

# Education Newsletter

## Summer 2014



*South East Central Branch*

*The communications union*



### Winning Photo—2014

Paul Welfare

- ◆ The picture was taken in my back garden and I was sat cross-legged for almost half an hour waiting for a bee, any bee, to come by for lunch.



### Second Place Photo—2014

Graham Button

- ◆ The photo was taken at Chiddingly late one afternoon as the sun went down, it was a hurried shot because it was so damn cold.



### Third Place Photo—2014

David Green

- ◆ Photo taken through bedroom window toward a cherry tree in the front garden last winter.

## Digital Photography Competition 2015

Having run a branch digital photography competition for the last two years it has been agreed that we would run another for this year.

Congratulations to all that took part and especially to last year's winning photographs which can be seen on the left of this page. Do you think you can be as good, or beat them? If so why not join this years competition.

As a result of last years competition, we produced a members desk calendar, to be used in recruitment events around the branch area. The desk calendar was made up of 12 of the scenery shots our members took and we gave them full credit by putting their name on it. It looked really good and we will be looking to do the same thing this year too.

The competition will be open for all members and their direct family, until Friday October 31st and will consist of three basic categories those being:

1. Scenery (Any scenery you like and it does not have to be of sun-drenched beaches, it could be an old oak tree on a hill, a train going over a viaduct, an old couple having a picnic etc.)
2. People (This could be interaction between people, showing affection or concern, close up of a face, solitary figures etc.)
3. Protest (This could be people protesting, signs and symbols of protest, struggle against oppression, political rally, aftermath of protest etc.)

The photographs will be marked by independent judges this year, which will enable all members eligible to enter, except the Union Learning co-ordinator, Steve Taylor who organises this and collates the results from the judges.

All the photographs should be of reasonable digital size, to enable us to put them in any publication, as we want your photo's to look its best in every print medium. This does not mean you have to have and all singing and dancing camera to take a photo, it could be a photo from your mobile phone. All photo's should be sent electronically via email to Steve Taylor at [cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com](mailto:cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com), so those of you whose source of taking photos is still with a Box Brownie you might have a little difficulty here, but this is not unsurmountable.

For further information please look on the website at [www.cwusec.org.uk/comp/photocomp.htm](http://www.cwusec.org.uk/comp/photocomp.htm)

There is a leaflet on how to get the best out of your photographs can be obtained by emailing Steve at the email address shown above.

Should you need any advice on how to manipulate, crop or alter your photographs for free please contact Steve and he will advise or demonstrate how to do it. The only thing you need is a PC and internet connection, the software program is free and is used to create this publication and the annual report.

What are you waiting for.....

Get Clicking!



## Quick Read Books Available

- ◆ Linwood Barclay "A Clouded vision"
- ◆ Priya Basil "Strangers on the 16:02"
- ◆ Maeve Binchy "Full House"
- ◆ James Caan "Get the life you really want"
- ◆ Lucy Cavendish "Jack and Jill"
- ◆ Mike Gayle "Men at Work"
- ◆ Cathy Glass "My Dads a Policeman"
- ◆ Alvin Hall "Money Matters"
- ◆ Veronica Henry "A Sea Change"
- ◆ Conn Iggulden "Quantum of Tweed"
- ◆ Terry Jones "Trouble on the Heath"
- ◆ Simon Kernick "Wrong Place Wrong Time"
- ◆ Maureen Lee "Amy's Diary"
- ◆ Kathy Lette "Love is Blind"
- ◆ Alexander McCall Smith "The Cleverness of Ladies"
- ◆ Andy McNab "Last Night Another Soldier"
- ◆ Andy McNab "Today everything changes"
- ◆ Charlie Oatway "Tackling Life"
- ◆ Shelia O'Flanagan "Follow me"
- ◆ Tony Parsons "Beyond the Bounty"
- ◆ James Patterson "Beyond Valentine"
- ◆ Jacqueline Rayner "Dr Who—Magic of Angels"
- ◆ Mike Tucker "Dr Who—The Silurian Gift"
- ◆ Minette Walters "A Dreadful Murder"
- ◆ Benjamin Zephaniah "Kung Fu Trip"



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## South East Central's Book Club

Did you know that **1 in 6 adults of working age in the UK** find reading difficult and may never pick up a book? People's reasons for not reading are varied but are often based in fear. Some people say they find books scary and intimidating, thinking they are 'not for them' or that books are difficult or boring. So the branch have launched a book club and have obtained many "Quick Read" books for our members.

