Valerie Watts’ response to Kelly’s formal complaint. This contained the shocking story of how we’ve already paid £43,800 for a previous failed plantation on Tullos Hill – and that Ms Watts failed to clarify the existence of this debt when asked.  In fact, Aberdeen Council (ie the taxpayer) “could be liable for a reclaim of up to £120,333.91” if trees to be planted fail, says a Forestry Commission Scotland letter. | 2011/09/01 10:34:00 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **45** | | [**Old Susannah No. 49 – Board Stupid**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=11500&action=edit)  Old Susannah watches the latest developments in the ‘Deen and the wider world and feels like a deer caught in headlights.  Here is this week’s look at what’s happening where and who’s doing what to whom.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] Evening Express readers were rejoicing in the streets last weekend as […] | 2011/08/29 11:32:04 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **44** | | [**Old Susannah No. 48 – Never A Dull Moment In The ‘Deen**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=11127&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back at the week that was and wonders who’s up to what and why. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] The leak’s leaked.  Those nice people at Shell seem to have been economical with the truth about their North Sea oil spill; they say they have been completely open and […] | 2011/08/18 10:52:24 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **43** | | [**Half-truth And Consequences: The Chief Executive Replies**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=11066&action=edit)  For the past several months Voice’s Suzanne Kelly has been attempting to persuade Aberdeen City Council to stop its planned cull of the Tullos Hill roe deer, which the City insists is necessary in order to plant tens of thousands of trees. At least four community councils representing tens of thousands of people have likewise condemned the cull, as have 2,400 petitioners and hundreds of letter-writers. As the proposed cull looms, Suzanne updates readers regarding her search for answers.  The public were initially invited to consult on a tree-planting scheme. The consultation document said rabbits would need some form of control (fencing) – but no mention was made of the deer slaughter – even though the City and Scottish Natural Heritage had already planned to kill the creatures. The animals have lived on the hill for at least 30 years with no cull and they are a source of pleasure for local residents. | 2011/08/17 5:07:11 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC  Valerie Watts | |
| **42** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No.47 – Carbon (mis)Trust And A Lot Of Hot Air**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=10790&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back at the week that was and wonders who’s up to what and why. By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right] Old Susannah’s fighting a nasty little digestive problem at the moment – but I’m more worried about the rioting that may soon hit Aberdeenshire.  I thought rioting had already broken […] | 2011/08/12 1:00:52 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **41** | | [**Just Do It – 12 August At Belmont Cinema**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=10244&action=edit)  The world of environmental direct action has been a secretive one, until now.  With unprecedented access, Emily James spent over a year embedded in activist groups such as Climate Camp and Plane Stupid and documented their clandestine activities.  Torpedoing the tired clichés of the environmental movement, JUST DO IT introduces you to a powerful cast of mischievous and inspiring characters who put their bodies in the way. | 2011/08/09 4:13:25 am Published | | I was invited to host panel discussion at the Belmont by Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ following the screening. David Milne there. Some odd man in audience insisted he should be part of the panel and was rebuffed | | Review | |
| **40** | | [**Old Susannah No. 46 – Thinking Outside The Box**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=10565&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back at the week that was and wonders who’s up to what and why.  By Suzanne Kelly. Tartan Day.    [singlepic id=19 w=340 h=320 float=right]  A few impressive pipe bands, some knights in armour, and the Lord and Lady Provost paying tribute to the legacy of William Wallace.   Wallace famously fought […] | 2011/08/04 10:39:34 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **39** | | [**Catching Up With Anthony Baxter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=10330&action=edit)  A month ago Anthony Baxter and Richard Phinney attended the sold-out Aberdeen premier of their documentary ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ at Aberdeen’s Belmont Cinema. If you don’t know, the film follows one year of (dramatic) events at the Menie Estate as Trump and his people change this part of Aberdeenshire forever. What has Anthony been doing since those first Aberdeen screenings? Aberdeen Voice’s Suzanne Kelly catches up with Baxter as ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ captures world-wide interest.  