

Who's running what? We await the truth



A FEW pitch 'n' putts about the controversy surrounding the proposed golf course down Hughenden Valley.

As you'll know, the Department of the Environment has stepped in, effectively kicking into touch the local council's positive recommendation about farmer George Suter's worthy scheme.

But why? And at whos prompting? Fingers point everywhere. At the National Trust. At the planning department along Queen Victoria Road. At... well, name most any prominent name and there's a question mark.

However, what intrigues us is how the DoE's move was apparently known to Margot Baker, fulsome field officer of the Chiltern Society, days before it was notified to Farmer George or

the district council.

Margot, of course, ain't saying, smiling her most enigmatic smile. Seems mighty strange to us. Or did someone not a million miles from the council offices leak the news?

For certain, studying the history of the controversy, it does seem that some council wallah has the knife out for George.

And another odd thing. How did Bucks County Council write its official disapproval of the golfing plan without the matter coming before any councillors?

Who runs local affairs? Our elected representatives or their paid officials?

Seems topsy-turvy and we can warn anyone with a guilty conscience that very top-level questions are being asked by parliamentary friends of George Suter.

The truth will out.



SORRY we couldn't make it to local Tory leader Bruce Holland's celebration party at the weekend.

Would have loved to congratulate him on his stunning local council victory by 14 votes over Mr Martin Mawhood.

A true vote of confidence by the wise electorate of Kingshill who know a man of destiny when they see one.

However, others remain unsure. The rumours still mount about a putsch against Brucie-boy.

And, please, could his wife, Joyce stop ringing all and sundry in an effort to discover who the plotters are.

She should look no further than her erstwhile friends in Marlow. Or ask Tory agent Mike Dolley who keeps a firm finger on the pulse of his thundering herd.

That was the news... that was

25 years ago

NINE degrees of frost were recorded in High Wycombe. Children complained about lack of heating in schools.

Bucks County Council decided not to launch a public anti-smoking campaign following a report on the dangers of the habit from the Royal College of Physicians.

The American Air Force base at Daws Hill named its main street Kennedy Avenue in honour of wartime hero Captain Edward Coverley Kennedy, RN, who'd been Tory agent for Wycombe in the 1930s. His son, broadcaster Ludovic Kennedy, was present at the ceremony.

Owners of the Grand Cinema in High Wycombe were denied council permission to convert it into a retail store.

Loudwater won its battle not to have the motorway viaduct divide the village in two.

Toddlers in care in Bucks Council homes were granted 6d(2½p) a week pocket money.

"A fabulous new group", Brian Poole and the Tremiloes, played a gig at Wycombe Town Hall.

A three-bedroomed house in Wycombe was offered for rental at £350 per annum. Job's dairy in the town wanted milk roundsmen at £12.12s (£12.60p) a week.

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