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## Wellings meets Frater

Posted by John Franklyn - 2008/02/24 20:56

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It is rumoured that Frater could be seen off from Nottingham. This will be the third Cheif Exec they will have seen off.

It is said that lights are back on in the Frater's Bratton House, it is belived he could end up with a bung and back in Telford.

But questions do have to be asked as it alleged that Wellings is a Frater clone and why was Wellings meeting Frater on or around the 8th Fenruary 2008.

Just makes you wonder doesn't it.

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Jamie59 - 2008/02/24 21:30

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How very interesting John. Only today I was told that AE and Wellings have had a big bust up.

I said it was probably the one we heard about before Christmas, but was told no, this was quite recently.

It certainly makes you wonder doesn't it!

:woohoo:

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by John Franklyn - 2008/02/24 21:40

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If Wellings is as much like Frater as is reported, I for one would suggest that calls are made for his resignation.

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Matt - 2008/02/24 23:44

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Yes. Apparently Councillor Eade has the mad-brained idea that councillors should be in charge.

Whilst Mr Wellings holds to the notion that: "We don't do that 'round 'ere." That it should be officers telling the councillors what to do.

Just like it was in the olden days.

Only Mr Wellings has just found out it is not the olden days.

Mr Wellings wants to live in the past. Not gonna happens, Mr Wellings. Better find a nice safe Stalinist council where they do run things like Telford and Wrekin used to be run.

Sadgefield. I hear Sedgefield is a nice, little council.:evil:

Nottingham? Well, no. If you have the whiff of the Frater about you, then they might not be interested in you or your CV.

Post edited by: Matt, at: 2008/02/25 00:44

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Jamie59 - 2008/02/25 00:10

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I have heard it said that Frater had a bit of finesse about him, unfortunately the cloning hasn't worked as it should, because they say of Wellings, he's an underhanded street fighter, I've even heard him referred to as a "thug in a suit"

Not really the sort of person you want in charge of a council.

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### Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Matt - 2008/02/25 14:53

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Frater was able to put a gloss on his thug-like behaviour.

But people close to Frater are rumoured to have seen him with his kid gloves off. Apparently...

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### Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by HOOP - 2008/02/25 15:07

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Matt wrote:

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Yep - as a former T&W employee and union rep. I remember him well - not very good at hiding (or controlling) his temper as I recall. He had a habit of glaring at "troublemakers" in staff meetings but wasn't very good at concealing his discomfort if his glare was returned with a sustained, fixed stare from someone sitting, arms folded and poker faced in the front row.....;)

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### Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Moonraker - 2008/02/25 17:51

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Matt wrote:

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But I thought Peter Bradley was the former MP for The Wrekin!!

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### Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Matt - 2008/02/26 01:02

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Indeed, he was. But Frater launched an unfair attack on someone (highly inappropriate, as it was a public but not civic reception, and Frater was only there as a guest) and Peter Bradley gave him both barrels. Much to Frater's discomfort and surprise.

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### Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Moonraker - 2008/02/26 18:03

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by DawleyMon - 2008/02/26 19:40

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Any coincidence then that the new "safety Barriers" at Old Park Roundabout are supposed to be such a success at Nottingham. Somebody got some cheap guttering to offload then????

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Matt - 2008/02/27 01:35

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:cheer:

Yes. Very exciting times!

Some TWC officers were waiting for a "Bobby Ewing, it was all just a bad dream!" moment. When Phil Davis and Michael Frater would return, triumphant, to lead the new Labour Group of TWC at the next election (Independents down to 1, namely G. Davies) No Lib Dem, No Tories) to the fabled Golden Trough of Mammon. (Sorry! Of course, I meant Socialist Utopia! What was I thinking of??:whistle:)

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Post edited by: Matt, at: 2008/02/27 02:35

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

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Posted by Moonraker - 2008/02/27 09:17

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Inspector Knacker WILL be called in if allegations can be substantiated, so I have been told. However, I must add that while my informant has proved totally reliable in the past, he/she has been known to "colour" the details a bit. In other words, while the substance will be 100 per cent correct, the assessment may not be quite as on the mark.

Watch this space . . .

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by HOOP - 2008/02/27 14:49

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If the plod were serious investigating the council they could do worse than check out the famous "now you see him, now you don't - is he working for Telford & Wrekin this week?" planning officer.

Several years ago I brought to the attention of a local councillor and a senior officer that a local builder was boasting that he and his business partners could do pretty much what they wanted in planning terms (the evidence of one or two of their projects certainly seemed to bear this out). When challenged that they'd never get planning permission his response was "we just make sure that X enjoys his holidays".

What happened? \*\*\*\* all.

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## Re:Wellings meets Frater

Posted by Matt - 2008/02/28 02:04

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I think that there might be a different reaction, now. As long as the right councillor is spoken to.

And it is for THAT reason some officers are cutting and running.

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