

## STRIKE ACTION

The recent ballot of members for action on pay and conditions resulted in a large response and a **92% vote for action** from a **25% turnout** of the eligible membership.

There will now be a **one day national strike** which will take place on **Tuesday 5th July** when all members will be asked to withdraw their labour. Further action will follow in the Autumn Term.

**Manchester** will be a **'regional hub'** for the day and an event in the City Centre will be organised for members to attend which will focus on the reason for this day of action. Conference evidenced that teachers are reaching the end of their patience as they wrestle with day to day problems centred on an **unreasonable workload** and an ignoring of their professional view. The increasing **teacher supply crisis** threatens to make things worse and the government offers no meaningful answer.

Members are calling for reinstatement of **national pay and conditions** which reflect professional status yet this very professionalism is being undermined by fragmentation of employment and the use of **unqualified people** to act as teachers in schools.

Teachers are facing the **dismantling of a professional structure of employment and remuneration** and have suffered the downgrading of their professional final salary pension scheme and a work longer for less, reward.

Children suffer as a result and this action is in **defence of pupils** as well as their teachers. **Support your Union on 5th July**

## POST REFERENDUM

The Referendum result that Britain should leave the European Union has left the country in **political turmoil**. Members will have voted one way or another but all will face

the **ensuing problems**. The threats to education



and teaching faced in recent years have nothing to do with E.U membership and everything to do with a **political philosophy** which sees education not as a public good but as a commodity to be provided largely by a privatised system, a means to an end rather than something of intrinsic value available to all.

The politicians who look like being in the ascendancy as things develop are **no friends of teachers** or admirers of a public education system well funded and adequately resourced.

With economic well being in the balance things may well get worse before they may improve. The current round of national action looks like being only the beginning and the well tried advice **'stay close to your Union'** is as important as ever.

## TALKS WITH ATL

Members will know that talks are proceeding with the 'Association of Teachers and Lecturers' with a view to that Union coming together with the National Union of Teachers. **'One Union for all Teachers'** has for many years been the aim of NUT and so far this is the closest we have come to achieving that.

It is **not simple**, there are **significant differences** that will have to be addressed, and are being, if such an end is to be achieved. Not least among these is the **fundamental requirement** for membership cherished by NUT, the requirement to be a **qualified teacher** or on a course leading to that. This is a bottom line for some members who have concerns over the merger, and there will be a special conference in November to discuss these issues. Professional Unity is a goal worth pursuing and it is to the **credit of both Unions** that it is being pursued with **hope and good will**.

NUT have said that if a successful formula is achieved it will be put to the membership and a **special conference called**. Best wishes to all negotiators and

definitely 'watch this space'.

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## TEACHERS BUILDING SOCIETY

'Teachers Building Society' is the only mortgage provider **endorsed** by the NUT. They are experts in the education sector and were formed to help teachers onto the property ladder.

'Teachers' is committed to remaining a **mutual organisation** run for the benefit of its members not shareholders and has helped many teachers of all ages when in need. For details Tel: **0800 378669**  
[www.teachersbs.co.uk](http://www.teachersbs.co.uk)

## RETIRED TEACHERS SECTION

After the fascination of Hilda McAleavy's visit to ancient Greece cities in Turkey, for the August meeting we come closer to home. On **Tuesday 2nd August Tony Zajac** will give a presentation on '**The Re-opening of the Huddersfield Narrow Boat Canal - Something of a Dream**'.

He will **not** be making the old joke 'I'm just near the canal, drop in some time' but he will be sharing his **fascination** for one of the Industrial Revolution's major east west transport arteries and a jewel of our northern history.

Usual time and place - **Hough End Centre 10.15am**. The **September 6th** meeting will be the administration session for payment of **subscriptions** which are **£12.00** payable to Manchester Teachers Association, Retired Members Section. The meeting will start with a brief introduction to the **Homeshare** organisation by **Matilda Vautier**.

## NEW MEMBERS

End of term and the Union in national strike action - a good time to **welcome new members** who are looking



for the **security of the NUT**. Equally so, come September, a new academic year, new colleagues on your staff needing the security of NUT. A lot will already be members but by no

means all. Please ask them and be ready to **welcome new members**. Those newly qualified in 2016 can get four terms membership for £1.00 payable in February 2017. Details at [www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)

## NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY

**Christine Blower** has completed her period as General Secretary and we all wish her well and know she will continue to work for the good of NUT.

**Kevin Courtney** is now Acting General Secretary and the best wishes of the Association go to him. Meanwhile, nominations are closed and we await the

election. Look out for information, study any materials and when the time comes above all else, **make sure you cast your vote**.

## HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

History teachers will be aware of The Historical Association and the work it does to promote the **teaching of History in schools**. You may be a member. More details of the Association's work nationally are available at [www.history.org.uk](http://www.history.org.uk). The thriving **Manchester Branch** of the Historical Association promotes interest and involvement locally through a series of **talks and visits** on a variety of history topics.

If you would like to receive the Branch programme for the year email the secretary at [srazavi@live.co.uk](mailto:srazavi@live.co.uk). If you wish to give your email address you can receive this and other information as available. You and your students may well find something of interest.

## WCML

Have you checked the 'Working Class Movement Library' recently. Always worth a visit just out of interest for its extensive collections and interesting exhibitions, it could also be a useful teaching resource for work on political and social history which may be part of your school curriculum.

The library is at **51 The Crescent, Salford, M5 4WX** **0161 736 3601** [www.wcml.org.uk](http://www.wcml.org.uk) [enquiries@wcml.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wcml.org.uk). You will be welcome to call in.

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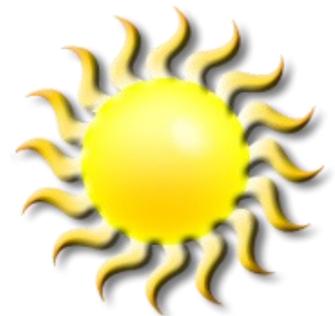
The NUT Benevolent Fund provides financial assistance to members and their dependants who have fallen on hard times. It relies on donations from members and values their generosity.

For more information or to make a donation go to the union's website [www.teachers.org.uk/members-reps/benefits-and-services](http://www.teachers.org.uk/members-reps/benefits-and-services).

## END OF TERM

The end of the academic year is upon us and we reach the summer break with a sigh of relief. **Rest, relax, recuperate and rebuild** for the new term will be with us again soon.

The term ends with **Action and unanswered questions** and both these are **set to continue** into September and beyond. NUT will continue to work for it's members; watch all your sources of information and '**have a good holiday**' You really do deserve it.



**The professional and responsible union for all teachers**