

## 5<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Glos. Assoc. of the N.U.T.

The 5<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Association took place in Cheltenham on the 5<sup>th</sup> March and was well attended by members and officers who were addressed by the incoming President of the National Union, Bill Greenshields.

Bill spoke eloquently about the main issues facing teachers linking the pay campaign to the threat posed by the Government's policy of delegating negotiation of conditions of service to school level through the programme of Academies, Trust Schools and Specialist Schools. Saying we must "draw a line in the sand" he warned that the pay campaign is a fight we need to win if we are to face the challenges ahead from a position of strength.



Gloucestershire Association Secretary, Andy Johnson (left), welcomes Bill Greenshields, National NUT Vice President who was guest speaker at Gloucestershire Association's Annual General Meeting in Cheltenham on 5th March 2008.

Quoting a Chinese word for crisis he said that it meant both danger and opportunity and the current confusion about the direction of the curriculum also represented an opportunity for the NUT to use its resources to influence change positively. It is imperative that Government policy draw on the experience and expertise of teachers if standards of education are to be maintained and improved.



Out-going President, Geoff Davies (left), congratulates Mike Davis, on being elected Gloucestershire President for 2008/9 at the NUT's Annual General Meeting held at The Owl, Cheltenham, 5th March 2008

The new Gloucestershire President, Mike Davis, was installed by outgoing President Geoff Davies. Mike promised to focus on ensuring that the network of local district officers was as effective as possible in delivering the best possible service to members.