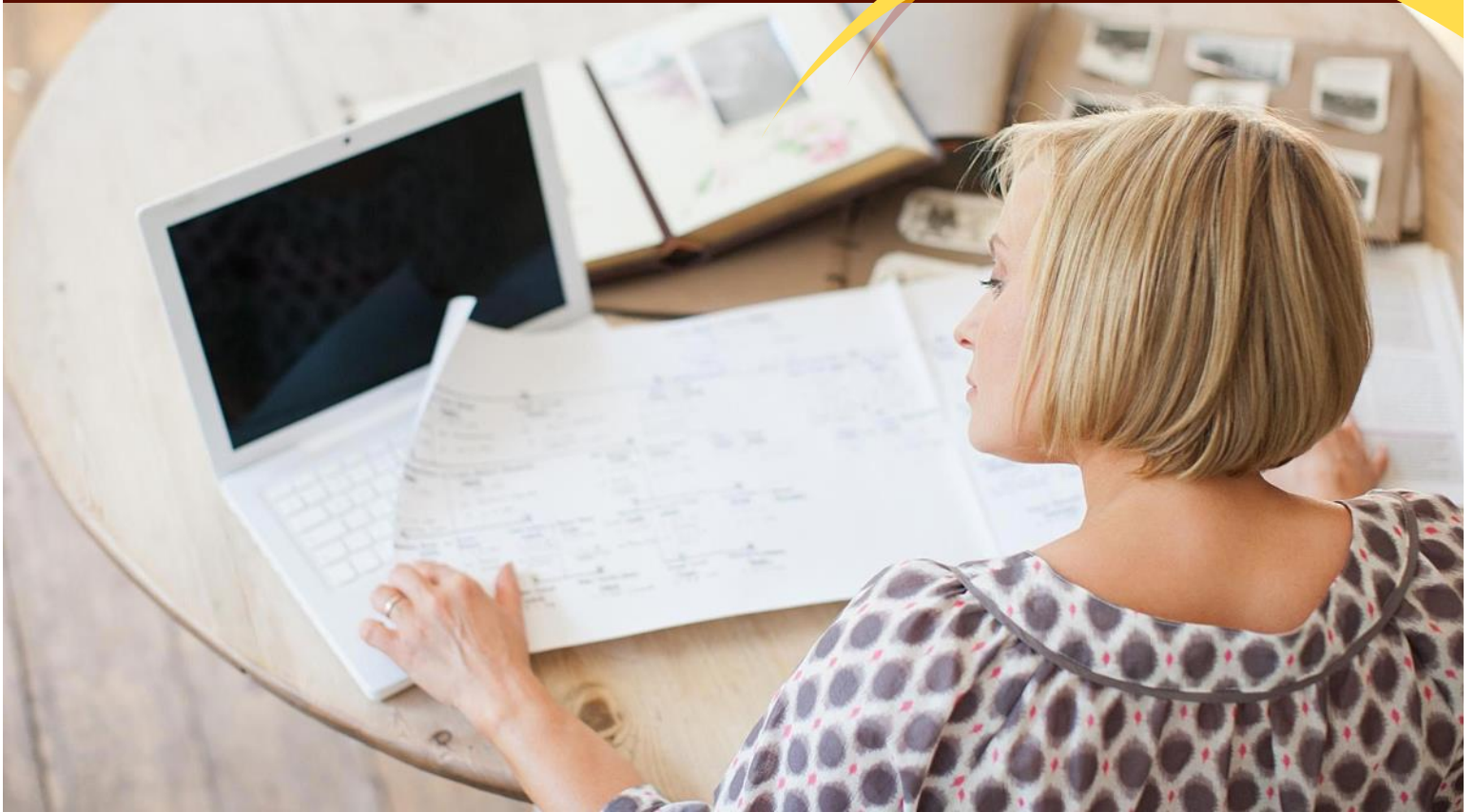


Education Newsletter

Summer 2017



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Genealogy

Congratulations for making it through the election and now you're excited/dreading the future ahead, but we would like to give you another opportunity, instead of looking forwards, to look backwards and glimpse the days gone by.

We will be calling at the two Openreach centre's of excellence, in Withdean and Sevenoaks (see dates below). In the lunch period we will let you have a look at the following:

- Census Reports 1841 - 1911
- 1939 Register
- Military Records
- Newspapers
- Shipping Lists
- Births, Marriages & Deaths
- Probate records
- Church Records (Norfolk only)

So what do you need to know before you come? What would be best is to have knowledge of a relative who was born before 1911 and roughly where, but failing that someone who was alive in 1939 but no longer alive. You can still find information even if you don't have the above information, but its going to be a lot harder. Unfortunately in the search for ancestors with common names ie "Smith", you need to know more information than those with uncommon names ie "Raynot".

