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## *Chris's Conference Blogs*

NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE LIVERPOOL 2-6 APRIL 2010  
OXFORDSHIRE DELEGATION

Blog No 1.

Saturday 3rd April

The delegation from Oxfordshire; Brenda, Ann, Dave and Chris are settled into the Jurys Inn, only 2 minutes walk away from the BT conference centre. We were greeted with the news that our Oxfordshire past president Gawain Little has become a father to Rosa Jane. Congratulations to him and his partner Kate!

Executive member Chris had been here since Thursday had already has meeting overload!

There is a full programme of fringe meetings both unofficial and NUT sponsored on top of the Conference Agenda proper. The Conference centre itself is spacious with comfortable chairs ... a far cry from the buttock crunchers in Manchester!

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## **UNION TRAINING DAY**

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# Annual Report - Oxfordshire Association NUT, 2009-2010

Local officers have continued to work for the benefit of all members of Oxfordshire Association.

## Help, support and advice for members

Mark Forder, Assistant Secretary, and I have been responding to the needs of individual members. With my email address on membership cards more members wanting help, support or advice use this means of communication. During the course of the year we have responded to numerous personal queries and concerns and have worked to improve – sometimes very difficult - situations for members. The NUT are well supported by effective Regional Office staff and, as local officers, we appreciate the expertise we can rely on in such matters as insurance, maternity, paternity and pensions. For the most complex cases, and work involving members in the independent sector, additional advice from our excellent Regional Officer, Philip Clark is available. Our aim is always to resolve issues and in the vast majority of cases we have been successful. Local officers and committee members are always willing to talk to school representatives and have, and will when asked, attend school or partnership meetings.

## Local activities

Gawain Little, Campaigns Officer and Chris Blakey, Executive member, have supported parents and others in the community serving Oxford School where the possibility of school closure and the reopening as an Academy has been ongoing throughout the year. We acknowledge the pressure the proposals have made on our members in the school but are anxious to offer support to secure their right to be employed under STPC (school teachers pay & conditions). That right is not guaranteed IF a consultation were to result in an Academy. At the time of writing the NUT/ NAHT 'NO SATs' vote is under way. Information from HQ should give you all the reasoned arguments for their removal!

## Local Authority

CYP&F has a new Director and we hope that by next year we can report an improvement in communication with the Local Authority. The NUT and our union colleagues in COTO (Council of Oxfordshire Teacher Organisations) have continued to attend Local Authority strategy meetings where we try to ensure there is input about your daily realities in schools or central services.

## Thanks

I would like to express thanks to all committee members, especially this year's enthusiast and conscientious President, Gawain Little. Thanks also go to my valued colleagues Mark Forder, our Regional Officer, Philip Clark and Chris Blakey our Executive Member. To all our members and especially our school representatives a BIG 'thank you'.

Brenda Williams

March 2010

## SATS ballot

**Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher members of the NUT and NAHT are currently being balloted on the plan to boycott the 2010 SATs.**

**The result of the ballot will be known on 16th April, and ALL members will receive advice as to the actions to be taken.**

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## National Education Conference

“Schools and Communities: Responding to new challenges and opportunities”

Start: 10 Jul 2010 - 9:00am

End: 11 Jul 2010 - 5:00pm

**NEC 2010 will take place at Stoke Rochford Hall on 10/11 July 2010.**

Unrivalled by any other teachers' organisation for the quality and range of its “leading edge” speakers, the NUT's National Education Conference (NEC) is one of the most important education events of the year. It provides the opportunity for members to meet together in whole-conference and workshop sessions to discuss professional issues with colleagues from all parts of England and Wales and other sectors of education. Each annual conference has a theme and speakers are selected for their expertise in this area.

The 2010 NEC will take place at to Rochford Hall on 10/11 July 2010. The Conference theme is 'Schools and Communities: Responding to new challenges and opportunities'. For further information contact Celia Dignan at [C.Dignan@nut.org.uk](mailto:C.Dignan@nut.org.uk)

Thanks for supporting Oxfordshire Member

### Chris Blakey

in the National Executive Elections

*Chris was elected unopposed , and continues as Executive Member for District 18*

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*redundancies - act now !*

If you have been told that there may be redundancies in your school this year, contact Oxfordshire NUT a.s.a.p

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