Anthony Baxter is in Trump’s hometown, New York City, where the documentary met great acclaim when it was screened earlier this month. A cursory web search for ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ comes up with an astounding 6 million plus results. Since those first UK showings, Baxter has been interviewed and quoted very widely; the film is being lined up for further screenings, and it is receiving the critical acclaim it deserves. | 2011/07/29 4:14:07 am Published | |  | | Interview  You’ve been Trumped  Trump  Anthony Baxter | |
| **38** | | [**Tullos Time: What’s Happening On The Hill? – Part 2**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=10110&action=edit)  Last week in the first of this two part investigation, Suzanne Kelly described how The City Council and its officials were dealing with the Tullos Hill roe deer cull and tree-planting issues. Part 1 also covered the decades of arson on ‘The Gramps’, the excellent quality of Tullos Hill as it is, local community councils’ opposition to the cull, and the considerable public anger at the City’s refusal to even consider modifying its plans.  The hill itself is a wildlife haven; the very important gorse providing homes to bees and birds. There are fields of wildflowers (the spectacular Dame’s Violets for instance), and it is a recreation area.  This is why our City Council – as a LibDem election pledge – want to turn it into some gargantuan 40,000-tree profit-making (ie lumber-producing) forest.  We now look at other important aspects of this issue, challenge the government to comment, and propose some actions. | 2011/07/22 5:06:06 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **37** | | [**Old Susannah No. 45 – Consultants, Cuts And Civic Cars**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=10090&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back at the week that was and wonders who’s up to what and why.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=280 float=right] The Belmont Cinema’s screening the documentary ‘Just Do It’on Friday 12 August, and has asked me to come along for a discussion. It’s a film about people taking direct action […] | 2011/07/21 9:35:26 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **36** | | [**Tullos Time: What’s Happening On The Hill? – Part 1**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=9942&action=edit)  In the first of two parts, Suzanne Kelly offers an update into what is and is not happening on the hill.  There may have not been much about the controversial Tullos Hill Roe Deer Cull in the media of late; therefore it’s time for an update. The relative quiet in the media is not for lack of investigation, protest and anger on the community’s part. As for the City and its LibDem councillors and officials, they are either spreading incorrect information (denying the past failure and £44k debt which resulted), or not answering questions at all (I eagerly await over due answers on a number of fronts).  The question is: are they trying to stall a proper investigation until they start shooting in September? It looks as if stalling might indeed be their strategy. | 2011/07/15 2:30:25 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **35** | | [**Old Susannah No. 44 – Portraits, Papers And Parties**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=9973&action=edit)  Old Susannah looks back at the week that was and wonders who’s up to what and why.  By Suzanne Kelly.   [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=280 float=right]  Tally Ho! First some good news this week: In a speech to graduating students, our very own Sir Ian Wood has said ‘his generation’ is responsible for many problems […] | 2011/07/15 12:21:48 am Published | |  | | OS | |
| **34** | | [**Old ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ No. 43: Cloak And Dagger Special**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=9855&action=edit)  Old Susannah tries to get her head around the Council’s secrecy and finds them much more transparent than they had thought they were.  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=985 w=320 h=280 float=right]Firstly, I trust we are all excited about the discovery of a giant wombat’s fossil in Australia! This lumbering, hulking, ungainly creature could not move […] | 2011/07/05 5:00:22 pm Published | |  | | OS | |
| **33** | | [**More City Screenings For Trump Film**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=9711&action=edit)  The Belmont Cinema has held ‘you’ve been trumped’ over for two more weeks due to popular demand writes Voice’s Suzanne Kelly.  Three more screenings have been scheduled over the coming weekend to cater for the sustained public interest in the film. I attended it again last Sunday; Director Anthony Baxter was present and held another Q&A session after the film. This session overran with many people staying behind in the bar to discuss the issues with him.  Long-term Menie resident Susan Munro was also present, and answered several questions. Since filming, Ms Munro’s garden and car have been affected by a huge mound of sand which the construction engineers left very close to her property. | 2011/06/30 6:45:29 pm Published | |  | | You’ve been Trumped  Trump  review | |