If you have wondered at what a Genealogy DNA test result looks like, we can show you. There are many places which now offer these tests, do you know what to look for?



Digital Photographic Competition 2017

As agreed at our AGM, we will once again be running the photographic competition open to all members and their immediate families. However this year the prize fund has been increased to :-

- **Winner** £75 prize
- **Second** £50 prize
- **Third** £25 prize

There are 5 categories this year and they are as follows:

Action

This photo has to show some action, whether mechanical or person, but it would have to portray some sort of movement. This could include sports, children playing and people working.



Comradery

This photo would depict comradery or friendship, so the photograph would show 2 or more people (could include animals) either helping or just enjoying each other. Could even show a celebration.



Colour

Whatever the picture is this category has to be colourful. Either a colourful scene or perhaps you can use some photo manipulation to add colour to a black and white photo.



Emotions

This can be a person/people or event that shows emotions. Think along the lines of joy, sadness, rage, pride, love etc.



Street Life

Any street view showing life in the street, whether it be a classic car parked, people gathering, pavement artists and people using street furniture are just a few ideas.



Full details and rules can be found on the website cwusec.org.uk

Photo Restoration

Along with the two genealogy learning events we will also be available to discuss the how to restore your old photos and if you feel brave enough how to colour them and the software needed for it is free!

Below is an example of a restored photograph.



On the left is the original and on the right is the restored photo. Below is a close up of the right hand side of the photograph to show more clearly the changes.



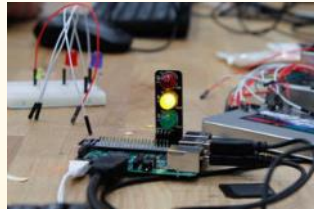
So what have you got to lose? Scan that photo and bring it in!

Free online courses for everyone

All these courses are free but you can make an extra payment should you wish to extend the course or take an exam in it. The lesson and materials are free of charge. Click on the title or picture for a hyperlink or look at the webpage shown at the bottom of this page.



First Aid for Adults - This online course will introduce you to the key first aid actions you should take to effectively manage seven common causes of injury in adults: cardiac arrest, choking, bleeding, burns, strokes, road accidents and basic psychological first aid for an injured person.



Teaching Physical Computing with Raspberry Pi and Python - Over four weeks, you'll develop your knowledge of simple electronics and computing, setting up your Raspberry Pi and writing your first program using the Python programming language.



Why We Post: the Anthropology of Social Media - The course offers a new definition of social media which concentrates on the content posted, not just the capabilities of platforms. It examines the increasing importance of images in communication and the reasons why people post memes, selfies and photographs.



Business Fundamentals: Effective Communication - Faced with a daily deluge of information, we have never had greater need of clear communication skills. This free course offers you a practical grounding in using a range of communication media, which will boost your personal effectiveness, save you time and reduce your stress levels



Managing My Money - With real incomes falling and personal debt at a record high, there has never been a better time to improve your personal financial skills – Managing My Money aims to do just that.



Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree - This free online course will help you develop an understanding of basic genealogy techniques and how to communicate your family history. We will consider how to effectively find and analyse sources and explore the potential of DNA testing as applied to genealogy. We'll help you add historical context to your family history and discuss how to record and communicate research findings in a clear fashion. The course is primarily designed for people at beginner to intermediate level.

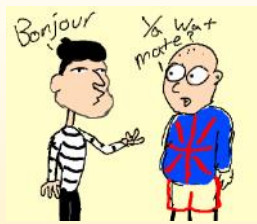
<http://www.cwusec.org.uk/further-education/online-courses.html>

“Unshackle your mind-forged manacles”, educate. William Blake .

Foreign Languages

In the last edition we highlighted several courses which gave free online foreign languages courses, should you have missed them the links are once again listed below.

- Learn French [Click Here](#)
- Learn Italian [Click Here](#)
- Learn Spanish [Click Here](#)
- Learn Greek [Click Here](#)
- Learn Welsh [Click Here](#)



Genealogy and Photo Restoration Lunchtime Learning courses will be held at:-

- Sevenoaks Workstyle Building **Jun 30th at 11:30-14:00**
- Brighton Withdean Tel Exch **July 21st at 11:30-14:00**

Unfortunately - these events are only open to people with access to BT buildings. Retired and other employees please ring the office to arrange other events.

News Update - several people have asked if they can have a CCNA Cisco Router course through the union. After bringing this to the attention of the education department, they have now informed me that they will be discussing this with BT to see if they can, at least, part fund the cost of the course. Keep your eyes open for further information.



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

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