



Cambridgeshire Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm  
at St Ivo School, St Ives

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Prioritisation of Motions for Conference
3. Any other urgent business

Every year Local Associations submit motions for discussion at the NUT Conference, and these are then prioritised by Associations to decide which ones will be debated. A list of all the motions has already been sent to School Reps. - please bring a copy to the meeting if you can.

- ♦ Travel and childcare expenses are available
- ♦ Plenty of parking available
- ♦ Light refreshments will be served

**Note: the General Meeting will be immediately followed by a pay campaign strategy group meeting - all members are welcome to attend.**

### VOTE TOM WOODCOCK FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Within the coming weeks you will be asked to vote for the next Eastern Region NUT National Executive member. Cambridgeshire Association urges you to vote for Tom Woodcock.



**Pay us Properly:** Gordon Brown is wrong to blame teachers for rising inflation (above 4%). We cannot accept another year of 2% pay cuts. We must take action with others in the public sector to ensure we are paid in line with other professionals. Together we can break the pay freeze.

**Fight for Work/Life Balance:** Class sizes, assessments, admin. and P&P are growing barriers to doing the job properly and safely. We need to fight to implement and extend the current workload agreements.

**Scrap SATs and League Tables:** Give us professional freedom to design curricula according to the real needs of students. Let students combine academic and vocational courses, rather than being forced to choose one or the other. Base policies on children's developmental needs, not those of the job market.

**Hands Off Our Schools:** Stop the privatisation of public schools and Local Authorities. Return City Academies to community status. Fully fund every school, with extra resources in deprived areas, so that all local schools succeed. Co-operation should replace competition as the guiding ethos of education.

**Elect a Classroom teacher to represent you!**

Tom is a full time main scale classroom teacher. He has been an active member of the NUT since entering the profession, holding the posts of Treasurer and Press officer. He is the next president of the Association as well as Secretary of Cambridge & District Trades Council.

### **Political Fund**

This year Conference voted to ballot members on the establishment of a political fund, largely to enable the Union to campaign against racist parties such as the BNP. The ballot is likely to take place in January and all members will be able to vote. In addition to nationally produced literature, it would be helpful if members could be alerted to this in advance in local newsletters and in meetings. It is important to make it clear that

- ♦ the establishment of such a fund does not involve the Union affiliating to any political party,
- ♦ contribution to the fund will be entirely voluntary,
- ♦ even if individual members do not wish to contribute themselves, they should not vote against the establishment of the fund, thereby preventing others from contributing.

### **New year Campaign for Cambridge Stop the War Coalition**

The Stop the War Coalition has joined with CND in calling a demonstration to mark the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq in London on Saturday March 15. The demonstration will coincide with World Against War marches around the world. We want all foreign troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan, and no attack on Iran. The arc of instability over the middle east has extended to Pakistan an important supporter of Bush's 'war on terror.' The NUT and other unions are starting to mobilising for this demonstration now. Book your ticket on the coach for the 15th March!

There is a Cambridge Stop the War Coalition meeting on Wednesday 16th Jan 6pm in the coffee bar at Anglia Ruskin Uni. Be part of launching our new years campaign against war locally. Ring Paula on 07921724270 for further info.

### **Health and Safety**

If you or one of your pupils suffer an accident that requires a visit to hospital or doctor, or if you are assaulted, then the Health and Safety department at Shire Hall needs to be informed. This should also include any structural fault in your school or dangerous situation. The Health and Safety Department can be informed electronically via the school receptionist, secretary or school nurse.

### **Campaign Against Climate Change TRADE UNION CONFERENCE**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008  
University of London Union, Malet St., London

Trade Unions have always been at the forefront of fighting for social change. If we are to deal with climate change effectively, major social change will undoubtedly be required. Trade Unionists must ensure that we are at the heart of campaigning for a sustainable society based on social justice for all.

This conference will gather together Trade Unionists to discuss the big questions thrown up by global warming, such as:

- ♦ what sort of transport system do we need?
- ♦ does carbon trading work?
- ♦ is the Government's Climate Bill a help?
- ♦ what sort of sustainable housing can we build?
- ♦ what can Trade Unionists do at work?

The conference will consist of two plenary sessions addressed by leading figures in the Trade Union and environmental movements and a number of workshops. The Cambridgeshire Associations will pay for people to attend this Conference - please contact the Secretary

**It is with great sadness that we announce the recent death of Jill Brown.**

**Jill was an active member of the Union and was an Officer of the Association for many years, ably fulfilling several different roles. She will be greatly missed, both as a colleague and as a friend. At a humanist service in December, Bill Greenshields, NUT Vice-President, spoke appreciatively of Jill's work for the NUT. We will be celebrating Jill's life at the Association AGM in February.**

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