| **32** | | [**You’ve Been Trumped – Suzanne Kelly Reviews**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=9715&action=edit)  Documentaries on the whole can be, well boring to tell the truth. They have to tell you what’s going on and why, and/or teach you something. They are factual and more often than not dry. Voice’s Suzanne Kelly watched ‘you’ve been trumped’ which in the simplest terms tells the story of Donald Trump’s building of ‘the world’s greatest golf course’ at the Menie Estate in Aberdeenshire.  If you thought this meant a few stubborn local people were being unreasonable, then this film will grab you by the shoulders and shake you. If you thought what was going on at Menie was undemocratic and environmentally dubious, you will be shocked at how very, very much worse things are than you had ever imagined. (I had tried to keep up with developments; this documentary has opened my eyes). | 2011/06/30 6:24:53 pm Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 3pageviews 3exits 3uniques |   3 reads as at 21/6/15 – not bad | | You’ve been Trumped  Trump  review | |
| **31** | |  |  | |  | | You’ve been Trumped  Trump  review | |
| **30** | | [**In Conversation With Anthony Baxter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=9572&action=edit)  ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ is a new documentary taking on Donald Trump’s invasion of Scotland. Director Anthony Baxter talks to Voice’s Suzanne Kelly about movie making in Scotland, Trump, Menie’s residents and environment, the future – and getting arrested for a ‘breach of the peace’.  Anthony Baxter meets me in the Belmont Cinema Saturday afternoon; an extra day’s showing of his documentary, ‘You’ve Been Trumped’ has been added by popular demand.  Tickets for the previous night had sold out at a fantastic pace, rivalled only by the demand the Belmont experienced for the last Harry Potter movie. Rather impressive for a documentary about building a golf course. | 2011/06/24 2:00:54 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 1exits 2uniques | | | You’ve been Trumped  Trump  Interview | |
| **29** | | [**Loirston Loch At Easter – A Photo Essay**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8994&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Aberdeen Voice’s photographer and IT technical master (otherwise known as Rob) and I paid a visit this past Easter Sunday to Loirston Loch.  It was a quiet afternoon; there were only a few anglers and a handful of walkers. Most people were probably at home with families for the Easter Holiday, and Rob and I took full advantage of the lack of people to explore the area.  It was too early in the season for many flowers to be out, but we saw some very delicate wildflowers, some bluebells about to blossom, and some primrose.  There were several swans on the loch, which was still but for the occasional movement of those fishing. You could easily forget that Union Square was up the road. | 2011/06/10 2:13:39 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,0&chds=0,1 | 2pageviews 1exits 2uniques |   The sign saying Loirston should never be developed is gone; the bulldozers are in. it is tragic – 21/6/15 – but somewhere out there 2 people looked at this recently | | Environment  Loirston Loch  ACC | |
| **28** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Failed Tree Planting Costs City Council ‘Deer’**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8967&action=edit)  Aberdeen Council “could be liable for a reclaim of up to £120,333.91” if trees to be planted fail according to Forestry Commission Scotland. The entire ‘tree for every citizen’ scheme is now mired down in controversy, misinformation, mismanagement and cost implications says campaigner Suzanne Kelly as she urges councillors to stop the cull plans and get the facts right.  One of the thousands of cull opponents came up with a startling letter from the Forestry Commission to The City: it discredits two claims the City has put in writing. | | 2011/06/08 10:16:52 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **27** | | [**Old Susannah’s Journal No.38 – Special Deer Email Supplement**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8894&action=edit)  Voice’s Old Susannah shares with readers an recent email exchange with a prominent Aberdeen City councillor which has raised many more questions than answers. [singlepic id=19 w=320 h=270 float=right]A long, long time ago people learned about reasoned debate, how to structure logical arguments, and what the difference was between the rational and irrational. Then again, […] | 2011/06/03 1:00:32 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **26** | | [**Picnic On Tullos Hill – Deerwatch**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8555&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  On Sunday 22 May people met on Tullos Hill for the first of many picnics and outings to protest Aberdeen City’s proposed cull the area’s roe deer. The decision to cull deer for the next several years has caused widespread outrage for its lack of compassion, lack of scientific basis and the complete lack of any kind of democratic process.  