

Education Newsletter

Autumn 2016



South East Central Branch

The communications union

Genealogy

During the month of November there will be a further two opportunities to look back into your family tree. (See Page 4 for dates etc.)

During the lunchtime learning event members will be able to search the popular ancestry and find my past databases for the lunchtime period.

Available for your investigations are the following

Census returns 1841 - 1911 which will show everyone in the house on the night of the census, those being:-

- 6th June 1841
- 30th March 1851
- 7th April 1861
- 2nd April 1871
- 3rd April 1881
- 5th April 1891
- 31st March 1901
- 2nd April 1911

Also you will be able to look up your ancestors military records to see if you have a war hero or perhaps not, see story "Sad Case to Kings Man" goo.gl/ujjuur

Or perhaps you can find a Bad 'un in the newspaper articles see story "Rascal" goo.gl/Hlco4u



Digital Photographic Competition

Ends Oct 31st

Once again the South East Central CWU Branch will be running a digital photograph competition which is open to all members and their immediate family. It was agreed at the AGM that the prizes should be :-

Winner	£50 prize
Second	£30 prize
Third	£20 prize

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

People

This can be any shot in which people (or a person) is the main focus or contingent of the photograph. Examples being; bride at wedding, child concentrating, person relaxing in a sun chair.



Seasons

This photograph can be any photograph which depicts one of the four seasons, so it might be weather related, dried up river bed, daffodils in the spring, ice forming on a window.



Sports/Action

This would be any action shot or sporting event which captures the action. It could be a gymnast at an event, a car in rallycross meeting or even a bird diving into the water to catch a fish.



Landscape

Any Photo that is taken just for the scenery, and as we are spoilt for areas of outstanding natural beauty this should be hard.



Close up

For those of you who can use a macro zoom on your camera/smart phone this is the one for you. This can be anything - but it has to be close up!

Members are allowed up to four photos in each category, which includes family members photos.



Send Photo's to
cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com

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

News Snippets

Education in Sevenoaks

In our last newsletter we announced that we would be holding an education event in Sevenoaks soon. Well the office is nearly ready to be launched and we will be holding a lunchtime learning event on November 18th, starting with a genealogy event. See page 2 & 4 for more details.



Ye are many, they are few!

The above title may stir some distant memory. The quote comes from Percy Shelley's poem about the Peterloo Massacre. In August 1819, many working class people gathered to demonstrate for parliamentary reform. The local authorities dispersed the crowd with a cavalry charge - sabres drawn. The result was 15 dead and several hundred injured (up to 700).

There is now a movement to reinstate a monument which was demolished in 1888. This would once again recognise a battlefield of democratic martyrdom. [Click here for link](#)



Free online courses for everyone

This month apart from giving you a taste of what's out there we've decided that we would scour the internet for free courses in learning a foreign language. So perhaps you can say more than, "dos "beer" por favor", next year on your holidays. Click on the links or stereotype 1970's clip art!

Click on pictures or title to find out more



Learn French - a lively introduction to French in ten short parts with printable activities and video clips. The course covers, greetings, introductions, discussing where you are from, your family, food and drink, asking for directions, shopping and what you like doing.

Informal learning, start whenever you want.



Learn Italian- Although an introduction course this is more in depth than informal learning with a structured course which is divided into 6 parts each lasting 4 weeks with 4 hours educational work in each. Very good course run by a well known University

6 courses, 4 weeks each, 4 hours per week



Learn Spanish- Another introduction course this is more in depth than informal learning with a structured course which is divided into 6 parts each lasting 4 weeks with 4 hours educational work in each. Very good course run by a well known University

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Learn Greek- A gentle introduction to basic Greek in 10 short parts. You'll see a **slideshow** and hear the language. Subjects include introductions, meeting and greeting, buying drinks, booking a hotel, ordering a meal, discussing where you are from, your family, going shopping and taking the obligatory holiday boat trip.

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Learn Welsh - Not everyone will want to go to sunny climates, some will want to stay in the UK so why not learn the "British" language...Welsh. This introductory and interactive course will help you grasp what initially seems to be a difficult language. Warning there are differences between North & South Wales - just take your pick which one you want to learn. You will need flash to run the program

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Other Courses

Archaeology - From Dig to Lab and Beyond. Get an introduction to studying archaeology, exploring exciting discoveries in the Vale of Pewsey, near to Stonehenge and Avebury. Starts 17 Oct, lasts 2 weeks, 3 hours work per week.

Writing applications - How to Succeed at: Writing Applications. A course will help you produce a perfect CV, application and online profile when applying for a job or course. Starts 24 Oct, lasts 3 weeks, 3 hours work per week.

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

"Unshackle your mind-forged manacles", educate. William Blake .

Genealogy

A film crew visited one of our genealogy lunchtime learning events in Tunbridge Wells last year and should you wish to view the four and a half minute video click on the link below. However, I must say that I am not a professional and the video camera puts on at least two stone, and maintaining the grin did hurt!!

<https://goo.gl/oLPfRV>



Planned Lunchtime Learning courses will be held at:-

Brighton Withdean Tel Exch **Nov 11th at 11:30-14:00**
Sevenoaks Workstyle Building **Nov 18th at 11:30-14:00**

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



E-Learning: Where & When YOU Want It

CWU Left Click offers you the chance to develop new skills and learn at a time and place that suits you. On your phone, on your tablet on your computer. Left-Click is there for you whenever you need it. Be it training for union activists or learning for CWU members, Left-Click offers a growing list of courses. Watch how-to videos and presentations, complete online activities and get a certificate that you can print off for your records. CWU Left Click: E-Learning when and where you want it.

What have you got to lose? <http://leftclick.cwu.org/> click on link and register.

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

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