**Quick Reads** are books which challenge this beliefs and to show that books and reading can be for everyone. Each year they commission big name authors to write short books that are specifically designed to be easy to read. They are the same as mainstream books in every respect but are simply shorter and easier to tackle for adults who are less confident in their reading skills.

The books that the branch hold are listed on the left and can be viewed on the website at [www.cwusec.org.uk/Misc/book\\_club.html](http://www.cwusec.org.uk/Misc/book_club.html) . If you look on the website, you can click on the book and it will take you to a short synopsis of what the book entail and to get a little taster.

We will give you the book(s) to read and all that we ask is that you return them with your own personal view on the book. It could be a whole review giving the plot lines etc., or just a quick personal view on how you found the book ie. Easy to read, exciting, dull etc. The whole idea of this is to encourage people to read a bit more and to do it for fun, and to help us do this there is a prize for the best "Quick Read" book review from members of the branch. However, this small competition will end on November 28th, which will give one of you a nice Christmas bonus. Contact Steve at [cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com](mailto:cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com) to obtain books or for further information.

After November 28th the book club will still continue and all members would be encouraged to continue reading. However, we will hopefully expand the horizons and include more full novels. Should you have any books that are cluttering up your bookshelves and they are in good condition, please contact Steve so we can start building up a library for us to share with each other.

What are you waiting for ..... get reading!

Unshackle your mind-forged manacles, educate.

# New Education Room Opening in Tunbridge Wells

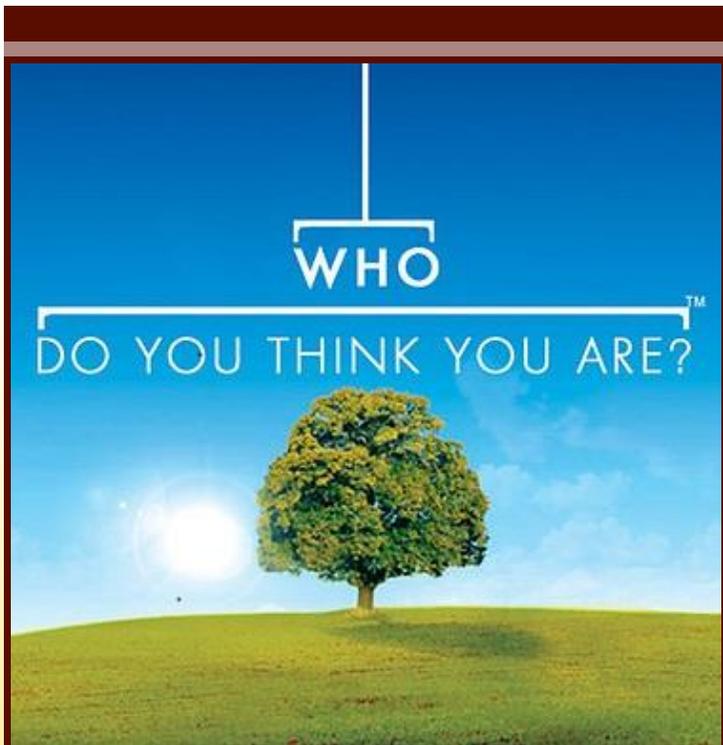
The new education room will be opened in Tunbridge Wells TE on Friday August 15th at 11:30 - 14:30. The room is on the 3rd floor and is opposite the union office.

For those of you who have used the Brighton Education room, the Tunbridge Wells one will run along the same lines of a themed cyber-café. The opening theme will be Genealogy. At the opening event we will give you access to the ancestry.co.uk website to enable you to scan their vast collections of census details, ship records, marriage and death database, to name but a few.

There will be a few BBC "Who do you think you are" booklets which describe in details how to find your own family tree, to give away. But these will be given out on a first come first serve basis, as we only have a limited stock.

If you're not interested in Genealogy, feel free to come along and discuss any education (or work) issues that you have, as officers will be available for you. Feel free to use the laptops in the education room just to surf the web, the internet access does not go through the BT Intranet, therefore you can do your shopping etc.

Unfortunately, this event is currently only open for BT members due to the security of the site. However, should enough Retired members and non BT members want access, please contact the branch and we will endeavor to find a location that is suitable for you.



Opening, Friday 15th August  
in Tunbridge Wells

*We never look down on anyone, unless we're helping them up!*

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