People came by car, bus and foot (I got drenched in the rain and some unexpected hailstones – which was refreshing actually) to see for themselves why Councillor Aileen Malone and others insist that deer be killed to plant forty thousand trees.  Within five minutes of hiking up the gentle slope to the Hill, it became crystal clear to everyone present that making any change to this unspoilt, natural paradise would be nothing short of the vandalism that local arsonists are already practicing. | 2011/05/27 11:19:50 pm Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **25** | | [**Tender Mercies – Operation Florian Needs Your Help**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8490&action=edit)  The Fire Brigades Union’s report ‘Easy Targets’ details some of the scenes their members have experienced. Bricks, bottles, even petrol bombs have been used against emergency services when they have answered calls. Voice’s Suzanne Kelly, with input from Steve Jordan, juxtaposes this sometimes-brutal reality with the excellent global work being done by Florian.  Across the UK, fire-fighters and ambulance crews risk their lives every time they race to answer an emergency call. They rarely know exactly what they will face until they get to an incident scene.  There might be a raging fire, serious hazards and risks to cope with, and casualties may well be in the middle of such scenes.  As if it weren’t challenging enough dealing with fires and casualties, there is a very real risk of being attacked by mobs armed with bottles, bricks and weapons. This is the reality for fire-fighters and ambulance crews in the UK today. | 2011/05/27 1:32:40 am Published | |  | | Charity | |
| **24** | | [**“You’re Shooting Yourself In The Foot” – Cults CC Tells Malone**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8726&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly reports from a dramatic meeting ( 26.05.11 ) of Cults, Bieldside & Milltimber Community Council she was kindly invited to attend as a guest, and took the opportunity to discuss the roe deer cull in person with Cllr. Aileen Malone, Convener of the Housing and Environment Committee responsible for the decision.  Lib Dem Councillor Aileen Malone avoided debating with me the Tullos Hill Roe Deer cull she supports on Northsound 2 a fortnight ago.  She ‘had a prior engagement’ and could not spare 20 minutes over the phone on a Sunday morning to give Aberdeen her reasons for wanting the deer shot.  Cllr. Malone successfully silenced me and the Nigg Community Council representative when we wanted to debate the cull issue at the 10 May Housing & Environment Committee meeting. | 2011/05/27 1:19:25 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **23** | | [**Deer Today, Gone Tomorrow? – The Battle of Tullos Hill Begins**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8086&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  · Housing & Environment Committee refuse to hear Kelly and representative from Nigg Community Council · Deer Cull to go ahead  Two Thousand And Four Hundred area residents signed a petition asking for the Tullos Hill Roe Deer cull to be scrapped. Two Thousand people from around the world likewise signed petitions. Torry Community Council were kept in the dark about a cull; Nigg Community Council wished to speak on the subject today. The initial consultation for the public to comment on said nothing about a cull. | 2011/05/11 2:40:27 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **22** | | [**A Plea For The Deer – A Speech Unspoken**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8084&action=edit)  Suzanne Kelly presents her speech which she was prevented from delivering at the crucial Housing and Environment Committee meeting yesterday due to an ‘incredible technicality’.  The committee voted down the opportunity to consider input from Ms. Kelly and a representative of Nigg Community Council, thereby ruling out further debate ahead of pressing ahead with the cull, in spite of the receipt of a 2400 strong petition, and 82 letters in opposition to the cull on Monday.  Councillors, thank you for allowing me to address your Committee today.  I am here to echo the sentiments of thousands of Aberdonians as well as national and international people, and ask you to stop any plan for a cull of deer on Tullos Hill. | 2011/05/11 2:31:14 am Published | | Because aileen malone asked for a verbal report on the deer not a written one, Andy Finlayson and I were both blocked from having a right to reply. It went to a vote as to whether or not we could speak – it went against us | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **21** | | [**It’s like a Jungle Sometimes – Wildlife gardening 2011**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8001&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Spring has sprung and the weather’s glorious: it’s garden time. Some of us will take strimmer, mower and other power tools to our gardens until there isn’t a weed in sight. But before you chop down that tree or cut all of your long grass, here’s something to consider. Aberdeen City and shire are losing green space at an unbelievable rate; new housing developments are planned for virtually every patch of open land. | 2011/05/05 8:24:05 pm Published | |  | | Environment | |
