

Education Newsletter

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South East Central Branch

The communications union

Runner up



Photo taken by Jack Grave

Photo Scored 85/100

Third Place



Photo taken by Sam Green, son of David Green

Photo Scored 83/100

CWU South East Central 2015 Digital Photographic Competition

The 2015 photo competition gave the judges some difficulty in picking a winner, as it was once again very close. Each of the five judges marked each photo out of 20 points and sent their results to me and I just collated the scores and announced the winner. However, we haven't had a newsletter since then so this is where we officially announce the winners

The 3 overall winning photographs are shown on this page but the Results are as follows :

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| Winner | £50 prize | Dave Redman |
| Second | £30 prize | Jack Graves |
| Third | £20 prize | Dave Green |

For winners of each of the individual categories, please check the website at cwusec.org.uk/comp/photocomp.htm. Some of the scenery photographs have been used for a 2016 desk calendar. The owners of the photographs used on the desk calendar have already been notified.

Winning Photograph by Dave Redman's son Lloyd Redman



Lloyd took this photo on December 12th 2012 and he waited over an hour to capture the scene, to his satisfaction, in the freezing cold. The photo was taken with a Nikon D700 camera with a 24mm lens and a 10 stop filter at f13, ISO100, with a 15 second shutter speed.

Photo Scored 87/100

The competition will be run again this year, for you and your direct family. Keep you eye out for further details later on this year.

Creative Writing Competition

Just a reminder that we are currently running a creative writing competition. The competition is open to all members and their families and has a closing date of Friday July 1st.

So what classes as, “creative writing”? Well it's nothing to do with overtime or performance management, however, it does mean putting pen to paper (or finger to keyboard).

You can write a short story on any subject you like. Perhaps you could write a best selling follow on novel, “*Harriet Potter*” or “*One cuckoo who flew back to the nest*”.

You can write a short play—if you don't know how why not look at the free course - An introduction to screenwriting - by the University of East Anglia starting May 2nd <http://goo.gl/UW3EAb> (click on link)

Perhaps you fancy waxing lyrical about a certain aspect of life in rhyme? However, we do not expect a limerick and you could be wander as lonely as an Openreach Engineer who floats up high poles and down holes when all at once I saw a crowd, a host of irate customers! And the Prize is

£50

See website for more details



creative
writing

Free online courses for everyone

To encourage people taking up further education and improvement we often advise you of free online courses and this newsletter is no exception. These genuinely are high standard and completely free so you have nothing to lose. Look on the website <http://goo.gl/UW3EAb> or contact Steve for more details on cwu.sec.finsec@btinternet.com

We have two courses which involve Shakespear: **Exploring English: Shakespear** and **Shakespear and his world** - The first looks at the plays Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Much Ado About Nothing, The Tempest and Macbeth - run by the British Council. The second looks at the man himself - run by Warwick University.

Starts April 18th

If you didn't have enough of Maths at School and for some strange reason it still floats your boat you could try **Getting a Grip on Mathematic Symbolism** - run by Loughborough University.

Starts April 18th

Find what inspired the stories of *The Little mermaid*, *The Tinderbox*, *The Travelling Companion*, *The Snow Queen* (the inspiration for Disney's Frozen... “let it go, let it go”) or what the world of a Danny Kaye lookalike was like in **Hans Christian Anderson's Fairy Tales** - run by The Hans Christian Anderson Centre.

Starts April 18th

Perhaps you might want to investigate a bit into the haves and have nots in society and the future of the welfare state in **Challenging Wealth and Income equality** - run by the Open University, or if your just worried about your own finances perhaps you should try **Managing My Financial Journey** - also run by the wonderful Open University (I'm showing bias).

Starts April 25th

Perhaps you would like to learn a bit about dementia with the course **Dementia: Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour** - run by University of Birmingham *starting May 5th* or **Dementia Care** - run by Newcastle University *starting May 23rd*

Perhaps you are thinking of running away from your boss and setting up your own business there are 6 individual subjects, **Vision and Opportunity, People and Networks, Customer and Competitors, Business Processes, Managing Finances & Funding Your Business** - run by the University of Leeds

Starts May 2nd

Big Data: Statistical Inference and Machine Learning has absolutely nothing to do with performance stats but I'm sure there's a chart in there somewhere - run by Queensland University of Technology.

Starts May 30th

And finally **How to Succeed** - run by the Toothless Budgie.

Starts and finishes April 1st

Also check the website for other courses in the April & May at: cwusec.org.uk/further-education/online-courses.html

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

Education Room in Sevenoaks?

At the time of writing this spring edition of the newsletter we are in the process of trying to get a room available in the Sevenoaks Workstyle building—one of the centers of excellence. So whilst the negotiations are ongoing, we will not be announcing the new dates of learning (the Friday lunchtime learning) until we know where we stand, but as soon as we do know we will notify you by email.

A film crew visited one of our genealogy lunchtime learning events in Tunbridge Wells 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>



E-Learning: Where & When YOU Want It

Left Click can be found on the CWU Website or by going direct to <http://leftclick.cwu.org/> (click on link).

Left click is designed by the CWU to give its members access to valuable bite sized learning for all members. To register you need to have to quote your membership number so if you don't know it give the office a ring (see below for no's).

They have sections as Computers & IT, Languages, English & Maths, Art & Music, Creative Writing (i.e. for competition), Higher Education and Working Class History.

As one famous Scot once said, "You have nothing to lose!" So register and have a look on what's available for you.

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

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