| **20** | | [**Torry Says No To Cull**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=7879&action=edit)  With thanks to Torry Community Council.  Torry Community Council unanimously blasted City council’s planned deer cull and blackmailing tactics.  At its meeting on 21 April, Torry Community Council condemned the planned Tullos Hill Roe Deer Cull. Suzanne Kelly asked for and was given a chance to speak for the deer at the meeting, attended by 14 of the Community Councillors. | 2011/04/29 2:17:38 am Published | | Several councils said no to the tree scheme and deer cull. I lobbied TCC, and they said no as well. | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **19** | | [**Open Letter To Cllr. Aileen Malone**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=7532&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly has over the past 10 weeks campaigned tirelessly in her efforts to oppose Aberdeen City Council’s proposed cull of roe deer on Tullos Hill, writing letters and liasing with groups and individuals on both sides of the debate.  Suzanne wishes to share with Aberdeen Voice readers her latest letter to Cllr. Aileen Malone and the Housing and Environment Committee in the hope that others might be encouraged to add their own voice to this controversial issue. | 2011/04/22 3:59:11 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **18** | | [**Our Deer Friends – Lush Edinburgh Cycle Into Aberdeen**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=7524&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly joined those gathered outside Lush cosmetics in Union Street in Aberdeen to welcome the 5 campaigners from Lush in Edinburgh who had cycled all the way from our capital city, collecting support, and highlighting opposition top Aberdeen City council’s proposed, unnecessary cull of roe deer on Tullos Hill.  12:30pm on Wednesday 20 April – an intrepid group of 5 Lush Edinburgh staff cycle the last few minutes of an epic trek from the Lush Edinburgh shop to Lush Aberdeen.  They are all kitted out in T-shirts with a photo of a deer, with the slogan ‘Too Deer A Price To Pay.’ They are here in answer to Aberdeen City’s Council’s threatened – economically motivated – deer cull.  The Committee told Aberdeen citizens and animal lovers: Give us £225,000 by 10th May for fencing and tree protectors – OR WE WILL CULL THE TULLOS HILL ROE DEER. | 2011/04/22 2:27:08 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **17** | | [**Diageo Deer Cull – Lessons To Learn?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=7225&action=edit)  Chris Gough, of Kennoway in Fife was moved to comment on the recent Aberdeen Voice article about the proposed deer cull on Tullos Hill and the revelation that the cull had been planned in advance of the public consultation regarding Phase 2 of the ‘Tree for every citizen scheme’.  What an excellently presented article by Suzanne Kelly. She has hit the nail on the head so many times and it has sad echoes of our fight to save the deer at the Diageo plant in Fife a year ago.  These deer had been part of the local wildlife scene for more than twenty years and were loved equally by the general public and the staff at the Diageo plant.  Indeed they were fed by members of the staff of DCL (an earlier occupier of the site) for many years and the company had a vet carry out visual checks on the condition of the deer. Photographs of the deer were even displayed on the boardroom wall. | 2011/04/08 3:25:33 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **16** | | [**Shhh! – Don’t Mention The Pre-planned Deer Cull**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=7048&action=edit)  Planting trees, creating habitats, using trees to clean the air: no one could be against such a plan, particularly if it would be ‘cost neutral’ and the citizens of Aberdeen would wind up with forests to enjoy down the road. However, in light of new information, Voice’s Suzanne Kelly takes a different view.  What probably started out as a good idea is now a contentious web of extremely poor advance planning, politics, blackmail, vandalism and international outcry at a secret, but long-planned deer cull.  It is time to examine what should have happened, what went wrong, and what should and could be done. | 2011/04/05 1:06:38 am Published | |  | | Tullos Hill  Deer  ACC | |
| **15** | | [**Mark Edwards’ Hard Rain Project – Times Are A Changin’**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=6707&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly.  Some 100 people of all ages and backgrounds packed an Aberdeen University lecture room on 22nd March; most of us were not entirely sure what to expect.  Mark Edwards – internationally known photographer, writer and witness to 40 years of global problems was there to deliver his ‘Hard Rain’ lecture and still photography presentation.  By the time he had finished it was clear that each person present had taken away food for thought on a host of global issues, however much or little they had known before they arrived. | 2011/03/25 2:55:19 am Published | |  | | Environment  Art  Review | |
| **14** | | [**BrewDog: Beer – Enthusiasm – Love.**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=6412&action=edit)  I was never going to be able to write an objective article about BrewDog – it is simply the most innovative & honest craft beer to emerge in the UK (or probably anywhere); I can’t think of any competition. There is nothing out there in the beer sector that screams craftsmanship, individuality, creativity and…. well, love of beer, more than the BrewDog brand.  I am waiting for Bruce Gray from BrewDog HQ at the BrewDog pub in Aberdeen which opened in mid October. The fashionably industrial/minimalistic bar sits across from Marischal College. People are queuing to be served and the three staff behind the bar are busy but enthusiastically offering tastes of the dozens of craft beers on offer to those customers unsure what to drink. The music is as eclectic as the clientele and the brews on offer. It ranges from Beck to Massive Attack then goes back a few decades to come forward again. | 2011/03/11 12:45:47 am Published | |  | | BrewDog | |
| **13** | | [**What is Urban Sprawl and Why Should I Care?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=6190&action=edit)  The Aberdeen City and Shire landscape today bears little resemblance to the landscape of the past. Voice’s Suzanne Kelly asks – Is this progress, or is this progress towards ill health, lack of biodiversity, and urban sprawl?  Back in the late 1950s, NASA (the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration) started its missions and started photographing our planet from space. Over the decades a major change in our planet became apparent to the NASA scientists: we were rapidly destroying green areas, quickly expanding the surface area our cities, and covering previously green areas with non-porous material – usually asphalt and concrete. | 2011/03/04 1:30:03 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,2,2,1,0,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 11pageviews 9exits 10uniques |   Very pleased this is being read as at 21/6/15 | | Urban Sprawl  Environment | |
| **12** | | [**Dog-fighting – No Room For Complacency In Aberdeen**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=5999&action=edit)  The Council said organised dog-fighting is not happening here (at least they put that in writing to me a few years back). The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the BBC and the police are not so sure. Back in 2007 there was an allegation that men were deliberately hunting the streets of Aberdeen with Staffordshire type dogs, looking for cats for the dogs to attack.  There was the recent incident in Seaton where a pet cat was held down by two men so a dog could savage it. Unfortunately, the police don’t seem to have found anyone for this crime yet. | 2011/02/25 1:35:36 am Published | |  | | Animals  Dog Fighting | |
| **11** | | [**Silver City Surfers – Opening Up A New World To Over 55s**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=6060&action=edit)  There are common misconceptions the computer newcomer may have – ‘it’s too complicated,’ ‘I know nothing about computers or computing,’ ‘I’m too old to learn,’ ‘why would it benefit me to be online,’ and so on. The Internet can bring your shopping to your door, let you book tickets in advance, keep in touch with loved ones – and once these benefits which you and I might take for granted are made clear to the first-time surfer, a whole world opens up. Happily the Silver City Surfers are on hand to make it all accessible to those over 55 years old who want to get started. | 2011/02/25 1:35:25 am Published | |  | | Charity | |
| **10** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | [**Freedom Of Information? – Not In Aberdeen**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=5583&action=edit)  Voice’s Suzanne Kelly tells of her attempts to  use Freedom Of Information (FOI) Legislation to find out exactly what property the City of Aberdeen has sold to Stewart Milne/ Stewart Milne companies. [singlepic id=620 w=320 h=220 float=right]Stewart Milne Construction and its related companies certainly seem to own a fair amount of land in Aberdeen and […] | | 2011/02/11 3:00:48 am Published | |  | | FOI  ACC | |
| **9** | | [**Libraries Under Threat Of Cuts And Closures**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=5579&action=edit)  For thousands of years the world’s great civilisations have understood the importance of libraries:  storehouses of knowledge, exchanges for ideas and philosophies and essential developing technologies, social centres, and sources of inspiration. However, as Voice’s Suzanne Kelly reports,  our libraries may yet again be facing the threat of cuts and closures. [singlepic id=621 w=340 h=240 […] | 2011/02/11 3:00:06 am Published | |  | |  | |
| **8** | | [**Loirston Loch – What The P&J Didn’t Tell You**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=5025&action=edit)  [singlepic id=579 w=320 h=320 float=right]By Suzanne Kelly. An epic eight plus hour public hearing was held on Friday 14 January at the Town House to discuss the future for the greenbelt land and wildlife at Loirston Loch. Will the wildlife haven  continue to exist or will a 21,000 seat football pitch for Aberdeen Football Club […] | 2011/01/21 2:30:28 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:1,0,0,0,1,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0&chds=0,2 | 8pageviews 7exits 8uniques |   Gratified people are reading this as at 21/6/15 | | Environment  Loirston Loch  ACC | |
| **7** | | [**U Friend Or U Foe? – UFOs Seen Over Aberdeenshire**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=5017&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. Planet Earth:  is it the ‘Ace Cafe’ stopover for alien inhabitants of other planets in the Milky Way?  Are we alone? Do we want to be alone? [singlepic id=585 w=340 h=250 float=right]You might think your City Councillor is from another planet, but could you be onto something there? Are there strange visitors flying past in cigar […] | 2011/01/21 2:00:49 am Published | |  | | UFO | |
| **6** | | [**Pictures At An Exhibition**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=5022&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. Peacock Visual Arts is hosting two exhibitions at present; Aberdeen Voice was on hand for the opening on 14th January of “Menie:  a portrait of a North-East coastal community in conflict” photographic portraits by Alicia Bruce. [singlepic id=562 w=320 h=240 float=right]To describe in simple terms the method of working used to create […] | 2011/01/21 1:00:30 am Published | |  | | Review  Art  Menie | |
| **5** | | [**Easy Ways to Help Birds Survive Harsh Winter**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=4578&action=edit)  [singlepic id=515 w=320 h=220 float=right]By Suzanne Kelly. Aberdeen City and Shire needs to help its over wintering birds, and there is something everyone can do to help.  Whether you can spare a few scraps of food or put up bird feeders, any and all food and water is greatly needed. Aberdeenshire is home to a […] | 2010/12/31 2:00:45 am Published | |  | | Environment  Animals | |
| **4** | | [**EU To Ban Herbal Remedies?**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=4589&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. The next time you look for herbal remedies or even loose herbs you’d been able to buy freely, you might find them on an European Union list of banned products rather than on the shelf. [singlepic id=519 w=380 h=230 float=right] In a move which may well see mall herbalists and herbal suppliers […] | 2010/12/31 2:00:21 am Published | |  | | EU  Health | |
| **3** | | [**10 More Reasons To Call Off The Deer Cull**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=8736&action=edit)  Without Prejudice A request for action and an official report of complaint 10 More reasons to call off the Deer Cull Suzanne Kelly, 20 May 2011   To Valerie Watt, the entire Aberdeen City Council, Ms MacDonald (Complaints) and to the Aberdeen Freedom of Information Officer(s). Please consider this report to be a summary of […] | 2010/12/27 12:16:33 am Published | |  | |  | |
| **2** | | [**Willows Animal Sanctuary Needs Help Now!**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=4021&action=edit)  With Thanks To Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=470 w=320 h=240 float=right] A unique North East animal sanctuary is fighting to avoid closure after the recent cold spell has scuppered a much needed fund-raising open day. Willows animal sanctuary near Fraserburgh has been rescuing creatures, great and small, from distressing situations since 1989 and is home to […] | 2010/12/11 5:00:53 am Published | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?chs=90x30&cht=ls&chf=bg,s,FFFFFF00&chco=0077CC&chd=t:0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,2,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0&chds=0,2 | 5pageviews 2exits 4uniques |   21/6/15 – perhaps it is the Northfield Sanctuary looking at my Willows back catalogue lately? they are the shelter that has a farm arm which sends animals to market – to pay for saving other animals | |  | |
| **1** | | [**Old Susannah’s Dictionary Corner**](http://aberdeenvoice.com/wp-admin/post.php?post=444&action=edit)  By Suzanne Kelly. [singlepic id=19 w=200 h=200 float=right]Democratic Government A western style of social organisation existing to ensure that shopping and car park complexes are built, and disadvantaged and misunderstood multi-millionaires have an opportunity to make their voices heard by the ignorant masses. To create a democratic government, ‘elections’ are held, and the citizenry choose […] | 2010/07/09 5:00:18 am Published | |  | |  | |